

*The Castle in the Attic*

by Elizabeth Winthrop

A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

*Catching Fire*

by Suzanne Collins

By winning the annual Hunger Games, Katniss and Peeta have secured a life of safety and plenty their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

*Chasing Red Bird*

by Sharon Creech

After the death of her aunt, a thirteen-year-old girl decides to clear an overgrown trail near her family's farm.

*Danny, the Champion of the World*

by Roald Dahl

A young English boy describes his relationship with his father and the special adventure they share together.

*Devilish*

by Maureen Johnson

Jane Jarvis, a senior at a Catholic girl's school in Providence, Rhode Island, tries to save her best friend by making a pact with a demon--in the form of a cupcake-eating, very friendly teenage girl.

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Ugly Truth*

by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley has always been in a hurry to grow up. But is getting older really all it's cracked up to be?

*Hatchet*

by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother.

*Hetalila Axis Powers, Vol 1*

by Hidekaz Himaruya

During WWI, Germany finds Italy hiding in a box of tomatoes. Germany takes Italy as prisoner, but instead of war-like interrogation, Italy becomes an unwanted guest. WWI quickly comes to an end, but WWII is right on its heels! This time, Italy tries his best to become friends with Germany. They soon befriend Japan, and the three of them form the Axis Powers.

*The Lost Hero*

by Rick Riordan

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

*Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment*

by James Patterson

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids"-who are a result of a genetic experimentation-take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.



*The Outsiders*

by S.E. Hinton

Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders".

*The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour*

by Michael D. Beil

Catholic-schooled seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann help an elderly neighbor solve a puzzle her father left for her estranged daughter twenty years ago.

*Secrets of My Hollywood Life*

by Jen Calonita

Longing to experience the life of a "normal" teenager, sixteen-year-old actress Kaitlin Burke assumes a false identity to attend a local high school.

*Skeleton Creek*

by Patrick Carman

Although housebound following an eerie accident, teenaged Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing email video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah.

*Someone like You*

by Sarah Dessen

Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of the boyfriend of her best friend Scarlett, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.

## Timetable of Events

### November 2011 – May 2012

- READ! READ!! READ!!!
- Visit your local public or school library between November 2011 and April 2012 to borrow the books on the list
- Each teen must read or listen to a minimum of three books from the list of 15 finalists in order to vote in April.

### April 2012

- Voting will take place in public and school libraries throughout New York State.
- Ballots will be made available at school and public libraries, and can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website.
- Only teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) who have read or listened to at least 3 of the nominated titles are eligible to vote.
- Each eligible teen has one vote, cast at either their school or public library.
- Voting ends on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Librarians will tally the votes from their library and submit them online by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### May 2012

- The award winner will be announced on the website on May 10th.
- Libraries across the state will sponsor events to celebrate the winner of the 3 Apples Book Award.

### June – August 2012

- Libraries will promote the award during their summer reading programs and encourage teens to read in preparation for nominations in September.

The **3 Apples Book Award** has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the teens of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services Section and the Section of School Librarians of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

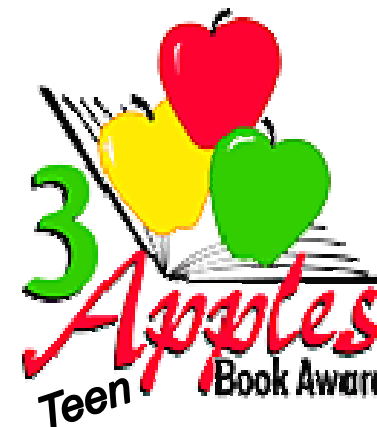
Each year teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading at least three of the top fifteen, teens vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in school and public libraries.

For more information on the 3 Apples Book Award, please visit our website: [www.3applesbookaward.org](http://www.3applesbookaward.org).



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## 3 Apples Book Award List of Finalists for the Teen Choice Award



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