

15th Annual

TROYBERY award NOMINEES

Below is a list of this year's nominees for BEST BOOK OF 2014 and a brief description of each book. In January, each Troy Middle School Media Center will have copies available for student checkout. Students **MUST** register for Troybery prior to checkout.

Realistic



All Four Stars by Tara Dairman

Gladys Gatsby has been cooking gourmet dishes since the age of seven, only her fast-food-loving parents have no idea! After a crème brûlée accident (just a small fire), Gladys is cut off from the kitchen. She's devastated but soon finds just the right opportunity to pay her parents back when she's mistakenly contacted to write a restaurant review for one of the largest newspapers in the world.

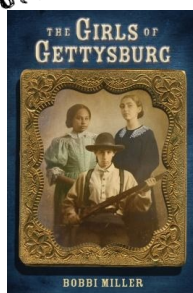
Fantasy



The Eighth Day by Diane K. Salerni

When Jax wakes up to a world without any people, he assumes it's the zombie apocalypse. But when he runs into his eighteen-year-old guardian, Riley Pendare, he learns that he's really in the Eighth Day—an extra day sandwiched between Wednesday and Thursday—and that he is a Transitioner.

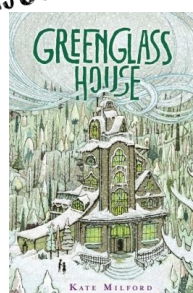
Historical



The Girls of Gettysburg by Bobbi Miller

Pickett's Charge, one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, is the powerful climax of this gripping, deeply affecting Civil War novel, told from the perspectives of three girls: a frivolous Union loyalist, a free black, and a southern girl disguised as a boy fighting in the Confederate Army.

Mystery



Greenglass House by Kate Milford

It's wintertime at Greenglass House. The creaky smuggler's inn is always quiet during this season, and twelve-year-old Milo plans to spend his holidays relaxing. But on the first icy night of vacation, out of nowhere, the guest bell rings. Then rings again. And again. Soon Milo's home is bursting with odd, secretive guests, each one bearing a strange story that is somehow connected to the old house.

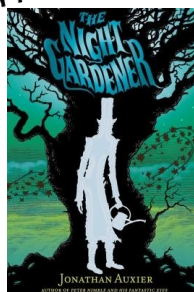
Fantasy



The Iron Trial by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial, except for Callum Hunt. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst—and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him.

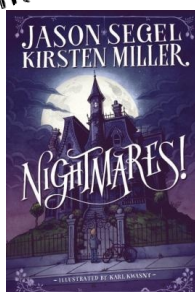
Horror



The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

Molly and Kip, two abandoned Irish siblings, are desperate to find work and end up as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. But the house and its family are not quite what they seem. Soon the children are confronted by a mysterious specter and an ancient curse that threatens their very lives.

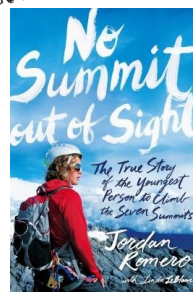
Adventure/
Fantasy



Nightmares! by Jason Segel & Kirsten Miller

Charlie Laird has several problems. He can't remember the last time sleeping wasn't a nightmarish prospect. Like even a nap. What Charlie doesn't know is that his worst nightmares are starting to come true. And he's going to need all the help he can get, or it might just be lights-out for Charlie Laird. For good.

Memoir



No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romero

At the age of fifteen, Jordan Romero became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents. In this energizing memoir, Jordan recounts his experience, which started as an idea at the age of nine and, many years of training and hard work later, turned into a dream come true.

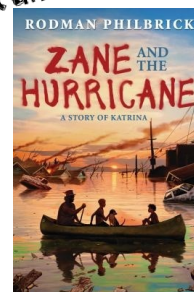
Sci-Fi



Tesla's Attic by Neil Shusterman

After their home burns down, Nick and his family move into a Victorian house they've inherited with a lot of old junk in the attic. After getting rid of it all in a garage sale, Nick discovers that all of the objects have extraordinary properties. Now he must retrieve everything that was sold at the garage sale and keep the items safe from a secret society called the Accelerati.

Historical/
Realistic



Zane and the Hurricane by Rodman Philbrick

Zane Dupree is a charismatic 12-year-old boy visiting a relative in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hits. Unexpectedly separated from all family, Zane and his dog experience the terror of Katrina's wind, rain, and horrific flooding. Facing death, they are rescued from an attic air vent by a kind, elderly musician and a scrappy young girl, but this is just the beginning of Zane's ordeal.