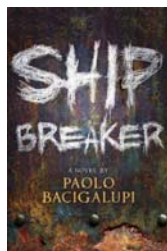


## 2011 Printz Winner Ship Breaker

By Paolo Bacigalupi

In America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota--and hopefully live to see another day. But when, by luck or chance, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life. . . .  
Young Adult Fiction Bacigalupi



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## Printz Award Winners



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Suggested Reading for Young Adults

**2010 Winner: Going Bovine**  
Bray, Libba

Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen-year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.  
Young Adult Fiction Bray



**2009 Winner: Jellicoe Road**  
Marchetta, Melina

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.  
Young Adult Fiction Marchetta



**2008 Winner: The White Darkness**  
McCaughrean, Geraldine

Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone-- a troubled fourteen year old--discovers that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth.  
Young Adult Fiction McCaughrean



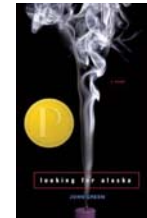
**2007 Winner: American Born Chinese**  
Yang, Gene Luen

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.  
Young Adult Nonfiction 741.5 Yan



**2006 Winner: Looking for Alaska**  
Green, John

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.  
Young Adult Fiction Green



**2005 Winner: how i live now**  
Rosoff, Meg

To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land.  
Young Adult Fiction Rosoff



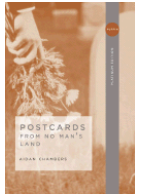
**2004 Winner: The First Part Last**  
Johnson, Angela

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.  
Young Adult Fiction Johnson



**2003 Winner: Postcards from No Man's Land**  
Chambers, Aidan

Visiting his grandfather's grave during the annual commemoration of the Battle of Arnhem, Jacob Todd finds his view of himself, his country and his place in the world are overturned when he starts chatting to a very special elderly Dutch woman.  
Young Adult Fiction Chambers



**2002 Winner: A Step from Heaven**  
Na, An

A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.  
Request through interlibrary loan

**2001 Winner: Kit's Wilderness**  
Almond, David

Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stoneygate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past.  
Request through interlibrary loan

**2000 Winner: Monster**  
Myers, Walter Dean

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.  
Young Adult Fiction Myers

