



Mark Twain Award

2017 Nominees

- The Worst Class Trip Ever** J BAR
by *Dave Barry*
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- The War That Saved My Life** J BRA
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.
- Book Scavenger** J CHA
by *Jennifer Chambliss Bertman*
Just after 12-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find. They must figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery first.
- Took** J HAH
by *Mary Downing Hahn*
A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Dan's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first, but is forced to accept that she is real and must take action when his little sister is 'took' to become Auntie's slave for the next 50 years.
- House Arrest** YA HOL
by *K. A. Holt*
Young Timothy is sentenced to house arrest after impulsively stealing a wallet, and is forced to keep a journal into which he pours all his thoughts, fears and frustrations.
- Fish in a Tree** J HUN
by *Lynda Mullaly Hunt*
Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

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by *Mike Lupica*
Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to a record-shattering season and the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother, he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand.
- All the Answers** J MES
by *Kate Messner*
Twelve-year-old Ava finds an old pencil in her family's junk drawer and discovers, during a math test, that it will answer factual questions. She and her best friend Sophie have a great time until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that Ava would rather not know.
- The Doublecross (And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy)** J PEA
by *Jackson Pearce*
Overweight and non-athletic, 12-year-old Hale was born and raised to be a spy for the Sub Rosa Society. It seems unlikely that he'll become a field agent until his parents are captured by the evil League and Hale sets out on a solo mission to save them.
- Echo** J RYA
by *Pam Munoz Ryan*
Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds a prophecy, a promise and a harmonica. Decades later, three children—Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania and Ivy in California—find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny, struggling to keep their families intact by the music of the same harmonica.
- Beneath** YA SMI
by *Roland Smith*
Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop. After a huge fight with their parents, Coop runs away. One year later, Pat receives a package containing clues that he follows to New York City, where Coop has joined the Community, a self-sufficient society living beneath the streets. Now it's up to Pat to find his brother and bring him home.
- Webster: Tale of an Outlaw** J WHI
by *Ellen Emerson White*
When Webster, the dog, arrives at Green Meadows Farm he has already been adopted, mistreated and given away three times. He is done with people, but the other animals of the shelter will not let him give up on the possibility of a special family.



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