

2012 CLA Young Adult Book Award



The Notables Session
CLA Conference 2012, Ottawa

Presented by Carol Rigby, YABA Jury Chair

About the Award & the Jury



About the Award



- ❧ Outstanding Canadian title in English appealing to teens ages 13-18
- ❧ Written by a Canadian or a landed immigrant
- ❧ Published in Canada first
- ❧ Fiction, short stories or graphic novel
- ❧ Shortlist of 10
- ❧ One winner
- ❧ Up to two honour books

About the Jury



☞ 2011-2012 members by length of term:

- Carol Rigby, Chair
- Barb Janicek
- Kim Hebig
- Stephanie Vollick
- Carmelita Cousins





Being a jury member can seem overwhelming...

Stephanie described the situation on her blog back in January – while my husband grumbles about being a YA book orphan.

Some general publishing trends observed in 2011

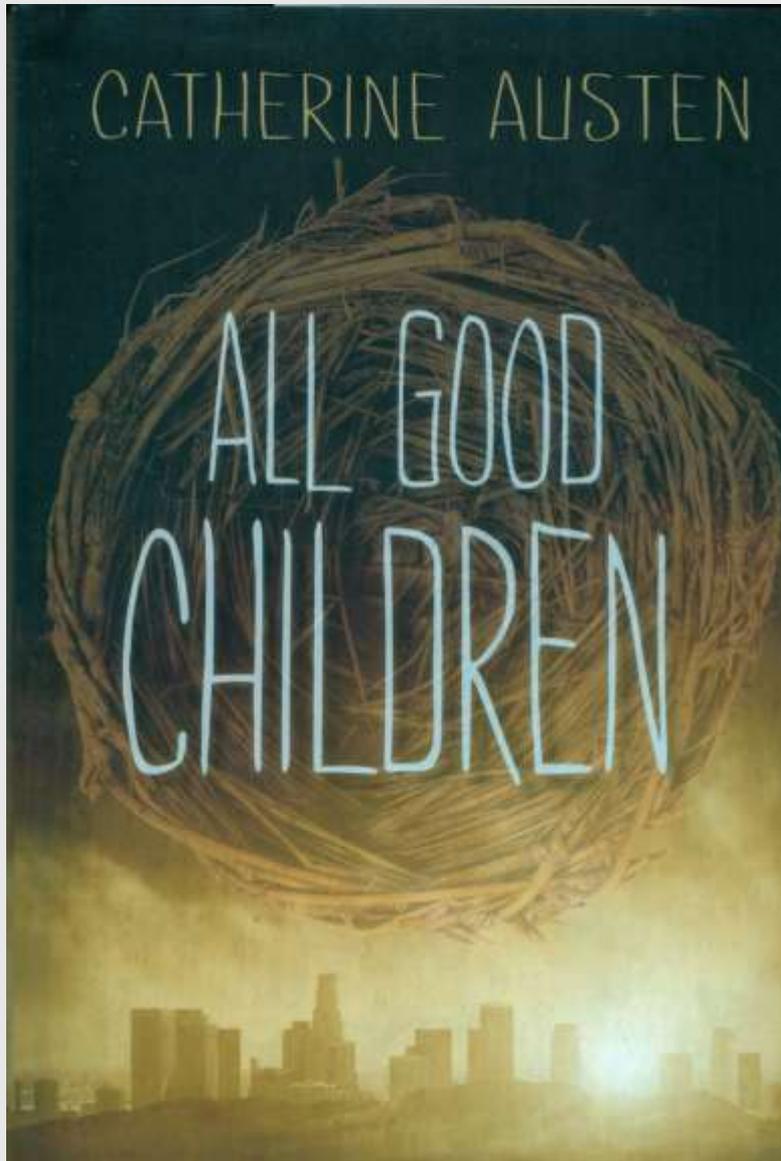


- ❧ Large increase in self-published submissions, including e-books, but seldom reaching the quality of books from recognized publishers
- ❧ “Issue” books are still popular: family situation, self-esteem, social inequity, bullying, peer relations, substance use
- ❧ Relatively little straight “genre” fiction – mysteries, horror, romance, SF, historical novels. Stories may have elements of these but blended into a larger framework or combining several. Fantasy is the strongest genre.
- ❧ Lots of material dealing with the environment & a dystopian view of the future, with or without a fantasy twist

The 2012 Shortlist



In alphabetical order by title.....



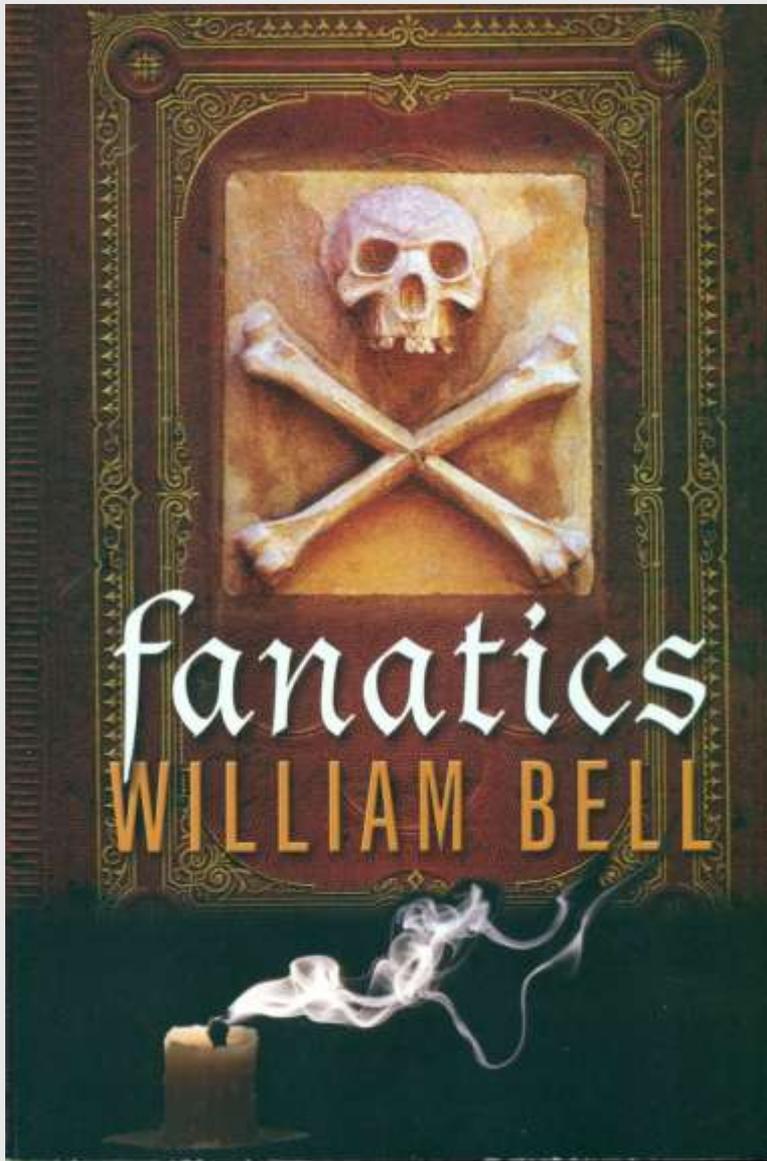
All Good Children
by Catherine
Austen

2012 Award Winner

Published by Orca

First nomination

Trend: Dystopian fiction

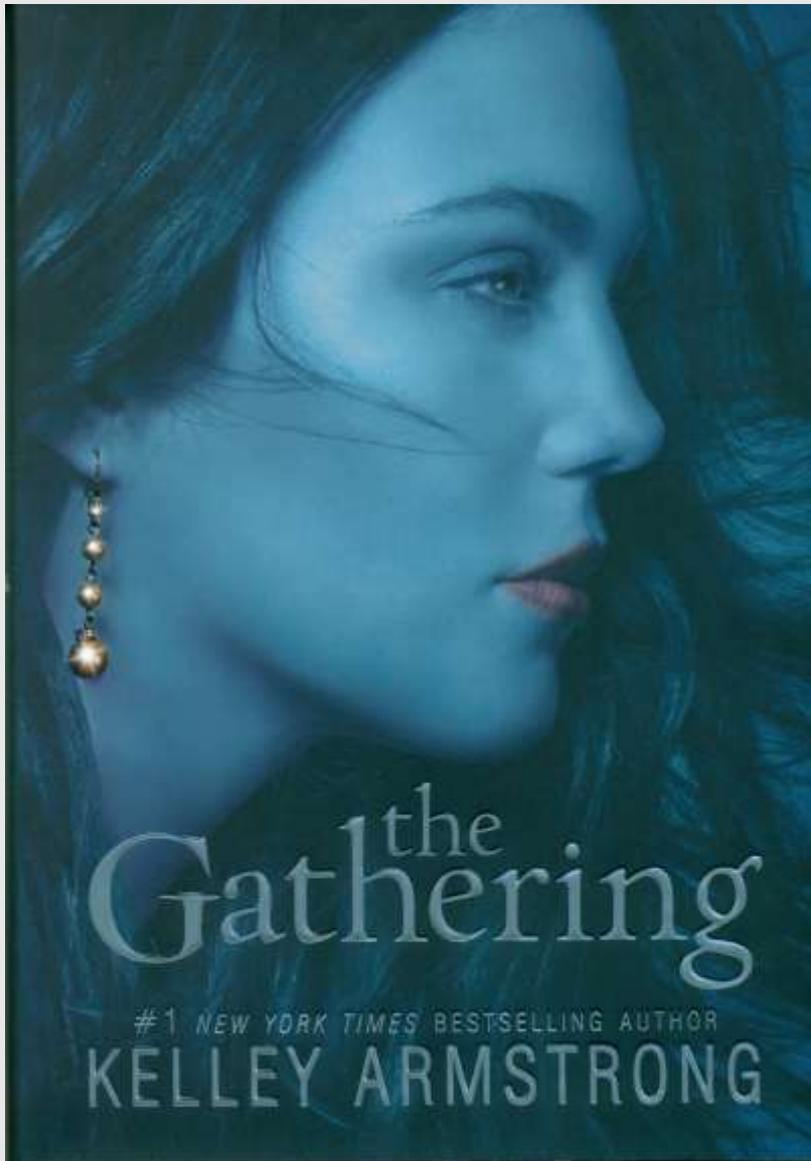


Fanatics by William Bell

Published by Random House

Author was Award winner in 2007
for *The Blue Helmet* and in 2002 for
Stones; multiple nominee

Trend: strong male character

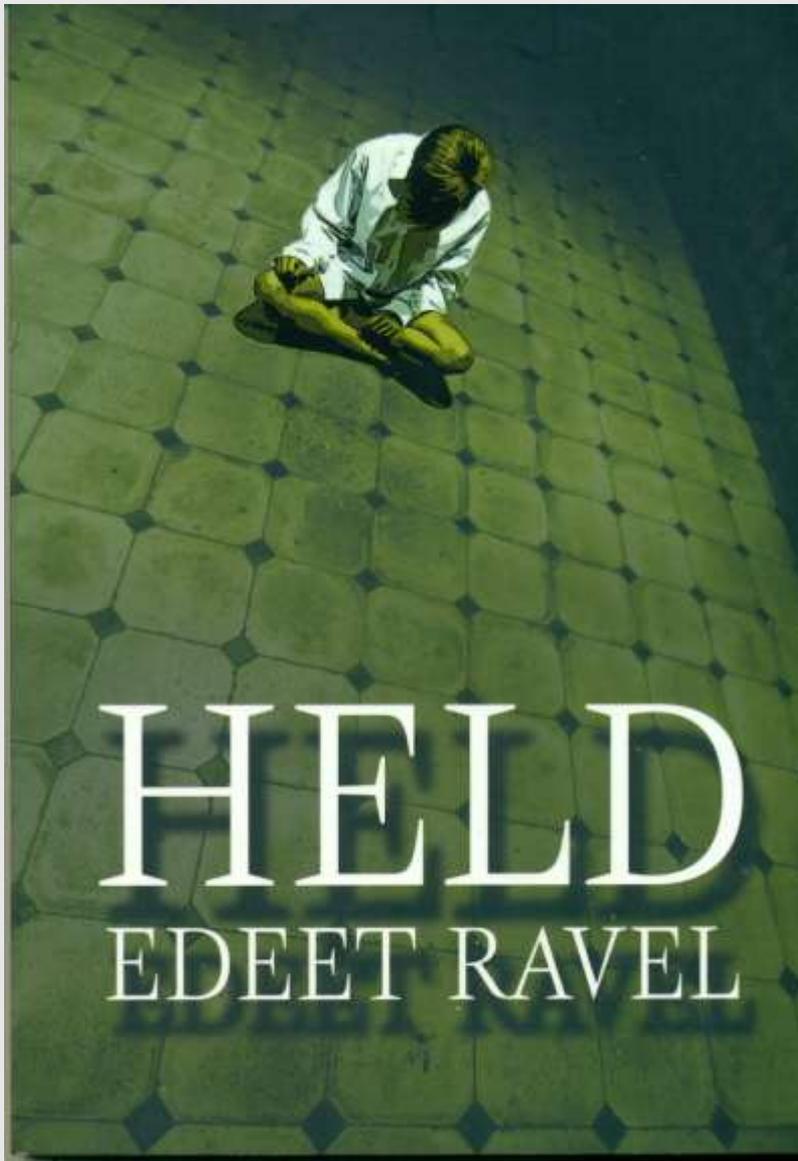


The Gathering by Kelley Armstrong

Published by Random House

First nomination for this popular author

Trend: Paranormal elements, in this case shape-shifters or werereatures



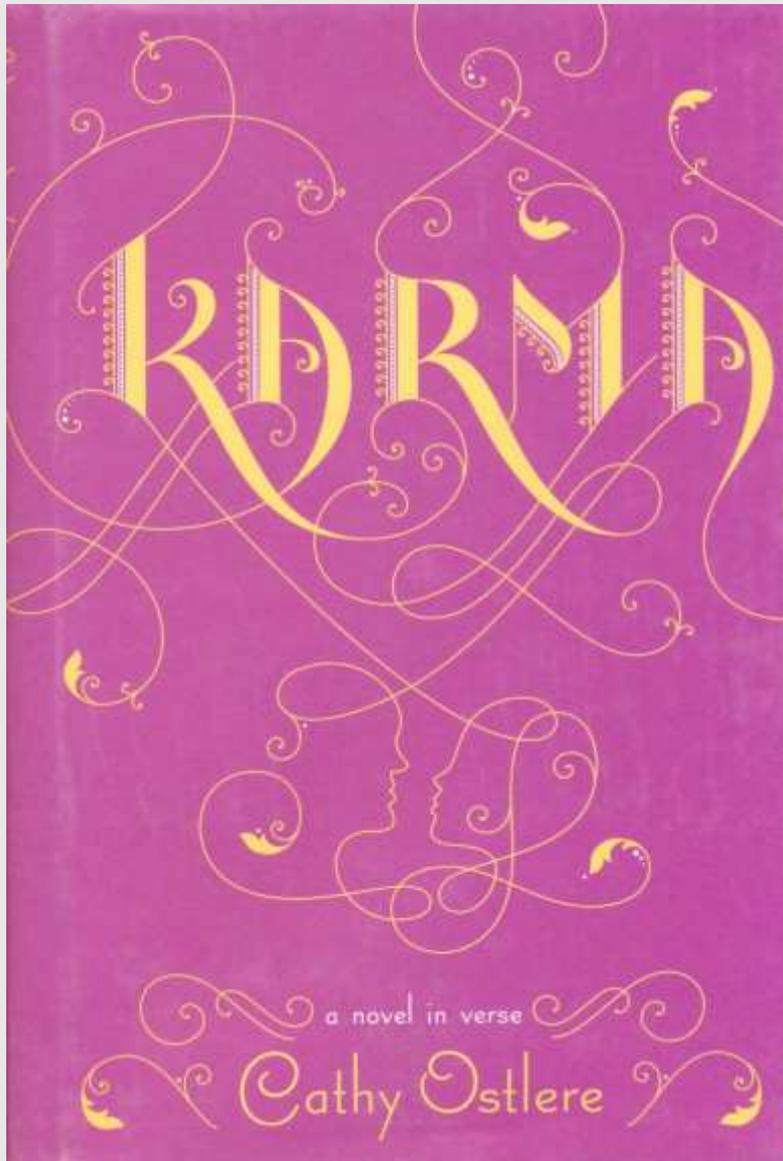
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by Edeet Ravel

Published by Annick Press

First nomination

Trend: Stories ripped from the headlines, multimedia approach



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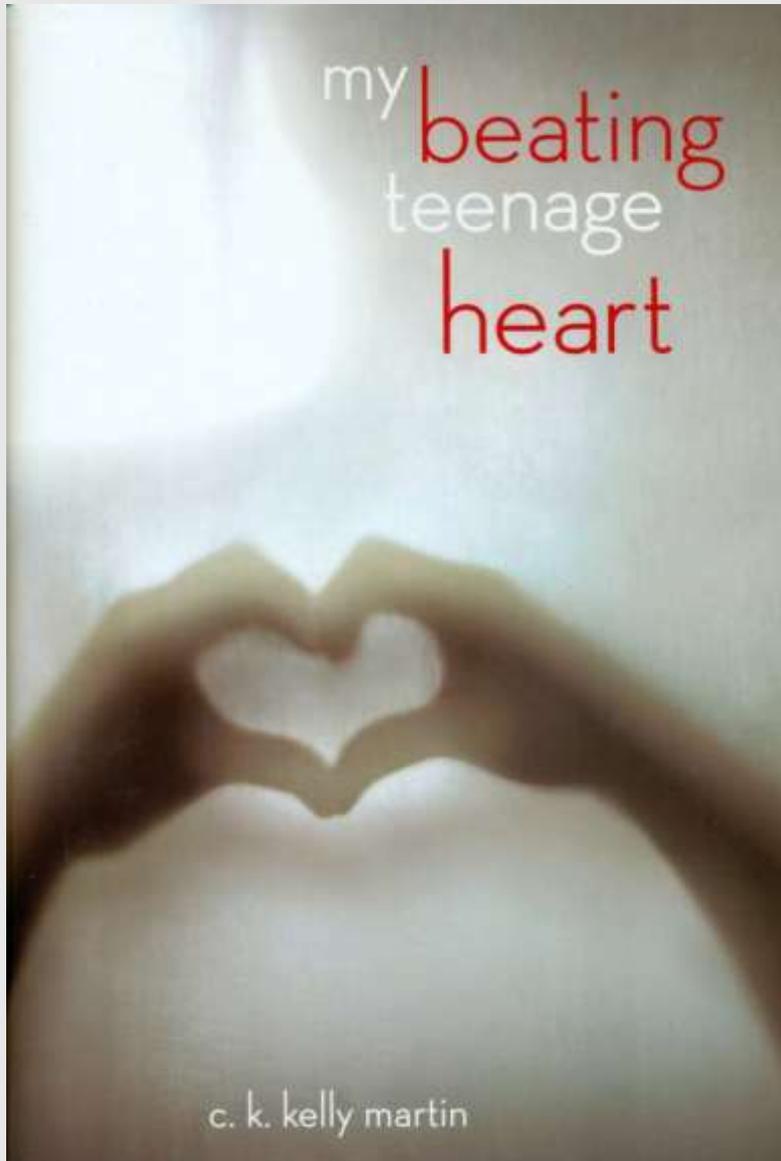
by Cathy Ostlere

Honour Book 2012

Published by Penguin Canada

First nomination

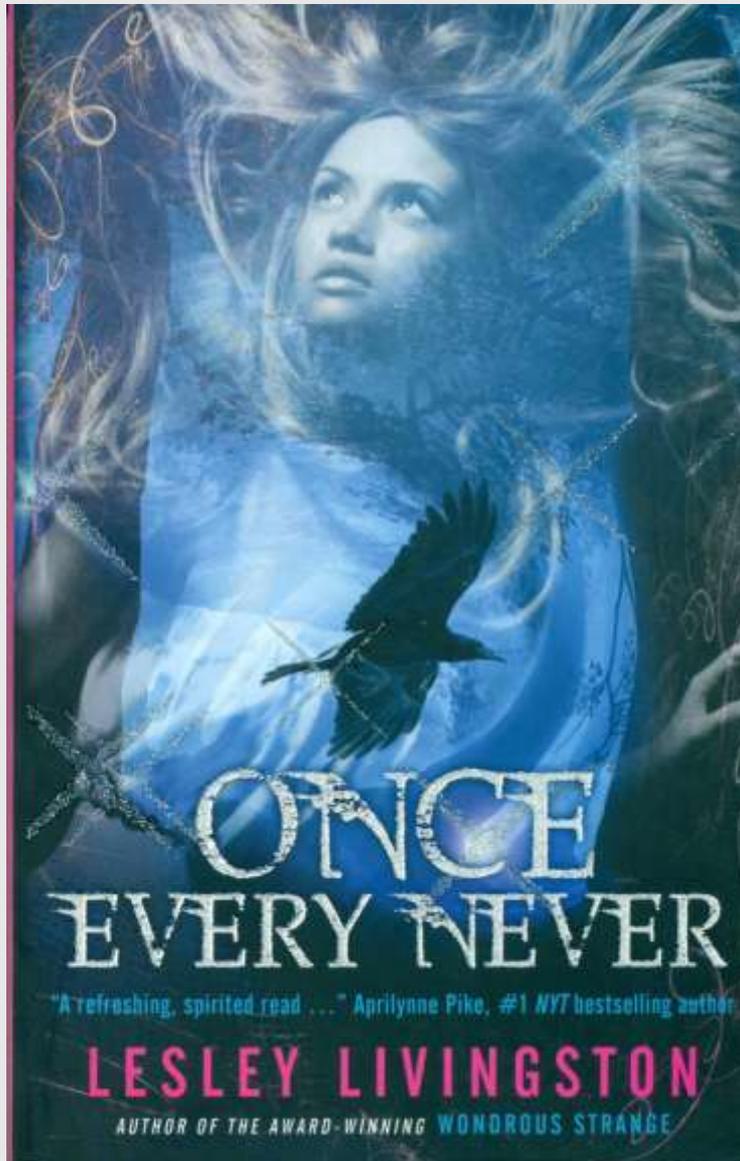
Trend: Verse novels



My Beating Teenage
Heart
by C. K. Kelly
Martin

Published by Random House
First nomination

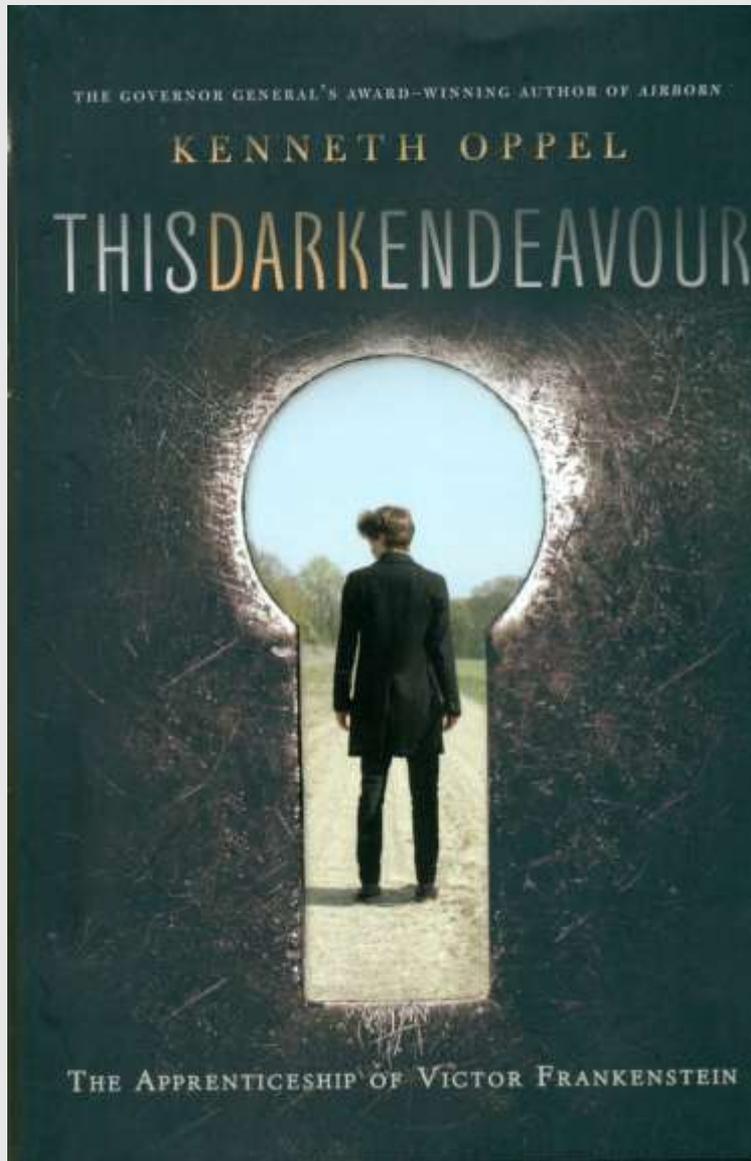
Trend: Issue novel: sibling death &
suicidal impulses



Once Every Never by Lesley Livingston

Published by Penguin Canada
Author won Award in 2010 for
Wondrous Strange

Trend: Learn history through time
travel



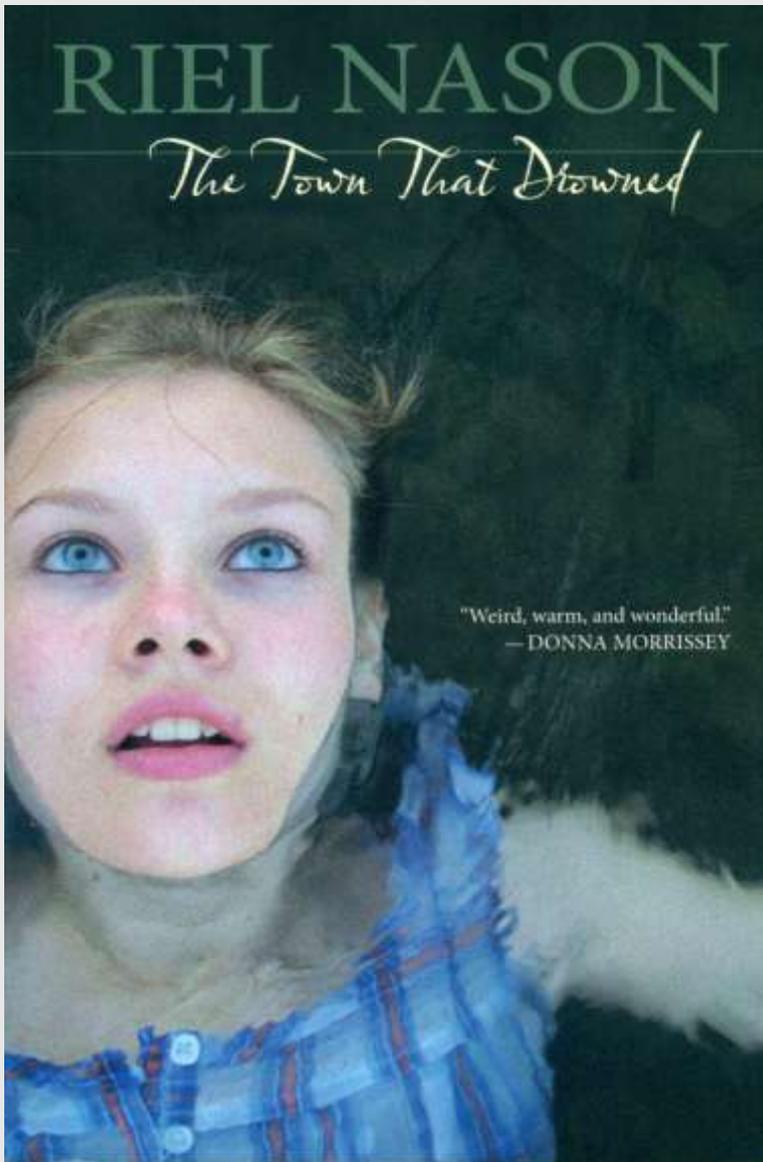
This Dark Endeavour by Kenneth Oppel

2012 Honour Book

Published by HarperCollins
Canada

Last year's double award winner
for *Half-Brother*; nominated several
times

Trend: New twists on classic
stories: in this case, *Frankenstein*

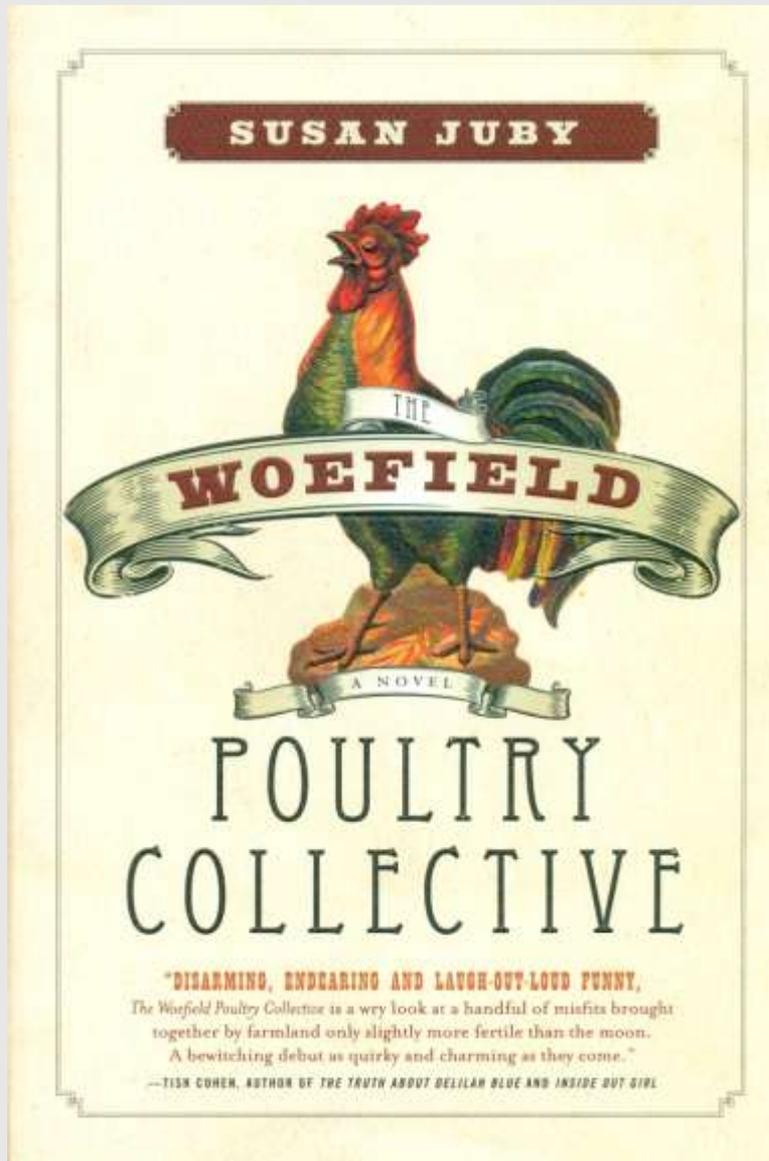


The Town that Drowned, by Riel Nason

Published by Goose Lane Press

First nomination for Riel Nason

Trends: Including characters with
special needs: the 60's perception of
autism



The Woefield Poultry Collective by Susan Juby

Published by Harper Collins

Nominated for *Another Kind of
Cowboy* in 2008

Trend: Cross-over adult novels of
interest to teens

Questions?



- ❧ For further discussion of this year's submitted titles, or a view of our longlist, please contact me at: cerigby@xplornet.com
- ❧ You might also enjoy Stephanie Vollick's teen reading blog with YA lit reviews, *Libraries and Young Adults*, at: <http://libraryya.wordpress.com/>
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