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- ↓ **AMAL UNBOUND** by Aisha Saeed
 In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.
- ↓ **SPEECHLESS** by Adam P. Schmitt
 After finding out that he must say a few words at his cousin's wake, Jimmy struggles to come up with something nice to say about his bullying, destructive cousin before realizing that the words that are truly heard are the ones that matter the most.
- ↓ **NIGHTBOOKS** by J.A. White
 Alex's original hair-raising tales are the only thing keeping the witch Natacha happy, but soon he'll run out of pages to read from and be trapped forever. Now that Alex is trapped in a true terrifying tale, he's desperate for a different ending—and a way out of this twisted place.
- ↓ **FRONT DESK** by Kelly Yang
 After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, despite the nasty owner, Mr. Yao, who exploits them, while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school.

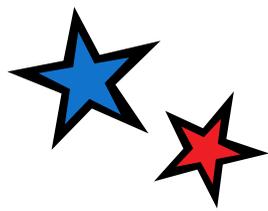
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Book Selection (1st choice) _____ Book Selection (2nd choice) _____



FOR GRADES 4-8

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades 4-8 in participating Illinois schools and libraries.

CHOOSE A CHALLENGE:

1. Read or listen to at least three of this year's Caudill books, and vote for your favorite in February 2021 at the library. **OR**
2. Read or listen to all 20 Caudill books, vote for your favorite in February 2021, and **receive a free paperback book from the current list or a past Caudill list.** Return your initialed Caudill Challenge form to the Kids & Teens Ask Us Desk by March 13, 2021.



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BECOMING KAREEM by Kareem Abdul Jabbar with Raymond Obstfeld

An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming the basketball star he's known to be, and getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.

⬇️ **SMALL SPACES** by Katherine Arden

After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods and must use all of her wits to survive.

⬇️ **SWEEP: THE STORY OF A GIRL AND HER MONSTER** by Jonathan Auxier

In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance, Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

⬇️ **DRUM ROLL, PLEASE** by Lisa Jenn Bigelow

Unexpectedly enjoying her membership in a band she was talked into joining, drummer Melly embarks on what she believes will be a rocking summer at camp only to find everything upended by her parents' separation, her best friend's estrangement, her crush on a fellow camper, and her doubts about her performance readiness.

TWELVE DAYS IN MAY: FREEDOM RIDE 1961 by Larry Dane Brimner

For twelve history-making days in May 1961, thirteen black and white civil rights activists, also known as the "Freedom Riders," traveled by bus into the South to draw attention to the unconstitutional segregation still taking place.

⬇️ **ME, FRIDA, AND THE SECRET OF THE PEACOCK RING** by Angela Cervantes

Paloma Marquez is traveling to Mexico City, birthplace of her deceased father, for the very first time. She's hoping that spending time in Mexico will help her unlock memories of the too-brief time they spent together.

⬇️ **NEW KID** by Jerry Craft

After his parents send him to a prestigious private school known for its academics, Jordan Banks finds himself torn between two worlds.

⬇️ **THE ONLY ROAD** by Alexandra Diaz

Twelve-year-old Jaime makes the treacherous journey from his home in Guatemala to his older brother in New Mexico after his cousin is murdered by a drug cartel.

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⬇️ **THE PARKER INHERITANCE** by Varian Johnson

Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure—but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery.

STORMY SEAS: STORIES OF YOUNG BOAT REFUGEES by Mary Beth Leatherdale

Presents five true stories, from 1939 to today, about young people who lived through the harrowing experience of setting sail in search of asylum and a new life.

⬇️ **NOWHERE BOY** by Katherine Marsh

Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and thirteen-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on the adventure of a lifetime.

⬇️ **THE MISCALCULATIONS OF LIGHTNING GIRL** by Stacy McAnulty

Lucy Callahan was struck by lightning. She doesn't remember it, but it changed her life forever. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and ever since, Lucy has been homeschooled. Now, at 12 years old, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass 1 more test—middle school!

⬇️ **RESISTANCE** by Jennifer A. Nielsen

After a smuggling mission to an isolated Jewish ghetto goes wrong and her colleagues are arrested, Chaya Lindner, a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland, decides to go to Warsaw, where an uprising is in the works.

⬇️ **SPIRIT HUNTERS** by Ellen Oh

Feeling uncomfortable from the moment she arrives in her new home, Harper is dismayed by local rumors that her house is haunted and that every family that has ever lived there has suffered terrible tragedies, a situation that turns sinister when her cheerful little brother begins acting in alarming ways.

⬇️ **A GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE** by Lisa Moore Ramee

Strictly following the rules to pursue her junior-high ambitions, 12-year-old Shayla is forced to choose between her education and her identity when her sister joins the Black Lives Matter movement in the wake of a powerful protest.

⬇️ **LONG WAY DOWN** by Jason Reynolds

Driven by the secrets and vengeance that mark his street culture, 15-year-old Will contemplates over the course of 60 psychologically suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.

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