

*****Eat Your Heart Out**

by Kelly DeVos (FIC DEV)

Six disgruntled teens are forced to spend their winter break at fat camp during Flagstaff, Arizona's worst blizzard in a century, only to find that Camp Featherlite is even worse than expected because it is crawling with genetically-modified monsters.

*****Firekeeper's Daughter**

by Angeline Boulley (FIC BOU)

Daunis, who's part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.

*****The Girls I've Been**

by Tess Sharpe (FIC SHA)

When seventeen-year-old Nora O'Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel.

Happily Ever Afters

by Elise Bryant (FIC BRY)

Tessa Johnson has never felt like the protagonist in her own life. The only place she's a true leading lady is in her own writing. When Tessa is accepted into the creative writing program of a prestigious art school, she's excited to finally let her stories shine. But when she goes to her first workshop, the words are just...gone. Fortunately, Caroline has a solution: Tessa just needs to find some inspiration in a real-life love story of her own. Nico, the brooding artist who looks like he walked out of one of Tessa's stories, is cast as the perfect Prince Charming. As Tessa completes more of Caroline's solution, she gets further away from herself. She's well on her way to having her own real-life love story, but is it the one she wants, after all?

Ace of Spades

by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
(FIC CHI)

Devon and Chiamaka compete for valedictorian at an elite prep school until anonymous texts reveal their darkest secrets, forcing the pair to fight back, as the cyberbully's game soon turns deadly.

Angel of Greenwood

by Randi Pink (FIC PIN)

Town trouble maker, Isaiah Wilson believes, like WEB DuBois, that black people should rise up to claim their place as equals while loner Angel Hill believes, like Booker T Washington, through education and tolerance, that black people should rise slowly and without forced conflict. The two are an unlikely pairing, but both find themselves working a mobile library three wheel, two seater job courtesy of their English teacher. The two couldn't be more different, but neither can turn down the money. Soon life changes on May 31, 1921 when a vicious white mob storms the community of Greenwood, leaving the town destroyed and thousands of residents displaced. Only then, Isaiah, Angel, and their peers realize who their real enemies are.

*****The Assignment**

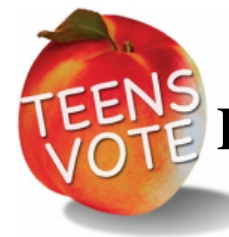
by Liza Wiemer (FIC WIE)

Standing in opposition to a class assignment to debate Hitler's Final Solution, seniors Cade and Logan become embroiled in turmoil involving their teacher, principal, Commissioner of Education, white supremacists, and their entire community.

The Cost of Knowing

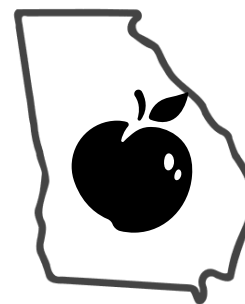
by Brittney Morris (FIC MOR)

Sixteen-year-old Alex Rufus's curse of seeing the future distracts him from being and doing his best, but when he sees his little brother Isaiah's imminent death, he races against time, death, and circumstances to save him.

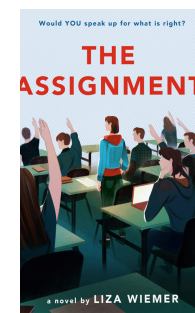


2022-2023 Best Teen Books

Georgia Peach Book Award Nominees for Teen Readers



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Readers Rally Selection

*****Project Hail Mary**

by Andy Weir (FIC WEI)

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the Earth itself will perish.

Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet

Laekan Zea Kemp (FIC KEM)

Together, Pen and Xander must navigate first love and discovering where they belong in order to save the place they all call home.

The Sky Blues

by Robbie Couch (FIC COU)

Seventeen-year-old Sky, openly gay but under the radar, decides to make a splashy Promposal but his plans are leaked by an anonymous, homophobic hacker, moving his classmates to help him expose the perpetrator.

This Will be Funny Someday

by Katie Henry (FIC HEN)

Sixteen-year-old Izzy is used to keeping her thoughts to herself—in school, where her boyfriend does the talking for her, and at home, where it's impossible to compete with her older siblings and high-powered parents. When she mistakenly walks into a stand-up comedy club and performs, the experience is surprisingly cathartic. After the show, she meets Mo, an aspiring comic who's everything Izzy's not: bold, confident, comfortable in her skin. Mo invites Izzy to join her group of friends and introduces her to the Chicago open mic scene. As her two parallel lives collide—in the most hilarious of ways—Izzy must choose to either hide what she really wants and who she really is, or finally, truly stand up for herself.

The Passing Playbook

by Isaac Fitzsimons (FIC FIT)

Fifteen-year-old Spencer Harris is a proud nerd, an awesome big brother, and a David Beckham in training. He's also transgender. After transitioning at his old school leads to a year of isolation and bullying, Spencer gets a fresh start at Oakley, the most liberal private school in Ohio. At Oakley, Spencer seems to have it all: more accepting classmates, a decent shot at a starting position on the boy's soccer team, great new friends, and maybe even something more than friendship with one of his teammates. The problem is, no one at Oakley knows Spencer is trans--he's passing. So when a discriminatory law forces Spencer's coach to bench him after he discovers the "F" on Spencer's birth certificate, Spencer has to make a choice: cheer his team on from the sidelines or publicly fight for his right to play, even though it would mean coming out to everyone--including the guy he's falling for.

*****Perfectly Parvin**

by Olivia Abtahi (FIC ABT)

After being dumped at the beginning of freshman year, Iranian-American Parvin Mohammadi sets out to win the ultimate date to Homecoming.

*****The Prison Healer**

by Lynette Noni (FIC NON)

Seventeen-year-old Kiva Meridan has spent the last ten years fighting for survival in the notorious death prison, Zalindov, working as the prison healer. When the Rebel Queen is captured, Kiva is charged with keeping the terminally ill woman alive long enough for her to undergo the Trial by Ordeal: a series of elemental challenges against the torments of air, fire, water, and earth, assigned to only the most dangerous of criminals. Then a coded message from Kiva's family arrives, containing a single order: "Don't let her die. We are coming." Aware that the Trials will kill the sickly queen, Kiva risks her own life to volunteer in her place. If she succeeds, both she and the queen will be granted their freedom. But no one has ever survived.

*****Hold Back the Tide**

by Melinda Salisbury (FIC SAL)

Everyone knows what happened to Alva's mother, all those years ago. But when dark forces begin to stir in Ormscaula, Alva has to face a very different future - and question everything she thought she knew about her past...

*****In the Wild Light**

by Jeff Zentner (FIC ZEN)

Attending an elite prep school in Connecticut on a scholarship with his best friend (and secret love) science genius Delaney Doyle, sixteen-year-old Cash Pruitt, from a small town in East Tennessee, struggles with emotional pain and loss until his English teacher suggests writing poetry.

*****Legendborn**

by Tracy Deonn (FIC DEO)

To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights.

Magic Fish

by Trung Le Nguyen (FIC NGU)

In this gorgeous debut graphic novel, fairy tales are the only way one boy can communicate with his Vietnamese immigrant parents. But how will he find the words to tell them that he's gay? A powerful read about family, identity and the enduring magic of stories.

The Nature of Witches

by Rachel Griffin (FIC GRI)

Witches, who for centuries have maintained the climate, are losing their power as the atmosphere becomes more erratic, and all hope for a better future lies with Clara Densmore, an Everwitch whose rare magic is tied to every season.