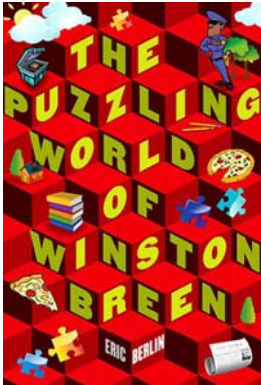


## Sunshine State books – 2009-2010



### *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by Eric Berlin

AR 4.2 – 215 pages

Winston Breen loves solving puzzles; and when his sister uncovers a twenty-five-year-old scavenger hunt--which leads to a ring worth thousands of dollars--he and his family jump at the opportunity to solve it.

“a delightfully clever mystery...”

### *The Middle of Somewhere* by J. B. Chaney

AR Level: 5.4 -- 218 pages

Twelve-year-old Ronnie loves organization, especially because her brother has attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, but traveling with their grandfather who is investigating wind power in Kansas brings some pleasant, if chaotic, surprises.

“...a snappy plot with unexpected twists and turns...”



### *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

AR Level: 4.1 -- 173 pages

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

“...a funny, fresh, and plausible novel with likable characters...”

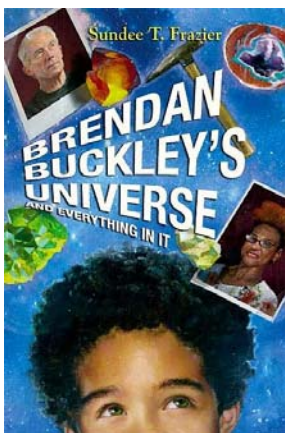
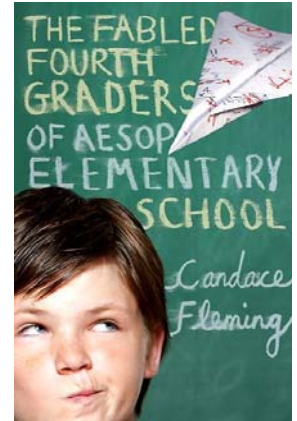


***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School*** by Candace Fleming

AR Level: 3.9 -- 186 pages

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

“...will keep readers turning pages.”



***Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It*** by Sundee Frazier

AR Level: 4 -- 198 pages

Brendan Buckley, a biracial ten-year-old, applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his white grandfather, the president of Puyallup Rock Club, and to learn why he and Brendan's mother are estranged.

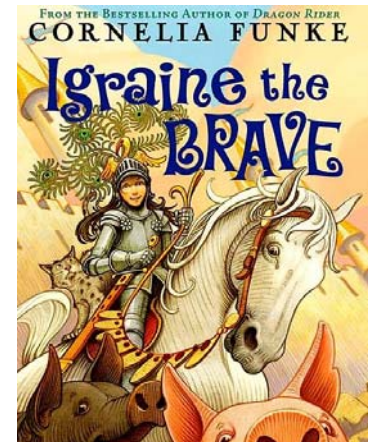
“...an appealing character with a sense of honor...”

***Igraine the Brave*** by Cornelia Funke

AR Level: 5.6 -- 212 pages

The daughter of two magicians, twelve-year-old Igraine wants nothing more than to be a knight; and when their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery.

“...an abundance of action and humor...”





***Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

AR Level: 5 -- 314 pages

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

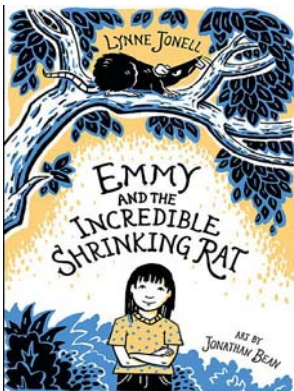
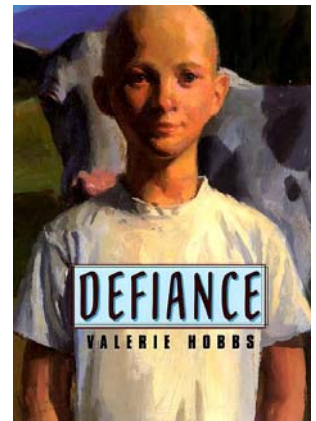
“...will leave readers on the edge of their seats and begging for more...”

***Defiance* by Valerie Hobbs**

AR Level: 4 -- 116 pages

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

“...perfect friendship of young and old.”



***Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat* by Lynne Jonell**

AR Level: 4.7 -- 346 pages

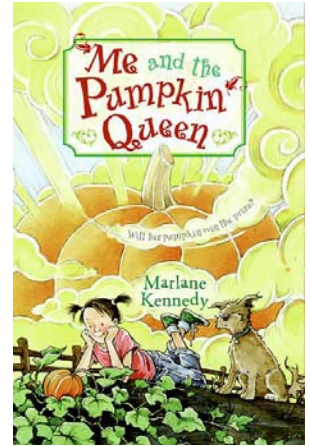
When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

“...the sneaky rodent gets the best lines...”

*Me and the Pumpkin Queen* by Marlane Kennedy

AR Level: 4.8 -- 181 pages

Although Aunt Arlene tries to interest her in clothing and growing up, ten-year-old Mildred is entirely focused on growing a pumpkin big enough to win the annual Circleville, Ohio, contest, as her mother dreamed of doing before she died.  
“...as solid and unadorned as a pumpkin, yet lovely in its own way.”

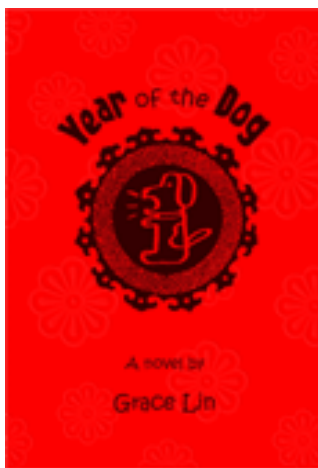


*Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin

AR Level: 4.2 -- 134 pages

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

“...a gentle tale full of humor.”

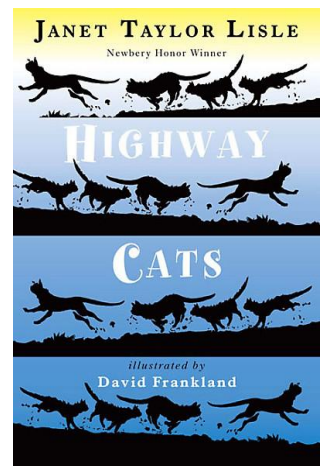


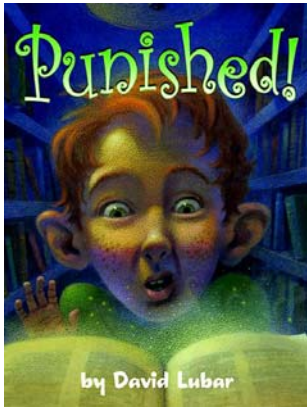
*Highway Cats* by Janet Taylor Lisle

AR Level 4.8 -- 118 pages

A hard-bitten group of mangy highway cats is changed forever after the mysterious arrival of three kittens.

“...this is a treat for any reader...”





***Punished* by David Lubar**

AR Level 3.6 -- 96 pages

Logan and his friend Benedict are playing tag in the library when a mysterious man punishes him for his disrespect by making him speak only in puns.

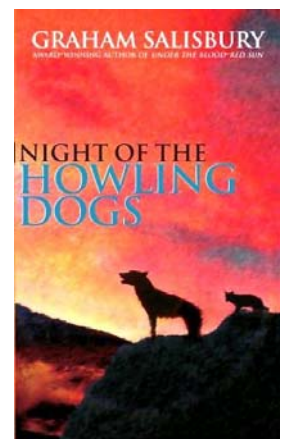
“...an appealing mix of magic and silliness...”

***Night of the Howling Dogs* by Graham Salisbury**

AR Level 3.5 -- 191 pages

Eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, in 1975, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

“...tale of courage, strength, and survival...”



***A Crooked Kind of Perfect* by Linda Urban**

AR Level 3.9 -- 213 pages

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

“a subtle message about how doing one's best and believing in oneself are what really matter.”