

# Young Viking Book Award 2016-2017 Nominees



## A Handful of Stars

by Cynthia Lord

When her blind dog slips his collar, twelve-year old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the blueberry-picking season, and, based partly on their mutual love of dogs, the two forge a friendship while painting bee boxes for Lily's grandfather--but as the Blueberry Queen pageant approaches Lily and Selma are confronted with some of the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.

## A Night Divided

by Jennifer Nielsen

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

## Adventures with Waffles

by Maria Parr

Trille's best friend, Lena, lives on the other side of a hole of the hedge in Mathildewick Cove, where hardly a day passes without the two of them inventing some kind of adventure that often ends in trouble. Trille loves to share everything with Lean, even Auntie Granny's waffles, but Lena is keeping a secret that could compromise their friendship. Trille knows that Lena is his best friend, but does she feel the same way about him?"

## The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

Out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class **boys** from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers, who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German **boat** rowing for Adolf Hitler .

## Wake Up Missing

by Kate Messner

After a concussion that effects her balance, memory, and other abilities, twelve-year-old Kat goes to I-Can, the "Miracle Clinic in the Swamp," where she joins forces with other patients to expose plot that endangers them all.

## The War that Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

## The Way to Stay in Destiny

by Augusta Scattergood

Sixth-grader Theo leaves everything behind to live with his Uncle Chester, a Vietnam War veteran and loner, in Destiny, Florida, but he is drawn to play the piano in Miss Sister's dance school and soon makes friends with the feisty Anabel, a baseball fanatic who invites Theo to help solve a mystery.



## Crenshaw

by Katherine Applegate

A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves, in unexpected ways, that friends matter, whether real or imaginary"

## Ellie's Story: A dog's purpose

by Bruce Cameron

A story about Ellie, a dog that has been trained for search and rescue since a pup, and her handlers, Jakob and Maya, who are lost in their own way, and how Ellie saves them also.

## Flashback Four: The Lincoln project

by Dan Gutman

Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her **four** recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history--Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address

## Fuzzy Mud

by Louis Sachar

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like **fuzzy mud** but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world

## Just Like Me

by Nancy J. Cavanaugh

In this story about unlikely friendships and finding your place in the world, three very different girls, adopted as babies from the same Chinese orphanage, spend a week at a summer camp, where the adoption agency coordinator wants them to journal their "bonding" experience

## Lawless

by Jeffrey Salane

M Freeman has been homeschooled her entire life and when she leaves home to attend the prestigious **Lawless** School she realizes that her parents and tutors have been preparing her for a life of crime.

## Milo Speck Accidental Agent

by Linda Urban

When **Milo Speck** enters Ogregon, a land populated with hungry ogres, enormous turkeys, children needing rescue, and his own, ordinary, salesman-father, his top priority is to escape--but only after thwarting a plot to turn children everywhere into ogre snack food.

## My Near-death Adventures (99% True)

by Alison DeCamp

In 1895, twelve-year-old Stan decides to find his long-lost father in the logging camps of Michigan, documenting, in his scrapbook, his travels and encounters with troublesome relatives, his mother's suitors, lumberjacks, and more.

## Odd Weird and Little

by Patrick Jennings

Befriending a very strange new student, Toulouse, helps outsider Woodrow stand up to the class bullies who have been picking on them both.

## Pax

by Sara Pennypacker

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back

## Soar

by Joan Bauer

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.

## The Seventh Most Important Thing

by Shelley Pearsall

In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage; but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton.

## The Tale of Rescue

by Michael Rosen

When a blizzard traps a family outside in a whiteout, a cattle dog devises a stunning rescue.

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