

BPL Best of the Best Teen Reading List

If you're not sure what to read, check out the books on this list. The list includes some of the best books published over the last few years. Read one of these books to check off a space on your summer reading bingo sheet or earn five bonus points on your reading log. You might even find a new favorite author.

The Buckeye Teen Book Award is an award entirely nominated and voted on by Ohio students.

The 2021 nominees are:

Be Not Far from Me by Mindy McGinnis

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

The Girl in the White Van by April Henry

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones by Daven McQueen



Scan to vote starting September 1



Scan to nominate a book for the 2022 award

The Teens' Top Ten is a teen choice list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups from sixteen school and public libraries around the country selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association to participate.

Teens are encouraged to read the nominees throughout the summer to prepare for the national Teens' Top Ten vote, which will take place Aug. 15 – Oct. 12. The 10 nominees that receive the most votes will be named the official 2021 Teens' Top Ten.

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson

All the Stars and Teeth by Adalyn Grace

Atomic Women by Roseanne Montillo

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne

Collins The Betrothed by Kiera Cass

The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person by Frederick Joseph

The Bone Thief by Breeana Shields

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

Chain of Gold by Cassandra Clare

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Dangerous Secrets by Mari Mancusi

The Dark Matter of Mona Starr by Laura Gullledge.

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang

Five Total Strangers by Natalie D. Richards

Flamer by Mike Curato

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Instant Karma by Marissa Meyer

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by VE Schwab

Legendborn by Tracy Deonn

Lost Book of the White by Cassandra Clare and Wesley Chu

The Mermaid, the Witch, and the Sea by Maggie Tokuda-

Hall One of Us is Next by Karen M. McManus

The Shadows Between Us by Tricia Levenseller

Tweet Cute: A Novel by Emma Lord

We Used to Be Friends by Amy Spalding



Scan to vote August 15 - October 15

The Best of the Best list includes award winning and notable teen books. The following awards and notable lists are represented on the list.

Alex Award - The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Literature Award - The goal of the *Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature* is to honor and recognize individual work about Asian/Pacific Americans and their heritage, based on literary and artistic merit.

Award for Excellence in Nonfiction - YALSA's Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults.

Coretta Scott King Award - The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.

Margaret A. Edwards Award - The Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, honors an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature.

Michael L. Printz Award - The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

Odyssey Award - This annual award is given to the producer of the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States.

Pura Belpré Award - This award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

Schneider Family Book Award - The Schneider Family Book Awards honor an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience.

Stonewall Book Award Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's & Young Adult Literature Award - The first and most enduring award for LGBTQIA+ books is the Stonewall Book Awards, sponsored by the American Library Association's Rainbow Round Table.

Sydney Taylor Book Award - The Sydney Taylor Book Award is presented annually to outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience.

William C. Morris Award - The William C. Morris YA Debut Award honors a book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult

literature.

Rise Project Top Ten List - Rise: A Feminist Book Project for Ages 0-18 has been promoting quality feminist literature for young readers since 2002 as a part of the Feminist Task Force and the Social Responsibilities Round Table.

Top Ten Amazing Audiobooks (AA) - Each year, YALSA's Amazing Audiobooks Blogging Team selects and annotates an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults (BFYA) - YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Blogging Team presents fiction titles published for young adults in the past 14 months that are recommended reading for ages 12 to 18.

Top Ten Great Graphic Novels (GG) - Great Graphic Novels for Teens is a list of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction for those ages 12-18, prepared yearly by YALSA.

Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers (QP) - The Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers list identifies titles aimed at encouraging reading among teens who dislike to read for whatever reason.

Top Ten of The YA Rainbow List - The Rainbow Book List, now in its 14th year, is an annual annotated bibliography consisting of quality LGBTQIA+ literature intended for readers from birth to age 18.

Author	Title	Award(s)
Nayeri, Daniel	Everything Said is Untrue	Printz Award
Gansworth, Eric	Apple (Skin to the Core)	Printz Honor
Yang, Gene Luen	Dragon Hoops	Printz Honor
Iloh, Candice	Every Body Looking	Printz Honor, Rise Project
Chee, Traci	We Are Not Free	Printz Honor, AA
Roanhorse, Rebecca	Black Sun	Alex Award
Klune, TJ	House in the Cerulean Sea	Alex Award
O'Brady, Colin	Impossible First	Alex Award
Backderf, Derf	Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio	Alex Award
Anthony, Gretchen	Kids Are Gonna Ask	Alex Award
Jones, Stephen Graham	Only Good Indians	Alex Award
Danforth, Emily M.	Plain Bad Heroines	Alex Award
Onyebuchi, Tochi	Riot Baby	Alex Award
Bosh, Allie	Solutions and Other Problems	Alex Award
Barry, Quan	We Ride Upon Sticks	Alex Award
Magoon, Kekla	X: A Novel	Edwards Award
Magoon, Kekla	How it Went Down	Edwards Award
Magoon, Kekla	Rock and the River	Edwards Award
Magoon, Kekla	Fire in the Streets	Edwards Award
McCauley, Kyrie	If These Wings Could Fly	Morris Winner
Brown, Echo	Black Girl Unlimited: The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard	Morris Finalist
Reed, Christina Hammonds	Black Kids	Morris Finalist
Kenwood, Nina	It Sounded Better in My Head	Morris Finalist
Ibanez, Isabel	Woven in Moonlight	Morris Finalist
Fleming, Candace	Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh	Nonfiction Winner
Soontorvat, Chrstina	All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team	Nonfiction Finalist

Sabic-El-Rayess, Amra	Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War, and Survival	Nonfiction Finalist
Rocco, John	How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure	Nonfiction Finalist
Rusch, Elizabeth	You Call This Democracy? How to Fix Our Democracy and Deliver Power to the People	Nonfiction Finalist
Wiles, Deborah	Kent State	Odyssey Award, AA
Acevedo, Elizabeth	Clap When You Land	Odyssey Honor, AA, BFYA, Rise
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Fighting Words	Odyssey Honor
Reynolds, Jason	Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You	Odyssey Honor, AA
Jamieson, Victoria	When Stars Are Scattered	Odyssey Honor, AA
Mendez, Yamile Saied	Furia	Pura Belpre Award
Rivera, Lilliam	Never Look Back	Pura Belpre Honor
Sanchez, Jenny Torres	We Are Not From Here	Pura Belpre Honor, BFYA
Thomas, Aiden	Cemetery Boys	AA, BFYA, Rainbow List
Jackson, Holly	Good Girl's Guide to Murder	AA
Deonn, Tracy	Legendborn	AA
Ifueko, Jordan	Raybearer	AA, BFYA
Wolf, Aaron	Snow Fell Three Graves Deep: Voices from the Donner Party	AA
McGinnis, Mindy	Be Not Far From Me	BFYA, QP
Hardinge, Frances	Deeplight	BFYA
Jackson, Tiffany J.	Grown	BFYA
Masood, Syed M.	More Than Just a Pretty Face	BFYA
Johnson, Kim	This is My America	BFYA
Longo, Jennifer	What I Carry	BFYA
Kaito	Blue Flag 1	GG
Kaito	Blue Flag 2	GG
Kaito	Blue Flag 3	GG
Kaito	Blue Flag 4	GG
Kaito	Blue Flag 5	GG
Gill, Joel Christian	Fights: One Boys Triumph Over Violence	GG

Schneemaan, Karen	Go With the Flow	GG
Mirk, Sarah	Guantanamo Voices: True Accounts from the World's Most Infamous Prison	GG
Ha, Robin	Almost American Girl	GG
Machado, Carmen Maria	Low, Low Woods	GG
Nguyen, Trung Le	Magic Fish	GG, Rainbow List
Leyh, Kat	Snapdragon	GG, QP, Rainbow List
Yang, Gene Luen	Superman Smashes the Klan	GG
Russell, Mark	Wonder Twins Vol 1: Activate!	GG
Russell, Mark	Wonder Twins Vol 2: The Rise and Fall of the Wonder Twins	GG
Bruchac, Joseph	Found	QP
Deuker, Carl	Golden Arm	QP
Oseman, Alice	Heartstopper Vol 1	QP
Reynolds, Jason	Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel	QP
Oliver, Ben	Loop	QP
McNeil, Gretchen	#NoEscape	QP
Zoboi, Ibi	Punching the Air	QP
Johnson, Leah	You Should See Me in a Crown	QP, Stonewall Honor, Rainbow List
Fukuda, Andrew	This Light Between Us	APALA Award
Hughes, Kiki	Displacement	APALA Honor
Feder, Tyler	Dancing at the Pity Party	Sydney Taylor Award
Hesse, Monica	They Went Left	Sydney Taylor Silver Medal
Khorram, Adib	Darius the Great Deserves Better	Stonewall Honor
Callender, Kacen	Felix Ever After	Stonewall Honor
Gregorio, IW	This Is My Brain in Love	Schneider Family Award
Johnson, George	All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir-Manifesto	Rainbow List Top Ten
Cornwell, Betsy	Circus Rose	Rainbow List Top Ten
Gailey, Sarah	When We Were Magic	Rainbow List Top Ten
Lee, Lyla	I'll Be the One	Rainbow List Top Ten
Little Badger, Darcie	Elatsoe	Rainbow List Top Ten
Mejia, Tehlor Kay	Miss Meteor	Rainbow List Top Ten

Onyebuchi, Tochi	War Girls	Rainbow List Top Ten
Rosen, L. C.	Camp	Rainbow List Top Ten
Smith, Niki	Deep & Dark Blue	Rainbow List Top Ten
Miller, Chanel	Know My Name	Rise
Arnold, Elana K	Red Hood	Rise