

Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers



The Georgia Peach Award highlights and promotes the best current young adult literature for Georgia high school age students. Teens vote for their favorite books out of the year's top 20 nominees at their high schools and local public libraries, fostering collaboration between school and public librarians.

The award encourages high schoolers to recognize and read quality literature appropriate to their needs, interests, and reading levels, empowering teens to have a voice. It also honors outstanding works in young adult literature and recognizes YA authors.

Nominees for 2014-2015



***The 5th Wave*, by Rick Yancey**

When the aliens came, they weren't cute like E. T. Now, only a fraction of humanity survives by a single rule: Trust no one. Against all hope, Cassie seeks her little brother. Then she meets Evan, and wonders: Can she believe in the future again?



***All Our Yesterdays*, by Cristin Terrill** "You have to kill him."

Em and Finn travel in time to prevent a tragedy that will plunge their world into war and chaos. But to destroy the time machine, Em has to sacrifice hopes, dreams—perhaps even love.

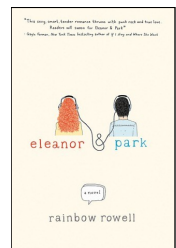
***Criminal*, by Terra Elan McVoy**

Nikki's friends keep telling her Dee's no good—but he's so hot, and he loves her so much, he's even got her tattoo. When Dee asks for her help, Nikki trusts him—until there's a murder, and the investigators want to talk to *her*.



***Eleanor & Park*, by Rainbow Rowell**

When red-haired, rebellious Eleanor gets on the bus to Park's high school for the first time, nobody suspects they'll ever be a couple. But a shared love of comics and arguing over music tastes blossoms into a spunky and dangerous romance.



***In the Shadow of Blackbirds*, by Cat Winters**

In 1918, the Great War and influenza steep the world in death and horror. Seances and the occult attract sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black. Are they hoaxes—or are they one more chance for love with fallen soldier Stephen?



***Just One Day*, by Gayle Forman**

Taking a chance for once in her carefully ordered life, Allyson goes to Paris for a day with Willem. The next morning, he's vanished. Through the next year, she grieves, grows, and finally, begins making her own choices.

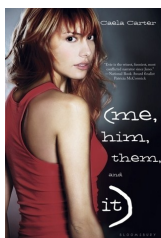
***Living With Jackie Chan*, by Jo Knowles**

A casual hookup produces a baby, and Josh flees. Amid guilt, loss, and missing his friends, Josh also has martial-arts-obsessed Uncle Larry to deal with. Can he heal old wounds and find new purpose with Stella—or will her jealous boyfriend ruin everything?



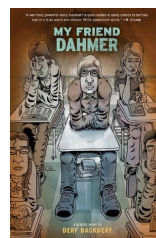
***March: Book One*, by John Lewis et al.**

Congressman John Lewis tells of growing up in the segregated South and how he became a leader for the Civil Rights Movement—protesting at white-only lunch counters and being beaten by state troopers—as a teenager and young adult.



***Me, Him, Them, & It*, by Caela Carter**

Evelyn Jones (ME), 16, wants to be a bad girl to capture the attention of her divorcing parents (THEM). Her fake boyfriend/hookup (HIM) may be starting to care, when IT comes along. A fetus. A baby-to-be? Now, what is she going to do?



***My Friend Dahmer*, by Derf Backderf**

Before he became a serial killer, Jeffrey Dahmer was a teenager who at least passed for normal. He had what seemed to be friends and caring parents. This graphic memoir, by one of his classmates, shows what the young Dahmer was like in high school.

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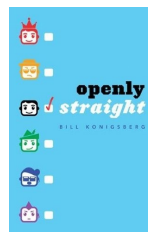


Nominees for 2014-2015, cont'd.



***Of Beast and Beauty*, by Stacey Jay**

Isra is princess of a domed city, built to keep out the Monstruous, their near-starving enemies. When Isra's guards capture Gem, a Monstruous, Gem and Isra begin to explore what life could be like if they accepted each other's humanity.



***Openly Straight*, by Bill Konigsberg**

Rafe likes soccer, skiing, writing—and, he happens to be gay. He came out, with his friends' and family's blessing, long ago. So why is he allowing his new friends at boarding school to believe he's straight? He'd really like to be just plain Rafe, that's why.

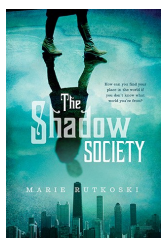
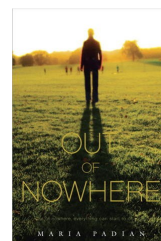
***Orleans*, by Sherri L. Smith**

Fen de la Guerre survived the plague that divided Orleans from the rest of the former U. S. But her quest to find a safe haven for her friend's baby sends her—and Daniel, who's illegally seeking a plague cure—into even more danger.



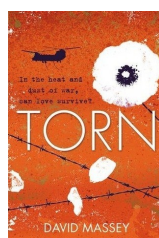
***Out of Nowhere*, by Maria Padian**

Tom Bouchard captains the soccer team, has an "it" girlfriend, and is close to the top of his class. Then, four Somali refugees join the team, a prank with his best friend turns into trouble, and he meets an idealistic college girl. Out of nowhere, everything starts to change.



***The Shadow Society*, by Marie Rutkoski**

On his first day at Darcy's school, new guy Conn seems to know her—and to despise her. In foster homes since she was tiny, Darcy can't remember why he would seem familiar—until she begins to realize they could be enemies from an alternate world.



***Torn*, by David Massey**

Ellie, a rookie British army medic in Afghanistan, wrestles with her feelings for an American officer and for the mysterious Afghani girl who seems to appear and then disappear in the heat of battle.

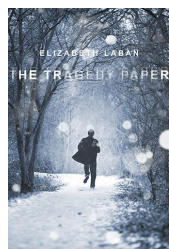
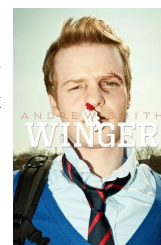
***Steelheart*, by Brandon Sanderson**

Ten years ago, 18-year-old David survived an attack by a superhuman Epic, Steelheart, who killed David's father. Now, everyone says Steelheart is invincible, but David saw him bleed that day. And David wants revenge.



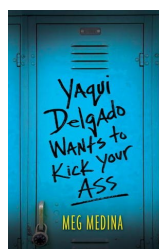
***Winger*, by Andrew Smith**

A sense of humor, cartooning skill, and rugby talent are Ryan Dean West's biggest assets at boarding school as a fourteen-year-old junior. Can those traits bring about justice and fairness in his world—especially when it comes to having Annie look on him as datable?



***The Tragedy Paper*, by Elizabeth LaBan**

Albino 17-year-old Tim Macbeth is a social outcast. But when he and Vanessa, girl-friend of the most popular guy at school, fall for each other,—the senior class Tragedy Paper project takes on a whole new meaning.



***Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*, by Meg Medina**

When a friend tells Piddy Sanchez that Yaqui has it in for her, Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqui is. But soon enough, Piddy's life seems to revolve around the threat. How will she keep safe and also maintain her dignity?

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