

Alex Award 2010 Winners

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, published by William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers (9780061730320)

Young teen William, who taught himself enough physics and engineering to build a windmill and bring electricity to his drought-stricken village, discovered the magic of his Malawi homeland in the miracles of science.

The Bride's Farewell by Meg Rosoff, published by Viking Penguin, a member of Penguin Group (9780670020997)

Rather than marry without love, Pell Ridley absconds with a favorite horse and her brother, Bean. Both are quickly lost, and Pell's perilous journey to find Bean leads to discovery of the things she ran away from: family, love, and herself.

Everything Matters! by Ron Currie, Jr., published by Viking Penguin, a member of Penguin Group (9780670020928)

While still in the womb, voices warn Junior of his impending death by comet in this unusually structured coming-of-age story. He has 36 years. How will he spend them?

The Good Soldiers by David Finkel, published by Sarah Crichton Books, an imprint of Farrar, Straus and Giroux (9780374165734)

This eye-opening account of "the surge" in 2007 follows the troops of Battalion 2-16, revealing the gritty reality for all those good soldiers serving in Iraq.

The Kids Are All Right: A Memoir by Diana Welch and Liz Welch with Amanda Welch and Dan Welch, published by Harmony Books, an imprint of the Crown Publishing Group, a division of Random House (9780307396044)

This heart-wrenching memoir, collaboratively written from four different points of view, chronicles the ups and downs of the Welch siblings, who struggled to define the notion of home after their parents died.

The Magicians by Lev Grossman, published by Viking Penguin, a member of Penguin Group (9780670020553)

Fantasy and reality meld in unexpected and tragic ways when 17-year-old Quentin Coldwater trades his ho-hum Brooklyn existence for the magical society of Brakebills College.

My Abandonment by Peter Rock, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (9780151014149)

Based on a true story, 13-year-old Caroline and her questionably sane father live in a nature preserve on the outskirts of Portland, Oregon. A haunting exploration of familial lore, survival, and hope.

Soulless: An Alexia Tarabotti Novel, by Gail Carriger, published by Orbit, an imprint of Hachette Book Group (9780316056632)

Wielding a parasol and hairpins, 25-year-old soulless spinster Alexia Tarabotti accidentally stakes a vampire lacking all common etiquette to open this delightfully dangerous romp.

Stitches: A Memoir, by David Small, published by W.W. Norton & Company (978039306857)
Replete with themes of anger, pain, and hope, and employing classic imagery from Alice in Wonderland, renowned illustrator Small chronicles the harrowing story of his childhood and adolescence in this dark graphic novel. A 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.

Tunneling to the Center of the Earth, by Kevin Wilson, published by Harper Perennial, an imprint of HarperCollins (9780061579028)

In a wholly original collection of stories, Wilson turns down the odd side streets of reality to explore rentable relatives, unscrupulous Scrabble workers, Mortal Kombat–fueled romancers, and the adventures of other wildly quirky characters.

2010 Alex Award Nominations List

Baker, Elna. *The New York Regional Mormon Singles Halloween Dance*. Dutton 9780525951353.

Bazell, Josh. *Beat the Reaper*. Little Brown & Company. 9780316032223.

Bradley, Alan. *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*. Random House/ Delacorte. 9780385342308

Browne, S.G. *Breathers: A Zombie's Lament*. Random House/ Broadway. 9780767930611.

Conniff, Richard. *Swimming with Piranhas at Feeding Time: My Life Doing Dumb Stuff with Animals*. Norton. 9780393068931.

Cox, Caroline. *The Fight to Survive: A Young Girl, Diabetes, and the Discovery of Insulin*. Kaplan. 9781607145516.

Cullen, Dave. *Columbine*. Twelve. 9780446546935.

de Lint, Charles. *The Mystery of Grace*. Tor. 9780765317568.

Deniro, Alan. *Total Oblivion, More or Less*. Random House. 9780553592542.

Dobyns, Jay . *No Angel: My Harrowing Undercover Journey to the Inner Circle of Hell's Angels*. Random House/Crown. 9780307405852.

Eggers, Dave. *Zeitoun*. McSweeney. 9781934781630.

Ephron, Hallie. *Never Tell a Lie: A Suspense Novel*. HarperCollins. 9780061567155.

Gershow, Miriam. *The Local News*. Spiegel & Grau. 9780385527613.

Gilsford, Ethan. *Fantasy Freaks & Gaming Geeks: An Epic Quest for Reality Among Role Players, Online Gamers, and Other Dwellers of*

Imaginary Realms. Lyons Press. 9781599214801.

Goodman, Matthew Aaron. *Hold Love Strong.* Simon & Schuster/Touchstone. 9781416562030.

Johnson, Jeff. *Tattoo Machine: Tall Tales, True Stories, and My Life in Ink.* Spiegel & Grau. 9780385530521.

King, Stephen. *Under the Dome.* Scribner. 9781429148501.

Kitamura, Katie. *The Longshot.* Free Press. 9781439107522.

March, Stephen. *Strangers in the Land of Egypt.* Permanent Press. 9781579621858.

Martinez, A. Lee. *Monster.* Orbit. 9780316041263.

Melko, Paul. *The Walls of the Universe.* Tor . 9780765319975.

Moerk, Christian. *Darling Jim.* Henry Holt and Co. 9780805089479.

Nylund, Eric. *Mortal Coils.* Tor. 9780765317971.

Ollestad, Norman. *Crazy for the Storm.* Ecco. 9780061766725.

Oyeyemi, Helen. *White is for Witching.* Nan A. Talese. 9780385526050.

Quinn, Spencer. *Dog On It.* Simon & Schuster/Atria Books. 9781416585831.

Roesch, Mattox. *Sometimes We're Always Real Same-Same.* Unbridled. 9781932961874.

Roose, Kevin. *Unlikely Disciple: A Sinner's Semester at America's Holiest University.* Grand Central Publishing. 9780446178426.

Stockett, Kathryn. *The Help.* Penguin/ Putnam . 9780399155345.

Tyson, Neil DeGrasse. *The Pluto Files: the Rise and Fall of America's Favorite Planet.* Norton. 9780393065206.

Urrea, Luis Alberto. *Into the Beautiful North.* Little Brown. 9780316025270.

Willingham, Bill. *Peter and Max: A Fables Novel.* Vertigo. 9781401215736.