Golden Dome Book Award 2022-2023 Nominees

*Amari and the Night Brothers*

**DB102312**

by B.B. Alston

read by Imani Parks

After fighting a bully at school and losing her scholarship, Amari discovers a mysterious briefcase in her brother Quinton's closet that contains an invitation for summer tryouts at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs--which she believes is key to locating Quinton, who is missing. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2021.

*Willodeen*

**DB105239**

by Katherine Applegate

read by Maggy Stacy

When the annual migration of hummingbears, a source of local pride and income, dwindles and no one knows why, Willodeen, armed with a magical birthday gift, speaks up for the animals she loves and vows to uncover this mystery. For grades 3-6. 2021.

*Race to the Bottom of the Earth: Surviving Antarctica*

**DB107139**

by Rebecca E.F. Barone

read by Kate Mulligan

The author recounts two historic races. In 1910, Captain Robert Scott prepared his crew for a trip no one had ever completed: a journey to the South Pole. Then, one hundred eight years later, Captain Louis Rudd readied himself for a similarly grueling task: the first solo crossing of treacherous Antarctica. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2021.

*Flight of the Puffin*

**DB111144**

by Ann Braden

read by various narrators

"Told in multiple voices, seventh-grader Libby sets off a chain of events that brings hope and encouragement to four different individuals across the country who are dealing with bullies, acceptance, homelessness, and grief." -- Provided by publisher. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8.

*Starfish*

**DB102975**

by Lisa Fipps

read by Jenna Lamia

A novel in verse. Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself with the help of some wonderful new allies. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*Alone*

**DB104269**

by Megan Freeman

read by Gail Shalan

When Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking to a nightmare. She's alone in a town mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With only a rottweiler named George as companion, Maddie learns to survive on her own. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*The Last Cuentista*

**DB105729**

by Donna Barba Higuera

read by Frankie Corzo

Petra Peña's world is ending, and only the chosen few will journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to discover that she alone remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*Red, White, and Whole*

**DB105732**

by Rajani LaRocca

read by Priya Ayyar

A novel in verse. As her school's only Indian American student, Reha feels torn between worlds. Then Reha finds out that her mother is sick. She'll even try to be the perfect daughter if it means saving her mom's life. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*A Snake Falls to Earth*

**DB106018**

by Darcie Little Badger

read by various narrators

Nina, a Lipan Apache, lives in the real world and still believes in the old stories. Oli, a cottonmouth snake boy, lives in the Reflecting World. But a catastrophic event on Earth, and a strange sickness that befalls Oli's best friend, drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

*Pony*

**DB105099**

by R.J. Palacio

read by various narrators

When a pony shows up at his door after three menacing horsemen take his father away, Silas makes the courageous decision to leave his home and embark on a perilous journey--with his ghostly companion Mittenwool--to find his father. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You*

**DB104359**

by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul

read by Pe’Tehn Raighn-Kem Jackson

Explores where racist ideas came from, identifies how they impact America today, and profiles those who have fought racism with antiracism. Adapted from *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* (DB 98926) by Jason Reynolds, a remix of *Stamped from the Beginning* (89293) by Ibram X. Kendi. Commercial audiobook. For grades 2-4. 2021.

*Amber & Clay*

**DB102960**

by Laura Amy Schlitz

read by various narrators

A novel in verse. A Thracian slave, Rhaskos, and a spoiled aristocrat, Melisto, never meet in the flesh and are bound by destiny. The thin line between life and death is just one boundary their unlikely friendship crosses. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*Just Like That*

**DB103273**

by Gary D. Schmidt

read by Leah Horowitz

1968. Following the death of her friend, Meryl Lee navigates a snobby boarding school's traditions. Meanwhile Matt, a vulnerable boy with a violent past, ends up at the school. As their lives intertwine, they find a new sense of hope. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown*

**DB104864**

by Steve Sheinkin

read by Roy Samuelson

Sheinkin, author of *Bomb* (DB 75708) and *Port Chicago Fifty* (DB 78386), chronicles the history of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. With communism sweeping the globe, the two nations begin a neck and neck competition to build even more destructive bombs and prevail in the space race. Commercial audiobook. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2021.

*The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy*

**DB105869**

by Anne Ursu

read by Elise Arsenault

After her brother Luka's sorcerer testing day turns into a disaster, Marya's parents blame her. The Guild orders her to attend Dragomir Academy, a school for wayward girls. But instead, she finds friendship and ultimately discovers her talents. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

*Erik Vs. Everything*

**DB106430**

by Christina Uss

read by Matt Godfrey

Each member of Erik Sheepflattener's modern-day Viking-heritage family has a motto. Erik is developing a slogan he can believe in: avoid stuff. When he and his sisters spend the summer with their rough-and-tumble cousins in Minnesota, Bru, his axe-wielding sister, gets the idea to name and conquer all of Erik's fears. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2021.

*Lotería*

**DB105104**

by Karla Valenti

read by Frankie Corzo

In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance, with eleven-year-old Clara as the protagonist of their theories and a pawn in their game, moving inevitably towards her ultimate fate. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2021.

*The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain*

**DB106449**

by Eugene Yelchin

read by Eugene Yelchin

With equal amounts of charm and solemnity, award-winning author and artist Eugene Yelchin recounts in detail his childhood in Cold War Russia as a young boy desperate to understand his place in his family. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.