

## Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award 2011

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie** Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

[www.fallsapart.com](http://www.fallsapart.com)

**Artichoke's Heart by Suzanne Supplee** As overweight Rosemary takes charge of her life and slowly loses weight, she also copes with her mother's cancer, having a boyfriend for the first time, and discovering that other people's lives are not as perfect as they appear.

[www.suzannesupplee.com](http://www.suzannesupplee.com)

**Boot Camp by Todd Strasser** In this novel ripped from the headlines, 15-year-old Garrett is kidnapped and sent to a disciplinary boot camp, where he is subjected to physical and psychological abuse.

[www.toddstrasser.com](http://www.toddstrasser.com)

**Deadline by Chris Crutcher** Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."

[www.chriscrutcher.com](http://www.chriscrutcher.com)

**Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart** Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

[www.e-lockhart.com](http://www.e-lockhart.com)

**Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin** After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live".

[www.memoirsofa.com](http://www.memoirsofa.com)

**Evermore: A Novel by Alyson Noël** Since the car accident that claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras and hear people's thoughts, and she goes out of her way to hide from other people until she meets Damen, another psychic teenager who is hiding even more mysteries.

[www.alysonnoel.com](http://www.alysonnoel.com)

**Graceling by Kristin Cashore** In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

<http://kristincashore.blogspot.com/>

**Hold Tight by Harlan Coben** Worrying about their sixteen-year-old son Adam in the wake of a friend's suicide and a string of other traumatic school incidents, Tia and Mike Baye install an activity monitor on their son's computer and are alarmed to learn that the suicide victim's mother believes Adam may have been involved. (adult violence)

[www.harlancoben.com](http://www.harlancoben.com)

**House Rules: A Memoir by Rachel Sontag** Traces the author's journey of recovery and self-discovery after a childhood marked by her mentally ill father, a respected suburban doctor who hid from the outside world an obsessive need for control that caused him to torture his wife and children about the most minute details of their lives.

[www.rachelsontag.com](http://www.rachelsontag.com)

**The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins** In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

(paperbacks ONLY available directly from Scholastic at present)

[www.suzannecollinsbooks.com](http://www.suzannecollinsbooks.com)

**Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen** Plagued by Tourette's syndrome and a stepfather who despises him, Sam meets an old man in his small Minnesota town who sends him on a road trip designed to help him discover the truth about his life.

[www.jonathanfriesen.com](http://www.jonathanfriesen.com)

**Just Listen by Sarah Dessen** Suddenly unpopular sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

[www.sarahdessen.com](http://www.sarahdessen.com)

**Paper Towns by John Green** One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

[www.sparksflyup.com](http://www.sparksflyup.com)

**Perfect Chemistry by Simone Elkeles** When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates – and others.

[www.simoneelkeles.net](http://www.simoneelkeles.net)

**Right Behind You by Gail Giles** After spending over four years in a mental institution for murdering a friend in Alaska, fourteen-year-old Kip begins a completely new life in Indiana with his father and stepmother under a different name, but has trouble fitting in and finds there are still problems to deal with from his childhood.

[www.galegiles.com](http://www.galegiles.com)

**Rucker Park Setup by Paul Volponi** While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell J.R.'s father and the police what really happened.

[www.paulvolponibooks.com](http://www.paulvolponibooks.com)

**Spanking Shakespeare by Jake Wizner** Shakespeare Shapiro navigates a senior year fraught with feelings of insecurity while writing the memoir of his embarrassing life, worrying about his younger brother being cooler than he is, and having no prospects of ever getting a girlfriend. (graphic language and ideas)

[www.jakewizner.com](http://www.jakewizner.com)

**A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini** A novel set against the three decades of Afghanistan's history shaped by Soviet occupation, civil war, and the Taliban, which tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite their nineteen-year age difference and initial rivalry as they suffer at the hand of a common enemy: their abusive husband. (realistic adult situations)

[www.khaledhosseini.com](http://www.khaledhosseini.com)

**Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson** After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

[www.writelady.com](http://www.writelady.com)

**Unwind by Neal Shusterman** In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

[www.storyman.com](http://www.storyman.com)

**Wake by Lisa McMann** Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.

<http://lisamcman.com>