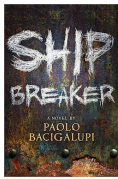


2011 Michael L. Printz Award



Every year the Michael L. Printz award is given to recognize excellence in Young Adult Literature. The American Library Association's publication, Booklist, is the sponsor of the award which was announced two weeks ago. The announcement slipped my notice, but both the winner and several of the honored titles look too good to not pass along.

2011 Printz Winner:

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.

2011 Printz Honor Books:

Stolen by Lucy Christopher

Sixteen-year-old Gemma, a British city-dweller, is abducted while on vacation with her parents and taken to the Australian outback, where she soon realizes that escape attempts are futile, and in time she learns that her captor is not as despicable as she first believed.

Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King

When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.

Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick

Finland, 1910: Fifteen-year-old Sig is shocked to see a hole in the frozen lake outside his family's cabin and to find his father's corpse nearby. Why did Einar steer his dog sled across the lake instead of taking the safer land route? After Sig's sister and stepmother go for help, leaving Sig alone with Einar's body in the cabin, the situation turns even more chilling.

Nothing by Janne Teller

When thirteen-year-old Pierre Anthon leaves school to sit in a plum tree and train for becoming part of nothing, his seventh grade classmates set out on a desperate quest for the meaning of life.

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