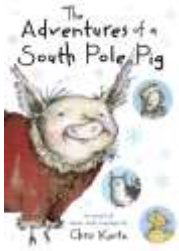


GREAT STONE FACE NOMINEES 2014-15



The Adventures of a South Pole Pig

by Chris Kurtz

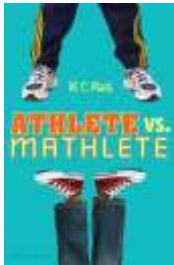
Flora the pig was born for adventure. The day Flora spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. Before she knows it, she's on board a ship to Antarctica for the most exhilarating—and dangerous—adventure of her life.



Almost Home

by Joan Bauer

When twelve-year-old Sugar's grandfather dies and her gambling father takes off yet again, Sugar and her mother lose their home in Missouri. Will Sugar manage to keep the rescue dog she's determined to adopt?



Athlete vs Mathlete

by M.C. Mack

Twins Owen and Russell get along just fine. Owen is the school jock, and Russell is the school brainiac. But when Russell gets recruited to the basketball team, Owen finds himself sidelined...does this spell the end of friendship between two brothers?



Cardboard

by Doug TenNapel

Cam and his father bend some cardboard into a man-shaped figure, and to their astonishment, it comes magically to life. But the neighborhood bully, Marcus, warps the powerful cardboard into his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all! Graphic novel.



Counting by 7's

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

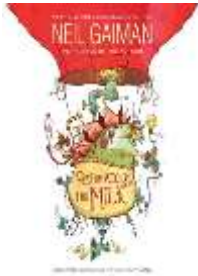
Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. You'll cheer for Willow as she pushes through her grief and manages to find a new "family".



Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the 12 kids who get to spend the night in the new town library, designed by the famous game designer, Luigi Lemoncello. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue and every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route.



Fortunately, the Milk

by Neil Gaiman

Mom is away on business, and despite her advance warning, the family finds itself ready for cereal, but without milk. Father agrees to go to the store to get some. The only trouble is, he's kidnapped by aliens, and that's just the beginning... who knew that buying milk could be such an adventure?



How To Catch a Bogle

by Catherine Jinks

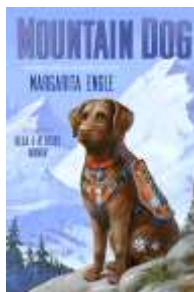
Birdie McAdam, a ten-year-old orphan, is proud of her job as apprentice to Alfred the Bogler, a man who catches monsters for a living. As bad as it sounds, hunting bogles isn't the most dangerous work on the mean streets of Victorian England. Or so it seems--until the orphans of London start to disappear . . .



The Hypnotists

by Gordon Korman

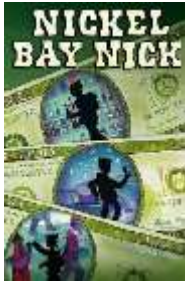
Jackson Opus doesn't know that he's descended from the two most powerful hypnotist bloodlines on the planet. He's excited to be accepted into a special program at the Sentia Institute -- but when he realizes he's in over his head, Jackson will have to find a way to use his powers to save his friends, his parents, and his government.



Mountain Dog

by Margarita Engle

When Tony's mother is sent to jail, he is sent to stay with a great uncle he has never met in Sierra Nevada. There he meets Gabe, a search-and-rescue dog. Can his uncle, the mountains, and this wonderful dog help Tony to put his troubled past behind him?



Nickel Bay Nick

by Dean Pitchford

Eleven-year-old Sam Brattle, embittered at having the lousiest Christmas *ever* is blackmailed by his mysterious neighbor into taking on the role of Nickel Bay's homegrown secret Santa, Nickel Bay Nick. But before he can rescue Nickel Bay, Sam has to learn the skills of a spy and unravel some even darker secrets that will change his life forever.



Operation Bunny

by Sally Gardner

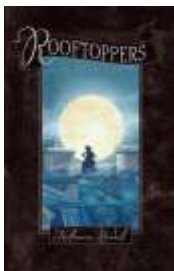
When Emily Vole inherits an abandoned shop, she discovers a magical world she never knew existed. A fairy-hating witch, a mischievous set of golden keys, and a train full of brightly colored bunnies are just a few of the surprises that come with it.



Playing With Fire

by Bruce Hale

Juvenile delinquent and budding pyromaniac Max Segredo ends up on the doorstep of Merry Sunshine Orphanage. The unusually secure “orphanage” turns out to be a vocational school to train students in “Systematic Protection, Intelligence, and Espionage Services.” Max fits in nicely, until coded messages suggesting that his father, a spy himself, is still alive spark an urgent need to escape.



Rooftoppers

by Katherine Rundell

Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck that left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian, threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands and flees to Paris to look for her mother, starting with the only clue she has—the address of the cello maker.



The Sasquatch Escape

by Suzanne Selfors

When Ben Silverstein is sent to the rundown town of Buttonville to spend the summer with his grandfather, he's certain it will be the most boring vacation ever. That is, until his grandfather's cat brings home what looks like . . . a baby dragon?



The Saturday Boy

by David Fleming

With one letter, my dad was sent back to Afghanistan to fly Apache helicopters for the U.S. army. Now all I have are his letters. No matter what, each letter always says exactly what I *need* to hear. But what I *want* to hear the most is that my dad is coming home.



The Short Seller

by Elissa Brent Weissman

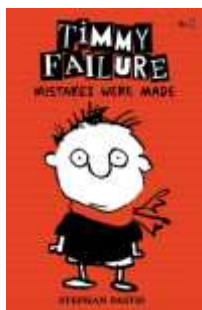
Look out Wall Street—Lindy Sachs is about to make some serious cash. A twelve-year-old takes on the stock market and finds out she is very, very good at e-trading. In fact, given how well Lindy's stocks are doing, it would be a disservice not to invest all her parent's savings... Right?



The Tell-Tale Start

by Gordon McAlpine

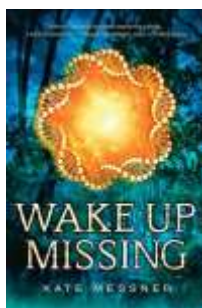
Edgar and Allan Poe are twelve-year-old identical twins who look and act so much alike that they're almost one mischievous, prank-playing boy in two bodies. When their beloved black cat, Roderick Usher, is kidnapped, Edgar and Allan are on the case.



Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

by Stephan Pastis

Timmy Failure just knows he's destined for greatness in the world of crime detection. With his polar-bear assistant, Total Failure, how could he lose? Now if only he could solve a case...



Wake Up Missing

by Kate Messner

Cat and her four fellow patients have nothing in common except for the head injuries that land them in an elite brain-science center in the Florida Everglades. It's known as the best in the world, but as days pass, the kids begin to suspect that they are subjects in an experiment that goes far beyond treating concussions...and threatens their very identities. They'll have to overcome their injuries - and their differences - to escape, or risk losing themselves forever.