

The Best of 2011-2012

Fiction and Nonfiction for Grades 3-6

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The Best of 2012—so far

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen. Knopf, 2012. 290 p.

The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.

Crow by Barbara Wright. Random House, 2012. 297 p.

Moses Thomas's summer vacation in 1898 does not go as planned, and while he deals with family problems and fickle friends, Moses comes to be more aware of the escalating tension between the African American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Fairy Ring, or, Elsie and Frances Fool the World by Mary Losure. Candlewick, 2012. 184 p., ill.

Relates the story of Francis and Elsie, cousins who concocted a story and photographs about fairies because nobody believed Francis could see the tiny men and were surprised when their photographs were found by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who truly believed in fairies.

The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen. Scholastic Press, 2012. 342 p.

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood. Scholastic Press, 2012. 202 p.

Gloriana faces her twelfth birthday in 1964 and struggles with the changes she sees happening around her, but while she struggles to understand the shift in her relationships with her sister—who is about to enter high school—and her best friend, Frankie, Gloriana witnesses tempers rise in a debate over a segregated public pool.

The Humming Room by Ellen Potter. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. 184 p.

Twelve-year-old Roo Fanshaw, who has a talent for hiding, is sent to live with his estranged uncle in his on Cough Rock Island, where he discovers the secrets of the largely uninhabited house and its hidden garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny—Detectives Extraordinaire by Mrs. Bunny ; translated from the Rabbit by Polly Horvath ; illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Schwartz & Wade Books, p2011, c2012. 248 p., ill.

Middle-schooler Madeline's hippy parents have been kidnapped from Hornby Island, Canada, by foxes and Madeline, upon discovering that she can understand animal languages, hires two rabbit detectives to find them.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate ; illustrations by Patricia Castelao. Harper, 2012. 305 p., ill.

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

One Dog and His Boy by Eva Ibbotson. Scholastic, p2012, c2011. 282 p.

When lonely, ten-year-old Hal learns that his wealthy but neglectful parents only rented Fleck, the dog he always wanted, he and new friend Pippa take Fleck and four other dogs from the rental agency on a trek from London to Scotland, where Hal's grandparents live.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson. Scholastic, 2012. 289 p., ill.

Draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic" from its launch to its sinking.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio. Knopf, 2012. 315 p.

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Next in the Series.....

13 Gifts by Wendy Mass. Scholastic, 2011. 341 p.

Tara, a self-proclaimed shrinking violet, tries to break out of her shell by stealing the school mascot, a goat, but she gets caught and is shipped off for the summer to stay with relatives in the quirky town of Willow Falls, which she decides is as good a place as any to reinvent herself. *Willow Falls* series.

Clementine and the Family Meeting by Sara Pennypacker ; illustrated by Marla Frazee. Disney/Hyperion, 2011. 162 p., ill.

Third-grader Clementine tries to adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new brother or sister. *Clementine* series.

Cloudy with a Chance of Boys by Megan McDonald. Candlewick Press, 2011. 260 p.

While older sister Alex is trying to orchestrate a perfect first kiss with her heartthrob and younger sister Joey prefers frogs to boys, Stevie Reel wonders if she is ready for a boyfriend while being pursued by a new boy in her class. *Sisters Club* series.

Ivy + Bean: No News Is Good News by Annie Barrows ; illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Chronicle Books, 2011. 127 p., ill.

Ivy and Bean try to make money by writing a newspaper about Pancake Court but the neighbors are not pleased to read about themselves. *Ivy and Bean* series.

Showoff by Gordon Korman. Scholastic, 2012. 248 p.

After acting out at a mall dog show, Luthor is accused of ruining the career of a three-time best-in-show beagle, and Griffin springs him from the pound with a plan involving the dog, New York City, and a sinister saboteur. *Griffin Bing, the Man with a Plan* series.

Storm Warning by Nicholas Edwards. Square Fish, 2011. 216 p.

Emily and her dog, Zack, can read each other's minds, and Zach has the ability to know when people are in trouble. Together they face a hurricane in their small Maine town. *Dog Whisperer* series.

The Unseen Guest by Maryrose Wood; illustrated by John Klassen. Balzer + Bray, 2012. 340 p., ill.

The children and Penelope, their governess, leave London and return to Ashton Place where Penelope decides to take matters into her own hands and do some investigating to find out the truth about the children, Lord Ashton, and herself. *The Incurable Children of Ashton Place* series.

Graphic Novels

Around the World by Matt Phelan. Candlewick, 2011. 235 p., col. ill.

Challenged with circling the world at the end of the nineteenth century, three very different adventurers--avid bicyclist Thomas Stevens, fearless reporter Nellie Bly, and retired sea captain Joshua Slocum--embark on epic journeys.

Bad Island by Doug TenNapel. Graphix, 2011. 218 p., col. ill.

Reese, forced to go on vacation with his family, finds himself shipwrecked with them on a strange island full of weird plants and animals, and pursued by an unknown entity on the hunt.

Explorer : The Mystery Boxes : Seven Graphic Stories edited by Kazu Kibuishi. Henry N. Abrams, 2012. 126 p., col. ill.

A graphics anthology of short graphic works by such artists as Kazu Kibuishi, Dave Roman, and Raina Telgemeier, all on the theme of a mysterious box and the marvels, or mayhem, inside.

Pandemonium by Chris Wooding ; illustrated by Cassandra Diaz, lettering by John Green. Graphix, 2012. 154 p., col. ill.

Seifer Tombchewer, captain of the local skullball team, is knocked unconscious, abducted, and taken to the royal palace, where he learns that Prince Talon Pandemonium has gone missing. Seifer, who looks exactly like the prince, is expected to fill his role.

Sidekicks by Dan Santat. A.A. Levine, 2011. 215 p., col. ill.

Captain Amazing tries to hire a new sidekick when he feels he is getting too old to be a reliable superhero, but his pets have different ideas.

Alternate Formats

The Adventures of Beanboy by Lisa Harkrader. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. 235 p., ill.

Wheaton, Kansas, seventh-grader Tucker MacBean loves comic books, so when his favorite comic has a contest to create a sidekick, he is hopeful that he can win, thereby fixing his struggling family.

Big Nate Goes for Broke by Lincoln Peirce. Harper, 2012. 216 p., ill.

Nate Write gets carried away after an accident affords him excess attention.

Big Nate on a Roll by Lincoln Peirce. Harper, 2011. 216 p., ill.

Middle-schooler Nate Wright must compete with a new rival, the "perfect" Artur, for the grand prize of a customized skateboard in their scout troop contest.

Hidden by Helen Frost. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2011. 142 p.

Years after Darra Monson's father stole a minivan with Wren Abbott hiding in the back, the girls come face to face at summer camp and together they try to work through what happened to them and the impact it had on their lives.

Revenge of the Loser by H.N. Kowitt. Scholastic, 2011. 234 p.

Sequel to *The Loser List*. Danny Shine is off the Loser List but he's still got problems -- like the new kid, Ty Randall.

Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick. Scholastic, 2011. 637 p., ill.

Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

Young Adult

Bluefish by Pat Schmatz. Candlewick Press, 2011. 226 p.

Thirteen-year-old Travis, living in cramped quarters with his alcoholic grandfather, longs for his old life in the country, and struggles in school to hide the fact that he cannot read, but a persistent teacher and a special girl open his eyes to a new world.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness; inspired from an idea by Siobhan Dowd ; illustrations by Jim Kay. Candlewick Press, 2011. 204 p.

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

Zitface by Emily Howse. Marshall Cavendish, 2011. 202 p.

Thirteen-year-old Olivia Hughes is forced to rethink her plans to become an actress when a full-blown case of acne results in the dramatic decline of her popularity at school, and the cancellation of a national advertising campaign.

Younger Readers

Cinderella Smith by Stephanie Barden ; illustrated by Diane Goode. Harper, 2011. 148 p., ill.

Cast off by her old friends, Cinderella agrees to help a new student deal with the stepsisters she will soon have, and meantime, a former friend tries to prevent Cinderella from dancing the lead in their tap recital.

EllRay Jakes Is Not a Chicken! by Sally Warner ; illustrated by Jamie Harper. Viking, 2011. 108 p., ill.

Eight-year-old EllRay Jake's attempts to defend himself against the class bully always end up getting him in trouble, but he promises to do his best when his dad offers to take him to Disneyland if he can be good for an entire week--which may be a few days too long.

Kindred Souls by Patricia MacLachlan. Katherine Tegen Books, 2012. 119 p.

Ten year-old Jake shares a special bond with his grandfather, Billy, but when Billy asks Jake to build him a sod house, Jake is not sure he wants to do it.

The Legend of Diamond Lil : A J.J. Tully Mystery by Doreen Cronin ; illustrated by Kevin Cornell. Balzer + Bray, 2012 . 125 p., ill.

Sequel to *The Trouble with Chickens*. JJ, the search and rescue dog, is ready for a bit of rest and relaxation after solving the mystery of the missing chicks, but there is a new dog next door who is stealing the attention of Moosh and her chicks and the threat of a roaming possum keeps JJ on the alert.

The San Francisco Earthquake, 1906 (I Survived) by Lauren Tarshis ; illustrated by Scott Dawson. Scholastic, 2012. 88 p., ill.

Ten-year-old Leo loves being a newsboy in San Francisco—but early one spring morning in 1906 Leo's world is shaken, when he finds himself stranded in the middle of San Francisco as it crumbles and burns to the ground.

Toys Come Home : Being the Early Experiences of an Intelligent Stingray, a Brave Buffalo, and a Brand-new Someone Called Plastic by Emily Jenkins ; illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. 132 p., ill.

Prequel to *Toys Go Out*. Contains six linked stories that tell how Lumphy, StingRay, and Plastic become part of a little girl's toy collection and follow their adventures as they make friends with some of her other toys and try to navigate in the world of real people.

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin ; illustrated by Kevin Cornell. Balzer + Bray, 2011. 119 p., ill.

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

Nonfiction and Biography

A Black Hole Is Not a Hole by Carolyn Cinami DeCritofano; illustrated by Michael Carroll Charlesbridge, 2012. 74 p., col. ill.

A black hole isn't really a hole, is it? Find out what black holes are, what causes them, and how scientists first discovered them.

The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs by Sandra Markle. Millbrook Press, 2012. 48 p., col. ill., maps.

Follows a team of scientists as they try to save Panamanian golden frogs, which began to disappear fifteen years ago, and looks at the reasons behind their decline.

Food Dudes series by Joanne Mattern. ABDO, 2011. 32 p., ill. (some col.)

Ben and Jerry: Ice Cream Manufacturers

Clarence Birdseye: Frozen Food Innovator

The Kellogg Family: Breakfast Cereal Pioneers

The Mars Family: M&M Mars Candy Makers

Milton Hershey: Hershey's Chocolate Creator

Ray Kroc: McDonald's Restaurants Builder

Robert Cade: Gatorade Inventor

William Wrigley Jr.: Wrigley's Chewing Gum Founder

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson. Balzer + Bray, 2011. 108 p., col. ill.

Examines the history of the United States, focusing on events that influenced African-Americans and how they advanced liberty and justice in America.

How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg; illustrated by Kevin O'Malley. Walker & Co., 2011. 184 p., ill., maps.

Shares the sometimes gruesome details of the deaths of nineteen famous historical figures, including King Tut, Pocahontas, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Marie Curie.

Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story by Thomas F. Yezerski. Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, 2011. 32 p., col. ill., col. map.

Introduces readers to the meadowlands, twenty thousand acres of wetlands in New Jersey, discussing the destruction that humans have caused, and the changes that have reversed some of the damage.

Talk, Talk, Squawk!: A Human's Guide to Animal Communication by Nicola Davies; illustrated by Neal Layton. Candlewick, 2011. 61 p., col. ill.

Explores ways in which animals communicate with each other using colors, patterns, smells, movements, vibrations, sounds, and electricity for a variety of messages.

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert by Marc Aronson. Atheneum, 2011. 134 p., ill. (some col.)

Provides a detailed account of rescue efforts to save thirty-three miners, who got trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile, examining the psychological, physical, and environmental factors influencing the course of the rescue, and describing the efforts of experts from around the world--drillers, astronauts, submarine specialists, and others--came together in response to the crisis.

Realistic Fiction

➤ Animals

A Dog's Way Home by Bobbie Pyron. Katherine Tegen Books, 2011. 321 p.

After a car accident strands them at opposite ends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, eleven-year-old Abby and her beloved sheltie Tam overcome months filled with physical and emotional challenges to find their way back to each other.

The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook by Joanne Rocklin. Amulet, 2012. 218 p.

As ten-year-old Oona and younger brother Fred conspire to break their sick cat Zook out of the veterinary clinic, Oona tells the story of Zook's previous lives.

➤ **Family**

Close to Famous by Joan Bauer. Viking, 2011. 250 p.

Foster and her mother escape to Culpepper, West Virginia, where they start a new life involving a prison, a retired Hollywood actress, baking cupcakes, an Elvis impersonator, and a well kept secret.

Sparrow Road by Sheila O'Connor. Putnam's, 2011. 247 p.

12-year-old Raine spends the summer at a mysterious artists colony and discovers a secret about her past.

Stir It Up! : A Novel by Ramin Ganeshram. Scholastic, 2011. 166 p.

Thirteen-year-old Anjali dreams of hosting a televised cooking show featuring foods based on her Hindu and Trinidadian heritage, but when an opportunity presents itself, she will have to defy her family to go to the audition. Includes recipes.

➤ **Humorous**

The Detention Club by David Yoo. Balzer + Bray, 2011. 299 p.

Sixth-grader Peter Lee, in a desperate attempt to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention can win him important friends, much to the dismay of his over-achieving eighth-grade sister, Sunny.

Flat Broke: The Theory, Practice and Destructive Properties of Greed by Gary Paulsen. Wendy Lam Books, 2011. 118 p.

Companion to *Liar, Liar*. Fourteen-year-old Kevin is a hard worker, so when his income is cut off he begins a series of businesses, from poker games to selling snacks, earning money to take a girl to a dance, but his partners soon tire of his methods.

The Penderwicks at Point Mouette by Jane Birdsall. Knopf, 2011. 295 p.

Sequel to: *The Penderwicks on Gardam Street*. Rosalind heads to the beach when summer arrives, and the rest of the Penderwick girls go to a cozy cottage in Maine with Aunt Claire, leaving Skye feeling slightly overwhelmed with her new role as the oldest available Penderwick.

Pie by Sarah Weeks. Scholastic, 2011. 183 p.

Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care, and as everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.

➤ **Romance**

The Boy on Cinnamon Street by Phoebe Stone. Arthur A. Levine, 2012. 234 p.

Since a tragedy she cannot remember, thirteen-year-old Louise has changed her name, given up gymnastics, moved in with her grandparents, and locked her feelings inside but through her friends Reni and Hen and notes from a secret admirer she begins to find herself again.

Summer before Boys by Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster, 2011. 196 p.

Twelve-year-old best friends and relatives, Julia and Eliza are happy to spend the summer together while Julia's mother is serving in the National Guard in Iraq but when they meet a neighborhood boy, their close relationship begins to change.

➤ **School**

The Absolute Value of Mike by Kathryn Erskine. Philomel, 2011. 247 p.

Mike, a fourteen-year-old boy with a math learning disability, is sent to rural Pennsylvania for the summer to work on an engineering project, and while his plans to impress his mathematician father fall flat when Mike discovers the project has nothing to do with engineering, he learns much more valuable lessons while working with his eccentric, elderly aunt, a homeless man, and a punk rock girl as part of a town-wide effort to adopt a Romanian orphan.

The Lemonade Crime by Jacqueline Davies. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. 152 p.

Sequel to *The Lemonade War*. When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened.

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs. Simon & Schuster, 2012. 290 p.

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Troublemaker by Andrew Clements; illustrations by Mark Elliott. Atheneum, 2011. 140 p., ill.

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

Fantasy

Bigger Than a Bread Box by Laurel Snyder. Random House, 2011. 226 p.

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old breadbox with the power to grant any wish--so long as the wished-for thing fits in the breadbox.

Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu; illustrations by Erin McGuire. Walden Pond Press, 2011. 312 p., ill.

Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life.

The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens. Knopf, 2011. 417 p.

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers--and a fearsome enemy--and embark on a prophesied quest to find a magical book.

Flint Heart : A Fairy Story by John and Katherine Paterson; illustrated by John Rocco. Candlewick, 2011. 288 p., col. ill.

A magical amulet, created by a Stone Age magic man for an ambitious individual wishing to take control of his tribe, brings power and despair to those who touch it, and when the amulet reemerges, Charles and his sister Unity must find a way to rescue the humans, fairies, and animals from the mysterious object.

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making by Catherynne Valente; illustrations by Ana Juan. Feiwel and Friends, 2011. 247 p., ill.

A young girl named September finds herself transported from her home in Omaha to Fairyland, where she must battle the mysterious Marquess alongside her creature-friends.

Liesl & Po by Lauren Oliver; illustrated by Kei Acedera. Harper, 2011. 307 p., ill.

After her father's death, Liesl is locked away in a tiny attic room by her stepmother, where she meets Po, a lonely ghost, and Will, an alchemist's apprentice who bungles an important delivery and enlists Liesl and Po's help in setting things right.

Mostly True Story of Jack by Kelly Barnhill. Little, Brown, 2011. 323 p.

Jack is practically invisible at home, but when his parents send him to Hazelwood, Iowa, to spend a summer with his odd aunt and uncle, he suddenly makes friends, is beaten up by the town bully, and is plotted against by the richest man in town.

The Silver Bowl by Diane Stanley. Harper, 2011. 307 p.

From the age of seven when she became scullery maid in a castle, Molly has seen visions of the future which, years later, lead her and friend Tobias on an adventure to keep Alaric, the heir to the throne, safe from a curse.

Historical Fiction

The Aviary by Kathleen O'Dell. Knopf, 2011. 339 p.

In late nineteenth-century Maine, isolated, Clara Dooley gains a friend and uncovers a magical secret that changes her life when she learns to care for the once-feared birds in the aviary attached to the Glendoveer mansion.

Jefferson's Sons : A Founding Father's Secret Children by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Dial, 2011. 360 p., geneal. table.

A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, including two who were his sons by his slave, Sally Hemings.

Titanic : Book One, Unsinkable by Gordon Korman. Scholastic, 2011. 170 p.

The lives of four young passengers—Paddy, Sophie, Juliana, and Alphie—aboard the maiden voyage of the RMS "Titanic" become linked in the days preceding the tragedy.

The Trouble with May Amelia by Jennifer L. Holm; illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Atheneum, 2011. 204 p., ill.

Sequel to *Our Only May Amelia*. May Amelia Jackson has grown up a tomboy thanks to her seven brothers and a father who claims girls are useless, so when her father needs May to translate for a gentleman interested in buying their farm, she jumps at the chance to earn his respect.

Science Fiction

Sound Bender by Lin Oliver and Theo Baker. Scholastic, 2011. 262 p.

After their parents are declared dead, Leo and his brother Hollis are taken in by a wealthy but distant step-uncle, and when, on his thirteenth birthday, Leo acquires the ability to hear sounds from the past when touching certain objects, he tries to use the skill to rescue a dolphin, whatever the cost.

A Bit of Fluff

Zero to Hero by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver. Scholastic, 2012. 170 p.

Billy Broccoli just wants to be a normal kid in his new school but he ends up with his own personal ghost, and the two come up with a plan to stop a bully at school. *Ghost Buddy* series.

My Life as a Stuntboy by Janet Tashjian; with cartoons by Jake Tashjian. Henry Holt, 2011. 256 p., ill.

Sequel to *My Life as a Book*. Twelve-year-old Derek Fallon has the opportunity of a lifetime--to perform stunts in a movie featuring a popular twelve-year-old star--but complications arise involving his best friend, a capuchin monkey, and Derek's chronic inability to concentrate on schoolwork.

Never Say Genius by Dan Gutman. Harper, 2012. 277 p.

As their cross-country journey with their parents continues through the Midwest, twins Coke and Pepsi, now thirteen, again face strange assassins at such places as the first McDonald's restaurant and Cedar Point amusement park. *The Genius Files* series.

Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book by Tom Angleberger. Amulet, 2011. 159 p.

Sequel to *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*. After several Origami Yoda-related incidences, Dwight is suspended for being a troublemaker and Yoda asks Tommy and Kellen to save Dwight by creating a case file that proves Dwight is an asset to Ralph McQuarrie Middle School.

Superfan by Jeff Gottesfeld. Grosset & Dunlap, 2011. 171 p.

Twelve-year-old Shawn Reynolds decides to enter the WWE's WrestleMania contest for kids as a gift for his father, a soldier in the United States Army, after he learns that he is going to be deployed, but winning the competition will not be easy.

Oops, I Missed One Again Award

13 Treasures by Michelle Harrison. Little, Brown, p2010, c2010. 355 p.

Bedeveled by evil fairies that only she can see, thirteen-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elveden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.