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DATE: May 4, 2009

TO: K-12 Principals

FROM: Tangie Oglesby  
Communication Arts/Library Media Services Coordinator

RE: Encouraging Summer Reading

Attached you will find the revised summer reading lists to send home with your students. There are two reading lists this year. One list is for students in Pre-K through sixth grade and the other list is for students in grades 7-12. Several teachers and librarians updated the lists to make sure we have current titles that are of interest to our students. I am also including a list of award winning books.

I know we all agree that it is critical for our students to continue to read over the summer. If you have any questions, please call me at 506-9047.

cc: Dr. Art McCoy  
Dr. Savannah Young  
Librarians

# SUMMER READING LIST (ELEMENTARY)

## Preschool/Kindergarten

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<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>AUTHOR</u></b>
Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum	Lisa Wheeler
I Like Myself	Karen Beaumont
If I Were a Lion	Sarah Weeks
Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale	Mo Willems
Little Quack	Lauren Thompson
Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!	Mo Willems
Serious Farm	Tim Egan
She'll Be Comin' 'round the Mountain	Philemon Sturges
Who Will Tuck Me In Tonight?	Carol Roth
Wild Cowboy	Dana Kessimakis Smith
Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions	Margaret Musgrove
Billy's Bucket	Kes Gray
Bubble Bath Pirates	Jarrett Krosoczka
Cat Count	Betsy Lewin
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown
Hey Pancakes	Tamson Weston

**TITLE**

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Martin's Big Words

Max

The Mitten

My Daddy and I

Night Walk

Peep

Rosie's Walk

Very Hungry Caterpillar

We Read A to Z

Where the Wild Things Are

Whistle for Willie

Yikes

There is a Bird on your Head!

**AUTHOR**

Laura Numeroff

Doreen Rappaport

Ken Wilson-Max

Jan Brett

Eloise Greenfield

Jill Newsome

Kevin Luthardt

Pat Hutchins

Eric Carle

Donald Crews

Maurice Sendak

Ezra Jack Keats

Robert Florkczak

Mo Willems

**TITLE**

Souperchicken and Eggs  
Mark the Spot

George Washington's Teeth

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing  
Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

Boxes for Katie

How I Became a Pirate

Bad Boys

Fishing Day

Jackalope

The Blizzard

Move Over Rover!

Aang's School Days

The ABC's of Habitats

Abe Lincoln loved animals

Aelin, The Water Fairy

Albert The Fixit Man

Alfred Digs

Alfred's Nose

Diary of a Spider, Diary of a Fly,  
Diary of a Worm, and Click, Clack Moo

**AUTHOR**

Mary Jane Auch

Deborah Chandra

Christine King Farris

Candace Fleming

Melinda Long

Margie Palatini

Andrea Davis Pinkney

Janet Stevens

Betty Ren Wright

Karen Beaumont

Michael Teitelbaum

Bobbie Kahlman

Ellen Jackson

Simone Lindner

Janet Lord

Lindsay George

Vivienne Flesher

Doreen Cronin

Great Fuzz Frenzy	Janet Stevens
Epossamondas	Coleen Salley
How I Became a Pirate and Pirates Don't Change Diapers	Melinda Long
Don't Let the Pigeons Stay Up Late	Mo Willems
Pixie Tricks (series)	Tracey West
Magic Tree House (series)	Mary Pope Osborne
Dairy of a Wimpy Kid (series)	Jeff Kinney
Captain Underpants (series)	Dav Pilkey
Fablehaven (series)	Brandon Mull
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Curtis
Go Long! (Kickoff)	Tiki & Ronde Barber
The Million Dollar Putt and The Homework Machine	Dan Gutman
Bus-a-saurus Bop	Diane Shore
Busy, Busy Mouse	Virginia Kroll
Clarabella's Teeth	An Vrombaut
Finklehopper Frog	Irene Livingstone
Franklin (series)	Paulette Bourgeois
Freight Train	Donald Crews
Frog and Toad (series)	Arnold Lobel
The Grouchy Ladybug	Eric Carle

Grumblebunny	Bob Hartman
Henry and Mudge (series)	Cynthia Rylant
It's Not Fair	Carl Sommer
Late for School	Mike Reiss
Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans
Owl Moon	Jane Yolen
Treasure Hunt	Bill Cosby
Truck	Donald Crews
William's Doll	Charlotte Zolotow
Abby Takes a Stand	Pat McKissack
Addy Saves the Day and Meet Addy	Connie Porter
Bigmama's	Donald Crews
Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea: Poems	Joyce Thomas
Come Sunday	Nikki Grimes
The Day I Saw My Father Cry	Bill Cosby
Garden of Abdul Gasazi	Chris Van Allsburg
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
Heart of a Tiger	Marsha Diane Arnold
It's Not My Fault	Nancy Carlson
Jed's Barbershop	James Ransome
Ma Dear's Apron & Mirandy and Brother	

Wind	Pat McKissack
Names Will Never Hurt Me	James Adoff
The Perfect Pet	Marie Palatini
Pigs Rock	Melanie Davis Jones
Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building	James Ransome
Spike in Trouble	Paulette Bogan
Visiting Day & The Other Side	Jacqueline Woodson
Allie's Basketball Dream	Barbara Barber
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Amber Brown (series)	Paula Danzinger
The Black Snowman	Phil Mendez
Boxcar Children (series)	Gertrude Chandler
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	Susan Jeffers
Cornrows	Camille Yarbrough
Gettin Through Thursday	Melrose Cooper
Junie B. Jones (series)	Barbara Park
Just the Two of Us	Will Smith
The Stories Julian Tells	Ann Cameron
Marvin Redpost (series)	Louis Sachar
Millions to Measure	David M. Schwartz
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	John Steptoe

My First Little House (series)

People Could Fly

Pink and Say

Martin's Big Words

The Sound That Jazz Makes

Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing

Some Dog!

Stanley's Party

Bad Kitty

Dooby, Dooby, Moo

Hooway for Wodney Wat

Beatrice Doesn't Want To

Charlie Hits It Big

Once Upon an Ordinary School Day

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Virginia Hamilton

Patricia Polacco

Doreen Rappaport

Carole Boston Weatherford

Judy Blume

Mary Casanova

Sandy Asher

Eric Carle

Doreen Cronin

Helen Lester

Laura Numeroff

Deborah Blumenthal

Colin McNaughton

Lightning Thief (series)	Rick Riordan
Darnell Rock Reporting	Walter Dean Myers
The Road to Paris	Nikki Grimes
Harry Potter (series)	J.K. Rowling
Shadow Children (series)	Margaret Haddix
Elephant Run	Roland Smith
The Bus Ride That Changed History: The Story of Rosa Parks	Pamela Duncan Edwards
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White
Coming Home: A Story of Josh Gibson	Nanette Mellage
The Daring Escape of Ellen Craft	Cathy Moore
I Have a Dream	Leo & Diane Dillon
The Last Princess	Fay Stanley
Let Them Play	Margot Theis Raven
Roberto Clemente (Pride of Pittsburgh Pirates)	D. Jonah Winter
Sacagawea	Lise Erdich
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
Soup	Robert Newton Peck
Starting Home	Horace Pippin
Thank you, Jackie Robinson	Barbara Cohen

Through My Eyes

Ruby Bridges

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Shel Silverstein

The Wolves in the Walls

Neil Gaiman

Abraham's Battle:  
A Novel of Gettysburg

Sara Harrell Banks

Come All You Brave Soldiers:  
Blacks in the Revolutionary War

Clinton Cox

Dear Austin: Letters From the  
Underground Railroad

Elvira Woodruff

Dear Benjamin Banneker

Andrea & Brian Pinkney

House of Dies Drear

Virginia Hamilton

Jazz – Poetry for Young People

Walter Dean Myers

Locomotion

Jacqueline Woodson

Maniac Magee

Jerry Spinelli

The March on Washington

James Haskins

More Than Anything Else

Marie Bradby

Old Yeller

Fred Gibson

Philip Hall Likes Me – I Reckon...  
Maybe

Bette Green

Shiloh

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sojourner Truth: Ain't I A Woman

Patricia McKissack

Stone Fox

John Reynolds Gardiner

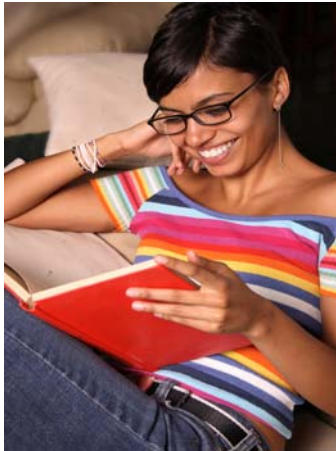
Trouble River

Betsy Byars

The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman
The Bronx Masquerade	Nikki Grimes
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Copper Sun	Sharon Draper
Cousins	Virginia Hamilton
From Slave Ship to Freedom Road	Julius Lester
The Friends	Rosa Guy
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Heaven	Angela Johnson
Hip Hop (series)	J. Hopper
Holes	Louis Sacar
The Man Who Loved Clowns	June Rae Wood
Meet Danita Brown	Nikki Grimes
Monster	Walter Dean Myers
Never Say Quit	Bill Wallace
On the Far Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
The Skin I'm In	Sharon Flake
Slam	Walter Dean Myers
Suitcase	Mildred Pitts Walton

We Beat the Street	Sampson Davis & Sharon M. Draper
Cold in Summer	Tracy Barrett
For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Sliding Into Home	Dori Hillestad Butler
Saving Grace	Priscilla Cummings
Under the Same Sky	Cynthia C. DeFelice
The City of Ember	Jeanne DuPrau
The Last Dog on Earth	Daniel Ehrenhaft
Maggie's Door	Patricia Reilly Giff
The Gorillas of Gill Park	Amy Gordon
Jackie's Wild Seattle	Will Hobbs
Mountain Solo	Jeanette Ingold
A Simple Gift	Nancy Ruth Patterson
How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports	Gary Paulsen
Ghost Girl: A Blue Ridge Mountain Story	Delia Ray
The Boy Who Saved Baseball	John H. Ritter
The Haunting of Swain's Fancy	Brenda Seabrooke
The Impossible Journey	Gloria Whelan
Tadpole	Ruth White

The Ravenmaster's Secret: Escape From the Tower of London	Elvira Woodruff
Crandalls' Castle	Betty Ren Wright
Lost and Found	Andrew Clements
The White Giraffe	Lauren St. John
The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs	Betty Birney
The Lunch Money	Andrew Clements
Mr. Chickee's Funny Money	Christopher Curtis
Hey, New Kid!	Betsy Duffey
Soul Looks Back in Wonder	Tom Feelings
Fourth Grade Fuss	Johanna Hurwitz
Judy Moody	Megan McDonald
A to Z Mysteries	Ron Roy



# COOL BOOKS for SUMMER READERS!

## Recommended Summer Reading for Grades 7-12



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### Street Love by Walter Dean Myers

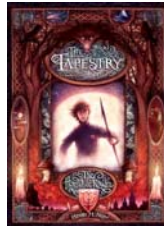
8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.

### Tapestry: Hound of Love by Henry Neff

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

After glimpsing a hint of his destiny in a mysterious tapestry, twelve-year-old Max McDaniels becomes a student at Rowan Academy where he trains in "mystics and combat" in preparation for war with an ancient enemy that has been kidnapping children like him.



### The Angel Experiment by James Patterson

7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.



## Twilight- A-Likes!

### The Silver Kiss by Annette Curtis-Klaus

(7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Zoe, a teenage girl dealing with her mother's impending death, receives an unexpected visit from a beautiful young man named Simon--who, she eventually learns, is a three-hundred-year-old vampire seeking to avenge his mother's death.



### The Vampire Diaries (series) by Annette Curtis-Klaus

(7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

The awakening -- The struggle. contains volumes one and two of the "Vampire Diaries" in which two vampire brothers, Stefan and Damon, are torn apart by their mutual love for Elena, a golden girl who can have any boy she wants.



## Other Vampire-ish Reads:

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

**Night Road** by A.M. Jenkins

**Dark Angel** by Meredith Ann Pierce

**Boys That Bite** by Marianne Mancusi

**Persistence of Memory** by Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia

**Blue Bloods (series)** by De la Cruz, Melissa

**House of Night (series)** by P.C. Cast

### Eternal

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

When Miranda's guardian angel Zachary recklessly saves her from falling into an open grave and dying, the result is that she turns into a vampire and he is left to try to reinstate his reputation by finally doing the right thing.



### First Light

by Stead, Rebecca



7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Twelve-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research, where he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never would have imagined possible.

### Stargirl

by Jerry Spinelli

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.



## Remember to Sign Up for the St. Louis County Library's Summer Reading Program!

Win Lots of Prizes, including an iPod and a Laptop!

### The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.



### Wake

by Lisa McMann

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.



### On Etruscan Time

by Tracy Barrett

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

While spending the summer on an archaeological dig near Florence, Italy, with his mother, eleven-year-old Hector meets an Etruscan boy who needs help to foil his treacherous uncle's plan to make him a human sacrifice--1,000 years in the past.

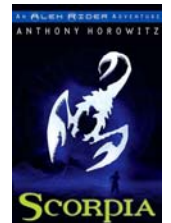


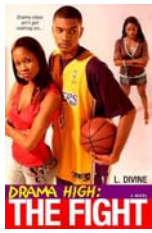
### Scorpia (Alex Rider series)

by Alex Horowitz

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

After being told that his father was an assassin for a criminal organization, fourteen-year-old Alex goes to Italy to find out more and becomes involved in a plan to kill thousands of English schoolchildren.





**The Fight (Drama High series)  
by L. Divine**

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen-year-old Jayd Jackson is determined to start her junior year drama free, but she soon learns that life in her new predominately white high school is not the same as her tough inner city school as she tries to stop a fight that could ruin everything she has worked for.

**Peeled  
by Joan Bauer**

7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.



**Eldest  
by Christopher Paolini**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

After successfully evading an Urgals ambush, Eragon is adopted into the Ingeitum clan and sent to finish his training so he can further help the Varden in their struggle against the Empire. ***Sequel to Eragon***



**Speak  
by Laurie Halse Anderson**

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.



**Other Recommended Titles**

**Middle School**

- Diamonds in the Shadow by Caroline Cooney
- Shark Girl by Kelly Bingham
- Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz
- Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Child Called It by Dave Pelzer
- The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Holes by Lois Sachar
- A Little Piece of Sky by Nicole Bailey-Williams
- Look for Me by Moonlight by Mary Downing Hahn
- The Lost Boy by Dave Pelzer
- Middle School Blues by Lou Kassem
- Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Lisa Yee
- Monster by Walter Dean Meyers
- Mummy by Caroline B. Cooney
- Night John by Gary Paulsen
- The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake
- Somewhere in Darkness by Walter Dean Meyers
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
- The Watcher by James Howe
- Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper
- Forged By Fire by Sharon Draper
- Blubber by Judy Blume

Lock & Key by Sarah Dessen  
Into the Wild by Sarah Beth Durst  
Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story by Tonya Hegamin  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (*series*)  
by Rick Riordan  
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-  
Banks by E. Lockheart

### **High School**

Letters to a Young Brother by Hill Harper  
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper  
November Blues by Sharon Draper  
Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Meyers  
The Beast by Walter Dean Meyers  
Begging for Change by Sharon Flake  
The Big Sea: An Autobiography by Langston Hughes  
Child Called It by Dave Pelzer  
A Circle of Time by Marisa Montes  
Eragon by Christopher Paolini  
Finding Fish by Antwone Quento Fisher  
The First Part Last by Angela Johnson  
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman  
Heaven by Angela Johnson  
Maximum Ride (Series) by James Patterson  
Missing by Caterine MacPhai  
The Pact by Sampson Davis  
The Right Kind of Heroes: Coach Bob by Kevin Horrigan  
The Shining by Stephen King  
Summer of Fear by Lois Duncan  
A Summer to Die by Lois Lowry  
What Have You Lost? by Naomi Shihab Nye  
Jason & Kyra by Dana Davidson  
Paper Towns by John Green

## MEDAL & HONOR BOOKS

### BOOK

### AUTHOR

#### 2005 Caldecott Medal Winner

Kitten's First Full Moon

Kevin Henkes

#### 2005 Caldecott Honor Winners

Coming On Home Soon

Jacqueline Woodson/E. B. Lewis

Knuffle Bunny

Mo Willems

The Red Book

Barbara Lehman

#### 2005 Newbery Medal Winner

Kira-Kira

Cynthia Kadohata

#### 2005 Newbery Honor Winners

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Gennifer Choldenko

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

Gary D. Schmidt

The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian  
Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights

Russell Freedman

#### 2005 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner

Remember: The Journey to School  
Integration

Toni Morrison

#### 2005 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Winners

Fortune's Bones

Marilyn Nelson

The Legend of Buddy Bush

Sheila P. Moses

Who Am I Without Him? Short Stories  
About Girls and the Boys in Their Lives

Sharon Flake

#### 2005 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner

Ellington Was Not a Street

Ntozake Shange/Kadir Nelson

#### 2005 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Winners

God Bless the Child, With CD

Billy Holiday & Arthur Herzog/Jerry Pinkney

The People Could Fly:  
The Picture Book

Virginia Hamilton/Leo & Diane Dillon

**2005 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award Winner**

Missy Violet & Me

Barbara Hathaway

**2005 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award Winner**

Jazzy Miz Mozetta

Brenda C. Roberts/Frank Morrison

**2005 Andrew Carnegie Medal Winners: Paul R. Gagne & Melissa Reilly**

The Dot

Weston Woods Studios, producer

**2005 Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal Winner: Laurence Yep**

Skunk Scout

Laurence Yep

Tiger's Blood: Book 2

Laurence Yep

The Traitor

Laurence Yep

**2005 Margaret A. Edwards Award Winner: Francesca Lia Block**

Beautiful Boys

Francesca Lia Block

Goat Girls: Two Weetzie Bat Books

Francesca Lia Block

Guarding the Moon: A Mother's First Year

Francesca Lia Block

Wasteland

Francesca Lia Block

**2005 Michael L. Printz Award Winner**

How I Live Now

Meg Rosoff

**2005 Michael L. Printz Honor Winners**

Airborn

Kenneth Oppel

Chandra's Secrets

Allan Stratton

**2005 Mildred L. Batchelder Award Winner: Delacorte Press**

The Shadows of Ghadames

Joelle Stolz/Catherine Temerson, translator

**2005 Mildred L. Batchelder Honor Winner**

The Crow-Girl: Children of Crow Cove

Bodil Bredsdorff

Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi                      David Chotjewitz

**2005 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award Winner**

The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian  
Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights                      Russell Freedman

**2005 Robert F. Sibert Honor Winners**

Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave  
His People Writing Translator                      James Rumford/Anna Sixkiller Huckaby

The Tarantula Scientist                      Sy Montgomery

Walt Whitman: Words for America                      Barbara Kerley/Brian Selznick

**2005 Schneider Family Picture Book Award Winner**

My Pal, Victor                      Diane Gonzales Bertrand/  
Robert L. Sweetland

**2005 Schneider Family Middle School Award Winner**

Becoming Naomi Leon                      Pam Munoz Ryan

**2005 Schneider Family Teen Book Award Winner**

My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir                      Samantha Abeel

**2006 Newbery Award Winner**

Criss Cross                      Lynne Rae Perkins

**2007 Caldecott Medal Winner**

Flostam                      David Wiesner

**2007 Newbery Award Winner**

The Higher Power of Lucky                      Susan Patron

**2008 Caldecott Medal Winner**

The Invention of Hugo Cabret                      Brian Selznick

**2008 Newbery Award Winner**

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices  
From a Medieval Village                      Laura Amy Schlitz

**2008 Best Illustrated Children's Books**

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro  
League Baseball

Kadir Nelson

A Child's Day: An Alphabet of Play

Ida Pearle

Lady Liberty: A Biography

Doreen Rappaport

Garmann's Summer

Stian Hole

**2009 Newbery Award Winner**

The Graveyard Book

Neil Gaiman

**2009 Caldecott Medal Winner**

The House in the Night

Susan Marie Swanson