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## Best Books of 2017

We aim to provide a quality list featuring books of different genres, interests, maturity levels and reading content for young adults. YOU are the best judge of what's appropriate for YOU!

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

*\*Additional formats available from other libraries and/or downloadable from OverDrive.*

**#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women – Leatherdale Mary 971.004 Not YA**

Whether looking back to a troubled past or welcoming a hopeful future, the powerful voices of Indigenous women across North America resound in this book.

**All the Crooked Saints – Maggie Stiefvater YA Stiefvater; YA Stiefvater CD-Audio Book\***

3 cousins who are members of an unusual family that can perform miracles are repeatedly sought out for their gifts while they struggle to establish free lives for themselves and navigate the fallout from miracles.

**American Street – Ibi Zoboi YA Zoboi; YA Zoboi CD-Audio Book\***

When Fabiola's mother is detained upon their arrival to the United States, Fabiola must navigate her loud American cousins, the grittiness of Detroit's west side, a new school, and a surprising romance all on her own.

**Bang – Barry Lyga YA Lyga\***

A new friend and their YouTube cooking channel help fourteen-year-old Sebastian move on from accidentally shooting his infant sister ten years earlier.

**Caraval (series) – Stephanie Garber YA Garber; YA Garber CD-Audio Book\***

Believing she will never participate in the annual Caraval performance when her ruthless father arranges her marriage, Scarlett receives the invitation she always dreamed of before her sister, Tella, is kidnapped by the show's mastermind.

**Carve the Mark (series) – Veronica Roth YA Roth\***

Living on a violent planet where everyone has a unique power meant to shape the future, Akos and Cyra, from enemy nations, resent gifts that render them vulnerable to others' control before they become unlikely survival partners.

**City of Saints & Thieves – Natalie C. Anderson YA Anderson\***

Sixteen-year-old Tina and two friends leave Kenya and slip into the Congo, from where she and her mother fled years before, seeking revenge for her mother's murder but uncovering startling secrets.

**Dear Martin – Nic Stone YA Stone; YA Stone CD-Audio Book\***

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

**Disappeared – Francisco X. Stork YA Stork\***

Four months ago Sara's best friend disappeared from Juarez, and ever since Sara has been using her job as a reporter to draw attention to the girls who have been kidnapped by the criminals who control the city, but now she is threatened.

**Dreadnought (series) – April Daniels YA Daniels**

A transgender teenager is transformed into her ideal self after being imbued with the powers of the world's greatest superhero in this thought-provoking first book in the Nemesis series.

**Far from the Tree – Robin Benway YA Benway; YA Benway CD-Audio Book\***

Three teenagers, biological siblings separated by adoption, explore the meaning of family in all its forms--how to find it, how to keep it, and how to love it.

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### ***Frogkisser!* – Garth Nix**

**YA Nix; YA Nix CD-Audio Book**

Princess Anya's step-stepfather is an evil wizard who wants to rule the kingdom, so with the help of some unlikely friends she must find a way to defeat him, save her sister, and turn Prince Denholm back into a human being.

### ***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue (series)* – Mackenzi Lee**

**YA Lee\***

Henry and Percy, friends on a Grand Tour of 18th-century Europe stumble across a magical artifact that leads them from Paris to Venice in a dangerous manhunt shaped by pirates, highwaymen and their growing attraction to one another.

### ***Genuine Fraud* – E. Lockhart**

**YA Lockhart\***

Told through flashbacks, best friends Jule and Imogen are orphaned outcasts who will do almost anything to attain a happy, wealthy life.

### ***Girls Who Code* – Reshma Saujani**

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The founder of the Girls Who Code nonprofit organization presents an illustrated introduction to coding that shares down-to-earth explanations about coding principles and real stories of women programmers working at Pixar and NASA.

### ***The Hazel Wood (series)* – Melissa Albert**

**YA Albert\***

When Alice's grandmother, the author of a book of dark fairy tales, dies, Alice learns how bad her luck can get: Her mother is stolen by a figure who claims to come from the Hinterland, the cruel supernatural setting of the stories.

### ***How Dare the Sun Rise* – Sandra Uwiringiyimana**

**Biography Uwiringiyimana YA\***

The author shares the story of her survival during the Gatumba massacre, despite losing her mother and sister, and how after moving to America she found healing through art and activism.

### ***I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* – Erika L. Sánchez**

**YA Sánchez\***

Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college and abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then an accident leaves Olga dead and Julia left to reassemble the pieces of her family.

### ***Jane, Unlimited* – Kristin Cashore**

**YA Cashore\***

Jane fulfills a promise to her beloved late Aunt Magnolia to accept an invitation to visit the mysterious Thrash family home, Tu Reviens. During her visit, Jane reaches a seemingly insignificant moment in time where one action will branch her off into different futures. Each choice results in a different path for Jane that takes her far beyond her ordinary life.

### ***Landscape with Invisible Hand* – M. T. Anderson**

**YA Anderson\***

When jobs typically done by humans are replaced with alien technology, Adam's parents have no money for food, clean water, or medicine, forcing Adam and his girlfriend Chloe to get creative.

### ***Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island* – Loree Griffin Burns**

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Join scientists as they tackle something unusual in the world of ecosystems: colonization. A colonization of cells, seeds, spores, and other life forms that struggle to survive on the beautiful but harsh new island of Surtsey.

### ***The Lines We Cross* – Randa Abdel-Fattah**

**YA Abdel-Fattah**

A story about the power of choosing tolerance finds Michael attending anti-immigration rallies with his parents until a friendship with a Muslim refugee newcomer from Afghanistan compels him to question his family's politics.

### ***Long Way Down* – Jason Reynolds**

**YA Reynolds; YA Reynolds Playaway\***

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.



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### ***Loving vs. Virginia* – Patricia Hruby Powell**

**YA Powell\***

Written in blank verse, the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenged the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

### ***The Marrow Thieves* – Cherie Dimaline**

**YA Dimaline**

In a future world ravaged by global warming, people have lost the ability to dream, and this has led to widespread madness. Only North America's indigenous population can still dream - and it is their marrow that holds the cure for the rest of the world. But getting the marrow - and dreams - means death for the unwilling donors.

### ***Mary's Monster* – Lita Judge**

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A free verse biography of Mary Shelley, the author of *Frankenstein*, featuring over 300 pages of illustrations.

### ***Midnight at the Electric* – Jodi Lynn Anderson**

**YA Anderson**

While their stories span thousands of miles and multiple generations, Lenore, Catherine, and Adri's fates are entwined in ways both heartbreaking and hopeful. In Jodi Lynn Anderson's signature haunting, lyrical prose, human connections spark spellbindingly to life, and a bright light shines on the small but crucial moments that determine one's fate.

### ***Moxie* – Jennifer Mathieu**

**YA Mathieu\***

In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, Viv, sixteen, starts a feminist revolution using anonymously-written zines.

### ***Nemesis (series)* – Brendan Reichs**

**YA Reichs**

As the Anvil, an enormous asteroid, threatens to end all life on Earth, sixteen-year-old Min begins to uncover a lifetime of lies, a sinister conspiracy involving all students in her sophomore class in Fire Lake, Idaho.

### ***Once and For All* – Sarah Dessen**

**YA Dessen\***

Louna's years working at her mother's wedding planning business--as well as the tragic end of her first love--have shaped her cynical views on romance, but the arrival of serial-dater Ambrose may start to change Louna's mind.

### ***One of Us is Lying* – Karen M. McManus**

**YA McManus; YA McManus CD-Audio Book\***

When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.

### ***Ramona Blue* – Julie Murphy**

**YA Murphy; YA Murphy CD-Audio Book\***

Struggling with family problems and living in a FEMA trailer years after Hurricane Katrina, lesbian teen Ramona welcomes the return of her old friend Freddie but her shifting feelings for him cause her to question her sexual identity.

### ***Refugee* – Alan Gratz**

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Separated by decades, Josef, a Jew living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a girl trying to escape unrest in 1994 Cuba; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, embark on journeys in search of refuge.

### ***Shadow Warrior* – Tanya Lloyd Kyi**

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It's 1558, and warlords across Japan are battling for territory and control. Mochizuki is determined to become a ninja, but is married off to the nephew of a fierce warlord. When a tragic event occurs, she sees a chance to fulfill her dream.

### ***Spellbook of the Lost and Found* – Moira Fowley-Doyle**

**YA Fowley-Doyle; YA Fowley-Doyle CD-Audio Book\***

Six teenagers come together one stormy Irish summer and after they discover a tattered spellbook, find out they are connected in ways they could never have imagined, and that something sinister has happened and will again.

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## ***Spinning* – Tillie Walden**

**YA Walden Graphic Novel**

It was the same every morning. Wake up, grab the ice skates, and head to the rink while the world was still dark. Weekends were spent in glitter and tights at competitions. Perform. Smile. She was good. She won. And she hated it.

## ***Thornhill* – Pam Smy**

**+ Smy**

Parallel, interwoven stories set in different times—one told through intimate diary entries and the other through bold, striking art—converge as a girl unravels the mystery of the abandoned building next door. Pam Smy's *Thornhill* is a haunting exploration of human connection, breathtakingly illustrated and masterfully told.

## ***Turtles All the Way Down* – John Green**

**YA Green; YA Green CD-Audio Book; YA Green Playaway\***

It all begins with a fugitive billionaire and the promise of a cash reward. *Turtles All the Way Down* is about lifelong friendship, the intimacy of an unexpected reunion, Star Wars fan fiction, and tuatara. But at its heart is Aza Holmes, a young woman navigating daily existence within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.

## ***The Upside of Unrequited* – Becky Albertalli**

**YA Albertalli\***

Avoiding relationships to protect her sensitive heart, plus-sized Molly supports her once-cynical twin, Cassie, when the latter has her own bout of lovesickness, a complicated by sibling dynamics and an unexpected romantic triangle.

## ***Victoria: Portrait of a Queen* – Catherine Reef**

**Biography Victoria YA**

Queen Victoria's long reign was filled with drama, death, intrigue, and passion, and took place during a time of great transformation, an era that bears the imprint of her personality, values, and her name--the Victorian period.

## ***Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* – Deborah Heiligman**

**Biography Gogh YA\***

The friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Heiligman draws on the letters Vincent wrote to Theo to weave a tale of two lives intertwined as Theo supported Vincent's struggles to find his path.

## ***Warcross (series)* – Marie Lu**

**YA Lu; YA Lu Digital Audio Player\***

When a game called *Warcross* takes the world by storm, one girl hacks her way into its dangerous depths.

## ***We are Okay* – Nina LaCour**

**YA LaCour\***

After leaving her life behind to go to college in New York, Marin must face the truth about the tragedy that happened in the final weeks of summer when her friend Mabel comes to visit.

## ***When Dimple Met Rishi* – Sandhya Menon**

**YA Menon; YA Menon CD-Audio Book\***

When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.

## ***The Whole Thing Together* – Ann Brashares**

**YA Brashares; YA Brashares CD-Audio Book**

On alternating weeks, Sasha and Ray vacation in the beach house their parents refused to give up after their divorce, but they never meet until one summer when their lives and those of their siblings intersect in unexpected ways.

## ***Wonder Woman: Warbringer* – Leigh Bardugo**

**YA Bardugo; YA Bardugo CD-Audio Book\***

She will be one of the world's greatest heroes: WONDER WOMAN. But first she is Diana, Princess of the Amazons. Diana longs to prove herself to her warrior sisters. But when opportunity comes, she risks her chance to save a mere mortal.

## ***You Bring the Distant Near* – Mitali Perkins**

**YA Perkins, Mitali**

From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions.