

Suggested Reading for Teens **@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

Award Winners

If you like Award Winners, check out these honored books:

Recommended for Grades 7 and Up

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Awards:

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Garden State Teen Book Awards

Call Number: YA F BLO

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Awards:

- Newberry Medal
- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Garden State Teen Book Awards

Call Number: YA F LOW

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- Newberry Honor Book
- YALSA Best Book

Call Number: YA F FAR

Uzumak by Junji Ito

Shuichi Saito, the withdrawn boyfriend of teenager Kirie Goshima, believes that his town is haunted by the uzumaki, a spiral, hypnotic secret shape of the world that manifests itself in various ways and causes madness among the inhabitants.

Awards:

- YALSA Great Graphic Novels

Call Number: YA CMX UZU

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Awards:

- Newberry Honor Book
- YALSA 100 Best Books

Call Number: YA F AVI

Ironman by Chris Crutcher

While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.

Awards:

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- YALSA Quick Picks

Call Number: YA F CRU

Jack the Ripper: a journal of the Whitechapel murders, 1888-1889 by Rick Geary

Awards:

- YALSA Quick Pick

Call Number: YA CMX JAC

Fade by Robert Cormier

In the summer of 1938, Paul Moreaux, the thirteen-year-old son of French-Canadian immigrants, inherits the ability to become invisible, but this power soon leads to death and destruction.

Awards:

- YALSA 100 Best Books

Call Number: F COR

Recommended for Grades 9 and Up

Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

Awards:

- Printz Award Winner

Call Number: YA F MAR

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book

Call Number: YA F LOC

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- YALSA Best Book
- SLJ Best Book

Call Number: YA F ZUS

Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac by Gabrielle Zevin

A toss of the coin ends up changing Naomi's life after a slip on the stairs results in amnesia, a disconnect with the life she once led, and a new relationship with a young man with a questionable past.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F ZEV

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

Awards:

- Oprah's Reading List
- Virginia Reader's Choice Award

Call Number: YA F HIN

The First Part Last by Angela Johnson

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Awards:

- Printz Award Winner
- YALSA Best Book
- YALSA Quick Pick

Call Number: YA F JOH

Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos

The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- YALSA Best Book
- School Library Journal Best Book

Call Number: YA B GAN

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

Awards:

- Printz Award Winner
- YALSA Best Book
- Coretta King Scott Award

Call Number: YA F MYE

Chandra's Secrets by Allan Stratton

Chandra struggles with the deaths of those around her and the shame of being molested as she continues her education and cares for her siblings and friend Esther, amidst the poverty and AIDS epidemic that plague her African homeland.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- YALSA Best Book

Call Number: YA F STR

I am the Messenger by Mark Zusak

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- YALSA Best Book

Call Number: YA F ZUS

* Book descriptions taken from Novelist.