

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award Program

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades four through eight in participating Illinois schools. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived and wrote in Urbana, Illinois, for nearly 50 years. The award is given in recognition for her literary talent and the universal appeal of her books which have touched the hearts of many children and young adults.

The purposes of the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award are:

- To encourage children and young adults to read for personal satisfaction.
- To develop a statewide awareness of outstanding literature for children and young people and to promote a desire for literacy.
- To encourage cooperation among Illinois agencies providing educational and library service to young people.

Each year Pleasantdale Middle participates in this program. As members, the library promises to provide multiple copies of most of the 20 titles chosen by the committee for their library clients to check out. Students have a year to read at least three of the 20 titles in order to be eligible to vote for a winner in February. Our votes are sent in the program and are important in the choosing of the state winner. The winner will be announced at the NIU and IRC conferences in mid-March.

Below you will find a link to the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award Program where you can visit author websites, read summaries, and view book trailers for the nominated books

<http://www.rcyrba.org/index.htm>

2011 Master List of Titles