



2026 NOMINEES

Becoming a Queen by Dan Clay

Bright Red Fruit by Safia Elhillo

**Call Me Iggy* by Jorge Aguirre & Rafael Rosado

The Color of a Lie by Kim Johnson

A Deathly Compendium of Poisonous Plants by Rebecca Hirsch

Everything We Never Had by Randy Ribay

**Full Shift* by Jennifer Dugan

Gather by Kenneth M. Cadow

The Great Cool Ranch Dorito in the Sky by Josh Glarza

Greymist Fair by Francesca Zappia

**Homebody* by Theo Parish

Icarus by K. Ancrum

The Invocations by Krystal Sutherland

**I Shall Never Fall in Love* by Hari Conner

Looking for Smoke by K. A Cobell

The Maid & The Crocodile by Jordan Ifueko

Shadowed by Carl Deuker

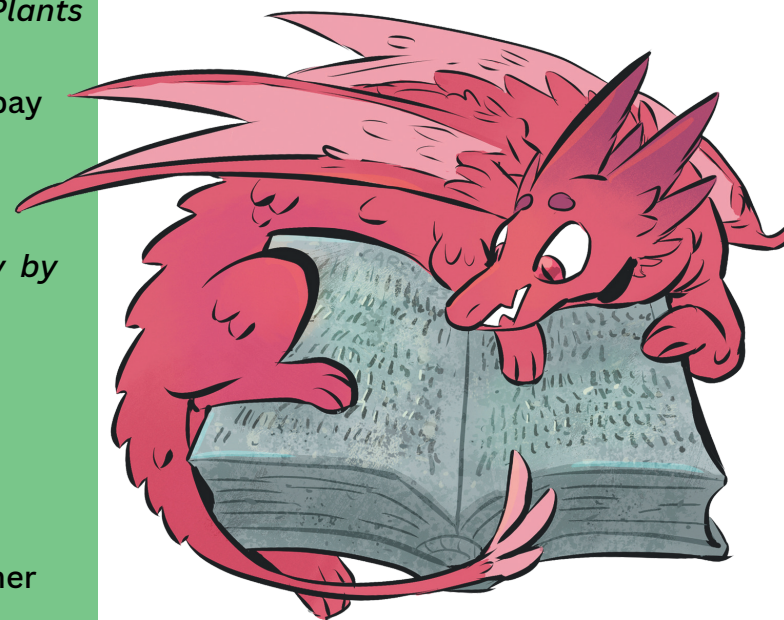
Six Truths and a Lie by Ream Shukairy

Twenty-Four Seconds from Now: A LOVE Story by Jason Reynolds

The Wilderness of Girls by Madeline Claire Franklin

Books Marked with * are graphic novels

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RECOMMENDED READS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

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- Look at its cover; does it look interesting?
- Read the inside flap or back.
- Read a book review.
- Read the first page or two.
- Ask a friend (or librarian) what the book is about.
- What was the last book you liked? Try to find something similar by asking a librarian or visiting whatshouldireadnext.com
- Try something new! You never know what you might like.
- Always make your own choices and enjoy your reading!

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Realistic Fiction

**Giant Days* by John Allison
**Belle of the Ball* by Mari Costa
Those Pink Mountain Nights by Jen Ferguson
We Deserve Monuments by Jas Hammond
Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating by Adiba Jaigirdar
Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Summer of Salt by Katrina Leno
Instant Karma by Marissa Meyer
Blackout by multiple authors
Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds
Camp by Lev A.C Rosen
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir
Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi
Bridge of Clay by Marcus Zusak

Fantasy

Blood Debts by Terry J. Benton-Walker
The Cruel Prince by Holly Black
The Gilded Wolves by Roshani Chokshi
All the Stars and Teeth by Adalyn Grace
Unraveller by Frances Hardinge
Seraphina by Rachel Hartman
The Buried and the Bound by Rochelle Hassan
Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko
A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer
A Snake Falls to Earth by Darcie Little Badger
This Woven Kingdom by Tahereh Mafi
Venom & Vow by Anne-Marie McLemore & Elliot McLemore
We Set the Dark on Fire by Tehlor Kay Mejia
**Nimona* by ND Stevenson
**Mooncakes* by Suzanne Walker

Science Fiction

Stars, Hide Your Fires by Jessica Mary Best
The Darkest Minds by Alexandra Bracken
The Seclusion by Jacqui Castle
**Across a Field of Starlight* by Blue Delliquanti
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
Genius by Leopoldo Gout
Children of Eden by Joey Graceffa
The Ones We're Meant To Find by Joan He
**Pixels of You* by Ananth Hirsh
Want by Cindy Pon
Alone Out Here by Riley Redgate
The Darkness Outside Us by Eliot Schrefer
**Paper Girls* by Brian K. Vaughan
**On A Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden
Girls With Sharp Sticks by Suzanne Young



Historical Fiction

Forgotten Fire: A Novel by Adam Bagdasarian
Songs of Irie by Asha Ashanti Bromfield
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
**Between Shades of Gray: The Graphic Novel* by Andrew Donkin
**Banned Book Club* by Hyun Sook Kim
Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo
Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick
Blood Water Paint by Joy McCullough
All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout The Ages by Sandra Mitchell
The Black Kids by Christina Hammonds Reed
Witch Child by Celia Rees
I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys
The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz
The Most Dazzling Girl in Berlin by Kip Wilson

Horror/Mystery

Red Hood by Elana K. Arnold
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
The Night She Disappeared by April Henry
The Forest Demands Its Due by Kosoko Jackson
Beholder by Ryan LaSala
The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester by Maya MacGregor
One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus
Scream All Night by Derek Milman
Broken Things by Lauren Oliver
White Rabbit by Caleb Roehrig
**The Lost Boy* by Greg Ruth
I Hope You're Listening by Tom Ryan
The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe
Teen Killers Club by Lily Sparks
The Spirit Bares its Teeth by Andrew Joseph White

Nonfiction/Biography

**The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees* by Don Brown
Black Birds in the Sky : the story and legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre by Brandy Colbert
The New Queer Conscience by Adam Eli
American Murderer: the parasite that haunted the south by Gail Jarrow
All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
The Black Friend: on being a better white person by Frederick Joseph
**March: Book One* by John Lewis
True or False: a CIA analyst's guide to spotting fake news by Cindy L. Otis
Stamped: racism, antiracism, and you by Jason Reynolds
Cramm This Book by Oliva Seltzer
Queer Ducks (and Other Animals): the natural world of animal sexuality by Eliot Schrefer
Fallout: spies, superbombs, and the ultimate cold war showdown by Steve Sheinkin

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