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**Warner Robins High Wins 1<sup>st</sup> at Reading Bowl**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Warner Robins High School Scorchin' Scholars placed first in the Helen Ruffin Book Bowl Division B competition on Feb. 27, 2010. The event was held in Brooklet, Ga. at South East Bullock High School. Warner Robins High was one of six high schools competing from three regions in Division B.

The students read books nominated for the Georgia Peach Teen Reader's Choice Award, the official 20-book reading list for the reading bowls. The competition consists of a panel of five students per team who compete to answer questions from the appointed booklist.

Doreen Smith, WRHS media specialist and sponsor of the book club, commented, "I am privileged to work with these wonderful students and enjoy their enthusiasm for reading. I am extremely proud of their success this year!"

The Warner Robins High team members are pictured: (first row, from left) Krystal Salisbury, Panida Lamb, (second row) Jackie Simmons, Keiah Hillard, Caleb Clance, Amanda Ford, Julie Lawrence, Ryanna Zoellner, Liz Greenway, Doreen Smith (sponsor), (back row) Blake Geib, Nicolette Baker (co-sponsor), Donnie Rench, Zach Odum, Tim Baker and Jonathan Barrie.

The first place winners from both Division A and B will meet at the State Helen Ruffin competition on Saturday, Mar. 20, 2010, during the Children's Literature Conference held at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Helen Ruffin, a media specialist in DeKalb County, created the unique reading competition in a game format using nominees for the Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers. Her goal was a fun competition to test student's knowledge on a list of selected books. The Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl uses the original 20 titles on the Georgia Book Awards Nominees list and the 20 titles on the Georgia Peach Teen Book Award Nominees list.

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The Georgia Peach Award promotes the best current young adult literature for high school age students, encourages young adults to read and promotes the development of cooperative school and public library services for young adults. Teenagers vote for their favorite books out of the year's top 20 nominees. Smith said that her students in the WRHS Book Club are voting for their favorite titles for this school year this month. The top three book selections will be sent to the state to be added to other submissions for tallying for the next Georgia Peach Teen Readers' Choice Award. The list for this year follows.

**Georgia Peach Teen Readers' Choice Award Nominees for 2009-2010**

1. *13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher
2. *Bad Monkeys* by Matt Ruff
3. *Blood Brothers* by S.A. Harazin
4. *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare
5. *Deadline* by Chris Crutcher
6. *Generation Dead* by Daniel Waters
7. *Getting the Girl* by Susan Juby
8. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore
9. *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
10. *Impossible* by Nancy Werlin
11. *Lessons from a Dead Girl* by Jo Knowles
12. *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow
13. *My Most Excellent Year* by Steve Kluger
14. *Oh, My, Gods.* by Tera Lynn Childs
15. *Ophelia* by Lisa Klein
16. *Spud* by John Van de Ruit
17. *Three Little Words* by Ashley Rhodes-Courter
18. *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman
19. *Wake* by Lisa McMann
20. *Wicked Lovely* by Melissa Marr

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