1. Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (King award)
2. Crash by Jerry Spinelli
3. The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (GA nomination & Newbery)
4. Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis
5. Esperanza Rising by Pam M. Ryan
6. Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (GA nomination)
7. The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm (GA nomination)
8. The Giver by Lois Lowry
9. Holes by Louis Sachar
10. Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
11. Maze Runner by James Dashner
12. Midnight for Charlie Bone (Children of the Red King, Book 1) by Jenny Nimmo
13. Paper Boy by Vince Vawter
14. Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin
15. Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan
16. Sisters by Raina Telgemeier (GA nomination)
17. They Never Came Back by Caroline B. Cooney
18. Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
19. Ungifted by Gordon Korman (GA nomination)
20. The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman