The Best Fiction for Young Adults list is compiled annually by the committee of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and comprises fiction appropriate for ages 12 to 18. Titles published in 2015 are noted; all others were published in 2016. The committee’s top 10 choices are identified with a star (★) some titles may be available in e-formats. Formats listed below subject to change. Check catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.

★ Berry, Julie. The Passion of Dolssa. Viking Books for Young Readers. In 13th century Provence, Dolssa, branded a heretic after claiming to speak with God, flees. She’s rescued by Botile, a matchmaker who runs a tavern with her sisters. Their lives are linked when Dolssa’s gifts as a miracle-worker bring the church’s wrath. Michael L. Printz honor. E-book and audio. Gr. 9+

★ Chee, Traci. The Reader, (Sea of Ink and Gold). G.P. Putnam Sons. Set in a world where reading is forbidden, Sefia makes use of a mysterious object to track down who kidnapped her aunt Nin and what really happened the night her father was murdered. E-book and audio. Gr. 9+

★ Reynolds, Jason. Ghost. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. E-book and audio. Gr. 5-8

★ Sepetys, Ruta. Salt to the Sea. Philomel Books. As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war’s final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull. E-book and audio. Gr. 8+

★ Shusterman, Neal. Scythe (Future Perfect #1). Simon & Schuster Books. Disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed (‘gleaned’) by professional reapers (‘scythes’). Two teens compete to become a scythe—a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn’t. Michael L. Printz Award honor. E-book. Gr. 9+

★ Yoon, Nicola. The Sun is also a Star. Delacorte Press. Natasha’s a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. When he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there’s something extraordinary in store for both of them. Michael L. Printz Award honor. E-book. Gr. 9+

★ Zentner, Jeff. The Serpent King. Crown Books. The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school in rural Forrestville, TN without letting the small-town culture destroy their creative spirits and sense of self. E-book and audio. Gr. 9+

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