

Books, stories and poems to inspire creative writing on the theme of  
THINGS YWA Creative Writing Contest 2010  
Intermediate Elementary/Middle School

NOVELS

- The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E.L. Konigsburg  
Explores the dynamics and consequences of civil disobedience, and what happens when a girl decides to start participating in life again.  
Recommended by Michele Green, Youth Services, Eugene Public Library
- Regarding the Fountain by Kate Klise  
An artist who will not settle for anything less than the most imaginative, creative, pleasurable water fountain ever. Told through letters, memos, newspaper articles, even receipt stubs, this novel is as engaging as it is hysterical. Recommended by Michele Green, Youth Services, Eugene Public Library
- Time Warp Trio (series) by Jon Scieszka (3-5th grade)  
A special book gets them into the past. Then they have to find it again in the past in order to get home. Recommended by Cynthia Olsen Youth Services Eugene Public Library
- The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner (4-6th grade)  
A young girl and her brother are catapulted into a battle between good and evil for possession of a magical stone of great power that is contained in her bracelet. Recommended by Cynthia Olsen Youth Services Eugene Public Library
- Never Walk In Shoes That Talk by Katherine Applegate (3-4th grade)  
Having gotten a pair of hard-to-find Walkie Talkie shoes, Roscoe is suddenly popular and wants his best friend, Gus, to join the fun, but before Gus's parents will buy him new shoes, he must wear out his long-lasting sneakers. Recommended by Cynthia Olsen Youth Services Eugene Public Library
- King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table (many re-tellings)
- Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling
- The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass, Series by Phillip Pullman  
Two friends have extraordinary adventures because of a compass, a knife and a spyglass
- The Hobbit by Tolkein  
The ring is the thing!
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

An adventure story involving pirates and a map

## POETRY

- Poetry for Young People, Carl Sandburg, Edited by Frances Schoonmaker Bolin
  - *Mask*
  - *Boxes and Bags*
  - *Under a Telephone Pole*
  - *Doors*
- A Maze Me by Naomi Shihab Nye
  - *Finding a Pink Ribbon on the Wilderness Trail*
  - *Margaret*
  - *Sometimes I Pretend*
  - *Sifter*
  - *Some days*
- Braid by Helen Frost
  - *Table*
  - *Doors*
  - *Money*
- Roll Along, Poems on Wheels Edited by Myra Colin Livingston
  - *The Sidewalk racer or On the Skateboard* by Lillian Morrison
  - *74<sup>th</sup> Street* by Myra Cohn Livingston
- Poetry For Young people, William Carlos Williams, Edited by Christopher MacGowan
  - *Between Walls*
  - *The Great Figure*
  - *The Red Wheelbarrow*
- Knock At A Star, Editors X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy
  - *The Ceiling* by Theodore Roethke
  - *The Skaters* by John Gould Fletcher
  - *Football* by Walt Mason
  - *Analysis of Baseball* by May Swenson
  - *Windshield Wipers* by Eve Merriam
- Legends From Camp, Poems by Lawson Inada, Oregon State Poet Laureate
  - *The Shovel People*



12/6/2009 8:57:00 PM

12/6/2009 8:57:00 PM