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**Official booklist for Young Readers Choice, 2008**

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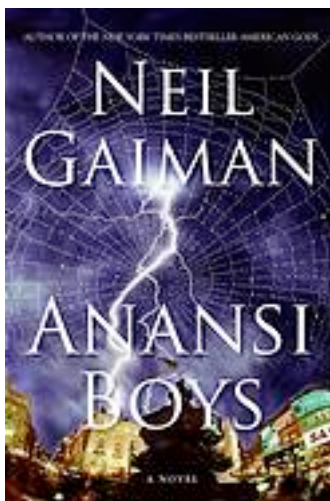
*Listed below are the summaries for the Young Readers Choice titles. For additional information on Young Readers Choice visit the webpage at :*

<http://www.pnla.org/yrca/>

**Anansi Boys**

by Neal Gaimon

Summary: Anansi Boys God is dead. Meet the kids. When Fat Charlie's dad named something, it stuck. Even now, twenty years later, Charlie Nancy can't shake that name, one of the many embarrassing "gifts" his father bestowed -- before he dropped dead on a karaoke stage. Enter the tall, good-looking stranger who appears to be the brother he never knew. And all of a sudden, life starts getting very interesting. Because, you see, Charlie's dad wasn't just any dad. He was Anansi, a trickster god, the spider-god.



**Dark Sons**

By Nikki Grimes

Summary: Alternating poems compare and contrast the conflicted feelings of Ishmael, son of the Biblical patriarch Abraham, and Sam, a teenager in New York City, as they try to come to terms with being abandoned by their fathers and with the love they feel for their younger stepbrothers.

**Looking for Alaska**

By John Green

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

**Midshipwizard Halcyon Blythe**

By James M. Ward

Summary: Halcyon Blithe dreams of finding his fortune among those who sail the dragonships, and becomes a midshipwizard on a dragonship, hoping to make a name for himself and achieve immortality.

**Peaches**

By Jodi Lynn Anderson

Summary: Three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds, thrown together to pick peaches in a Georgia orchard, spend a summer in pursuit of the right boy, the truest of friends, and the perfect peach.

**Shackleton's Stowaway**

By Victoria McKernan

Summary: A fictionalized account of the adventures of eighteen-year-old Perce Blackborow, who stowed away for the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition and, after their ship Endurance was crushed by ice, endured many hardships, including the loss of the toes of his left foot to frostbite, during the nearly two-year return journey across sea and ice.

