

Literary Award Winners 2020–2021

[Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award 2020](#) (Teen Choice Award)

- **Truly Devious** by Maureen Johnson

[Alex Awards 2021](#) *The Alex Awards annually recognize ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults ages 12 through 18.*

- **Black Sun** by Rebecca Roanhorse
- **The House in the Cerulean Sea** by TJ Klune
- **The Impossible First: From Fire to Ice - Crossing Antarctica Alone** by Colin O’Brady
- **Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio** by Derf Backderf
- **The Kids Are Gonna Ask** by Gretchen Anthony
- **The Only Good Indians** by Stephen Graham Jones
- **Plain Bad Heroines** by emily m. danforth
- **Riot Baby** by Tochi Onyebuchi
- **Solutions and Other Problems** by Allie Brosh
- **We Ride Upon Sticks: A Novel** by Quan Barry

[The Edgar Awards for Best Mysteries 2020](#)

- **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osmond (Best Novel)
- Kim, Angi. **Miracle Creek** (Best First Novel)
- by Adam O’Fallon Price **The Hotel NeverSink** (The Best Paperback Original)
- Betz-Hamilton, Axton. **The Less People Know About Us: A Mystery of Betrayal, Family Secrets, and Stolen Identity** (Best Fact Crime)
- Billheimer, John. **Hitchcock and the Censors** (Best Critical/Biographical)
- Kritzer, Naomi. **Catfishing on CatNet** (Best Young Adult)

[Hugo Award for Science Fiction or Fantasy](#) (2021 winners will be announced by Dec. 12-15, 2021.)

- **A Memory Called Empire** by Arkady Martine (2020)

[Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book](#) (not a Hugo)

- **Catfishing on CatNet**, by Naomi Kritzer (2020)

[Man Booker Prize 2020](#) *The prize, which launched in 1969, aims to promote the finest in fiction by rewarding the best novel of the year written in English and published in the United Kingdom.*

- **Shuggie Bain** by Douglas Stuart

[Man Booker Prize International 2020](#)

- **The Discomfort of Evening** by Marieke Lucas Rijneveld (Dutch-Netherlands), translated by Michele Hutchison

[National Book Award 2020](#) (2021 winners will be announced on Nov. 17, 2021.)

- **Interior Chinatown** by Charles Yu (Fiction)
- **The Dead are Arising: the Life of Malcom X** by Tamra Payne and Les Payne (Non-Fiction)
- **DMZ Colony** by Don Mee Choi (Poetry)
- **Tokyo Ueno Station** Morgan Giles and Yu Miri (Translated Literature)
- **Kings and Dragonflies by Kacen Callender** (Young People’s Literature)

[Nebula Award for Science Fiction or Fantasy 2020](#)

- **Network Effect: a Murderbot Novel** by Martha Wells (Winner, Best Novel)

[Women's Prize for Fiction 2020](#) *Given in the United Kingdom to an English language novel by a female author of any nationality. (2021 winner announced on July 7, 2021)*

- **Hamnet** by Maggie O'Farrell

[Michael L. Printz Award for Young Adult Literature 2021](#)

- **Everything Sad is Untrue** by Daniel Nayeri (Winner)
- **Apple (Skin to the Core)** by Eric Gansworth (Honor)
- **Dragon Hoops** by Gene Luen Yang, color by Lark Pien (Honor)
- **Every Body Looking** by Candice Iloh (Honor)
- **We Are Not Free** by Traci Chee (Honor)

[Pulitzer Prize 2020](#) *(2021 announced on June 11)*

- Whitehead, Colson. **Nickel Boys** (Fiction Winner)
- Lerner, Ben. **Topeka School** (Fiction Finalist)
- Patchett, Ann. **The Dutch House** (Fiction Finalist)
- McDaniel, W.Caleb. **Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution** (History Winner)
- Grandin, Greg. **The End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America** (Non-Fiction Winner)
- Moser, Benjamin. **Sontag: Her Life and Work** (Biography Winner)
- Jackson, Michael R. **A Strange Loop** (Drama Winner)
- Brown, Jericho. **The Tradition** (Poetry Winner)

[YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults 2020](#) *(2021 announced week after Oct. 15, 2021.)*

1. **Wayward Son (Simon Snow, #2)** by Rainbow Rowell
2. **Pumpkinheads** by Rainbow Rowell. Illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks
3. **With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo
4. **Aurora Rising** by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
5. **Broken Throne: A Red Queen Collection** by Victoria Aveyard
6. **#MurderFunding (#MurderTrending #2)** by Gretchen McNeil
7. **We Hunt the Flame (Sands of Arawiya)** by Hafsah Faizal
8. **Lovely War** by Julie Berry
9. **Wilder Girls** by Rory Power
10. **The Memory Thief** by Lauren Mansy