

Triple Crown Awards  
2009-2010

**LAMPLIGHTER AWARD**

1. *Fire From the Rock*, by Sharon M. Draper, RL 5. A young girl must decide whether or not to be part of the social change in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957, by being one of the first students to integrate into Central High and face the prejudice, or stay where she is with her friends.
2. *Miss Crandall's School for Young Ladies & Little Misses of Color*, by Elizabeth Alexander and Marilyn Nelson, RL 5. This collection of poetry tells the story of Prudence Crandall and her students in the days before prejudice and persecution closed her 19<sup>th</sup> century school for African American girls in Canterbury, Connecticut.
3. *Iron Thunder*, by AVI, RL 4. To earn a living after his father died fighting for the Union, thirteen year-old Tom takes an ironworking job building a Union ship, but Confederates see young Tom's job as an opportunity to spy out the vessel.
4. *Isle of Swords*, by Wayne Thomas Batson, RL 4. A young, seriously injured amnesiac regains consciousness on an island and finds that discovering his identity involves notorious pirates warring over legendary treasure.
5. *The Klipfish Code*, by Mary Casanova, RL 5. Twelve-year-old Marit who was sent away to supposed safety and who longs to join her parents in the Norwegian Resistance, takes great risks for the cause of freedom as her resentment grows toward the Nazi's presence and her grandfather's refusal to oppose them.
6. *Night of the Howling Dogs*, by Graham Salisbury, RL 3. An enormous earthquake and tsunami strike Halape, Hawaii in 1975, and test the survival skills of a Boy Scout troop and others who are camping on the beach at the time of the anomalies.
7. *On the Wings of Heroes*, by Richard Peck, RL 4. A boy experiences World War II on the Illinois homefront, through his brother in the Air Force and his father, who was injured in the preceding war.
8. *Rio Grande Stories*, by Carolyn Meyer, RL 6. To help raise money at their new school, a group of seventh graders decide to write and sell a book which is a tribute to the diverse heritages and traditions within their school community and the city of Albuquerque.
9. *Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion*, by Loree Griffin Burns, RL 8. Dr. Ebbesmeyer tracks trash in oceans in the name of gaining scientific data on ocean motion, but in the process learns a great deal about our relationship to the world ocean and how to better protect it and the marine habitats within it.
10. *Way Down Deep*, by Ruth White, RL 4. Once a foundling in the town of Way Down Deep, Ruby Jane lives contentedly in the local boarding house until a family moves to town with information unlocking Ruby's unknown past.