

**2012 Grand Canyon Reader Award Nominees
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Non-Fiction

**Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and the Three
Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson

BR18042

Recounts American Greg Mortenson's friendship with the people of the village Korphe in northern Pakistan. Explains that Greg became lost while climbing mountains and the villagers took care of him. In return he kept his promise to help them build their first school. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. 2009.

Intermediate

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass

BR18360

Born on the same day, Leo and Amanda have shared nine birthday parties. But on their tenth, Amanda's feelings are hurt and she doesn't speak to Leo for a year. When their separate eleventh birthdays keep repeating, Leo and Amanda need to reconcile to get unstuck. For grades 4-7. 2009.

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

DB/BARD 70350

Thirteen-year-old Logan Forbes and his family move into an old house that has been vacant for three years. Arthur, the boy next door, tells Logan about the murder of the former occupant, and the two of them set out to solve the mystery. For grades 5-8. 2009.

Extra Credit by Andrew Clements

DB/BARD 70036

In danger of failing sixth grade, Abby Carson agrees to do a pen-pal project for extra credit. In Afghanistan, Sadeed Bayat is selected for his excellent English to correspond with Abby, but posing as his sister Amira and writing girl-to-girl-- as their Muslim culture dictates. For grades 3-6. 2009.

Neil Armstrong is My Uncle: and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me by Nan Marino

BR18539

1969. Tammy has it in for skinny ten-year-old Douglas McGinty, the new foster kid she calls Muscle Man. Especially because of the lies he tells and his bragging that he can beat everyone at kickball. And Tammy really misses her best friend Keksie, who moved away. For grades 4-7. 2009.

A Nest for Celeste: A Story about Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home by Henry Cole

DB/BARD 72567

Searching a plantation house for a place to call her own, Celeste, a kindly mouse, evades rats and a cat and befriends human Joseph, the artist Audubon's assistant. When she is lost outdoors in a storm, Celeste convinces an osprey to fly her back to Joseph. For grades 3-6. 2010.

The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz

DB/BARD 71190; BR19068

Flory, a tiny night fairy, loses her wings to a hungry bat when she is very young and lands in a human's garden. Unable to fly, Flory resides in a birdhouse, befriends a squirrel and a hummingbird, and adapts to daytime. Then the bat reveals a secret. For grades 3-6. 2010.

Star in the Forest by Laura Resau

DB/BARD 71242

After her father is deported to Mexico, eleven-year-old Zitlally finds a starving dog chained in her trailer park's forest of rusted car parts. With the help of her friend Crystal, Zitlally rescues the dog, names him Star, and links his health to her father's safe return. For grades 3-6. 2010.

Tween

The Alchemyst by Michael Scott

DB/BARD 65599

While working at mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins Sophie and Josh are caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists Nicholas Flamel and John Dee. At issue is possession of an ancient book of secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. For grades 6-9. 2007.

All the Broken Pieces: A Novel in Verse by Ann Burg

DB/BARD 73636

Matt Pin was nine when he was airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975 and adopted by an American couple. Two years later Matt is still haunted by a terrible secret from his war-torn past, one that his new parents and Vietnam veterans help him confront. For grades 5-8. 2009.

Antsy Does Time by Neal Shusterman

DB/BARD 68295

Antsy Bonano, from *The Schwa Was Here* (RC 59803), signs a legal document bequeathing one month of his natural life to his classmate Gunnar Umlaut, who has a rare disease--Pulmonary Monoxic Systemia--and only six months to live. But then things begin to get weird. For grades 6-9. 2008.

Elephant Run by Roland Smith

DB/BARD 69106

Burma, 1941. Fourteen-year-old Nick Freestone arrives at his British father's teak plantation just before the Japanese invasion. His father and others are taken to a prisoner-of-war camp, stranding Nick and his animal-loving friend Mya, who plan a daring escape by elephant. Some violence. For grades 5-8. 2007.

Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith

DB/BARD 69493; BR18643

Ida Mae Jones dreams about flying. After World War II begins, the Army initiates a new program--Women Airforce Service Pilots. Light-skinned, Ida Mae signs up for the mission, but realizes she must keep her African American heritage a secret in order to fly. For junior and senior high readers. 2008.

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

DB/BARD 72392

A teenage boy wakes up in an elevator remembering nothing but his name, Thomas. He soon meets a group of boys who welcome him to the Glade--and the unsolved puzzle of the Maze. The next day a girl arrives with an unexpected message. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 2009.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by

Rodman Philbrick

DB/BARD 70652; BR18853

After his evil uncle sells his brother Harold to be a soldier in the Civil War, twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, runs away from his home in Maine. Homer has extraordinary adventures en route to Gettysburg as he searches for Harold. For grades 4-7. Newbery Honor Book. 2009.

Pop by Gordon Korman

DB/BARD 70639

New in town, Marcus Jordan looks forward to the start of football season. While practicing for tryouts, Marcus befriends Charlie Popovich, an odd-behaving ex-NFL linebacker who teaches him how to take a hit. For junior and senior high readers. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

Savvy by Ingrid Law

DB/BARD 69819; BR18369

Thirteenth birthdays in the Beaumont family reveal a magical power unique to the honoree. After Fish learns to cause hurricanes and Rocket to make electricity, Mibs eagerly awaits her turn. But Poppa has a terrible accident and all Mibs wants is to save him. For grades 4-7. Newbery Honor Book. 2008.

Teen

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

DB/BARD 66787; BR17801

Enzo, a mixed-breed dog, believes he will be reincarnated as a human. He stands by his master Denny Swift's side through Denny's race-car driving career, the birth of his daughter Zoë, the death of his wife Eve, and a bitter custody battle with Eve's parents. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

The Demon's Lexicon by Sarah Rees Brennan

DB/BARD 70404 BR18719

Brothers Nick and Alan Ryves live on the run from magicians and demons. When classmates Mae and her brother Jamie arrive unannounced at the Ryves home requesting help, Nick refuses. But then Alan gets marked and Nick hunts the responsible party. For senior high and older readers. 2009.

Going Bovine by Libba Bray

DB/BARD 72565

After sixteen-year-old Cameron Smith is diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob, aka mad cow, disease, he sets off in search of a cure with a death-obsessed, video-gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. Michael L. Printz Award. 2009.

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas Kristof

DB/BARD 70300; BR18769

Award-winning journalists explore the global exploitation of women and the perpetration of abuses such as sex trafficking, rape, and mutilation. The authors interview several victims and suggest simple actions for reducing future persecutions. They emphasize the role of education and economics in empowering females. Violence. 2009.

The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent

DB/BARD 68114

Colonial Massachusetts, 1690s. Ten-year-old Sarah Carrier and her family contend with Indian raids, cold weather, poor land, and smallpox. Disputes with neighbors bring witchcraft charges against Sarah and her brother, father, and mother Martha. Taken to trial in Salem, Martha urges Sarah to save herself by confessing. Violence. 2008.

If I Stay by Gayle Forman

DB/BARD 69818; BR18565

Cellist and Juilliard hopeful Mia clings to life after a car accident kills her family. While observing herself during an out-of-body experience, Mia flashes through her past to determine whether to fight for survival or die. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 2009.

Impossible by Nancy Werlin

DB/BARD 68401

Pregnant seventeen-year-old Lucy Scarborough discovers that her family has been cursed by an evil elfin knight. To break it Lucy, with help from love-struck neighbor Zach, must perform three difficult tasks before her daughter is born. Some violence. For senior high readers. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

DB/BARD 70906

Alek Ferdinand, prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, escapes in a Cyklop Stormwalker from the clutches of the Clanker powers who are plotting global domination. He forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn, a girl disguised as a boy fighting genetically engineered beasts like the airship Leviathan. For senior high readers. 2009.

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Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

DB/BARD 70314

After waking up in the hospital, eighteen-year-old Private Matt Duffy has trouble remembering the incident that caused his brain injury. Haunted by fractured memories of a young Iraqi boy's death, Matt struggles to adapt and eventually return to combat. Strong language and some violence. For senior high readers. 2009.

Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater

DB/BARD 70058

When Grace was a child, a pack of wolves attacked her behind her house and a yellow-eyed werewolf named Sam saved her. As teens, Sam and Grace are irresistibly drawn to each other and fight to remain together. For senior high and older readers. 2009.

Wake by Lisa McMann

DB/BARD 69614

Whenever people fall asleep around her, seventeen-year-old Janie Hannagan is sucked into their dreams as an unwilling bystander. But after she slips into a violent dream alone in her car, Janie realizes she needs to control her paranormal ability. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high readers. 2008.