

Winners of the VT Middle Grade Book Award- the 2000's

(formerly known as the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award, soon to be known as the Golden Dome Award!).

Each year since 1957, Vermont students in grades four through eight have selected their favorite middle grade book from a list of 30 nominees. Check out the winners from the past two decades!



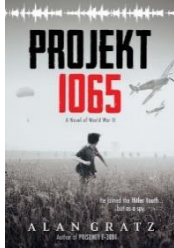
2020: [Small Spaces](#) by Katherine Arden

This book is very spooky, and the setting is so very Vermont-in-fall!



2019: [Refugee](#) by Alan Gratz

The refugee experience from the point of view of three kids from three different countries and three different decades.



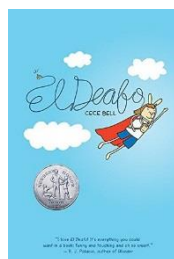
2018: [Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II](#) by Alan Gratz

Historical fiction chronicling a young boy who has joined the Hitler Youth...as a spy.



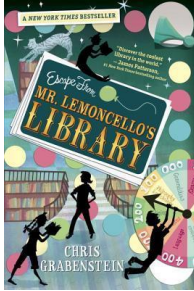
2017: [The Terrible Two](#) by Jory John and Mac Barnett

It's prankster against prankster in an epic war of trickery, until the two finally decide to join forces and pull off the biggest prank ever seen!



2016: [El Deafo](#) by Cece Bell

This graphic novel memoir about growing up hearing impaired is also an unforgettable book about growing up, and all the super and super embarrassing moments along the way.



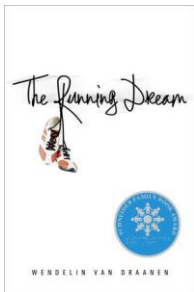
2015: [Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library](#) by Chris Grabenstein

Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the first 12 kids in the library for an overnight of fun, food, and lots and lots of games. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue and every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route....



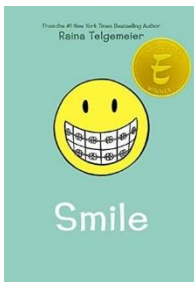
2014: [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.



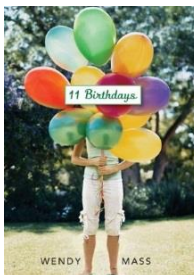
2013: [The Running Dream](#) by Wendelin Van Draanen

Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. She's not comforted by the news that she'll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Who cares about walking when you live to run?



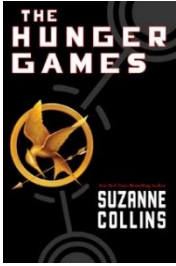
2012: [Smile](#) by Raina Telgemeier

A coming-of-age graphic memoir about life in middle school...and dealing with dental drama.



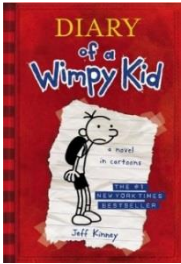
2011: [11 Birthdays](#) by Wendy Mass

Imagine having your 11th birthday over and over and over again....



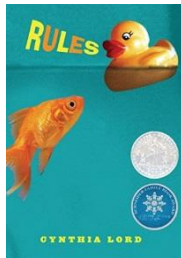
2010: [Hunger Games](#) by Suzanne Collins

Could you survive on your own in the wild, with everyone out to make sure you don't live to see the morning? The first book in this popular trilogy that inspired the movie.



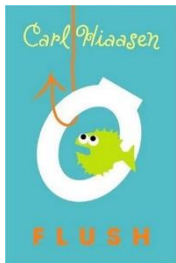
2009: [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#) by Jeff Kinney

The first in a long and well-loved series of “novels in cartoon” about a kid trying to survive middle school.



2008: [Rules](#) by Cynthia Lord

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. Follow Catherine as she struggles to answer: What is normal, anyway?



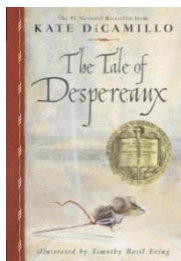
2007: [Flush](#) by Carl Hiaasen

An environmentalist mystery adventure set in the Florida Keys, in which a boy has to find a way to prove that a cruise ship is flushing raw sewage into the harbor.



2006: [The Old Willis Place](#) by Mary Downing Hahn

A chilling ghost story set on the grounds of a decaying Victorian mansion...great for those who love a good spooky story!



2005: [The Tale of Despereaux](#) by Kate DiCamillo

A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in this Newbery Medal–winning tale.



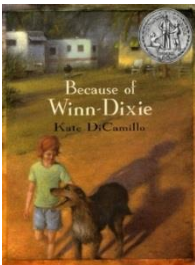
2004: [Loser](#) by Jerry Spinelli

A powerful story about how not fitting in just might lead to an incredible life....



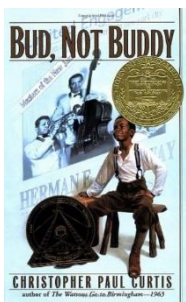
2003: [Love that Dog](#) by Sharon Creech

A short, sweet book of simple poems written by a kid who hates poetry...but loves his yellow dog.



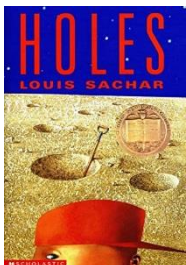
2002: [Because of Winn Dixie](#) by Kate DiCamillo

This Newbery honor winner about a girl and her dog quickly became a classic that is still very much loved today.



2001: [Bud, Not Buddy](#) by Christopher Curtis

Another Newbery award winner, set in 1936 in Flint, Michigan, about a motherless boy on a search for his father...



2000: [Holes](#) by Louis Sachar

Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. A dark comedy and a mystery!