I'm pleased to announce the authors selected for the 2017-2018 Spirit of Texas Reading Program for Middle School.
The programming for these authors will be published on the TLA website in April before the 2017 TLA Annual Conference.

Fox, Janet
Featured Title – *The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle*. Viking, 2016.
Hardcover: 9780451476333

Liss, David
Featured Title – *Randoms.* Simon & Schuster, 2015.
Hardcover: 9781481417792 Paperback: 9781481417808

Paulsen, Gary
Featured Titles – *This Side of Wild.* Simon & Schuster. 2015.
Hardcover: 9781481451505 Paperback: 9781481451512

Rogers, Tom
Featured Title – *Eleven.* Alto Nido Press, 2014.
Paperback: 978-0991181001

Scott, Victoria
Featured Title – *Fire & Flood.* Scholastic, 2014.
Hardcover: 978-0545537469 Paperback: 978-0545730488

Featured Title – *Salt & Stone.* Scholastic, 2015.
Hardcover: 978-0545537483 Paperback: 978-1910002063

Sonnenblick, Jordan
Featured Title –*Falling Over Sideways.* Scholastic. 2016.
Hardcover: 978-0545863247

Featured Title –*Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip.* Scholastic. 2012.
Hardcover: 978-0545320696 Paperback: 978-0545320702

The Spirit of Texas Reading Program- Middle School is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table (YART). The purpose of the list is to encourage youths in grades 6-8 to explore a variety of current, quality books from Texas authors and illustrators, develop critical reading skills, and to encourage greater interaction between Texas authors and illustrators, Texas librarians, and Texas youth. The Spirit of Texas Reading Program-Middle School is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. Each author featured on the list has had at least one book favorably reviewed for grades 6-8 in a professional review source. Six authors will be featured bi-monthly with all programming available year round.

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