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## Best Books of 2016

Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

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***The Ark Plan (Edge of Extinction #1) – Laura Martin*** **+Martin; +CD-Audio Bk Mar**

A century and a half after cloned dinosaurs forced humans to move into underground compounds, Sky discovers a clue to the whereabouts of her long-missing father and ventures above ground on a quest that could save the world.

***As Brave as You – Jason Reynolds*** **+Reynolds \***

When Genie and his older brother spend their summer in the country with their grandparents, he learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave.

***Beetle Boy – M. G. Leonard*** **+Leonard \***

Darkus Cuttle has taken care of his father ever since his mother died, but one day his father vanished from a locked vault at the Natural History Museum, and now he lives with his eccentric uncle--but one day he finds a large and unusually intelligent and self-aware beetle, and soon he's caught up in a struggle to protect an intelligent super species of beetles.

***Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen – Jazz Jennings*** **Biography Jennings YA\***

Teen activist and trailblazer Jazz Jennings shares her very public transgender journey.

***Booked – Kwame Alexander*** **YA Alexander\***

12-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

***Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America – Gail Jarrow*** **+ 614.5 Jar**

This is the true story of America's first plague epidemic – the public health doctors who desperately fought to end it, the political leaders who tried to keep it hidden, and the brave scientists who uncovered the plague's secrets.

***The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle – Janet S. Fox*** **+Fox; +CD-Audio Bk Fox \***

In 1940, during the Blitz, Katherine, Robbie and Amelie Bateson are sent north to a private school in Rookskill Castle in Scotland, a brooding place, haunted by dark magic from the past--but when some of their classmates disappear Katherine has to find out if the cause is hidden in the past or very much in the present.

***The Crown's Game – Evelyn Skye*** **YA Skye; YA Skye CD-Audio Bk\***

Russia's two enchanters dual to win and become the tsar's most respected adviser, but the loser is executed.

***Feathers – Jorge Corona*** **+Corona Graphi Novel**

Covered in feathers, abandoned in the slums of the Maze, Poe helps the orphan bands of Mice, but there is a whisper of a sinister figure making street children disappear. When city girl Bianca escapes into the Maze, their worlds collide.

***Ghost – Jason Reynolds*** **+Reynolds; +CD-Audio Bk Rey \***

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

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### ***Heartless* – Marissa Meyer**

**YA Meyer\***

In this prequel to *Alice in Wonderland*, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

### ***Hidden Figures* – Margot Lee Shetterly**

**+ 510.92 She\***

This riveting nonfiction story explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to America's space program.

### ***Labyrinth Lost* – Zoraida Córdova**

**YA Córdova**

Everyone in Alex's family are witches, but she's hated magic ever since it caused her father to disappear. When a curse to rid herself of her magic backfires and her family vanishes, Alex must travel to Los Lagos to get them back.

### ***Last Day on Mars* – Kevin Emerson**

**+Emerson**

While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.

### ***The Lie Tree* – Frances Hardinge**

**YA Hardinge\***

On an island south of Victorian England, 14-year-old Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father, who was involved in a scandal, and discovers a tree that feeds upon lies and gives those who eat its fruit visions of truth.

### ***Lily and Dunkin* – Donna Gephart**

**+Gephart \***

Lily, born Timothy, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Norbert, nicknamed Dunkin, is bipolar and has just moved to town. One summer morning, Lily meets Dunkin, and their lives forever change.

### ***March, Books 1 – 3* – John Lewis**

**YA Lewis Graphic Novel\***

A vivid first-hand account of the struggle for civil and human rights, including the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

### ***Mighty Jack (Vol. 1)* – Ben Hatke**

**+Hatke Graphic Novel**

Jack's little garden behind the house quickly grows up into a wild, magical jungle with tiny onion babies running amok, huge, pink pumpkins that bite, and, on one moonlit night that changes everything...a dragon.

### ***The Nameless City* – Faith Erin Hicks**

**YA Hicks Graphic Novel**

Every time it is invaded the City gets a new name, but to the natives in is the Nameless City, and they survive by not letting themselves get involved--but now the fate of the City rests in the hands of Rat, a native, and Kaidu, one of the Dao, the latest occupiers, and the two must somehow work together if the City is to survive.

### ***On the Edge of Gone* – Corinne Duyvis**

**YA Duyvis**

In Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in 2034, a comet is due to hit the Earth within the hour. Denise, who's 16 years old and autistic, must try to find her missing sister and also help her neglectful, undependable mother safely aboard a spaceship.

### ***One Half from the East* – Nadia Hashimi**

**+Hashimi**

Obayda's family is in need of some good fortune. Her father lost one of his legs in a bomb explosion, forcing the family to move from Kabul to a small village, where Obayda's father almost never leaves his room. One day, Obayda's aunt has an idea to bring the family luck -- dress Obayda, the youngest of her sisters, as a boy, a bacha posh.

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***Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals* – Jess Keating +591.4 Kea**  
An informative introduction to the weirdest, wildest, pinkest creatures in the animal kingdom.

***Salt to the Sea* – Ruta Sepetys** **YA Sepetys; YA Sepetys CD-Audio Bk\***  
Refugees try to escape the World War II's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

***Saving Montgomery Sole* – Mariko Tamaki** **YA Tamaki\***  
An outcast teen explores the mysteries of friendship, family, faith, and phenomena, including the greatest one—herself.

***The Secret Horses of Briar Hill* – Megan Shepherd** **+Shepherd \***  
A girl living in a children's hospital during WWII discovers that a winged horse has entered her world and needs her help.

***Snow White* – Matt Phelan** **YA Phelan Graphic Novel**  
In 1928 New York City, a young girl named Samantha White is sent away by her cold stepmother, only to return after the stock market has crashed to find her father gone and her ruthless stepmother after her inheritance.

***Super Cool Tech* – DK Publishing** **+ 600 Sup**  
See today's and tomorrow's best innovations in this cutting-edge guide that explores incredible new technologies.

***Sweet Home Alaska* – Carole Estby Dagg** **+Dagg; +CD-Audio Bk Dag**  
In 1934, 11-year-old Terpsichore's father signs up for President Roosevelt's Palmer Colony project, uprooting the family from Wisconsin to become pioneers in Alaska, where she refuses to let rough conditions impede her grand adventure.

***When the Sea Turned to Silver* – Grace Lin** **+Lin; +CD-Audio Bk Lin \***  
The Emperor kidnaps the storyteller, and determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, facing legendary obstacles.

***Wolf Hollow* – Lauren Wolk** **+Wolk \***  
Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.