

**The Flume: NH Teen Reader's Choice Award
2007 Nominees
Annotated List**

***Tithe* by Holly Black**

Sixteen-year-old Kaye has always had to look out for herself, and her mother, too. She's always known she's different from others, and the fact that she sees pixies doesn't exactly help her fit in. Then Kaye encounters a mysterious knight in the woods and learns her true identity, causing her to walk between two worlds.

***A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray**

Gemma Doyle remembers nothing special about her mother's murder in India. However, at Spence Academy for Young Ladies in England, Gemma has visions. She soon stumbles across a diary and finds out that a girl shared her powers and belonged to a group called The Order. Can Gemma find out that killed her mother and the dark secrets at Spence's Academy for Young Ladies?

***Haunted* by Meg Cabot**

Susannah Simon is what you would call a normal teen, right? She lives with her mother, stepfather and stepbrothers. She is in love with a boy who is a bit out of her league. You might say because he's older--150 years older, to be exact--oh, and dead. Or could it be that she can see and talk to the dead? This thrilling adventure takes you into a world of excitement where you must expect the unexpected.

***The Truth About Forever* by Sara Dessen**

After witnessing her father's death, Macy lives a self-controlled existence, hiding her grief. A summer job with Wish Catering introduces her to people with very different life styles who help her make a new beginning and start living honestly. Believable characters make this a memorable read.

***Powder Monkey* by Paul Dowsell**

In 1800, Sam begs his father to let him leave his small English parish and go to sea. When his father secures him a post on a merchant ship, Sam believes his dream have come true. That is until he is pressed into service by the British Navy as a powder monkey, one of the most dangerous jobs aboard a ship. Working on the HMS *Miranda*, Sam quickly realizes how dangerous and gruesome a life a sea can be.

***Looking for Alaska* by John Green**

Sixteen-year old Miles, who knows the last words of lots of famous people, goes off to boarding school in Alabama for the first time. There he encounters enigmatic Alaska, who pulls him into a world of intense friendships and disturbing events.

***Geography Club* by Brent Hartinger**

Russell, lesbian friend Min, and locker room crush, Kevin the dreamy jock, start the high school "Geography Club" as a cover for their support group for gays, lesbians, and others. Their scope broadens and the hilarity increases as the "others" push them into exciting and unforgettable

adventures.

***Velocity* by Dean Koontz**

One morning Billy, a reclusive Napa County bartender, finds a disturbing note on his windshield: If you don't take this note to the police and get them involved, I will kill a lovely blond schoolteacher somewhere in Napa County. If you do take this note to the police, I will instead kill an elderly woman active in charity work. The notes keep coming and Billy's life quickly spirals out of control as he struggles to discover the identity of the serial killer before his fiancée, who is helpless in a botulism-induced coma, is killed.

***Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer**

Bella Swan imagines that moving to live with her father in Forks, Washington is the most boring move she could ever make. Then she meets the mysterious and sexy Edward Cullen. Until now, Edward has been able to keep his true identity a secret, but Bella is determined to uncover the real person behind the rumors. What Bella doesn't realize is that the closer she gets to Edward and his family's secret, the more she is putting herself and those around her at risk.

***Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson**

Scientific experiments grafting avian DNA onto human genes have resulted in six bird kids, one of whom, Max, has a special destiny to save the world. The Erasers, mutants who are part wolf, threaten to destroy the bird kids in this science fiction thriller.

***The Burn Journals* by Brent Runyon**

After an attempt at fire-induced suicide at the age of 14, the author recounts his experiences with burn therapy and rehabilitation of body and mind as he prepares to re-enter the world of high school.

***The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp* by Rick Yancey**

Arthurian legends, secret societies, and international conspiracies abound as 15 year old misfit Alfred Kropp rises to the occasion and saves the world in this non-stop action thrill ride that combines ancient legends with exciting, and over-the-top action sequences.

***I Am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak**

At 19 years old, Ed Kennedy is an unlikely hero. He drives a cab, lives with a smelly dog, and loves a girl who only likes him back. Then, he inadvertently foils a bank robbery...and he suddenly becomes "the messenger." Ed is given a playing card with three addresses and times on it, and he understands that he has been chosen to care and to act. But who is behind Ed's mission and why?