



**CYRM Nominated
Books: 2014**

The CRYM Program

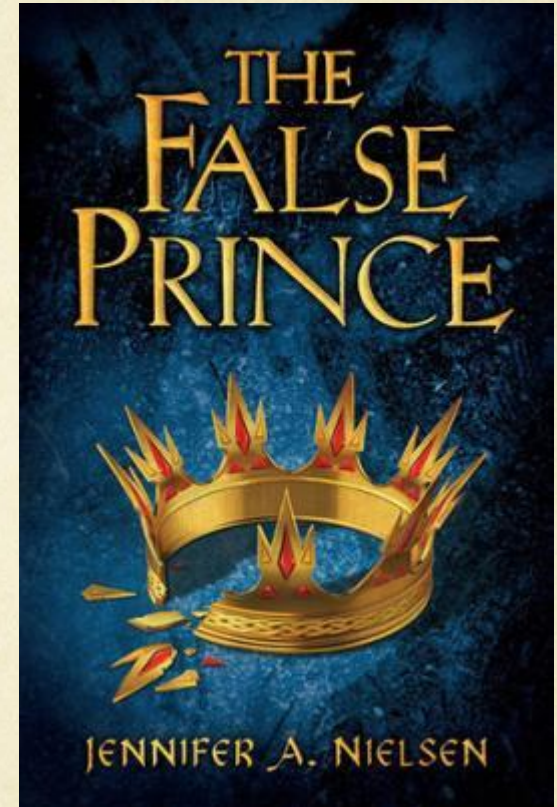
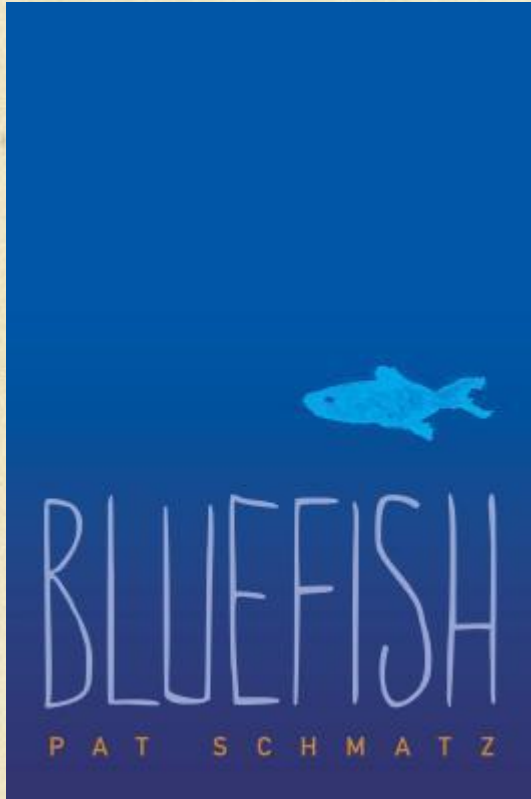
- Established in 1974: Celebrating 40 years this year!
- Designed to encourage the children of California to READ, READ, READ!
- Promotes recreational reading of popular literature; books by a living author and published within the last 4 years
- Students, teachers, librarians, and parents may recommend books
- The CYRM committee reads all recommended books and selects a well-balanced list for each category
- There are five categories: Picture Book, Picture Books for Older Readers, Intermediate, Middle School, and Young Adult; **students must read all books in a category to be eligible to vote**

Nominated Middle School Books

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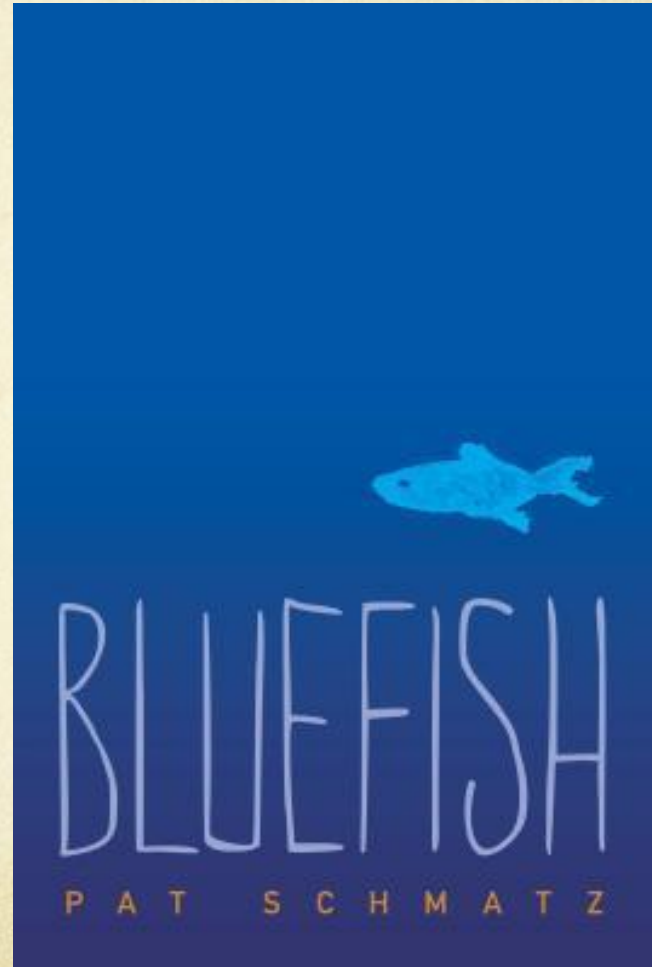
- *Bluefish* by Pat Schmatz (2013)
- *Chained* by Lynne Kelly (2012)
- *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen (2013)

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Bluefish

- Author: Pat Schmatz
- A story of friendships, academic challenges, bullies, and family ties
- Have students learn more about reading disabilities
- Challenge students re-write a chapter from a different perspective



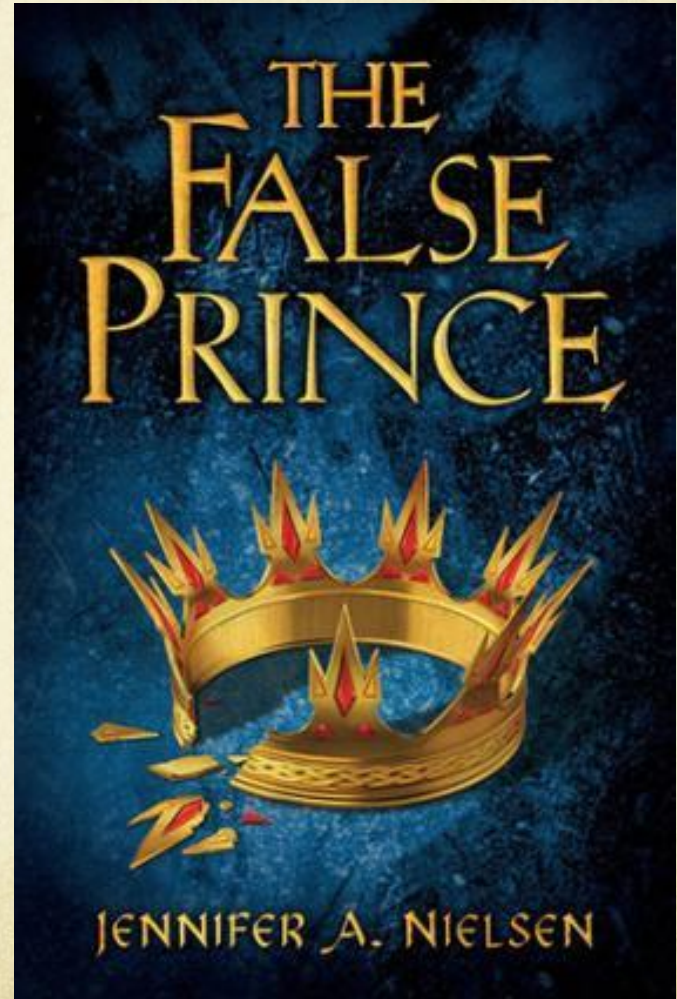
Chained

- Author: Lynne Kelly
- A 10-year old boy in India takes a job as an elephant keeper to pay the hospital bills for his sister
- Engage children in a discussion of when to take action after witnessing abuse
- Learn more about the treatment of animals in circuses today



The False Prince

- Author: Jennifer A. Nielsen
- Three orphans are trained to impersonate a long-lost prince to unify a kingdom
- Discuss the qualities needed for a leader and the dangers of competition
- Learn more about the Middle Ages and monarchies

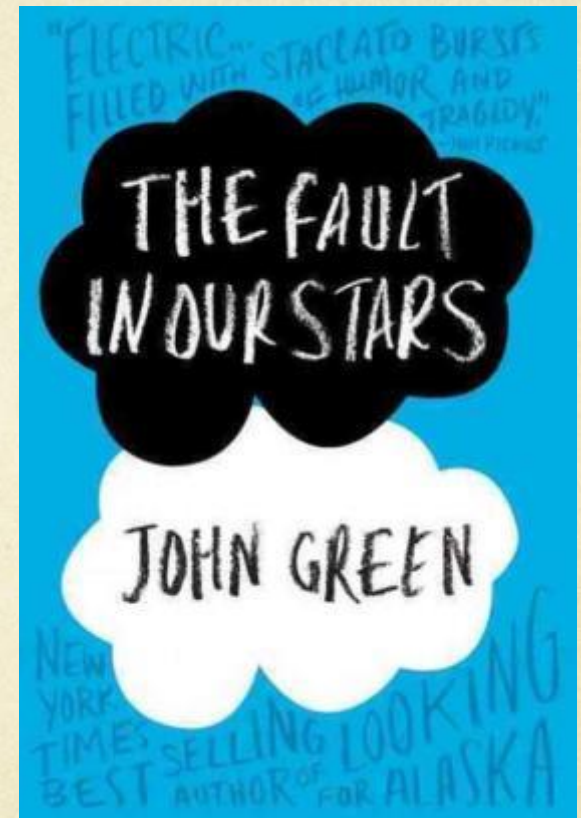


Nominated High School Books

2014-2015

- *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor (2012)
- *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green (2012)
- *Legend* by Marie Lu (2013)

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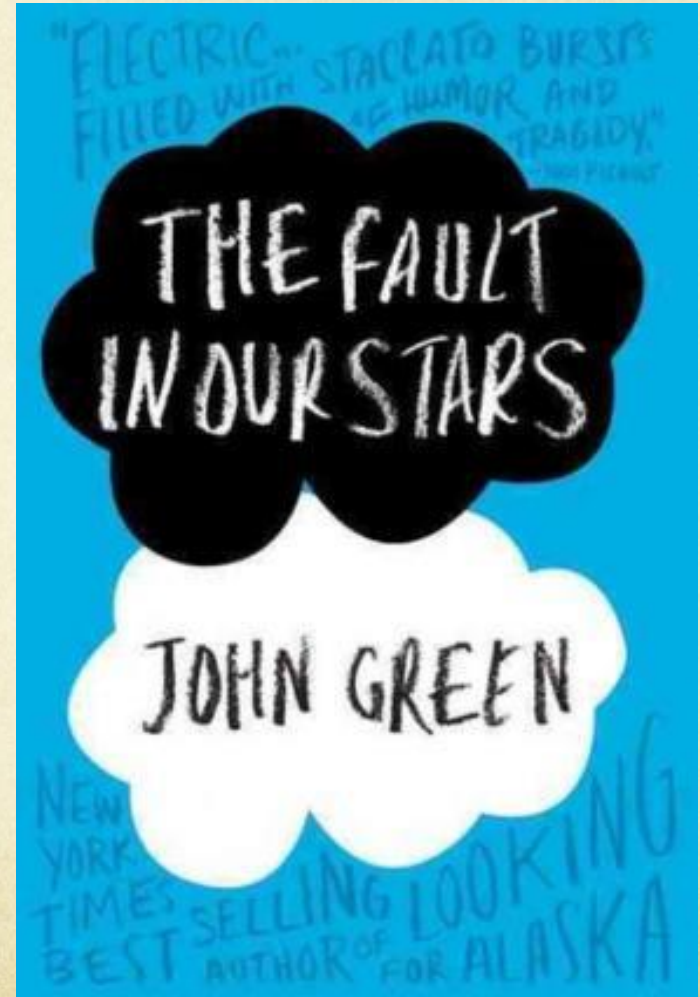
Daughter of Smoke and Bone

- Author: Laini Taylor
- A new take on Romeo and Juliet; the warring sides are angels and demons
- Compare images of angels and demons in art through the centuries
- Have students create monster and angel sketchbooks
- Discuss wishes and languages



The Fault in Our Stars

- Author: John Green
- Two teens who have had or have cancer fall in love
- Have students share favorite books and cities they'd like to visit
- Compare the two characters and their approach to life, love, and death
- Discuss how to live life to the fullest daily



Legend

- Author: Marie Lu
- A military prodigy and the most wanted criminal fall in love in a future society
- Discuss when and how rebellion is justified and demanded
- Research plagues of the past and discuss the dangers of an introduced plague



Remember to Vote and Nominate!

- Votes for 2014-2015 Nominated Books must be received by April 1, 2015
- Ballots available online
- Recommendations for new books must also be received by April 1, 2015
- Send ballots and nominations to CYRM, c/o Vivian Boyd, 100 Emerson Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
- Complete materials for 2014-2015 recommended books are available online.
- Website: <http://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org>

Join the CYRM Committee

- CYRM members serve for 3 years; rolling terms
- 4 meetings a year, alternating between northern and southern California
- CYRM is sponsored by 4 statewide organizations: CSLA, CRA (California Reading Association), CLA (California Librarian's Association), and CATE (Californian Association of Teachers of English)
- 3 members from each sponsoring organization
- Applications are accepted yearly
- Contact Chair Sally James (sjames@hcsd.k12.ca.us) for further information