

Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book 2011 Nominees



Along for the Ride by Dessen, Sarah (HS)

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.



Audrey, wait! by Benway, Robin (HS)

While trying to score a date with her cute co-worker at the Scooper Dooper, sixteen-year-old Audrey gains unwanted fame and celebrity status when her ex-boyfriend, a rock musician, records a breakup song about her that soars to the top of the Billboard charts.



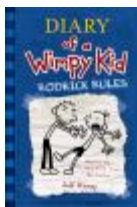
Betrayed (House of Night bk 2) by Cast, PC (HS)

Fledgling vampyre Zoey Redbird has managed to settle in at the House of Night and finally feels like she really fits in. She actually has a boyfriend...or two. Then the unthinkable happens: Human teenagers are being killed, and all the evidence points to the House of Night. Zoey must find the courage to face a betrayal that could break her heart, her soul, and jeopardize the very fabric of her world.



City of Ashes (Mortal Instruments bk 2) by Clare, Cassandra (HS)

Sixteen-year-old Clary continues trying to make sense of the swiftly changing events and relationships in her life as she becomes further involved with the Shadowhunters and their pursuit of demons and discovers some terrifying truths about her parents and her friends Jace and Simon.



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (bk 2) by Kinney, Jeff (MS)

Greg Heffley tells about his summer vacation and his attempts to steer clear of trouble when he returns to middle school and tries to keep his older brother, Rodrick, from telling everyone about Greg's most humiliating experience of the summer.



Every Soul a Star by Mass, Wendy (MS)

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.



Gorilla City (Amazing adventures of Charlie Small bk 1)
by Small, Charlie (MS)

Purports to be the journal of eight-year-old boy explorer, Charlie Small, who has, miraculously, lived for over four hundred years, travelling the earth, fighting giant crocodiles, learning to speak with gorillas, and trying to find a way to return home.



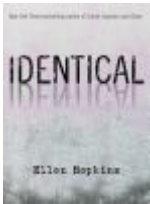
Graceling by Cashore, Kristen (HS)

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.



The Host by Meyer, Stephenie (Adult)

The earth has been invaded by a species that take over the minds of their human hosts while leaving their bodies intact, and most of humanity has succumbed. But Melanie Stryder refuses to fade away. Wanderer, the invading "soul" who has been given Melanie's body, didn't expect Melanie's refusal to relinquish possession of her mind. Melanie fills Wanderer's thoughts with visions of the man Melanie loves, causing Wanderer to yearn for a man she's never met. As outside forces make Wanderer and Melanie unwilling allies, they set off to search for the man they both love.



Identical by Hopkins, Ellen (HS)

Sixteen-year-old identical twin daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, Kaeleigh and Raeanne Gardella desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart.



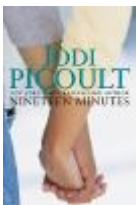
The Last Olympian (Percy Jackson bk 5) by Riordan, Rick (MS)

While the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster Typhon, Kronos begins his advance on New York City, where Mount Olympus stands virtually unguarded. Now it's up to Percy Jackson and an army of young demigods to stop the Lord of Time.



Max: A Maximum Ride Novel (Maximum Ride bk 5) by Patterson, James (MS)

When millions of fish start dying off the coast of Hawaii and something is destroying hundreds of ships, the government enlists the Flock, a band of genetically modified children who can fly, to help get to the bottom of the disaster before it is too late.



Nineteen Minutes by Picoult, Jodi (Adult)

Sterling, NH is a small, ordinary New Hampshire town where nothing ever happens--until a student enters the local high school with an arsenal of guns and starts shooting, changing the lives of everyone inside and out. The daughter of the judge sitting on the case is the state's best witness--but she can't remember what happened in front of her own eyes. Or can she?



Peak by Smith, Roland (MS)

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.



Rise of the Evening Star (Fablehaven bk2) by Mull, Brandon (MS)

At the end of the school year, Kendra and her brother, Seth, find themselves racing back to Fablehaven, a refuge for mythical and magical creatures where their grandfather is caretaker. The Society of the Evening Star, an ancient organization determined to infiltrate the preserve and steal a hidden artifact of great power, is storming the gates. If the artifact falls into the wrong hands, it could mean the downfall of other preserves and possibly the world.



Shiver by Stiefvater, Maggie (HS)

In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.



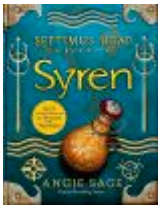
Summer Ball by Lupica, Mike (MS)

Thirteen-year-old Danny must prove himself all over again for a disapproving coach and against new rivals at a summer basketball camp.



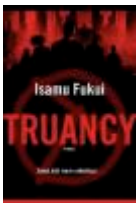
Swindle by Korman, Gordon (MS)

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.



Syren (Septimus Heap bk 5) by Sage, Angie (MS)

Wolf Boy is sent on a Task by Aunt Zelda, while Septimus and the dragon, Spit Fyre, fly off to bring their friends home, but they all wind up on an island whose secrets are as dangerous as its inhabitants.



Truancy by Fukui, Isamu (HS)

In the City, where an iron-fisted Mayor's goal is perfect control through education, fifteen-year-old Tack is torn between a growing sympathy for the Truancy, an underground movement determined to bring down the system at any cost, and the desire to avenge a death caused by a Truant.



Under the Dome by King, Stephen (Adult)

The small town of Chester's Mill, Maine, is faced with a big dilemma when it is mysteriously sealed off by an invisible and completely impenetrable force field. With cars and airplanes exploding on contact, the force field has completely isolated the townspeople from the outside world. Now, Iraq war vet Dale Barbara and a group of the town's more sensible citizens must overcome the tyrannical rule of Big Jim Rennie, a politician bent on controlling everything within the Dome.