



TEACHERS' CHOICES FACT SHEET

GOALS

- Develop an annual annotated reading list of new books that young people will enjoy reading.
- Assist teachers, librarians, booksellers, parents, and others find books that will encourage young readers to read more.
- Help teachers find books that can be used across the curriculum.
- Guide young people to books that they might not discover or fully appreciate without the help of a teacher, librarian, parent, or other adult.

BACKGROUND

Teachers' Choices is an annual project of the International Reading Association, begun in 1989. Each year, teachers, reading specialists, and librarians from different regions of the United States select books for readers ages 5 to 14. Books are selected from new publications donated by North American publishers. At least 6 teachers or librarians in each region read each book; some books are read by as many as 200 people in a single region.

An annotated list of 30 titles is downloadable from the IRA website. On the home page of www.reading.org on the left-hand side of the page under Resources click on Reading Lists.

TEAM LEADERS

Teachers' Choices regional coordinators are located in the following cities.

East: Elkton, MD and Hockessin, DE

Great Lakes : Yorkshire, OH

Plains : North St. Paul, MN

Rocky Mountains: Malta, MT

Southeast: Florence, AL

Southwest: Jonesboro, AR

West: Tacoma, WA

The reading list is available for viewing and downloading in PDF format at www.reading.org/choices or by contacting our Customer Contact Center at 1-800-336-READ (7323).

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