Teens’ Top Ten Nominees 2017

Voting August 15, 2017 - October 14, 2017

Results will be announced after Teen Read Week
October 8 - 14, 2017

Black, Jenna. Nightstruck.
Beckett is a teen girl wrestling with her parents’ divorce. A HS senior, one of her biggest problems is fighting the secret crush she has on her best friend’s boyfriend. All that changes when she tries to save an innocent life and everything goes wrong. She has been tricked into opening a door between worlds allowing a dark magic into the mortal world. Gr. 9+

Bosworth, Jennifer. The Killing Jar.
When she was 10 years old, Kenna discovered she had the ability to drain the life from another human being, and ever since she has been afraid to touch anyone – but when she uses that power to save her family from an attacker, her mom reveals the origin of her power and she is forced to choose between the Kalyptra and a human life. Gr. 9+

Bracken, Alexandra. Passenger.
Violin prodigy Etta has the power to time travel. Thrust back to 1776, she awakens in a fierce sea battle. Nicholas Carter, master of a privateer ship, has been hired to retrieve Etta and deliver her to the Ironwoods, a powerful family in the Colonies. Another traveler has stolen an object of untold value from the Ironwoods, and if Etta can find it they will return her to her own time. Gr. 9+

Braswell, Liz. Once Upon a Dream.
In an alternate take on the classic fairy tale, the prince falls asleep and Aurora must escape the magical world created by her own dreams. Gr. 7+

Buxbaum, Julie. Tell Me Three Things.
Sixteen-year-old Jessie, still grieving over her mother’s death, must move from Chicago to “The Valley,” with a new stepfamily she has no new friends until an anonymous fellow student emails and offers to help her navigate the school’s treacherous social waters. Gr. 8+

Clare, Cassandra. Lady Midnight (Dark Artifices #01).
Shadowhunter Emma Carstairs and her parabatai Julian Blackthorn race to stop a demonic plot that threatens Los Angeles. Gr. 9+

Dennard, Susan. Truthwitch.
On a continent ruled by three empires, some are born with a “witchery,” a magical skill that sets them apart from others. In the Witchlands, there are almost as many types of magic as there are ways to get in trouble – as two desperate young women know all too well. Gr. 8+

Dinan, Kurt. Don’t Get Caught.
To his great surprise, uncool eleventh grader Max Cobb is invited to join the Chaos Club, an exclusive group of students responsible for some of the biggest pranks at his high school. Gr. 8+

Federle, Tim. The Great American Whatever.
Teenaged Quinn, an aspiring screenwriter, copes with his sister’s death while his best friend forces him back out into the world to face his reality. Gr. 9+

Freedman, Russell. We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler.
The true story of the White Rose, a group of students in Nazi Germany who were active undercover agents of the resistance movement against Hitler and his regime. Focuses on Hans and Sophie: their early adherence to Hitler Youth, their growing willingness to question, their leaflet campaign to encourage German youth to resist, and their eventual execution. Gr. 6-9
Glasgow, Kathleen. *Girl in Pieces*. As she struggles to recover and survive, seventeen-year-old homeless girl Charlotte “Charlie” Davis cuts herself to dull the pain of abandonment and abuse. Gr. 10+

Gout, Leopoldo. *Genius: The Game*. Three underprivileged young prodigies from across the world with incredible skills in technology and engineering team up to become the heroes the world never knew they could be. Gr. 8+

Hamilton, Alwyn. *Rebel of the Sands (Rebel of the Sands #1)*. Amani is desperate to leave the dead-end town of Dustwalk, and she’s counting on her sharpshooting skills to help her escape. After she meets Jin, the rebel running from the Sultan’s army, she unlocks the truth about the desert nation of Miraji and herself. Gr. 8+

Kincaid, S. J. *The Diabolic*. Nemesis is a Diabolic, a humanoid teenager and the galaxy’s most deadly weapon, who masquerades as Sidonia, a senator’s daughter, and becomes a hostage of the galactic court. Gr. 8+

Landers, Melissa. *Starflight*. Former high school enemies Solara Brooks and Doran Spaulding must team up when they find themselves aboard a renegade spaceship. Gr. 7+

McIntosh, Will. *Burning Midnight*. Teens Sully, Hunter, Dom, and Mandy team up in a race against unscrupulous billionaire CEO Alex Holliday to locate a collectible sphere, which may have a very steep price. Gr. 7-10

Martin, Emily. *The Year We Fell Apart*. A year ago Harper made the biggest mistake of her life by destroying her relationship with her best friend and first love Declan, so now that he is home from boarding school for the summer, Harper has three months to fix the year of miscommunications, secrets, and lies or finally let go altogether.

Meyer, Marissa. *Heartless*. In this prequel to Alice in Wonderland, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester. Gr. 8+

Nijkamp, Marieke. *This Is Where It Ends*. Minutes after the principal of Opportunity High School in Alabama finishes her speech welcoming the student body to a new semester, they discover that the auditorium doors will not open and someone starts shooting as four teens, each with a personal reason to fear the shooter, tell the tale from separate perspectives. Gr. 9+

Russo, Meredith. *If I Was Your Girl*. Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yeaning to share him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew. Gr. 9+

Shusterman, Neal. *Scythe*. In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly gleaned i.e. killed by professional reapers called scythes. Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe—a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn’t. Gr. 8+
Welch, Jenna Evans. *Love & Gelato*. After her mother dies, Lina travels to Italy where she discovers her mother's journal and sets off on an adventure to unearth her mother's secrets. Gr. 7+

West, Kasie. *P.S. I Like You*. Every day in chemistry class, high school student and aspiring songwriter Lily Abbott is finding notes left to her by a mystery boy, love letters really, and she hopes they're from Lucas, a boy she's attracted to—so when she finds out they're really from Cade Jennings, an arrogant student whom she previously despised, she's shocked and unsure about how to respond. Gr. 7-10

Williamson, Lisa. *The Art of Being Normal*. David Piper, always an outsider, forms an unlikely friendship with Leo Denton, who from the first day at his new school wants only to be invisible, but when David's deepest secret gets out—that he wants to be a girl—things get very messy for both of them. Gr. 9+

Yoon, Nicola. *The Sun is also a Star*. Natasha's a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there's something extraordinary in store for both of them. Gr. 8+