

While no official complaint was made, Janis Joplin *Rise Up Singing* was kept out of a Colorado Juvenile Detention facility last year because it was considered dangerous to the sex offenders. I learned about it from the volunteer librarian there. In it's defense, I believe my YALSA comments support the reason we need biographies of flawed heroes in our schools. Here is the link:
<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/booklistsawards/bookawards/speeches/2011/angel.pdf>

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Recent Publications:

Sudden Flash Youth: 65 Short-Short Stories (Persea Books, October 2011)

Janis Joplin, Rise Up Singing (Abrams/Amulet 2010)

- ◆ 2011 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award,
- ◆ 2010 Council for Wisconsin Writers Kingery/Derluth Nonfiction Book Length Award
- ◆ 2011 Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Crystal Kite Award
- ◆ *Booklist*, Top 10 Biographies for Youth, June 2011
- ◆ *Booklist*, Top Ten Art Books for Youth, October 2011
- ◆ CCBC Choices 2011

A Reader's Guide to The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros (Enslow 2010)

Silent Embrace, Perspective on Birth in Adoption (Catalyst Book Press 2010)

Such a Pretty Face, Short Stories about Beauty (Abrams/Amulet 2007)

Amy Tan, Weaver of Asian-American Tales (Enslow 2009)

Robert Cormier, Writer of The Chocolate War (Enslow 2008)