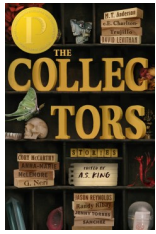


Award Winning Books for Teens

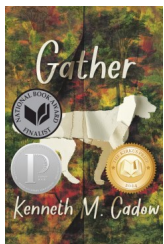
The **Michael L. Printz Award** recognizes the best book written for teens. Each year, the Printz Committee selects a winner along with four honor books, which represent the finest writing in young adult literature. Here's a list of a few of those books. For more recommendations, talk to a librarian or visit alamedafree.org



The collectors : stories

by A. S. King

Centering around an unforgettable cast of characters and their strange and surprising collections, this anthology features contributions by such award-winning and best-selling authors as David Levithan and Jenny Torres Sanchez. **YA FIC COLLECTORS**



Gather

by Kenneth M. Cadow

Ian Gray isn't supposed to have a dog, but a lot of things that shouldn't happen end up happening anyway. Gather, Ian's adopted pup, is good company now that Ian has to quit the basketball team, find a job, and take care of his mom. Despite the obstacles thrown their way, Ian is determined to keep

his family afloat. But an unforeseen tragedy results in Ian and his dog taking off on the run, trying to evade a future that would mean leaving their house and their land. Even if the community comes together to help him, would Ian and Gather have a home to return to? **YA FIC CADOW**

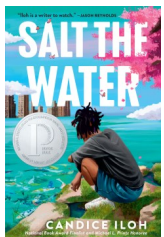


The girl I am, was, and never will be : a speculative memoir of transracial adoption

by Shannon Gibney

Part memoir, part speculative fiction, this story follows Erin Powers, a mixed-Black transracial adoptee raised by a white closeted lesbian, and is mixed with reproductions of the author's own adoption

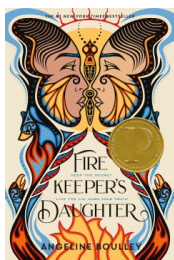
documents, letters, family photographs, interviews and medical records. **YA FIC GIBNEY**



Salt the water

by Candice Iloh

A confrontation with a teacher and a family crisis force high school senior Cerulean Gene to drop out of twelfth grade and derails their dreams of moving cross-country and living off the grid. **YA FIC ILOH**



Firekeeper's daughter

by Angeline Boulley

Treated like an outsider in both her hometown and on the Ojibwe reservation, a half-Native American science geek and star hockey player places her dreams on hold in the wake of a family tragedy. **YA FIC BOULLEY**



Icebreaker

by A. L. Graziadei

Vying for the NHL league's top draft spot, 17-year-old Mickey James and teammate Jaysen Caulfield find their rivalry turning into something more, forcing them both to decide what they really want and what they are willing to risk for it. **YA FIC GRAZIADEI**



Scout's honor

by Lily Anderson

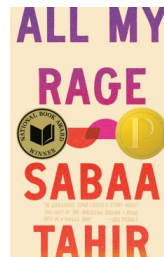
Born into a family of hunters sworn to protect humans from interdimensional parasites, 16-year-old Prudence Perry, a former legacy Ladybird Scout, falls back into the fold when her town is hit with a mysterious wave of demons. **YA FIC ANDERSON**



When the angels left the old country

by Sacha Lamb

When a young emigrant from their tiny village goes missing while heading to America, angel Uriel and demon Little Ash set off to find her and encounter many humans in need of their help as they face obstacles ahead of them as difficult as what they've left behind. **YA FIC LAMB**



All my rage

by Sabaa Tahir

When his attempts to save his family's motel spiral out of control, Salahudin and his best friend Noor, two outcasts in their town, must decide what their friendship is worth and how they can defeat the monsters of their past and in their midst. **YA FIC TAHIR**



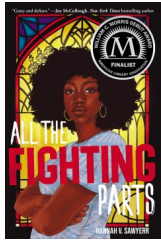
Concrete rose

by Angie Thomas

A gang leader's son finds his effort to go straight for the sake of his child challenged by a loved one's brutal murder, in a poignant exploration of Black coming-of-age set 17 years before the events of the award-winning *The Hate U Give*. **YA FIC THOMAS**

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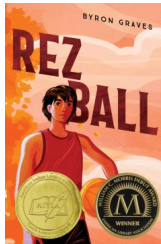
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All the fighting parts

by Hannah V. Sawyer

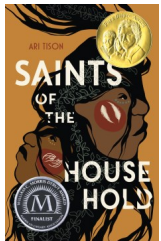
In the wake of being sexually assaulted by her pastor, sixteen-year-old Amina struggles to regain her footing until she finds the strength within herself to confront her abuser in court. YA FIC SAWYER



Rez Ball

by Byron Graves

When the varsity basketball team members take him under their wing, Tre Brun, representing his Ojibwe reservation, steps into his late brother's shoes as star player but soon learns he can't mess up—not on the court, not in school and not in love. YA FIC GRAVES



Saints of the household

by Ari Tison

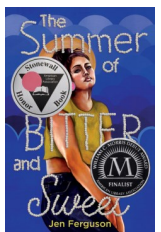
After breaking up a fight that harms their school's star soccer player in the process, two Bribri American brothers have to lay low due to their physically abusive father and grapple with the weight of their actions to find their way forward. YA FIC TISON



She Is a Haunting

by Trang Thanh Tran

Staying in Vietnam at the house her estranged father is restoring, Jade, plagued by sleep paralysis, bugs and a ghostly apparition, must expose the evil lurking in its walls before dark forces consume them all. YA FIC TRAN



The summer of bitter and sweet

by Jenny Ferguson

Lou has enough confusion in front of her this summer. She'll be working in her family's ice-cream shack with...her former best friend, King, who is back in their Canadian prairie town after disappearing three years ago...But when she gets a letter from her biological

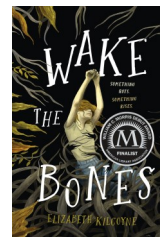
father...Lou immediately knows that she cannot meet him...While King's friendship makes Lou feel safer...when her family's business comes under threat, she soon realizes that she can't ignore her father forever. YA FIC FERGUSON



The lesbiana's guide to Catholic school

by Sonora Reyes

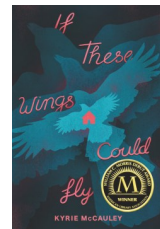
Transferred to a Catholic school, 16-year-old Yami Flores finds it hard to fake being straight when she falls for Bo, the only openly queer girl at school, but refuses to follow her heart until she learns to live her full truth out loud. YA FIC REYES



Wake the bones

by Elizabeth Kilcoyne

When a devil from her past returns to court her, as he did her mother years earlier, tobacco hand and taxidermist Laurel Early must unravel her mother's terrifying legacy and tap into her own magic to save everyone she loves. YA FIC KILCOYNE



If these wings could fly

by Kyrie McCauley

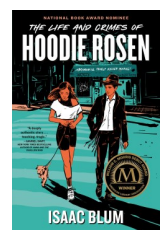
A metaphorical tribute to the power of sisterhood in the face of domestic violence follows the experiences of a teen whose community ignores her father's escalating behavior, which forces her to choose between her college ambitions and her siblings. YA FIC MCCAULEY



Black girl unlimited : the remarkable story of a teenage wizard

by Echo Brown

A largely autobiographical story infused with magical realism follows the transcendent coming-of-age of a teen from the East Side who transitions from the world of her home to that of a privileged West Side school while navigating an ominous veil of depression. YA FIC BROWN



The life and crimes of Hoodie Rosen

by Isaac Blum

Moving to the quiet, mostly non-Jewish town of Tregaron, Hoodie Rosen falls for the daughter of the mayor who is trying to keep Hoodie's Orthodox Jewish community out of town, and when antisemitic crimes turn deadly, he must choose between his first love and the only world he's ever known. YA FIC BLUM