Make a Difference with Twains and Trumans

MASL Readers’ Award Nominees ‘16-’17

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ALL FOUR STARS BY TARA DAIRMAN  IL 3-6  YEAR 2014
Eleven-year-old Gladys Gatsby loves food and cooking, so when she lands an assignment to write a restaurant review for a New York City newspaper, she will do anything to make it happen, even risk the wrath of her fast-food loving parents.

NOTES:

HALF A CHANCE BY CYNTHIA LORD  IL 3-6  YEAR 2014
Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

NOTES:

THE JUNCTION OF SUNSHINE AND LUCKY  IL 3-6  YEAR 2014
BY HOLLY SCHINDLER
Auggie and her grandfather use found objects to transform the appearance of their home and, in the process, change a whole town’s perceptions of beauty and art.

NOTES:

LOOT: HOW TO STEAL A FORTUNE BY JUDE WATSON  IL 5-8  YEAR 2014
“When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to “find jewels” and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had – and the perfect partner to carry on the family business” – Provided by publisher.

NOTES:
A MILLION WAYS HOME BY DIANNA DORSI-WINGET

Il 3-6  Year 2014
When her grandmother and guardian suffers a stroke, twelve-year-old Poppy Parker’s life turns upside down—but when she witnesses a murder and has to go into witness protection with Detective Brannigan’s mother it becomes hard to believe she will ever find a way home, let alone save Gunner, a beautiful German shepherd with an uncertain future.

NOTES:

THE MISSING PIECES OF ME BY JEAN VAN LEEUWEN

Il 3-6  Year 2014
Weezie, with friends Calvin and Louella, sets off to find her father, believing that if she does she can please her momma.

NOTES:

PACK OF DORKS BY BETH VRABEL

Il 3-6  Year 2014
Propelled from coolest to lamest after trying to kiss Tom Lemmings, Lucy tries to navigate the social hierarchy of fourth grade.

NOTES:

PENNYROYAL ACADEMY BY M. A. LARSON

Il 5-8  Year 2014
“A girl from the forest enlists at Pennyroyal Academy, where princesses and knights are trained to battle the two great menaces of the day: witches and dragons” – Provided by publisher.

NOTES:

RAIN REIGN BY ANN MARTIN

Il 3-6  Year 2016
Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She’s thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose’s rules of homonyms, is very special. When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search. Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose’s point of view.

NOTES:
RED BERRIES, WHITE CLOUDS, BLUE SKY
BY SANDRA DALLAS
IL 5-8 YEAR 2014

“After Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese, twelve-year-old Tomi and her Japanese-American family are split up and forced to leave their California home to live in internment camps in New Mexico and Colorado” – Provided by the publisher.
NOTES:

SPACE CASE: A MOON BASE ALPHA NOVEL
BY STUART GIBBS
IL 3-6 YEAR 2015

“Dashiel Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon’s most prominent doctors” – Provided by publisher.
NOTES:

ZANE AND THE HURRICANE: A STORY OF KATRINA
BY W. R. PHILBRICK
IL 5-8 YEAR 2014

A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.
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THE BLOOD GUARD BY CARTER ROY  IL 5-8  YEAR 2014
Thirteen-year-old Ronan Truelove finds his life turned upside down when his father is kidnapped, and he learns that his mother is a member of an ancient order of knights, the Blood Guard, and now it is up to him with Greta and Ronan, his companions, to escape the Bend Sinister.

NOTES:

THE BODY IN THE WOODS BY APRIL HENRY  IL YA  YEAR 2014
While helping the Portland County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue to seek a missing autistic man, teens Alexis, Nick, and Ruby find instead, a body and join forces to find the girl’s murderer, forming an unlikely friendship, as well.

NOTES:

BUZZ KILL BY BETH FANTASKEY  IL YA  YEAR 2014
Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach “Hollerin’ Hank” Killdare – and why.

NOTES:

CODENAME ZERO BY CHRIS RYLANDER  IL 5-8  YEAR 2014
“When a desperate man in a nondescript black suit asks thirteen-year-old Carson Fender to deliver a mysterious package for him, the middle schooler discovers there’s something going on in his sleepy North Dakota hometown he had never expected – something involving the CIA” – Provided by publisher.

NOTES:
FAMOUS LAST WORDS BY KATIE ALENDER  
High-schooler Willa has just moved to California with her mother and film director stepfather, and she will be attending a private school – but her real problem is that she keeps seeing things that are not really there, like a dead body in the swimming pool, and her visions may be connected to a serial killer that is stalking young girls in Hollywood.

NOTES:

GRANDMASTER: A NOVEL BY DAVID KLASS  
“A father-son chess tournament reveals the dark side of the game” – Provided by publisher.

NOTES:

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS BY JEFF STRAND  
Everything unathletic sixteen-year-old Henry was dreading about survival camp turns out to be true – or even worse – when armed killers arrive and survival takes on a whole new meaning for the campers.

NOTES:

JUST A DROP OF WATER BY KERRY O’MALLEY CERRA  
“Jake and Sam are best friends, but after the attacks on September 11, their friendship is in danger of crumbling as Sam and his family succumb to hatred for being Muslim American” – Provided by publisher.

NOTES:

FALLS THE SHADOW BY STEFANIE GAITHER  
When her sister Violet dies, Cate’s wealthy family brings home Violet’s clone who fits in perfectly until Cate uncovers something sinister about the cloning movement.

NOTES:
MIDNIGHT THIEF BY LIVIA BLACKBURNE  
“Kyra, a highly skilled seventeen-year-old thief, joins a guild of assassins with questionable motives. Tristam, a young knight, fights against the vicious Demon Riders that are ravaging the city” – Provided by publisher.

NOTES:

PIECES OF ME BY AMBER KIZER  
After a car accident leaves her brain-dead, Jessica tries to prevent her parents from donating her organs and tissues, but then follows the lives of four fellow teens who are able to survive because she did not.

NOTES:

POPULAR: VINTAGE WISDOM FOR A MODERN GEEK  
By Maya Van Wagenen
Presents a memoir of a one-year social experiment in which teen author Maya Van Wagenen followed a 1950's popularity guide, written by former teen model Betty Cornell.

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