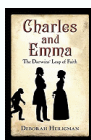


Nonfiction Award

The YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults.

2010 Winner



Charles and Emma: The Darwin's Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman

J 576.8 Heiligman

Charles Darwin and his wife, Emma, were deeply in love and very supportive of each other, but their opinions often clashed. Emma was extremely religious, and Charles questioned God's very existence.

2010 Honor Books



Almost astronauts : 13 women who dared to dream by Tanya Lee Stone

J 629.54 Stone

In the early 1960s, the doctor in charge of testing NASA's astronauts decided to find out if female pilots were capable of passing the grueling qualification tests required of male pilots. Feasible? Yes. Allowed? No. All testing of women's potential for the Mercury program was done outside NASA's purview and without their permission.



Claudette Colvin : twice toward justice by Phillip Hoose

J Bio Colvin C. Hoose

Hoose recounts the largely untold story of Claudette Colvin, who was arrested and jailed at the age of 15 after refusing to relinquish her seat on a bus to a white woman. Interviews with Colvin create a vivid picture not only of the Montgomery bus boycott but also the Browder v. Gayle case, in which she was a key defendant.



The great and only Barnum : the tremendous, stupendous life of showman P.T. Barnum by Candice Fleming

J Bio Barnum P. Flemming

Thrill to the audacity! Gasp at the hucksterism! Come one, come all to the jaw-dropping, larger-than-life biography of expert humbugger, relentless curiosity seeker, and unparalleled showman P. T. Barnum.



Written in bone : buried lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally Walker

J 614.17 Walker

This book reports on the work of forensic scientists who are excavating grave sites in James Fort, in Jamestown, Virginia, to understand the people who lived in the Chesapeake Bay area in the 1600s and 1700s.