**The Abraham Lincoln Award – Illinois’ High School Readers’ Choice Award 2012-2013 Nominee List**

**Anna and the French Kiss** by Stephanie Perkins -- When Anna's romance-novelist father sends her to an elite American boarding school in Paris for her senior year of high school, she reluctantly goes, and meets an amazing boy who becomes her best friend, in spite of the fact that they both want something more. (RL= 3.5) [http://stephanieperkins.com/]

**Bruiser** by Neil Shusterman -- Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennys and Brontè befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody. (RL=5.5) [http://www.storyman.com/]

**Chosen One** by Carol Lynch Williams -- In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees herself as the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy, in violation of Prophet Child's teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves. (RL= 3.3) [http://www.carollynchwilliams.com/]

**Clockwork Angel** by Cassandra Clare -- When sixteen-year-old orphan Tessa Fell's older brother suddenly vanishes, her search for him leads her into Victorian London's dangerous supernatural underworld, and when she discovers that she herself is a Downworlder, she must learn to trust the demon-killing Shadowhunters if she ever wants to learn to control her powers and find her brother. (RL= 5.6) [http://www.theinfernaldevices.com/]

**Dark Song** by Gail Giles -- After her father loses his job and she finds out that her parents have lied to her, fifteen-year-old Ames feels betrayed enough to become involved with a criminal who will stop at nothing to get what he wants. (RL= 3.8) [http://www.gailgiles.com/]

**Finnikin of the Rock (Lumatere Chronicles)** by Melina Marchetta -- Now on the cusp of manhood, Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an impostor, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere. (RL= 5.8) [http://www.melinamarchetta.com.au/]

**The Help** by Kathryn Stockett -- In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women view one another. (RL= 4.4) [http://www.kathrynstockett.com/]

**Impluse** by Ellen Hopkins -- Three teens that meet at Reno, Nevada's Aspen Springs mental hospital after each has attempted suicide connect with each other in a way they never have with their parents or anyone else in their lives. (RL= 4.5) [http://www.ellenhopkins.com/]

**Impossible** by Nancy Werlin -- When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both. (RL= 4.6) [http://www.nancywerlin.com/]

**Leviathan** by Scott Westerfeld -- In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically engineered beasts. (RL= 5.3) [http://scottwesterfeld.com/]

**Little Brother** by Cory Doctorow -- After being interrogated by the Department of Homeland Security after a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, Marcus is released into what is now a police state and uses his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. (RL=5.9) [http://craphound.com/?p=2049]

**Lockdown: Escape from Furnace 1** by Alexander Gordon Smith -- When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible. (RL= 6.5) [http://www.alexandergordonsmith.com/]

**Matched** by Ally Condie -- All her life, Cassia has never had a choice. The Society dictates everything: when and how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die, and most importantly to Cassia as she turns 17, whom to marry. When she is matched with her best friend Xander, things couldn't be more perfect. But why did her neighbor Ky's face show up on her match disk as well? (RL= 4.8) [http://www.matched-book.com/]

**Monstrumologist** by Rick Yancey -- In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a New England scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi. (RL= 7.0) [http://www.rickyancyey.com/]

**North of Beautiful** by Justina Chen Headley -- Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob. (RL= 5.9) [http://justinachen.blogspot.com/]

**Paranormalcy** by Kiersten White -- When a dark prophecy begins to come true, sixteen-year-old Evie of the International Paranormal Containment Agency must not only try to stop it, she must also uncover its connection to herself and the alluring shapeshifter, Lend. (RL= 4.1) [http://www.kiersthenwhite.com/]

**Riker's High** by Paul Volponi -- Arrested on a minor offense, a New York City teenager attends high school in the jail facility on Rikers Island, as he waits for his case to go to court. (RL= 5.3) [http://www.paulvolponibooks.com/]

**Ship Breaker** by Paolo Bacigalupi -- In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. (RL= 4.4) [http://windupstories.com/]

**Sky Is Everywhere** by Jandy Nelson -- In the months after her sister dies; seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician. (RL= 5.2) [http://www.jandynelson.com/]

**Thirteen Reason Why** by Jay Asher -- When Clay Jenkins receives a box containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends the night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death. (RL=3.9) [http://www.thirteenreasonswhy.com/]

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