

Mock Printz Awards Chat - 5/18/2011

- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Welcome to the BCCLS Mock Printz Chat. We'll be talking about the books currently on our shortlist: Chime, The Piper's Son, Queen of Water, and Wither, and then we'll be talking about any other teen titles you think might have a shot at the Printz. Feel free to talk about any other books you've loved this year, even if they don't quite make the Printz cut.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : Good Morning Everyone! Thank you for joining our annual Pre-Mock Chat, we will be starting off with our Printz discussion today in just a few moments!
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Good morning all!
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Feel free to say hi and let us know you're here :)
- **Laurie (DEMA)** : Good morning!
- **Arlene@bccls.org** : Good morning, all!
- **Kate-Dumont** : Good Morning
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Is it just me or does anyone else feel like our list was longer? Or maybe I'm thinking along those lines because we've talked about several books and some of them are more Best Books than Printz.
- **Sharon (PARA)** : Good morning.
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I had the same thought. But I can't figure out what else we would have put on there. The spring has been full of great books, but like most springs, there aren't many excellent books out yet.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : hmmm there were some good teen books that have come out already - I just got an ARC of Sweetly and am enjoying it (will pass along to Printz when done)
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Okay, let's start off with the first book on our list: Chime by Billingsley. Any thoughts? Loved it? Hated it? Full of literary excellence?
- **Sharon (PARA)** : Totally off topic because I know it's not on your list, but I finished Sarah Dessen's new book Monday night. Typical Sarah Dessen. I laughed, I cried. BUT... you have to love a book that shows librarians as cool and knowledgeable, and has a character reading Jon Irving!
- **Lori@Glen Rock** : Hi All.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : oooo! Jackson Pearce! I loved Sisters Red.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : LOL- it's on my to read Sharon!
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Loved the new Sarah Dessen. All of her books are great :)
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : Ok Danielle then you get it first!
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I loved Chime. I think it should stay on the list. Briony and her narration were fantastic. The whole tone of the book went hand in hand with that. And the plot is peppered with clues that you don't even consider until the conclusion. Then you go back and see the pieces fit together.

- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : I did not get a chance to read Chime yet but it sounds super creepy
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Yay! Thanks Laura!
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I read a review of Chime that compared it to Margo Lanagan. That always scares me. But everything I've heard about it is great. I think every journal starred it.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : There is definitely an eerie current to Chime but I think that was part of the appeal given the Old Ones element to the story, magic in nature. It's old school Holly Black almost.
- **Sharon (PARA)** : A comparison to Margo Lanagan scares me too. I could not get through her last book--way too icky!
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : Could it be a recommendation for the tweens who loved Seer of shadows?
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I'm not a Lanagan fan
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I haven't read Seer....
- **Sharon (PARA)** : Sounds like Chime might be a little too old for tweens?
- **Christine @ Fairview** : Morning! I haven't read Chime yet either, but it's now on the list.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : they were tweens in 2008, but at 15? or is this an OLDER teen book?
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Feel free to continue talking about Chime if you have any more thoughts, while we move on to the next title: The Piper's Son by Melina Marchetta. This is a sequel of sorts to Saving Francesca which I absolutely loved when it came out in 2004.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Some journals gave it a 12 up range but I'd say a little older...I don't know that it would be appreciated quite the same way. it's not light tween reading at least. But then 12yr old me would have devoured it.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Piper's Son was awesome. But Saving Francesca is one of my favorite YA books and Marchetta one of my favorite authors. There's such an authentic voice in her stories and they don't shy away from ringing out emotions from characters and readers.
- **Laurie (DEMA)** : By the way, if anyone wants to vote for your favorite of the books on the list, you can weigh in by going to the Printz Current Favorites page on the Youth Services web site:
<http://bcclsysc.weebly.com/printz-current-favorites.html>
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : I like Marchetta more than Lannagan in general
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I wonder a bit about the sequel problem. I started to read Piper's Son and decided I needed to reread Saving Francesca because I didn't remember the characters well enough. If I hadn't already read it, I *probably* could have gotten right into it as if they were new characters. The writing is lovely as usual, though.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : the family and friend dynamics are spot on in Marchetta books and I think this is one of those YA books that will appeal to adults as well, because part of the point of view is from Tom's aunt.

- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I think it can stand alone. You'll just get more enjoyment if you've read Francesca.
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I haven't read Jellicoe Road but love how wide of a talent she has after slogging through Finnikin of the Rock last year (which I ended up voting for in last year's Mock Printz)
- **Barbara of Wyckoff** : On Ref Desk and joining late; mornin' to all
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Next up is Queen of Water by Laura Resau. Thoughts? I feel like this one is a little more under the radar.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Everything of hers that I've read I've loved and the issue with Finnikin that I think most people had was the necessary "world building" and the fact that she went fantasy after being trusted contemporary in people's minds
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : I agree Danielle! After I got through that part I just fell into the story
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Queen of the Water was another excellent book and definitely Printz worthy. This is one of those titles I could see recommending to teachers. It's a good choice for both them and readers. I wasn't sure going in how I'd like it but Virginia was such a great character (based on real life) and her journey of self-discovery was well-paced in the book. The yo-yoing back and forth and trying to figure out who she is and who she wants to be.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : Queen of water has been out of my library since I got it! It's based on a true story, right?
- **Barbara of Wyckoff** : Is the co-written aspect of Resau's book acceptable to Printz, though? I haven't read it yet, but it's on my very long list of must reads.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Yup. The life of the author, María Virginia Farinango, that Resau worked with on the book.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : What are the restrictions for Printz again Keri?
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : From the Printz site: "Works of joint authorship or editorship are eligible."
- **Sharon** : That's a good question Barbara. I don't think co-authoring disqualifies a book, does it?
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : it's eligible.
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : So if a story collection with multiple authors won, the editor(s) would get it? But yeah, multiple authors is no problem.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : and I have to say the book also made me very interested in the Ecuadorian culture and the Andes
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : So this is one you would recommend for a High School summer reading list?
- **Barbara of Wyckoff** : HS summer read, a good idea. Lots to discuss in that one, I would wager.

- **Danielle (CLPK)** : definitely. in Cliffside the teens themselves will take a break from Vamps/Weres/Angels and look for books based on actual people and events
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : One last book currently on our shortlist: Wither by Lauren DeStefano
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : How was Entwined? After Sisters Red, Princess of the Midnight Ball and Beastly I have a group of girls looking for more revamped fairytales
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I loved Wither. It has a great cover. Amazing characters. Lots of tension. Don't think it will make it to December on our shortlist, but a great read.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : take it away, Keri! I want to read Wither but I think I'm saving it for vacation. It sounds like a good interesting read.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : The 1st two chapters of Wither wereis shocking the right word?
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I think it fits in very well with books like Matched and Delirium in the future, dystopian but even though things are controlled the book isn't totally dreary.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : so you're thinking more Best Books?
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Didn't get to Entwined yet but that one sounded good too. Soo many books, so little time....
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : It will definitely end up on best books if it's not on the Printz shortlist.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : On our Facebook group page I talked about Divergent by Roth and that's another excellent dystopia. LOVED it. In some ways I liked it better than the last Hunger Games book, which is a series people bring up in comparison. Can't wait for that sequel.
- **Kate-Dumont** : Sorry late to the party, but I loved Wither as well!
- **Sharon** : Have to make my way into the library now. For those who are lurking and haven't RSVP'd to the mixer Friday, please do so to arlene@bccls.org. Hope to see most of you back at 1:00 for the Newbery discussion!
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I have Divergent on my shelf waiting to be read (along with Summer in the City, Last Little blue Envelope, and Boyfriends with Girlfriends) - not enough time to read!
- **Kate-Dumont** : I thought it did a wonderful job of showing a darker side of dystopia
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : I got an e-mail from (I want to say Penguin)about LEGEND - Their version of Hunger Games/ Dystopian teen novel- which is going to be out later this year- heard anything about it yet?
- **Kate-Dumont** : I am looking forward to Beauty Queens. I like Libba Bray a lot and hope to see some of that sarcasm and satire.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : there's a lot of that Bad Big Brother going on in YA and it's very interesting and intense.

- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Is there anything we're missing that you think is in Printz contention? Or anything you've read recently and loved? Anything you can't keep on the shelves at your library?
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Beauty Queens just came into my library! Looks so fun.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Oh, I just read the review for Beauty Queens in the Times and I'm hoping it'll be good. I still prefer Gemma Doyle(TREE!) to Going Bovine but this new one does sound good. Haven't heard of Legend....now I'll have to look for it.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : Well....I'm getting exasperated with Fallen Angel books
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : me too! if i have to read a new trend I'd rather flesh eating zombies.
- **Kate-Dumont** : I am honestly trying to think about what I just read, I read Bumped which is fun once you get past the language and the world building. I also really loved "The Last Little Blue Envelope", it did a good job of continuing a story without relying on so much of the previous. Maureen Johnson is just great.
- **Trevor @ BCCLS** : I just got the ARC for Tiger's Quest (sequel to Tiger's Curse by Colleen Houck), I expect it should be a good read.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : LOL!
- **Kate-Dumont** : Angels are the new zombies which were the new werewolves which were the new vampires..
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Some of my vampire fans won't switch to angels. So tired to buying vampire books.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : The sad thing is I know Vampires are going to surge again when the breaking dawn movie comes out(sigh)
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I read Compulsion, about a teen (and a lot of his family) afflicted with OCD. That was a very good book but hard to read. In a good way. The emotion and frustration in that book was well written and very believable.
- **Laura-HLDL** : Sorry, I'm late and way behind on reading. Any NF contenders so far this year? I just got Flesh and Blood So Cheap : The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy by Marrin...it has gotten some great reviews.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : lol Yes Kate! You're right!
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I wanted to read Tiger's Curse!
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Where she went was FABULOUS.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I was just complaining about vamp books this morning when I was shelving. WHY are they so LONG and shelf-space hogging. I like vamps as much as the next girl but really, enough is enough. Just watch Vampire Diaries for your fix and have done with it. Show is better than the books anyway.
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : @Laura (HLDL) Many of my kids are enjoying How they Croaked

- **Keri @ Hackensack** : I'll have to keep an eye out for Flesh and Blood so cheap. Haven't heard as much about non-fic this year as last, but hopefully there will be some good ones.
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : How They Croaked is on my list.
- **Laura-HLDL** : I stayed up until 3am to finish Where She Went. It is awesome, but since it can't stand alone it isn't a contender for Printz.
- **Marie (Has Hts)** : I didn't love how they croaked. It was a little too informal. They called Henry 8th "the elephant in the room"
- **Marie (Has Hts)** : That's just mean
- **Latricia (tenafly)** : Hi all...sorry I'm so late
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Just a few minutes left, any final thoughts?
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : LOL what about Bloody Times?
- **Marie (Has Hts)** : I am still waiting for that, but am a little Lincolnized out
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : Bloody Times is a re-work of one of his adult books right?
- **Keri @ Hackensack** : Okay, it's 11:30 which means this chat is officially over. Thanks for joining us and please try to return at 1:00 for the Mock Newbery chat. Hope to see you at the mixer this Friday!
- **Kate-Dumont** : Aren't they making Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (is that the title?) a movie?
- **Laurie (DEMA)** : One last reminder, if you have a favorite from the list, you can vote for it on the Youth Services web site at:
<http://bcclsyc.weebly.com/printz-current-favorites.html>
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : yes, i think so! and Pride and Prejudice and Zombies
- **Kate-Dumont** : Have a good day everyone! See you at 1!
- **Laura Rifkin CLTR** : Thanks Everyone!
- **Danielle (CLPK)** : I have to vote later!