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PSLA's Young Adult Top Forty Fiction Titles of 2006

Corso, Paola. *Giovanna's 86 Circles and Other Stories*. by Paola Corso
Madison: University of Wisconsin Press/Terrace Books, 2005 Hardback Edition
0-299-21280-7. 2007 Cloth Edition 0-299-21284-X 138 pp. Grades 9-Adult

"Corso's stories reflect her coming of age in an ethnic Italian Pittsburgh area neighborhood. Quirky characters appear from the sensitive thrift store clerk, Topaz, who keeps a woman's dead mother's clothing in case she return for them, to the title character's talent for growing amazing plants with her tears. Beautiful writing, strong female characters and adolescent themes will attract good readers to this little gem of a book." **Short Stories, Italian Americans, Pittsburgh**

—Pat Bender, PSLA Media Selection and Review Committee