

Missouri Gateway Reader Award YALSA Best Fiction 2019

The Cruel Prince

by Black, Holly
Violently taken from her human home, Jude has struggled to navigate the dark world of the Fae. Jaded from years of being viewed as inferior for being human, she publicly challenges the wicked Prince Cardan and his friends, unleashing the prince's wrath upon her and her sisters.

Dear Martin

by Nic Stone
Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 17-year-old college-bound Justyce struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

Defy the Stars

by Claudia Gray
Soldier Noemi and an enemy robot, Abel, who is programmed to obey her commands, set out on an interstellar quest to save her home planet, Earth colony Genesis.

Dreamland Burning

by Jennifer Latham
When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past.

Eliza and Her Monsters

by Francesca Zappia
Eighteen-year-old Eliza Mirk is the anonymous creator of *Monstrous Sea*, a wildly popular webcomic, but when a new boy at school tempts her to live a life offline, everything she's worked for begins to crumble.

Far From the Tree

by Robin Benway
Being the middle child has its ups and downs. But for Grace, an only child who was adopted at birth, discovering that she is a middle child is a different ride altogether. After putting her own baby up for adoption, she goes looking for her biological family, including her younger bio sister, who has a lot to say about their new family ties.

Goodbye Days: A Novel

by Jeff Zentner
Looks at a teen's life after the death of his best friend, and how he navigates through the guilt and pain by celebrating their lives and learning to forgive himself.

A Heart in a Body in the World

by Simon Pulse
Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.

Invictus

by Ryan Graudin
A group of time-traveling teens races through history to try to stop time and the multiverse from unraveling.

A List of Cages

by Robin Roe
Adam, a high school senior, rescues Julian, a freshman, from an abusive situation.

Monday's Not Coming

by Tiffany D. Jackson
When Claudia's best friend Monday suddenly disappears without a trace, Claudia knows something is up and will not stop until she uncovers the possibly horrifying truth.

Moxie

by Jennifer Mathieu
In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, Viv, sixteen, starts a feminist revolution using anonymously-written zines.

The Names They Gave Us

by Emery Lord
When her perfectly planned summer of quality time with her parents, serious boyfriend, and her Bible camp unravels and long-hidden family secrets emerge, Lucy must figure out what she is made of and what grace really means.

Nyxia

by Scott Reintgen
Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

One of Us Is Lying

by Karen M. McManus
Five students enter detention at Bayview on Monday. Simon, the creator of Bayview's ruthless gossip app, is dead before the end of detention. He had

much to post about his four classmates. All had motive!

The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo
Xiomara Batista struggles with, well, most things in her life--her mother, twin, and place in the Catholic church. In the past, she's used her fists to solve problems, as well as secretly writing poetry, but now it may be time to use those poems to fight back.

A Short History of the Girl Next Door

by Jared Reck
After years of pining for the girl next door, fifteen-year-old Matthew must deal with Tabby dating a popular senior just when he needs her most.

Soldier Boy

by Keely Hutton
An unforgettable novel based on the life of Ricky Richard Anywar, who at age fourteen was forced to fight as a soldier in the guerrilla army of notorious Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony.

When Light Left Us

By Leah Thomas
Not long after Hank, Ana, and Milo Vasquez's father leaves, an alien named Luz arrives and uses them to satisfy his curiosity, then leaves them forever changed.

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Young Adults' Choices Reading List

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Frogkisser!

by Garth Nix
Nothing in Princess Anya's life is pleasant: her evil, power-hungry stepfather; her ability to break curses with a kiss; her difficult Quest; or her traveling companions (a talking dog and a thief trapped as a newt). She isn't amused at all, but readers certainly will be.

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child

by Sandra Uwiringiyimana
The story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.

Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index

by Julie Israel
Juniper records the day's highs, lows, and happiness rating on index cards. She should be excited for the new year, but her sister's death clouds each day, until she finds a letter Cami wrote to *you* and needs to deliver the letter, but she must find out who *you* is.

Long Way Down

by Jason Reynolds
As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Loving vs. Virginia

by Patricia Hruby Powell
Written in blank verse, the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

Lucky in Love

by Kasie West
Sometimes planning can't prepare you for the unexpected, like winning the lottery! In a flash, Maddie's life becomes unrecognizable, and she is suddenly in the spotlight and doesn't know who to trust. Seth, her coworker at the local zoo, seems to be the only one who doesn't know. Will things change if he finds out?

Nemesis

by Brendan Reichs
As the Anvil, an enormous asteroid, threatens to end all life on Earth, sixteen-year-old Min begins to uncover a lifetime of lies, a sinister conspiracy involving all Students in her sophomore class in Fire Lake, Idaho.

Once and for All

by Sarah Dessen
Louna's years working at her mother's wedding planning business--as well as the tragic end of her first love--have shaped her cynical views on romance, but the arrival of serial-dater Ambrose may start to change Louna's mind and give her a second chance at love.

Piecing Me Together

by Renée Watson
Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.

Reaper

by Kyra Leigh
Rosie dies in an accident and finds out she's not in Paradise. Unfortunately, she must now deal with the Grim Reaper, who surprise, turns out to be a beautiful woman with a frightening attitude problem. Rosie learns that to move on to a better afterlife, she must go back to Earth and collect three souls.

Spinning

by Tillie Walden
Spinning is a graphic novel memoir that chronicles Walden's years coming-of-age as a competitive figure skater, as she navigates romance, bullying and various traumas.

10 Things I Can See From Here

by Carrie Mac
Maeve is in a state of constant anxiety. When her mother travels to Haiti for six months, Maeve moves to Vancouver with her dad, a very pregnant stepmom, and two brothers. Maeve's life changes when she meets free-spirited Salix and a romance begins.

Textrovert

by Lindsey Summers
A mix-up of cell phones should be easy to fix. However, for Keeley and Talon, the process becomes complicated when they fall for each other, only for Keeley to realize that Talon is also "TJ," the football nemesis of Keeley's twin brother.

There's Someone Inside Your House

by Stephanie Perkins
Hawaii-born Makani Young's new life in Nebraska is thrown into chaos when a serial killer begins to target her fellow high school students.

They Both Die at the End

by Adam Silvera
In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

The Valiant

by Lesley Livingston
Seventeen-year-old Fallon, the daughter of a Celtic king whose other daughter was killed by the army of Julius Caesar, is captured and sold to a training school for female gladiators owned by Caesar and must overcome rivalries while trying to understand her feelings for Cai, a young Roman soldier.

Warcross

by Marie Lu
When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

Waste of Space

by Gina Damico
Cram ten hormonal teens into a spaceship and blast off: that's the premise for the ill-conceived reality show Waste of Space. The kids who are cast know everything about drama--and nothing about the fact that the production is fake.

What I Lost

By Alexandra Ballard
Elizabeth has landed in Wallingfield for her eating disorder. She works the program but realizes her food avoidance stems from her mother's food issues and negative comments. Elizabeth wants to overcome but still plans to restrict food. Can the mysterious packages she receives give her hope to win this battle?

Windfall

By Jennifer E. Smith
Best friends are joined by more than friendship. Both parentless, they have seen their share of bad luck. But on Teddy's 18th birthday, Alice buys him a lottery ticket and he wins \$140 million. Has their luck finally changed?