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The Abraham Lincoln Award is awarded annually to the author of the book voted as most outstanding by participating students in grades nine through twelve in Illinois.

The award is named for Abraham Lincoln, one of Illinois' most famous residents and himself an avid reader and noted author.

The award is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA).

The books on this list were chosen for a wide variety of reading and maturity levels. If a book makes you feel uncomfortable, return it and try a different one.

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Anna and the French Kiss
Stephanie Perkins
When Anna's father sends her to an elite American boarding school in Paris for her senior year of high school, she reluctantly goes, and meets an amazing boy who becomes her best friend, in spite of the fact that they both want something more.

Bruiser
Neal Shusterman
Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontë befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody.

The Chosen One
Carol Lynch Williams
In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy in violation of Prophet Childs' teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves.

Clockwork Angel
Cassandra Clare
Tessa Gray travels to England in search of her brother only to be abducted by the Dark Sisters, residents of London's supernatural underworld. She becomes the object of much attention—good and bad—when it is discovered she has the power to transform into another person.

Dark Song
Gail Giles
After her father loses his job and she finds out that her parents have lied to her, Ames feels betrayed enough to become involved with a criminal who will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

Finnikin of the Rock
Melina Marchetta
Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile. She claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

Impulse
Ellen Hopkins
Three teens who meet at Reno, Nevada's Aspen Springs mental hospital after each has attempted suicide connect with each other in a way they never have with their parents or anyone else in their lives.

Impossible
Nancy Werlin
When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes that she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born to break the curse and to save them both.

Leviathan
Scott Westerfeld
In an alternate 1914 Europe, Austrian Prince Alek, is on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery. He forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

Lockdown: Escape from Furnace 1
Alexander G. Smith
When Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible.

Matched
Ally Condie
Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen. Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.

The Help
Kathryn Stockett
Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and writes stories about the African-American women that are working in white households, including Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.

The Monstrumologist
Rick Yancey
In 1888, Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi.

North of Beautiful
Justina Chen Headley
Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.