

***Bridge to Terabithia***

**by Katherine Paterson**

Jess and Leslie, two outsiders who become friends, create a magical kingdom called Terabithia where their imaginations set the only limits.

***A Child Called It***

**by David Pelzer**

Based on the story of Dave Pelzer's childhood and how he dealt with the abuse and neglect from the very people he should have been able to depend on.

***The Clique***

**by Lisi Harrison**

Can Claire the new girl at an exclusive private school fit in? The Clique...the only thing harder than getting in is staying in.

***Eldest***

**by Christopher Paolini**

After successfully evading an Urgals ambush, Eragon is adopted into the Ingeitum clan and sent to finish his training so he can further help the Varden in their struggle against the Empire.

***Green Eggs and Ham***

**by Dr. Seuss**

Would you eat green eggs and ham? Don't say "No!" to Sam I Am!

***Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince***

**by J.K. Rowling**

Year 6 – Harry learns more about Voldemort's past and is convinced that Draco Malfoy, his Hogwarts enemy, has become a Death Eater.

***Hatchet***

**by Gary Paulsen**

When the pilot of a two-person plane has a heart attack and dies, Brian has to crash-land in the Canadian wilderness, and learn how to survive on his own with only a hatchet.

***Heat***

**by Mike Lupica**

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball. Rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

***Holes***

**by Louis Sachar**

Living under a family curse brought about by his "No-Good-Dirty-Rotten-Pig-Stealing-Great-Great-Grandfather," Stanley Yelnats is wrongly convicted of a crime and sent to Camp Green Lake where his punishment is to dig holes. What will he dig up?

***My Brother Sam is Dead***

**by James Lincoln Collier**

A family is divided when one son joins the Revolutionary Army while the rest of the family sympathizes with the British.

***The Outsiders***

**by S. E. Hinton**

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their world.

***Son of the Mob***

**by Gordon Korman**

Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

***Speak***

**by Laurie Halse Anderson**

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

***The Thief Lord***

**by Cornelia Funke**

Things are not as they seem when runaway brothers Prosper and Bo decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children

***Twilight***

**by Stephenie Meyer**

Bella falls in love with Edward after she moves from Phoenix to Forks, Washington. He is exquisitely handsome...and a vampire.



## Timetable of Events

### April - December 2007

- READ! READ!! READ!!!
- Teens read or listen to the finalists at their local library during the summer reading programs and at their school library in the fall.
- Each teen must read or listen to a minimum of three books from the list of 15 finalists in order to vote.

### January 2008

- Voting will take place in libraries all over New York State.
- Ballots will be made available at school and public libraries, and can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website.
- Only teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) who have read or listened to at least 3 of the finalist titles are eligible to vote.
- Each eligible teen has one vote, cast at either their school or public library.
- Teen voting ends on January 20.
- Librarians will tally the votes and submit them online by January 31st.

### February 2008

- The award winner will be announced on the website on February 10th.
- Libraries across the state will sponsor events to celebrate the winner of the 3 Apples Book Award.

The **3 Apples Book Award** has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the teens of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Media Sections of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

Each year teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading at least three of the finalist books, the teens vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in school and public libraries.

For more information on the 3 Apples Book Award, please visit our website: [www.3applesbookaward.org](http://www.3applesbookaward.org).



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## *3 Apples Book Award List of Finalists for the Teen Choice Award*



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