

2005 Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award nominees

Martel, Yann. *Life of Pi*

Sixteen-year-old Pi Patel, son of an Indian zookeeper, is stranded in a lifeboat with an adult Bengal tiger named Richard Parker after their ship sinks on his family's journey to Canada.

McCormick, Patricia. *Cut*

Callie can't talk about her problems, so she cuts herself instead, to release the pain inside, and that has landed her in a residential treatment center for problem girls.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Monster*

A sixteen-year-old records his experiences as he is tried as an accomplice to a murder.

Nix, Garth. *Sabriel*

A necromancer's daughter must journey to the magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

Paulsen, Gary. *Soldier's Heart*

Fifteen-year-old Charley Goddard joins the Union Army so as not to miss the great adventure of war, never dreaming he'll fight through the entire four years of the conflict.

Pelzer, Dave. *A Child Called "It"* (WINNER)

Story of a young boy's struggle to survive child abuse and his mother's emotionally torturous games.

Porter, Connie. Imani *All Mine*

A fifteen-year-old mother struggles with schoolwork, raising her baby, and dealing with her mom's new boyfriend.

Pullman, Philip. *The Golden Compass*

Lyra and her daemon set out to save her kidnapped friends from becoming the subjects of a gruesome experiment.

Rennison, Louise. *Angus, Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging*

Georgia confides to her diary the trials and tribulations of her fourteen years, including parent and sister problems, her maniac cat, evil teachers, and her hopeless love for the sex god Robbie.

Sebold, Alice. *The Lovely Bones*

After she is murdered and her body hidden by a local loner, Susie watches from heaven as the trap slowly closes on her killer.

Trueman, Terry. *Stuck In Neutral*

Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy, believes his father is planning to kill him.