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JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD RELEASES LIST OF BOOK SELECTIONS FOR REMAINDER OF 2012

Selections Are Often Predictors of Upcoming Popular and Award-Winning Books

(NEW YORK) Editors at Junior Library Guild (JLG), a book review and collection development service for school and public libraries, have made their selections for the next six months in 39 different reading categories. The books will be made available to JLG members over the coming months and often serve as a good indicator of a book's popularity even before it is published.

"We read the books by category and choose those that stand out and surprise us. We see a lot of books so we're looking for something fresh and exciting," said Susan Marston, JLG's editorial director.

In total, JLG editors reviewed nearly 1,500 children's and young adult books as proofs and manuscripts to create the Fall 2012 list. Because JLG makes decisions before publication their selection is among the earliest positive feedback publishers, authors, and illustrators receive about the future success of their books. Not only do JLG books consistently go on to receive starred and positive reviews, the JLG list has also been a good predictor of future book awards. Last year, for example, three JLG selections won Newbery Medals and four won Caldecott Medals.

“Nonfiction books are incredible this season across all age levels,” said Marston. “Books such as *Bomb* (in the History High School category), the picture book *Island* (Science Nonfiction Elementary) and *Where Do Presidents Come From?* (nonfiction elementary) are wonderful examples of what innovative, kid-friendly informational books can be. Dynamic nonfiction texts such as these are more important than ever with the widespread adoption of common core standards.”

Other books singled out by Marston include *Cat Tale* (Primary K-1), *Maybelle and the Haunted Cupcake* (Independent Readers 2-4), *Chickadee* (Intermediate Readers 3-5), *Freakling* (Fantasy/Science Fiction Middle School), *Little White Duck* (Graphic Novels Middle School), *Pinned* (City High School 10 & up), and the sequel to the popular *Daughter of Smoke and Bone*, *Days of Blood and Starlight* (Mature Young Adults).

“It’s a great list that I am eager to share with libraries across the country,” said Marston.

The complete list of selections is available at: <http://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/newlist>.

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Junior Library Guild (JLG) is a book review and collection development service that helps school and public libraries acquire the best new children’s and young adult books. Founded in 1929, JLG helps libraries of any size save money and simplify collection development. Junior Library Guild book selections go on to win awards, collect starred or favorable reviews, and earn industry honors. JLG is a Media Source, Inc company. For more information, visit www.juniorlibraryguild.com.