**2013 Louisiana Teen Readers’ Choice Title List**

**Grades 9-12**

1. **Before I Fall** by Lauren Oliver. 480 pages. Mean girl Samantha dies in a car crash but she is given chances to rewrite history and save herself. What she discovers about her life and who she is forever alters reality. (Friendship, choices, some mature content) IL: **UG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **18.0**

**Hardback. HarperCollins. 2010. 006172680x. $17.99.**

**Paperback. HarperCollins. 2011.** 0-06-172681-8 . $9.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Clockwork Angel**by Cassandra Clare. 480 pages. Tessa Gray, a 16-year-old orphan, travels from American to London to meet her brother. She gets wrapped up in a Steampunk adventure involving vampires, werewolves, clockwork people and other supernatural beings. This exciting first book in a new series is being marketed as a prequel to Clare’s “Mortal Instruments” series. (Steampunk, vampires, werewolves, adventure) IL: **UG** - BL: **5.6** - AR Pts: **21.0**

**Hardback. Simon & Schuster. 2010. 9781416975861. $19.99.**

**Paperback. Simon & Schuster. 2011.** 978-1-4169-7587-8. $10.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Coming Back Stronger : Unleashing the Hidden Power of Adversity** by Drew Brees. 336 pages. This is a behind the scenes look at the 2010 NFL Super Bowl champions, the New Orleans Saints’ quarterback. At one point in his professional football career, Drew Brees, wondered if he would ever be able to play again due a severe shoulder injury which caused him to have to relearn how to throw a ball. After Hurricane Katrina, the Saints had to play every game on the road until the Superdome was repaired. This is Drew’s encouraging and inspirational story of how each challenge has made him stronger. (Biography, Football, inspirational) No AR Test available.

Hardback. Tyndale House. 2010. 1414339437. $26.99.

Paperback. Tyndale House. 2011. 1-4143-3944-5. $15.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Matched by Ally Condie. 384 pages. The Society has always been responsible for matching their citizens at a matching ceremony. When Cassia sees her best friend Xander on screen as her ideal mate, she’s thrilled until Ky Markham’s face flashes for an instant and the screen turns black. The Society claims it’s a glitch, but now that the seed of doubt has been planted, Cassia can’t stop thinking about Ky. As Cassia begins to fall for Ky and doubt the Society, she must decide between Xander and the life she knows or Ky and the mysteries of the unknown.** (Dystopian future, fantasy, girl interest) IL: **UG** - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **13.0**

Hardback. Penguin Group. 2010. 978-0-525-42364-5. $17.99.

Paperback. Penguin Group. 2011. 978-0142419779. $9.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Ship Breaker** by Paolo Bacigalupi. 326 pages. Nailer, a teenager living on the Louisiana gulf coast in the distant future, lives in poverty and works as a ship breaker, a person who scavenges wrecked ships. He finds an abandoned ship filled with valuables, including a potentially valuable girl who may or may not be who she says she is. Will Nailer sell the girl for some quick cash or risk trying to help her get home? (Dystopian adventure) IL: **MG+** - BL: **4.4** - AR Pts: **11.0** *Printz Award Winner*

Hardback. Little Brown & Company. 2010. 978-0-316-05621-2. $17.99.

Paperback. Little Brown & Company. 2011. 978-0-316-05619-9. $9.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Somebody Everybody Listens To by Suzanne Supplee. 304 pages. After graduation, 18 year-old Rhetta Lee Jones says farewell to her job at the local Starling, Tennessee diner and heads for Nashville with her guitar, an old car, $500 and a plan to succeed. After she is mugged, Rhetta is reduced to sleeping in her car until she finds a job as a secretary for a local tow-truck owner. Staying true to dreams, she continues to write music, sing at a local hotel, and find her own voice while trying to earn herself a big break. (Realistic fiction, girl interest, following your dreams)** IL: **UG** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Hardback. Penguin Group. 9780525422426. 2010. $16.99.

Paperback . Penguin Group. 978-0-316-05619-9. 2011. $9.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Sorta Like a Rock Star** by Matthew Quick. 355 pages. Having been kicked out of their apartment by her mother’s latest boyfriend, Amber, her doggie Bobby Big Boy and her mother are currently living in her mother’s school bus, a.k.a. Hello Yello. No matter what Amber is going through, she finds time to help others in her community with humor, an optimistic attitude and great friends. (Depression, homelessness, special needs, animals,) IL: MG+ - BL: 5.4 - AR Pts: 10.0

Hardback. Little Brown & Company. 9780316043526. 2010.  $16.99.

Paperback. Little Brown & Company. 978-0-316-04353-3. 2011. $8.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Split** by Swati Avasthi. 288 pages. After being beaten up by his father and kicked out of his home, 16-year-old Jace drives cross country to find his estranged brother and a tries to start new life. All the while Jace deals with guilt over leaving his mother behind and not being there to protect her. Together the brothers must overcome emotional scars in order not to become their father. (family physical and emotional abuse, family relations)

Hardback. Random House Children’s Books. 978-0-375-86340-0. 2010. $16.99.

Paperback. Random House Children’s Books. 978-0-375-86341-7. 2009. $8.99.

Audio Book available.

Ebook available.

1. **White Cat: Curse Workers Book 1 by Holly Black. 32 pages. All the members of Cassel’s family are curse workers, they have the power to affect people with just a touch. Cassel feels like an outcast because he doesn’t seem to have a magic touch and he lives with a horrible secret: he killed his best friend Lila, but doesn’t remember doing it. As Cassel struggles to fit in, he uncovers more family secrets that may help him discover the person he really is.** (Supernatural, fantasy, mystery, adventure) IL: **MG+** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **11.0**

**Hardback. 2010. Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 978-1-4169-6396-7. $17.99.**

**Paperback. 2011. Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing** . 978-1-4169-6397-4. $8.99.

Audio book available.

Ebook available.

1. **Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty** by G. Neri. Illustrated by Randy DuBurke. 96 pages. Yummy named after his love of candy is hiding out from the police. This book, based on a true account, tells the true story of a gang member Robert “Yummy” Sandifer. Everyone knows Yummy killed Shavon, a teen from the neighborhood when he was aiming at a rival gang member. Yummy’s days are numbered now that the police and his own gang members are looking for him. (Graphic Novel, gangs, biography) IL: **UG** - BL: **3.4** - AR Pts: **1.0** *Coretta Scott Honor*

Paperback. 2010. Lee & Low Books. 978-1-58430-267-4. $16.95.