



## YALSA 2006 President's Program "How Adult is Young Adult: The Sequel"

### Young Adult Books That Could Be Adult:

**Block, Francesca Lia.** \*\*Dangerous Angels. Weetzie Bat and her friends look for adventure, love and acceptance in the urban fairytale landscape of L.A. HarperCollins Children's Books. 1998, pb

**Brooks, Kevin.** Lucas. The arrival of Lucas, a mysterious young drifter, reveals the darker side of her small island community to 15-year-old Cait. Scholastic. 2004, pb

**Brooks, Martha.** True Confessions of a Heartless Girl. When 17-year-old and pregnant Noreen arrives in a small Manitoba town, her tumultuous situation stirs up forgotten tragedies for the townspeople. Harper Collins Children's Books. 2004, pb

**Chambers, Aidan.** \*Postcards from No Man's Land. Jacob travels to Amsterdam where he learns the story of a girl, who lived during the Nazi occupation and whose life curiously entwines with his. Penguin Young Readers' Group. 2004, pb

**Cormier, Robert.** \*\*The Chocolate War. Jerry Renault refuses to sell chocolates for a school fundraiser and sparks a clique war with tragic consequences. Random House Children's Books. 2004, pb

**Donnelly, Jennifer.** \*A Northern Light. In 1906, Mattie's life is complicated by family, college, and the mysterious death of a young woman who asked Mattie to keep her love letters. Harcourt Children's Books. 2004, pb

**Farmer, Nancy.** \*The House of the Scorpion. Matteo discovers that he is a clone, bred to extend the life of the powerful dictator and drug-lord El Patron. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. 2004, pb

**Frank, E.R.** America: A Novel. America, 15, lands in an institution after a suicide attempt and tells the story of his life in the foster system that has failed him. Simon & Schuster Children's Books. 2003, pb

**Green John.** \*Looking for Alaska. Miles Halter's first year at an Alabama prep school involves pranks, friendships, and the search for answers to life's greatest questions. Penguin Young Reader's Group. 2005, hc

**Levithan, David.** Are We There Yet? Estranged brothers, Elijah, 17, and Danny, 23, visit Italy together and discover they still have one thing in common: an attraction to the same girl. Random House Children's Books. 2005, hc

**McCaughrean, Geraldine.** Not the End of the World. Timna, the daughter of Noah, horrified by the destruction of the flood, defies her fanatical father and brings refugees onto the ark. HarperCollins Children's Books. 2005, hc

**Morpurgo, Michael.** Private Peaceful. Thomas, 17, who lied about his age to follow his older brother into WWI, holds vigil in a trench and ponders his choices. Scholastic. 2006, pb

**Na, An.** \*A Step From Heaven. A young Korean girl faces tensions from culture clashes when her family emigrates to the United States. Penguin Young Readers' Group. 2003, pb

**Nilsson, Per.** you & you & you. Three young people's lives curiously link: an unusual 12-year-old boy, a teenage beauty with her criminal boyfriend, and a 19-year-old man who contemplates death. Front Street, 2005. hc

**Rapp, Adam.** 33 Snowfish. Custis, Curl and Bobbie, on the run with a stolen car and a stolen baby, are stranded in the forest with nowhere to go. Candlewick, 2006. pb

**Rosoff, Meg.** \*how i live now. An American girl's life is forever altered when she has a sexual relationship with her male cousin, and England is invaded by terrorists. Random House Children's Books. 2006, pb

**Steinhofel, Andreas.** The Center of the World. A teenage boy sorts through love, sex and redemption while working through complex relationships with his mother, twin sister, family, friends and first boyfriend. Random House Children's Books. 2005. hc

**Zusak, Markus.** \*I am the Messenger. Ed, a 19-year-old slacker, thwarts a bank robbery and begins to receive mysterious cards in the mail that direct him to help people. Random House Children's Books. 2005, HC

\*Indicates Printz Award or Honor [www.ala.org/valsa/printz](http://www.ala.org/valsa/printz)

\*\*Indicates a Margaret A. Edwards Award winner, [www.ala.org/valsa/edwards](http://www.ala.org/valsa/edwards)

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