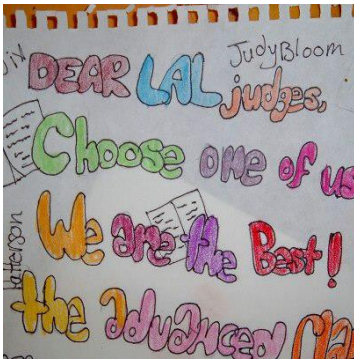


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Level I — Grades 4, 5, 6

**★ Virginia First Place ★
National Honor Winner**

Chelsea Brown, *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children*
Kersey Creek Elementary, Mechanicsville

Virginia Honorable Mention

Grace Hamacher, *Charlotte's Web*
Canterbury Woods Elementary, Annandale

Arul C. Nigam, *I, Robot*
Spring Hill Elementary, Fairfax

Calum O'Brien, *Peter and the Starcatchers*
Ashburn Elementary, Ashburn

Layne Keck, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
Vicenza Elementary, U.S. Department of Defense

Nina Theobald, *Wild Jeff*
Robious Middle School, Midlothian

Level II — Grades 7-8

Virginia First Place

Laura Huggins, *Serenade*

Robious Middle School, Midlothian

Virginia Honorable Mention

Colleen Choi, *White Fang*

Individual entry, Ashburn

Sofia Conway, *Harry Potter* series

Loudoun School for the Gifted, Ashburn

Jonmichael Elliott, *Wonder*

Robious Middle School, Midlothian

Danica Jefferies, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*

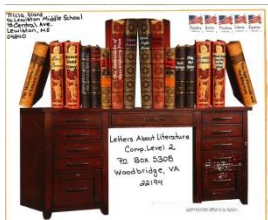
Loudoun School for the Gifted, Ashburn

Shailee Sran, "The Road Not Taken"

Loudoun School for the Gifted, Ashburn

Maddie Waters, *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*

Henley Middle School, Crozet



Level III — Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Virginia First Place

Ailaina Turner, *All Summer in a Day*

Tallwood High School, Virginia Beach

Virginia Honorable Mention

Laura Ann Combs, *Interrupted*

Individual entry, Staunton

Jia Kim, *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*

Thomas Jefferson High School, Alexandria

Varna Nadella, *A Raisin in the Sun*

Chantilly Regional Library, Chantilly

Kaitlyn Smith, *The Last Lecture*

Grassfield High School, Chesapeake

Jasmine Garnes, *Keeping the Moon*

Park View High School, South Hill

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