

2013 ABE LINCOLN AWARD ANNOTATED MASTER LIST

Anna and the French Kiss – by Stephanie Perkins - When Anna's romance-novelist father sends her to an elite American boarding school in Paris for her senior year of high school, she reluctantly goes, and meets an amazing boy who becomes her best friend, in spite of the fact that they both want something more. <http://stephanieperkins.com/> **HL580L**

Bruiser - by Neil Shusterman - Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontë befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody. <http://www.storyman.com/> **820L**

Chosen One - by Carol Lynch Williams - In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy, in violation of Prophet Childs' teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves. <http://www.carollynchwilliams.com/> **HL480L**

Clockwork Angel - by Cassandra Clare - When sixteen-year-old orphan Tessa Fell's older brother suddenly vanishes, her search for him leads her into Victorian-era London's dangerous supernatural underworld, and when she discovers that she herself is a Downworlder, she must learn to trust the demon-killing Shadowhunters if she ever wants to learn to control her powers and find her brother. <http://www.theinfernaldevices.com> **HL780L**

Dark Song - by Gail Giles - After her father loses his job and she finds out that her parents have lied to her, fifteen-year-old Ames feels betrayed enough to become involved with a criminal who will stop at nothing to get what he wants. <http://www.gailgiles.com/> **HL570L**

Finnikin of the Rock (Lumatere Chronicles) - by Melina Marchetta - Now on the cusp of manhood, Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere. <http://www.melinamarchetta.com.au/> **820L**

The Help - by Kathryn Stockett -- In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women, black and white, mothers and daughters, view one another. <http://www.kathrynstockett.com/> **730L**

Impluse - by Ellen Hopkins - Three teens that meet at Reno, Nevada's Aspen Springs mental hospital after each has attempted suicide connect with each other in a way they never have with their parents or anyone else in their lives. <http://ellenhopkins.com/> **HL680L**

Impossible - by Nancy Werlin - When seventeen-year old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both. <http://www.nancywerlin.com/> **HL670L**

Leviathan - by Scott Westerfeld - In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically engineered beasts. <http://scottwesterfeld.com/> **790L**

Little Brother - by Cory Doctorow - After being interrogated by the Department of Homeland Security after a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, Marcus is released into what is now a police state and uses his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. <http://craphound.com/?p=2049> **900L**

Lockdown: Escape from Furnace 1 - by Alexander Gordon Smith - When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible. <http://www.alexandergordonsmith.com/> **1010L**

Matched - by Ally Condie - All her life, Cassia has never had a choice. The Society dictates everything: when and how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die, and most importantly to Cassia as she turns 17, whom to marry. When she is matched with her best friend Xander, things couldn't be more perfect. But why did her neighbor Ky's face show up on her match disk as well? <http://www.matched-book.com/> **HL680L**

Monstrumologist - by Rick Yancey - In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a New England scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi. <http://www.rickyancey.com/> **990L**

North of Beautiful - by Justina Chen Headley - Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob. <http://justinachen.blogspot.com/> **850L**

Paranormalcy - by Kiersten White - When a dark prophecy begins to come true, sixteen-year-old Evie of the International Paranormal Containment Agency must not only try to stop it, she must also uncover its connection to herself and the alluring shapeshifter, Lend. <http://www.kierstenwhite.com/> **HL580L**

Riker's High - by Paul Volponi - Arrested on a minor offense, a New York City teenager attends high school in the jail facility on Rikers Island, as he waits for his case to go to court. <http://www.paulvolponibooks.com/> **790L**

Ship Breaker - by Paolo Bacigalupi - In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. <http://windupstories.com/> **HL690L**

Sky Is Everywhere - by Jandy Nelson - In the months after her sister dies; seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician. <http://www.jandynelson.com/> **860L**

Thirteen Reason Why - by Jay Asher - When Clay Jenkins receives a box containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends the night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death. <http://www.thirteenreasonswhy.com/> **550L**

War - by Sebastian Junger - Junger, author of "The Perfect Storm," turns his brilliant and empathetic eye to the reality of combat in this on-the-ground account that follows a single platoon through a 15-month tour of duty in the most dangerous outpost in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley. <http://www.sebastianjunger.com/> **No Lexile ranking**

Will Grayson, Will Grayson - by John Green - When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both. <http://johngreenbooks.com> **930L**

**NEW BOOKS
FALL/WINTER 2013**

Beautiful Decay – Sylvia Lewis - Possessing the ability to cause everything she touches to rot away, Ellie avoids others until a newcomer reveals himself to be a death-controlling necromancer with whom Ellie battles a zombie and a group of supernatural evildoers.

No Lexile ranking

The Beginning of Everything – Robyn Schneider - Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.

No Lexile ranking

Behemoth – Scott Westerfeld - Continues the story of Austrian Prince Alek who, in an alternate 1914 Europe, eludes the Germans by traveling in the Leviathan to Constantinople, where he faces a whole new kind of genetically engineered warships.

810 Lexile

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown – Holly Black - When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

No Lexile ranking

Conjured – Sarah Beth Durst - Eve has a new home, a new face, and a new name—but no memories of her past. She’s been told that she's in a witness protection program. That she escaped a dangerous magic-wielding serial killer who still hunts her. The only thing she knows for sure is that there is something horrifying in her memories the people hiding her want to access—and there is nothing they won't say—or do—to her to get her to remember.

610 Lexile

Dark Star – Bethany Frenette - Audrey, the sixteen-year-old daughter of a superhero, must access powers she never knew she had to defend Minneapolis from terrifying demons that have emerged from Beneath.

No Lexile ranking

Dead Ends – Erin Jade Lange - When Dane, a bully, refuses to hit Billy D because he has Down Syndrome, Billy takes that as a sign of friendship and enlists Dane's help in solving riddles left in an atlas by his missing father, sending the pair on a risky adventure.

No Lexile ranking

The Dream Thieves – Maggie Stiefvater - Now that the ley lines around Cabeswater are awake, magic is swirling around Blue and the Raven boys and Ronan Lynch's ability to pull objects from his dreams is almost out of control but worst of all, the mysterious Gray Man is stalking the Lynch family, looking for something called called the Greywaren.

HL690 Lexile

The 5th Wave – Richard Yancey – Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

HL690 Lexile

The Golden Day - Ursula Dubosarsky - The Vietnam War rages overseas, but back at home, in a year that begins with the hanging of one man and ends with the drowning of another, eleven schoolgirls embrace their own chilling history when their teacher abruptly goes missing on a field trip. Who was the mysterious poet they had met in the Garden? What actually happened in the seaside cave that day? And most important - who can they tell about it?

No Lexile ranking

Head Kick – Patrick Jones - Nong Vang dreams one day he'll become a MMA superstar, but his real life turns into a nightmare when his bully big brother returns to town. This young Hmong ultimate fighter can trash talk, but inside the cage, can he find the courage and skill to achieve success?

No Lexile ranking

The House of Hades – Rick Riordan - If the five demigods can fight their way through the Gaea's forces, and Percy and Annabeth can survive the House of Hades, then the Seven will be able to seal the Doors of Death and prevent the giants from raising Gaea. But, Leo wonders, if the Doors are sealed, how will Percy and Annabeth be able to escape?

No Lexile ranking

The Hunters – John Flanagan - Determined to recover the Adomal and to prevent the pirate Zavac from doing more damage, Hal and his brotherband crew pursue Zavac to the lawless fortress of Ragusa where, if Hal is to succeed, he will have to go beyond his brotherband training and face the pirate one-on-one in a fight to the finish.

780 Lexile

Insurgent – Veronica Roth - As war surges in the dystopian society around her, sixteen-year-old Divergent Tris Prior must continue trying to save those she loves - and herself - while grappling with haunting questions of grief and forgiveness, identity and loyalty, politics and love.

HL710 Lexile

The Lord of Opium – Nancy Farmer - In 2137, fourteen-year-old Matt is stunned to learn that, as the clone of El Patrón, he is expected to take over as leader of the corrupt drug empire of Opium, where there is also a hidden cure for the ecological devastation faced by the rest of the world.

HL700 Lexile

The Longest Ride – Nicholas Sparks - After being trapped in an isolated car crash, the life of an elderly widower becomes entwined with that of a young college student and the cowboy she loves.

No Lexile ranking

Love in the Time of Global Warning – Francesca Lia Block - After a devastating earthquake destroys the West Coast, causing seventeen-year-old Penelope to lose her home, her parents, and her ten-year-old brother, she navigates a dark world, holding hope and love in her hands and refusing to be defeated.

850 Lexile

The Lucy Variations – Sara Zarr - Sixteen-year-old San Franciscan Lucy Beck-Moreau once had a promising future as a concert pianist. Her chance at a career has

passed, and she decides to help her ten-year-old piano prodigy brother, Gus, map out his own future, even as she explores why she enjoyed piano in the first place.
HL610 Lexile

Living with Jackie Chan – Jo Knowles - This isn't how Josh expected to spend senior year. He thought he'd be hanging out with his best friends, Dave and Caleb, driving around, partying, just like always. But here he is, miles from home - going to a new school, living with his Jackie Chan-obsessed uncle, Larry. Trying to forget. But Josh can't forget. So many things bring back memories of last year and the night that changed everything. He thinks about it every day. The pain, the shame, the just not knowing are never far from his thoughts. Why is he such a loser? How could he have done what he did? There are moments of peace, like when he's practicing karate paired with Stella, the girl upstairs and his one true friend. When they move together through the katas, Josh feels connected in a way he has never felt before. He wonders if they could be more than friends, but Stella's jealous boyfriend will make sure that doesn't happen. Maybe it doesn't matter. If Stella knew the truth, would she still think he was a true karate man?
No Lexile ranking

Next – Kevin Waltman - In Indiana, basketball is the next thing to religion. Especially for inner-city black kids like Derrick Bowen. He's a 6'3" freshman, lightning quick, and he can slam the rock. He wants to start at point guard for Marion High, but senior Nick Starks has that nailed down. Besides, the coach is old school. He thinks D-Bow needs to work on his game, his shot, and his attitude. That means bench time. And that's when Hamilton Academy, the elite school in the suburbs, comes sniffing around. They want D-Bow for the next three years. His mom wants no part of that. But his father needs a job, and Uncle Kid, who is a bitter ex-star at Marion High, has his own plans.

Nobody – Jennifer Lyn Barnes - Fifteen-year-old Claire Ryan has always felt invisible, always lived beyond people's notice, which causes trouble when she instantly connects with seventeen-year-old Nix, who really can become invisible and has been sent to assassinate her.
HL710 Lexile

OCD Love Story - Corey Ann Haydu - In an instant, Bea felt almost normal with Beck, and as if she could fall in love again, but things change when the psychotherapist who has been helping her deal with past romantic relationships puts her in a group with Beck--a group for teens with obsessive-compulsive disorder.
850 Lexile

Paper Valentine – Brenna Yovanoff - Followed everywhere by the ghost of her recently deceased best friend, Hannah investigates the serial murders of young girls in her community.
970 Lexile

Pieces – Chris Lynch - Eighteen-year-old Eric deals with the loss of his older brother Duane by meeting three of the seven recipients of Duane's organs a year after his death, and pondering who they are to him, and he to them.

700 Lexile

The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen – Susin Nielsen - When thirteen-year-old Henry and his family move to the city to leave behind a secret tragedy, Henry finds a journal is his best friend.

630 Lexile

Steelheart – Brandon Sanderson - At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners - the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

No Lexile ranking

The Summer Prince – Alaya Dawn Johnson - In a Brazil of the distant future, June Costa falls in love with Enki, a fellow artist and rebel against the strict limits of the legendary pyramid city of Palmares Trê's matriarchal government, knowing that, like all Summer Kings before him, Enki is destined to die.

780 Lexile

The Theory of Everything – JJ Johnson - Eight months after a freak accident took her best friend's life, Sara Jones is having trouble at home, at school, and with her boyfriend, but she gains an understanding of interconnectedness while working for Roy, an eccentric Christmas tree-farm owner dealing with his own tragedy.

HL560 Lexile

The Twelve-Fingered Boy – John Hornor Jacobs - Fifteen-year-old fast-talking Shreve is thriving in juvenile detention until he is assigned a strangely silent and vulnerable new cellmate, Jack, who just might have superpowers and who attracts the attention both of the cellblock bullies and sinister Mr. Quincru.

650 Lexile

