**Middle School**

**Young Hoosier Book Award Nominees 2017-2018**

**All Fall Down** by Ally Carter

There are many powerful people along Embassy Row who want Grace to block out all her unpretty thoughts. However, Grace will not stop until she finds out who killed her mother and makes the killer pay.

**Arctic Code** by Matthew Kirby

The Earth is in the grip of a new Ice Age, and when twelve-year-old Eleanor's scientist mother disappears in the Arctic, Eleanor sets off on a dangerous journey to find her--uncovering a mystery, a crime, and evidence that Earth has been visited by extraterrestrials.

**Code of Honor** by Alan Gratz

When Iranian-American Kamran Smith learns that his big brother Darius has been labeled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the clues that will save his brother's life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack.

**Eighth Day** by Diane Salerni

Orphan Jax Aubrey doesn't expect much on his thirteenth birthday, but when he discovers there's an extra day squeezed between Wednesday and Thursday whose origins are rooted in Arthurian legend, it's clear his life will never be the same.

**Mysteries of Cove: Fires of Invention** by J. Scott Savage

Even though technology and inventions are outlawed in the mountain city of Cove, Trenton and Kallista must follow a set of mysterious blueprints to build a creature to protect them from the dragons outside their door.

**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

**The Fixer** by Jennifer Barnes

When her grandfather develops dementia, sixteen-year-old Tess, who has been keeping his Montana ranch going, is whisked away to Washington, D.C. by a sister she barely knows and is thrown into a world of politics, power, wealth, and family secrets.

**Goodbye Stranger** by Rebecca Stead

Bridge, who barely survived an accident at age eight, makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side. With her best friends Em, Tab, and Sherman, she seeks to answer the question, "What is my purpose?"

**I Am Princess X** by Cherie Priest

Best friends Libby Deaton and May Harper invent Princess X when they are in fifth grade, but when the car carrying Libby goes off a bridge, she is presumed dead and the story ends--except now, three years later, Princess X is suddenly everywhere. With an underground culture focusing on a webcomic, May believes her friend must be alive.

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**Into the Killing Seas** by Michael Spradlin

In 1945 twelve-year-old Patrick and his younger brother Teddy stow away on the U.S.S. Indianapolis in a desperate attempt to get back to the Philippines where they last saw their parents just before the Japanese invasion--but when the ship sinks, they find themselves clinging to a piece of debris without food or water with hungry sharks circling below.

**Mark of a Thief** by Jennifer Nielsen

When Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cavern containing lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he finds himself in possession of an ancient amulet filled with magic once reserved for the Gods. Nic becomes the center of a conspiracy to overthrow the emperor and destroy Rome.

**Night on Fire** by Ronald Kidd

When Billie hears about a group calling themselves the Freedom Riders who protest segregation on buses, she thinks change could be coming. Instead of embracing change, Billie's town responds with violence. Shocked by the actions of people she thought she knew, she realizes that freedom has a cost. But is she brave enough to stand up and fight for it?"

**No Place** by Todd Strasser

It seems like Dan has it all. He’s a baseball star who is part of the popular crowd and dates the hottest girl in school. Then his family loses their home.

**The Only Game** by Mike Lupica

Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to a record-shattering season and the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand.

**Orbiting Jupiter** by Gary Schmidt

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter Jupiter whom he has never seen. When Joseph begins to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

**The Seventh Most Important Thing** by Shelley Pearsall

In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur throws a brick at an old man's head in a moment of rage and is sentenced to community service. This involves helping the neighborhood Junk Man, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects.

**Terror at Bottle Creek** by Watt Key

Thirteen-year-old Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama. He has been teaching his son everything he knows. When a deadly Gulf Coast hurricane makes landfall, Cort must put his all skills--and bravery--to the test."

**The Testing** by Joelle Charbonneau

Sixteen-year-old Cia Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend University; however, she soon figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

**The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II. Here they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

**Walk on Earth a Stranger** by Rae Carson

Lee Westfall is a young woman with a magical ability to sense the presence of gold. She flees her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers, and when her friend Jefferson heads out for Gold Rush-era America, Lee, disguised as a boy, begins her own dangerous journey.