

## 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Louisiana Young Readers' Choice 2015 Annotated Title List

1. **Anyway\*: \*A Story about Me with 138 footnotes, 27 exaggerations, and 1 Plate of Spaghetti** by Arthur Salm, 192 pgs. At the end of seventh grade, Max's parents take him to family Camp, here Max takes on a whole new personality, Mad max. This is Max's story complete with doodles and footnotes. IL: **MG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 6.0**  
Hardcover. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2012. 9781442429307. \$15.99  
Paperback. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2013. 9781442429314. \$6.99  
Ebook available.
2. **Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand** by Eric LeGrand, 224 pgs. Eric LeGrand was a defensive tackle at Rutgers when a crushing tackle on the field left him paralyzed from the neck down. This story chronicles both his life before and after the accident, highlighting his positive outlook of remaking his life and overcoming obstacles. This uplifting memoir sends messages of hope and of finding strength in a new future.  
IL: **MG - BL: 6.4 - AR Pts: 7.0**  
Hardcover. HarperCollins. 2012. 9780062225825. \$16.99  
Ebook available.
3. **A Black Hole Is NOT a Hole** by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano, illustrations by Michael Carroll, 74 pgs. Ever wonder what a black hole is or was or how it came to be? This non-fiction book's beautiful illustrations and easy-to-understand writing lays out everything there is to know about black holes. IL: **MG - BL: 6.1 - AR Pts: 2.0**  
Hardcover. Charlesbridge Publishing. 2012. 9781570917837. \$18.95  
CD Audio. Random House Audio Publishing Group. 2013. 9780804121798. \$15.00
4. **Buddy** by M. H. Herlong, 256 p. Lil T has dreamed of having his own dog for as long as he can remember. When he and his family accidentally hit one on their way to church, Lil T prays that his chance has arrived. Shortly after finally bringing Buddy home, trouble comes in the form of Hurricane Katrina with mandatory evacuations. What's a family to do with a car too small for the family, let alone a dog? IL: **MG - BL: 3.9 - AR Pts: 8.0**  
Hardcover. Penguin Group, Viking Juvenile imprint. 2012. 9780670014033. \$16.99  
Paperback. Penguin Group, Puffin imprint. 2013. 9780142425442. \$7.99
5. **Cardboard** by Doug TenNapel, 288 pgs. Cam's father is strapped for cash. The only thing he can afford for Cam's birthday is a cardboard box from a mysterious man. Soon, they find that the box is much more than they bargained for, with the power to make everything made from it come to life. Now it is up to father and son to keep this power in good hands and away from Marcus, the bully next door. IL: **MG - BL: 2.2 - AR Pts: 1.0**  
Hardcover. Scholastic, Graphix imprint. 2012. 9780545418720. \$24.99  
Paperback. Scholastic, Graphix imprint. 2012. 9780545418737. \$12.99  
Ebook available.

6. **Double** by Jenny Valentine, 246 pgs. Sixteen-year-old runaway Chap is mistaken for Cassiel Roadnight, who disappeared two years before. Chap thinks assuming the other boy's identity is a good way to get off the streets and finally have a family, but Chap's adventure has just begun. Will Chap end up the same way the real Cassiel ended up in this action-packed thriller? IL: **UG** - BL: **3.5** - AR Pts: **7.0**  
Hardcover. Hyperion. 2012. 9781423147145. \$16.99.  
Paperback. Hyperion. 2013. 9781423146841. \$8.99.  
Ebook available.
7. **Eye of the Storm** by Kate Messner, 304 pgs. Jaden is growing up in a near-future world overwhelmed by violent storms. Tornados have changed all life on earth as we know it. While visiting her father, a leading scientist of StormSafe, she realizes that all is not what it seems with the tornados and the StormSafe company's technology. IL: **MG** - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **10.0**  
Hardcover. Walker & Company. 2012. 9780802723130. \$16.99  
Ebook available.
8. **The False Prince** by Jennifer A. Nielsen, 352 pgs. The king, queen, and royal prince of Carthya are dead. The younger prince has been presumed dead for four years. While the nobles of the kingdom wonder who will take the throne, Conner, a minor noble, takes four orphaned boys to train and try to pass off as the lost prince. Who will survive the deadly game of intrigue? IL: **MG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **12.0**  
Hardcover. Scholastic. 2012. 9780545284134. \$17.99  
Paperback. Scholastic. 2013. 9780545284141. \$6.99  
CD Audio. Scholastic. 2012. 9780545391665. \$34.99
9. **The Last Dragonslayer** by Jasper Fforde, 296 pgs. Magic has been reduced to cleaning pipes while magic carpets deliver pizza in foundling Jennifer Strange's world. She manages a magician's employment agency, Kazam Mystical Arts Management, since the owner the Great Zambini disappeared. Now visions are predicting the death of the last dragon, and even Jennifer can feel that Big Magic will change everything they thought they knew. IL: **MG+** - BL: **5.8** - AR Pts: **9.0**  
Hardcover. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9780547738475. \$16.99  
Paperback. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9780544104716. \$7.99  
CD Audio. Brilliance Audio. 2013. 9781480516212. \$14.99  
Ebook available.
10. **Liar & Spy** by Rebecca Stead, 192 p. Georges is intrigued to discover a spy club in his new apartment building. He wonders, however, why he has to be the one who is always being sent on the chanciest assignments and taking the greatest risks. IL: **MG** - BL: **3.8** - AR Pts: **5.0**  
Hardcover. Random House, Wendy Lamb imprint. 9780385737432. \$15.99  
Paperback. Random House, Yearling imprint. 9780375850875. \$6.99  
CD Audio. Random House, Listening Library imprint. 9780449014080. \$30.00

11. **One for the Murphys** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, 224 pgs. Twelve-year-old Carley Connor is sent to a foster home after a domestic abuse incident and unexpectedly forms a bond with her foster family. But then, just as she settles into her new home, she must move again, back with her own mother. Carley's heart is torn between the two in this realistic, heart wrenching story. IL: **MG** - BL: **3.4** - AR Pts: **6.0**  
Hardcover. Penguin, Nancy Paulsen imprint. 9780399256158. \$16.99  
Paperback. Penguin, Puffin imprint. 9780142426524. \$6.99  
Ebook available.
12. **Small Medium at Large** by Joanne Levy, 208 pgs. Lilah bloom thinks that being struck by lightning at her mother's wedding is the strangest thing that could ever happen to her, but it's nothing compared to what comes next. Soon, she is hearing voices from beyond the grave, including her grandmother bubby Dora and the father of her crush! Now Lilah has to help these ghosts help the loved ones they've left behind, even if that means fulfilling Bubby's wish for Lilah's father to start dating. IL: **MG** - BL: **3.8** - AR Pts: **5.0**  
Hardcover. Bloomsbury. 9781599908366. \$15.99  
Ebook available.