

## Ontario Library Association Forest of Reading: White Pine Program – Grades 9-12

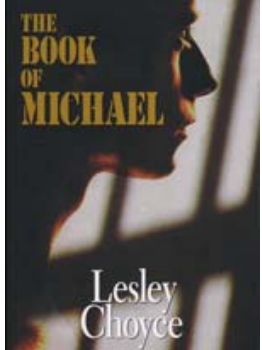
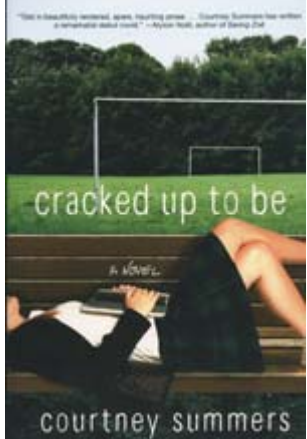
**White Pine Reading Program (grades 9-12):** <http://www.accessola.com/forest2010/WhitePine/>

The White Pine Award™ reading program offers high school-aged teens at all grade levels the opportunity to read the best of Canada's recent young adult fiction titles. All of these 10 books for Young Adults on this list are accessible and will allow all readers to be successful participants/voters. As in all of the independent reading programs, a reader only needs to read 5 books out of a list of 10 to qualify to vote. Based on student voting across the province, the most popular book is then selected and author is honoured with the White Pine Award™.

The goals of the White Pine Award™ program are:

- to promote reading for enjoyment among high school students
- to make students aware of quality Canadian young adult books
- to provide opportunities for students to discuss the nominated titles in an authentic manner

### Nominated BOOKS 2010

<p><b>Title:</b> The Book of Michael <b>Author:</b> Lesley Choyce</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Released from prison, sixteen-year-old Michael Grove returns home to reclaim his life. Having been wrongfully convicted of the murder of his girlfriend, Lisa, Michael must confront her death and the contempt of everyone around him.</p> <p><b>Call number:</b> PS8555.H69 B66 2008</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b> Cracked Up To Be <b>Author:</b> Courtney Summers</p> <p><b>Description:</b> When Jessica disappears at a party, Parker and her friends struggle with the fallout. Exactly what happened to Jessica and who is responsible? There are no tidy resolutions to this hard-hitting tale.</p> <p><b>Call number:</b> PS8637.U66 C69 2009</p>	

**Title:** Getting The Girl

**Author:** Susan Juby

**Description:** Getting the Girl is a fast-paced, laugh out loud detective novel that explores issues around puberty, bullying, and friendship as we follow the antics of the quirky, but utterly lovable, Sherman Mack.

**Call number:** PS8569.U38 G48 2008

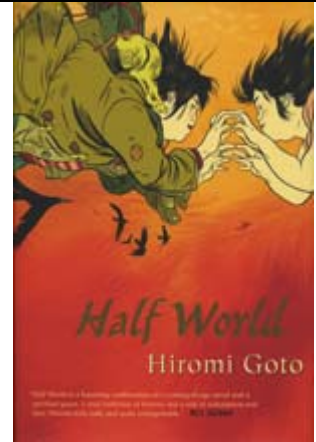


**Title:** Half World

**Author:** Hiromi Goto

**Description:** Aided by a rat, Melanie follows her mother into a dark, alternate reality called Half World in an attempt to save her. Can Melanie help her mom, or will she be caught in Half World's explosive cycle of deformity, defeat, and horror?

**Call number:** PS8563.O77 H35 2009



**Title:** The Landing

**Author:** John Ibbitson

**Description:** In a community starved of luxury, Ben's depression-era, small-town life leaves little room for dreaming. Enter Ruth Chapman whose wealth and unconventionality rock Ben's world and leave him wanting more from life.

**Call number:** PS8567.B24 L36 2008

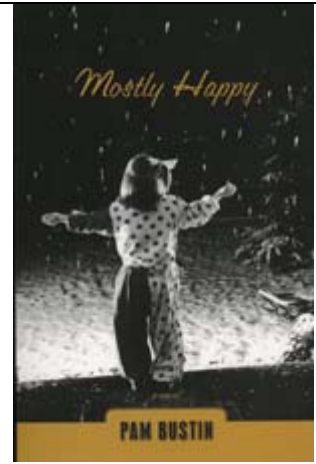


**Title:** Mostly Happy

**Author:** Pam Bustin

**Description:** Bean, a memorable young heroine, learns to survive the perilous home life created by her troubled mother. Bean's story is about overcoming hardship and trying to be "mostly" happy.

**Call number:** PS8603.U828 M67 2008



**Title:** The Perfect Cut

**Author:** Julie Burtinshaw

**Description:** Brian's "perfect" sister, Michelle, died last year. In the midst of his grief Brian learns her secret: she was a cutter. Brian now must face his own problems before he can truly understand what happened to Michelle.

**Call number:** PS8553.U8216 P47 2008

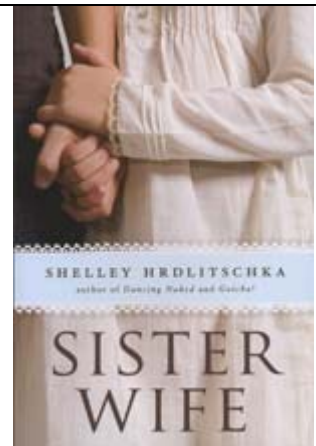



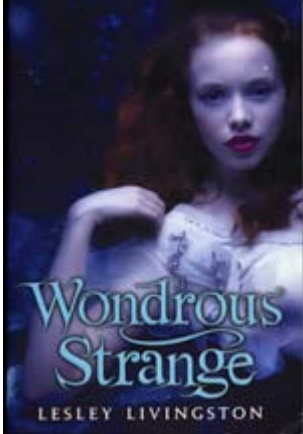
**Title:** Sister Wife

**Author:** Shelley Hrdlitschka

**Description:** In Unity, strict obedience to the laws of The Movement is expected. Celeste struggles with this lack of freedom and particularly the accepted practice of being assigned to marry an older man and become a Sister Wife.

**Call number:** PS8565.R35 S57 2008



<p><b>Title:</b> The Uninvited</p> <p><b>Author:</b> Tim Wynne-Jones</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Travelling to Canada to escape a failing relationship, Mimi discovers her cottage destination is already inhabited. The attractive guy she finds there thinks that Mimi is stalking him! Exactly who is the uninvited guest?</p> <p><b>Call number:</b> PS8595.Y72 U54 2009</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b> Wondrous Strange</p> <p><b>Author:</b> Lesley Livingston</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Kelley Winslow can't start a new romance just when she's got her first leading role as Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream _ can she? After all, she's also got a faerie-world invasion to stop and a horse living in her bathtub. Plus, what's up with Bob?</p> <p><b>Call number:</b> PS8623.I925 W65 2009</p>	

**WHITE PINE NOMINATED BOOKS 2009:**

**After River** by Donna Milner **PS8626.I457 A62008**

Natalie grows up on a Canadian farm as part of a close, connected family. When River, a Vietnam War protester, comes to work for them, unsettling changes lead to catastrophe.

**Chanda's Wars** by Allan Stratton **PS8587.T775 C455 2008** Chanda's courage is sorely tested when her younger siblings are kidnapped and forced to become child soldiers. Don't miss this unforgettable African tale of adventure, suffering and redemption.

**The Corps of the Bare Boned Plane** by Polly Horvath **PS8565.O785 C67 2007**

For orphaned cousins Jocelyn and Meline life radically changes when they are shipped off to live with an eccentric uncle. With crashed planes, packages falling from the sky, and a cast of odd characters, life on this island is anything but normal.

**Daughter of War**

**PS8587.K79 D38 2008**

Marsha Skrypuch

*Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd*

Separated by war and genocide, Marta, Mariam, and Kevork struggle to find their way back to each other. The path is perilous. Death lurks around every corner yet love and hope may still prevail.

**Dooley Takes the Fall**

Norah McClintoc

Dooley, a teenager with a criminal record, witnesses another teen's violent death. Police suspect he is involved and the gritty mystery unfolds as Dooley is determined to prove his innocence.

**Gotcha** by Shelley Hrdlitschka **PS8565.R35 G68 2008***Orca Book Publishers*

The graduating class has started their annual tradition, the "Bead Game." School administration bans the activity for everyone's safety. When the game goes underground, it takes a turn for the worse.

**Gravity Journal** Gail Sobat **PS8587.O23 G72 2008**

While battling anorexia in rehab, Anise keeps a journal. Her poems, daily accounts and personal reflections reveal the destructive nature of anorexia as well as the amazing strength of the human spirit to survive.

**Little Brother** Cory Doctorow **PS3604.O27 L58t 2008**

After his city is attacked, Marcus is wrongfully taken into custody by Homeland Security. When he's released, one of his friends is missing, his rights are gone and his city has become a police state. The only computer the government isn't watching is his Xbox.

**Mountain Girl, River Girl** Ting-Xing Ye

Pan-pan and Shui-lian leave their small town homes with the hope of finding a better life in a modern Chinese city. They soon realize that only by working together will they have a chance at success.

**Tweaked** Katherine Holubitsky **PS8565.O547 T85 2008***Orca Book Publishers*

Tweaked is an honest, accurate, and non-judgemental portrait of a family dealing with methamphetamine addiction. Told from the perspective of the addict's little brother, Tweaked depicts the highs, the lows and everything in between.

**WHITE PINE NOMINATED BOOKS 2008:****Another Kind of Cowboy** by Susan Juby**juv PS 8569.U38 A78 2007**

What happens when you'd rather come out of the closet than the rodeo chute? Alex Ford doesn't know yet. But with his kooky Aunt Grace, his twin sisters the ninja wannabes, his horse Turnip, and his new friend Cleo O'Shea — posh dressage rider — on his side, Alex just might find a way to be himself.

**The Blue Helmet** by William Bell**juv PS 8553.E53 B55 206***Doubleday Canada*

After he gets caught by police during a gang initiation, Lee is dispatched to Toronto to live with his aunt. Working as a delivery boy, he meets Cutter, a former peacekeeper once posted in the war-torn Balkans. In learning Cutter's story, Lee's own attitude towards others and his perspective on the world radically change in this poignant and thought-provoking novel by William Bell.

**The Droughtlanders:****Book One in Triskelia Series****juv PS 8625.A23 D76 2006**

by Carrie Mac

*Penguin* Keylanders live in a world of privilege and excess, while Droughtlanders live with poverty and disease. As Eli is

compelled to journey into the Droughtlands, he is followed by his twin brother Seth. Both seek different truths and both are forced to confront the realities of a world without the protection of social status and family. Despite a setting in the distant future, the novel offers challenging insights into today's world.

**The End of the World as We Know It**

**juv PS 8555. H69 E56 2007**

by Lesley Choyce

*Red Deer Press* Nicknamed "Flunked out Academy" by its students, Farnsworth Academy is seventeen-year-old Carson Sullivan's latest school. Carson hates everything in life. His friendship with local resident Christine forces Carson to re-examine himself and the world around him.

**Grist**

**juv PS 8645. A458 G75 2006**

by Heather Waldorf

*Red Deer Press*

Sixteen-year-old Charlie is troubled. Her writing teacher has criticized her final project, her dad has a new girlfriend, and her best friend, Sam, has left for the summer. Charlie decides to head to her Grams' house up north for a break, but life becomes even more complicated as she finds romance and discovers some mind-blowing family secrets.

**Keturah & Lord Death\*2008 winner**

**juv PS 8573. E128 K47 2006**

by Martine Leavitt

*Red Deer Press*

In medieval times, Keturah is an anything but average girl with average desires. After standing up to Lord Death himself, she finds herself torn between all that she knows and her new confidant. What she decides will affect all those surrounding her and even Lord Death himself. It's a fairytale of love, death and the ability to be extraordinary in the face of that which frightens us most.

**The Song of Kahunsha**

**juv PS 8617. R36 S66 2006**

by Anosh Irani

*Anchor Canada*

This simply written but heart-wrenching tale shows Bombay in the 1990s through the eyes of Chamdi, a ten-year-old orphan. In the face of extreme poverty and violence, he idealistically searches with his friend Guddi and her brother Sumdi for his fantasy city, "the city of no sadness" he has named Kahunsha. Chamdi's grim reality may shock readers; his ability to dream is a testament to his strength.

**The Space Between**

**juv PS 8551. K475 S62 2007**

by Don Aker

*HarperCollins*

Do Jace's hot dreams of sand, sun and sex turn lukewarm when the girl, the jock, and his nine year old autistic brother get in the way of his mission to "get laid" on a Mexican holiday? Jace learns how to stay real while exploring his manhood in this humorous, heart-wrenching story.

**The Warrior's Daughter**

**juv PS8603.E5595 W37 2007**

by Holly Bennett

*Orca Book Publishers*

*The Warrior's Daughter* beautifully evokes a time long past by re-working and re-imagining the Irish legend of Cuchulainn. The story focuses on Luaine, Cuchulainn's daughter, as she faces an undesirable suitor, threats to her life and turmoil in her country. Feisty and resourceful, Luaine is a remarkable character whose resilience and courage will resonate with readers of all ages.

**Ysabel**

**juv PS 8571. A9 Y73 2007**

by Guy Gavriel Kay

*Penguin*

History, both personal and cultural, is always present as Ned Marriner discovers on a trip to France with his father. While shooting images for his father's next book, Ned quite literally falls into the compelling story of an ancient love triangle. As the pagan festival of Beltane draws near, Ned must face a past that is very much present on a night when the spirit world collides with his own.

**PAST WHITE PINE WINNERS:**

2007 **Shattered**

**juv PS 8595. A688 S52 2006**

Eric Walters

Viking/Penguin.

2006 **The Blue Girl.**

**juv PS 8557. E56 B58 2004**

Written by Charles De Lint.

Viking.

2005 **More Than You Can Chew.**

**juv PS 8589. O45 M67 2003**

Written by Marnelle Tokio.

Tundra.

2004 **The First Stone.**

**juv PS 8551. K475 F57 2003**

Written by Don Aker.

HarperCollins.

2003 **A Foreign Field.**

**juv PS 8555. H346 F67 2002**

Written by Gillian Chan.

Kids Can Press.

2002 **Dancing Naked.**

**juv PS 8565. R35 D36 2001**

Written by Shelley Hrdlitschka.

Orca Book Publishers.

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