

2007 Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award nominees

Brashares, Ann. *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (YA fiction) (2nd place)

Four best girlfriends, about to spend their first summer apart, keep in touch via a magical pair of thrift store jeans which each one wears, then sends on to another.

Bray, Libba. *A Great and Terrible Beauty* (YA fiction) (3rd place)

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

Cabot, Meg. *All-American Girl* (YA fiction)

A sophomore girl stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed Teen Ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.

Chibbaro, Julie. *Redemption*

Chronicles the arduous journey of a twelve-year-old English girl and her mother as they flee with other religious protesters to the New World in the early 1500's, and heartbreak/ hope they find when arriving.

Deuker, Carl. *High Heat* (YA fiction)

When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart.

Flake, Sharon G. *Who Am I Without Him?* (YA fiction)

10 stories with the universal theme of boy/girl relationships. Some are funny and uplifting, others are disturbing and sad. Two of the stories are told from a boy's point of view.

Gantos, Jack. *A Hole in My Life* (YA non-fiction; B G158)

The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

Giles, Gail. *Shattering Glass* (YA fiction)

When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.

Grant, K.M. *Blood Red Horse*

It takes three things to become a knight: a warhorse, a fair maiden and a just cause. Will has a blood red horse named Hosanna; Ellie is a fair maiden, and King Richard is calling for a Crusade to the Holy Land. Will and his brother Gavin will answer the King's call.

Gregory, Julie. *Sickened* (non-fiction)

During Gregory's childhood, her abusive mother used a combination of malnutrition, overwork, and prescription drugs to keep the girl in a perpetual state of ill health, resulting in an endless round of visits to doctors. Not until the young woman moved away from her isolated family home and attended college was she able to see what her mother had done to her.

Halpin, Bredon. *Donorboy*

Orphaned when her two moms die in a car accident, 14-year-old Ros suddenly finds herself living with her clueless biological father, whose only role in her life till now has been a sperm donor for her mother.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Uglies* (YA fiction) (WINNER)

Tally lives in a futuristic society whose citizens believe that they are ugly until age 16 when an operation changes them into pleasure-seeking "pretties." Tally can't wait for her surgery, but then she meets Shay, who scorns their society's shallowness and urges Tally to defect with her to a distant settlement of simple-living conscientious objectors.