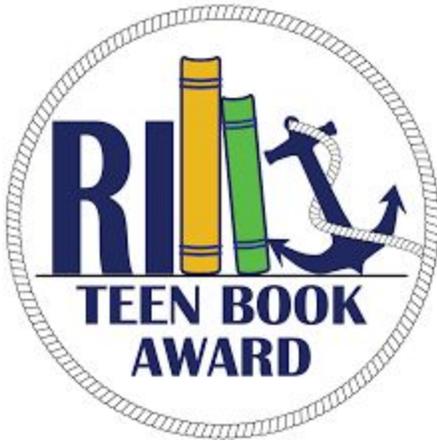
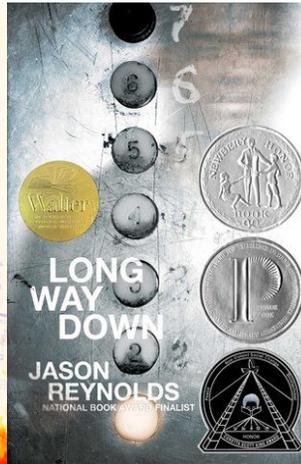
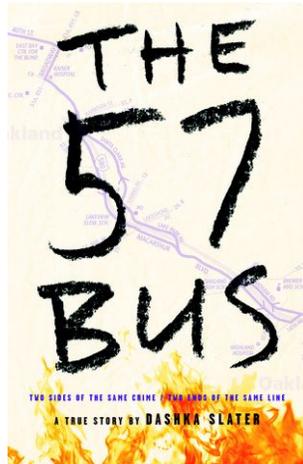


The Rhode Island Teen Book Awards (RITBA) nominate books yearly, and teens around Rhode Island select the winners based on their personal favorites. This is a collaborative project of school librarians and Rhode Island librarians to bring out quality literature for teens that would interest the age group of 14-18. They encourage teens to not only read more, but be able to discuss books as well.



The winner of the 2019 Rhode Island Teen Book Awards was *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas. It was praised for its representation of young people of color, and the violence that goes on in certain communities for them. The Honor Books are *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds and *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater.



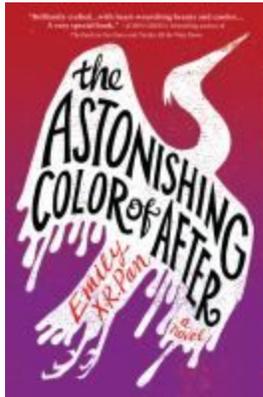
This year, there are 22 nominees. Nominees are chosen by school librarians, teachers, and public librarians based on literary quality and appeal to grades nine and up. Here is the list with brief summaries, taken from [the RITBA site](http://theRITBA.com).

All of these books can be found or ordered at your local public library, or at the school library. Ask the librarian for assistance in finding these books, and don't be afraid to ask for a personal recommendation!



After the Fire
by Will Hill

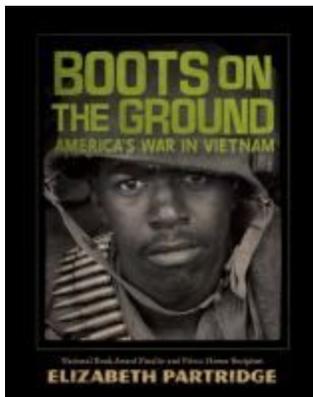
Moonbeam survives a confrontation between government forces and the cult that she grew up in, but needs help to heal both mentally and physically.



Astonishing Color of After

by Emily X.R. Pan

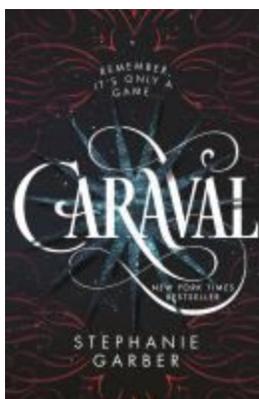
When Leigh's mother died by suicide, she turned into a bird. Leigh travels to Taiwan and chases ghosts, uncovers family secrets, and meets her maternal grandparents.



Boots on the Ground

by Elizabeth Partridge

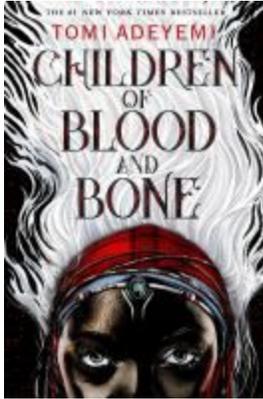
An exploration of the Vietnam War from different perspectives including American soldiers, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee.



Caraval

by Stephanie Garber

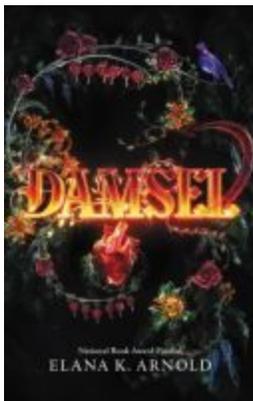
Scarlett and Tella are invited to Caraval. They escape their father only to see Tella kidnapped and learn this Caraval revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner.



Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

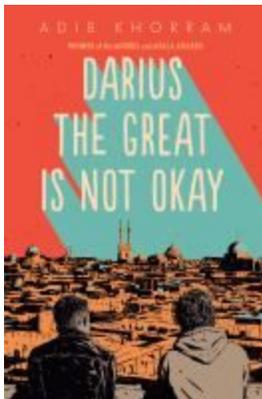
Zelie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magic, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes magic will mean the end of the monarchy.



Damsel

by Elana K. Arnold

There is more to the legends of dragons and the damsels. The greatest threats may not be behind Ama, but around her, now, and closing in.



Darius the Great is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

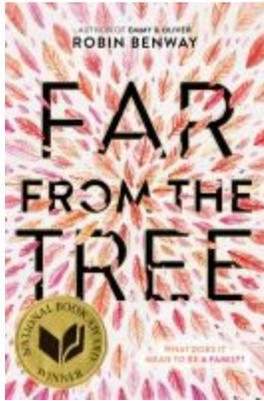
Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.



Dry

by Neal Shusterman

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make hard choices if she and her brother are to survive.



Far From the Tree

by Robin Benway

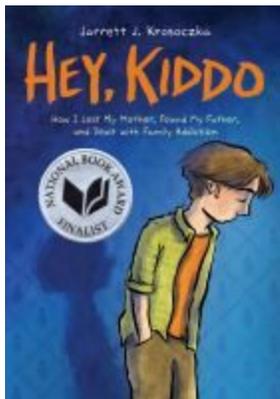
Three teenagers, biologically siblings separated by adoption, explore the meaning of family in all its forms.



Heretics Anonymous

by Katie Henry

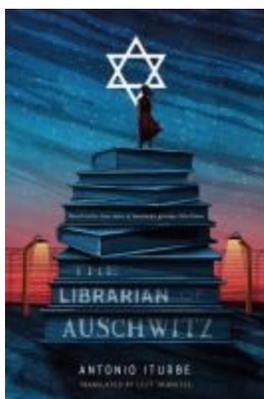
New to Catholic School, atheist Michael joins Heretics Anonymous, a secret club for outcasts. They go from secret society to rebels, exposing hypocrisies, but one mission goes too far...



Hey, Kiddo

by Jarrett Krosoczka

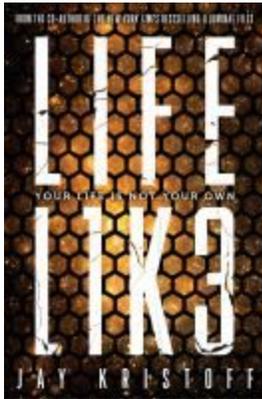
Jarrett's mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and Jarrett's life: his father is a mystery. Jarrett lives with his grandparents who thought they were done raising children until Jarrett came along.



The Librarian of Auschwitz

by Antonio Iturbe

Follows Dita Kraus from age fourteen, when she was put in charge of a few forbidden books at Auschwitz concentration camp, through the end of World War II and beyond.



LifeL1K3

by Jay Kristoff

When Eve learns she can destroy machines with her mind, she becomes a target for a group of puritanical fanatics and cyborg assassins.



Nyxia

by Scott Reintgen

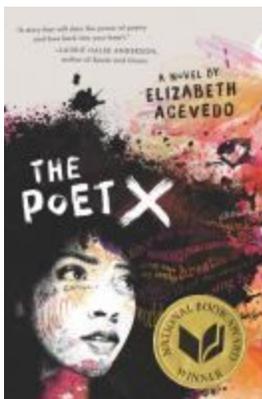
Emmett boarded Babel's lightship hoping to earn enough money to care for his family. But the rules change and he must decide: win at any cost, or find a way to win that doesn't compromise his humanity.



One of Us is Lying

by Karen M. Mcmanus

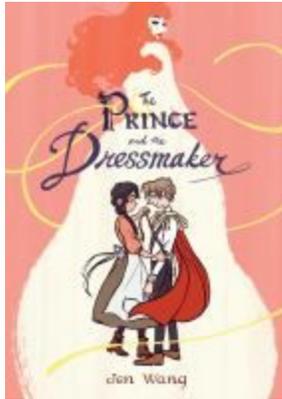
When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.



The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.



The Prince and the Dressmaker

by Jen Wang

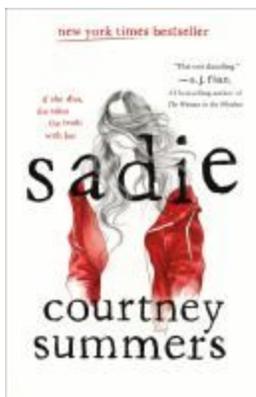
Prince Sebastian is looking for a bride, or rather, his parents are looking for one for him. Meanwhile Sebastian is hiding his secret: at night he puts on daring dresses and takes Paris by storm as the fabulous lady Crystallia!



Queer, There, and Everywhere

by Sarah Prager

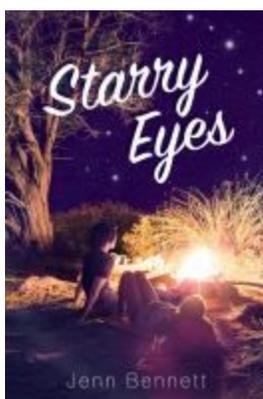
An LGBTQ chronicle presenting 23 influential gender-ambiguous notables from the Roman Empire to the civil rights, pursue relationships, and shape culture.



Sadie

by Courtney Summers

Sadie's sister Maddie is found dead, and the police botch the investigation, leaving Sadie to seek out justice. West McCray, a radio personality, hears Sadie's story and becomes obsessed with finding her.



Starry Eyes

by Jenn Bennett

When Zorie and Lennon are stranded in the California wilderness together, they must put aside their differences and come to terms with lingering romantic feelings, in order to survive.



Undead Girl Gang

by Lily Anderson

Mila's BFF Riley and mean girls Jun and Dayton die under suspicious circumstances. Mila refuses to believe it was a suicide pact, so she brings the girls back to life and has seven days to find out what happened.



What If It's Us

by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera

When Arthur, a summer intern, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet, it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart.