



2022 Nominees

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***Bent Heavens* by Daniel Kraus**

Liv's father went missing two years ago, shortly after he claimed to have been abducted by aliens. Liv and her friend Doug routinely check her father's alien traps to discover they actually caught one.

***Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas**

Yadriel, a trans boy determined to prove his gender to his traditional Latinx family, summons a ghost who refuses to leave.

***Charming as a Verb* by Ben Philippe**

Henri can charm anyone. A star debater and popular student, he's doing his best to fulfill his first-generation Haitian father's expectations to be accepted to Columbia University. How much hustle is too much hustle? When does hustle become a bad choice?

***Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo**

On the day that Camino's father is supposed to return to the Dominican Republic, his plane crashes. In the aftermath of the crash, Camino finds out about Yahaira - her sister she didn't know about who lives in New York.

***Concrete Kids* by Amyra Leon**

A poetry journey that explores love and loss, melody and bloodshed. Leon takes the reader through her childhood in Harlem, foster care, mourning, self-love, and resilience.

***The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee**

Lady's maid by day, author of the newspaper's advice column by night, Jo pens the wildly popular "Dear Miss Sweetie" column. She's not prepared for the backlash when her column challenges fix ideas about race and gender.

***The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys**

Madrid, 1957. Daniel, son of an oil tycoon doing a deal with General Franco, wants to connect with his mother's homeland through photography. He meets Ana while she's working at the hotel and trying to overcome the lingering effects of the Spanish Civil War.

***Golden Arm* by Carl Deuker**

Laz, a boy from the wrong side of the tracks finds himself pitching his way out of poverty - one strike at a time.

***Grown* by Tiffany D. Jackson**

Korey Fields is dead. When Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night, no one - the police and Korey's fans included - has more questions than she does. All she knows is this wasn't supposed to happen - Korey was her ticket to stardom. Who killed Korey Fields?

***Harley Quinn: Breaking Glass* by Mariko Tamaki; Steve Pugh**

Harleen is a tough, outspoken, rebellious kid who lives in a ramshackle apartment above a karaoke cabaret owned by a drag queen named MAMA. Harleen becomes mad when a wave of gentrification threatens her neighborhood. Join Ivy? Or The Joker?

***He Must Like You* by Danielle Younge-Ullman**

Libby's brother ran away to Greece, her parents are renting out her bedroom on AirBnB, a drunken hookup leaves her confused, so when a serial harasser/handsy customer pushes her to the edge - she can barely be blamed for dumping sangria on his head.

***The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

Billionaire Tobias Hawthorne has died and left Avery Grambs his fortune. She has no idea who he even is. To receive her inheritance she must move to Hawthorne House, a sprawling, secret passage filled house packed with puzzles, riddles, and codes.

***Mooncakes* by Suzanne Walker; Wendy Xu**

Nova Huang works at her grandmothers' magical bookshop, where she helps them loan out spell books and investigate any supernatural occurrences in their New England town.

***The Other Side of the Sky* by Amie Kaufman; Meagan Spooner**

Prince North's home is in the sky, a floating city held aloft by intricate engines and powered by technology. Nimh is the living goddess of her people on the surface, responsible for providing answers, direction, and hope. Prophecy linked, they must save their people.

***Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi; Yusaf Salaam**

Amal is an artist and a poet but he is also disruptive and unmotivated by a bias system. He's involved in a fight in a gentrifying neighborhood that results in a white boy in a coma and Amal in jail.

***Red Hood* by Elana K. Arnold**

Bisou is in the woods when a wolf chases and attacks her. She fights back and kills the wolf. When the new moon rises, a boy Bisou knows lays where the dead wolf once was.

***Sick Kids in Love* by Heather Moskowitz**

Isabel has rheumatoid arthritis. She has one rule to make her life easier: NO DATING. Then she meets another sick kid, with a chronic illness she's never heard of, nevermind pronounce. And he understands exactly what she's been going through.

***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds; Ibram X. Kendi**

This vital volume traces the history of racism and the many political, literary, and philosophical narratives that have been used to justify slavery, oppression, and genocide.

***This is my America* by Kim Johnson**

Tracey's father is on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Each week she writes to Innocence X for help exonerating him. Then, her brother goes on the run when accused of killing a white girl.

***War and Speech* by Don Zolidis**

New girl Sydney, a perennial loser, joins the Speech & Debate team with one goal: infiltrate the team and destroy it from the inside out.

***We Are Not From Here* by Jenny Torres Sanchez**

Pulga, Chico, and Pequena are desperate to leave Guatemala. They decide to travel through Mexico to attempt to cross the US border.

***You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson**

Too black, too poor, too awkward Liz enters into her town's prom queen contest in an attempt to win a college scholarship.