

## Colorado Authors Booklist

## **Local Author**

**Gutless by Mariko Tatsumoto (JF TATS, M)**: Guilt weighs down fourteen-year-old Kenji. He could have saved his family from the tsunami that decimated his seaside village in Japan if he hadn't been gutless. Orphaned and ashamed, he moves to Tokyo to live with his estranged uncle. Amidst the glitter of the city, Kenji clings to the hope that his missing sister is alive.

Also by this author: Ayumi's Violin, Accidental Samurai Spy.

## Elsewhere in Colorado...

*Audacity* by Melanie Crowder (YA FIC CROW, M): A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women's labor rights in the early 20th century in New York.

**Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman (JF BERT, J): Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

*Curio* by Evangeline Denmark (YA FIC DENM, E): Detesting the scientists who have taken over her small western town, Grey is transported by a mysterious curio cabinet to a world where porcelain and clockwork people are real and where she might find the means to end the Chemists' dark rule forever.

*Fig* by Sarah Elizabeth Schantz (YA FIC SCHA, S): Love and sacrifice intertwine in this story about a girl dealing with her mother's schizophrenia and her own mental illness. Fig's world lies somewhere between reality and fantasy. But as she watches Mama slowly come undone, it becomes hard to tell what is real and what is not, what is fun and what is frightening.

A Nearer Moon by Melanie Crowder (JF CROW, M): Long ago the dam formed, the lively river turned into a swamp, and the wasting illness came to Luna's village. Now that her little sister is sick Luna will do anything to save her, even offer herself to the creature that lives in the swamp on the day of the nearer moon--a lonely and bitter water sprite who was left behind when her people fled through a door to another world.



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**Searching for Silverheels** by Jeannie Mobley (JF MOBL, J): In Colorado during World War I, a young, romantically minded girl and an old, bitter woman suffragist debate a local legend and examine the role of women in a time of war and prejudice.

The Secret to Lying by Todd Mitchell (YA FIC MITC, T): Fifteen-year-old James lies about himself to be considered "cool" when he gets into an exclusive boarding school, but soon unnaturally vivid dreams of being a demon-hunting warrior lead to self-destructive acts while he is awake.

**Ship Breaker** by Paolo Bacigalupi (YA FIC BACI, P): In America's flooded Gulf Coast region, oil is scarce, but loyalty is scarcer. Grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts by crews of young people. Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota--and hopefully live to see another day.

Also by this Author: The Drowned Cities, Tool of War