Many of the new books are award winners or have received recognition for their quality. Below is a brief summary of each of the awards or recognitions found on this list.

- The **2016 Alex Award** winners are selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association to honor the top ten adult books published during the previous year with appeal to readers between the ages of 12 and 18.
- Best Fiction for Young Adults, 2016, is a list comprised of fiction appropriate for ages 12 to 18 selected by the YALSA. The committee identifies the top ten titles for special recognition.
- Titles on the 2016 ALA Notable Books List are selected because of their significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge or for the pleasure they can provide to adult readers.
- The **Michael L. Printz Award** is given to a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association.
- The 2016 Top 10 Quick Picks are selected by the Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Committee of the YALSA.
- Titles on the 2016 Rainbow List are selected by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table and the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association.

Art



Andre Kertesz: Sixty Years of Photography edited by Nicolas Ducrot 759.13 DOO

Andre Kertesz is a master whose eyes see perfect moments in the stream of time and whose camera preserves them forever. He once said that "photography should be realistic" —yet the more than two hundred photographs in this volume would prove, if proof were needed, just how fantastic, how surreal, and how "unrealistic" reality is. —from the book cover Recommended as an addition to the AHS Library's collection by Steve Miles.



Art of Bev Doolittle by Elise MacLay

759.13 DOO

In a collection of work by one of America's greatest contemporary nature artists, Bev Doolittle's unique vision is revealed in dozens of full color reproductions of her work.



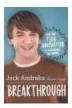
Kertesz on Kertesz: A Self-Portrait by Andre Kertesz

779.092 KER

Photographs of scenes in Hungary, Paris, and New York are accompanied by Kertesz's comments on his career as a photographer.

Recommended as an addition to the AHS Library's collection by Steve Miles.

Biography/Memoir



Breakthrough: How One Teen Innovator Is Changing the World by Jack Andraka BIO ANDRAKA

Chronicles the teen scientist's development of an early detection test for pancreatic, ovarian, and lung cancer, and recounts his personal story of overcoming depression and homophobic bullying. Rainbow List, 2016 title. Available in print and e-book formats.

Biography/Memoir continued...



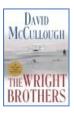
Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League

By Dan-el Padilla Peralta

BIO PERALTA

A Princeton University salutatorian describes his experiences as an undocumented immigrant youth in New York City, relating his efforts as a scholarship student in a private school that sharply contrasted with his street life in East Harlem.

2016 Alex Award winner.



Wright Brothers by David McCullough

BIO WRIGHT

Chronicles the story-behind-the-story about the Wright brothers, sharing insights into the disadvantages that challenged their lives and their mechanical ingenuity. ALA Notable Book.

LGBT Community



Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman

PLY 812.54 KAU

A chorus of voices brings to life the thoughts and feelings of the people of Laramie, Wyoming, in the wake of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man.

Available in print and e-book formats.



Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle by Lillian Faderman

306.76 FAD

The sweeping story of the modern struggle for gay, lesbian, and trans rights –from the 1950s to the present– based on amazing interviews with politicians, military figures, legal activists, and members of the entire LGBT community who face these challenges every day.

ALA Notable Book.



More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera

FIC SILVERA

After enduring his father's suicide, his own suicide attempt, broken friendships, and more in the Bronx projects, Aaron Soto, sixteen, is already considering the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure when his new friendship with Thomas turns to unrequited love.

Available in print and e-book formats.

YALSA Top Ten book.



When Everything Feels like the Movies by Raziel Reid

FIC REID

Reid introduces readers to Jude, a gay teen who fantasizes about being a movie star. Jude, who has been given the nickname Judy by some classmates, is fairly comfortable with his sexual orientation as well as his desire to wear his mother's beautiful dresses and makeup. In order to deal with the homophobia he confronts at school and home, Jude slips into his fantastical life as a movie star constantly tortured by paparazzi. Throughout the book, Jude explains how his school is like a movie set and his family, friends, and enemies are all players in the melodrama.

A 2016 Rainbow List selection. Available in print and e-book formats.

Social Sciences

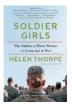


Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War by Susan Southard

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Published to coincide with the seventieth anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki, a narrative of human resilience, told through first-hand experiences of five survivors, reveals the physical, emotional, and social challenges of post-atomic life.

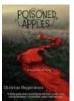
ALA Notable Book 2016.



Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War by Helen Thorpe

Describes the experiences of three women soldiers deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq to reveal how their military service has affected their friendship, personal lives and families, detailing the realities of their work on bases and in war zones and how their choices and losses shaped their perspectives.

Poetry



Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty by Christine Heppermann

811.6 HEP

Free-verse poems juxtapose fairy tale elements against the life of a teen and explore the cruelty of judgment, pressure, and self-doubt while reflecting on how girls are taught to think about themselves, their friends, and their bodies.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults selection.

General Fiction



All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven

FIC NIVEN

Told in alternating voices, when Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school –both teetering on the edge– it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey to discover the "natural wonders" of the state of Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



All the Rage by Courtney Summers

FIC SUMMERS

After being assaulted by the sheriff's son, Kellan Turner, Romy Grey was branded a liar and bullied by former friends, finding refuge only in the diner where she works outside of town, but when a girl with ties to both Romy and Kellan goes missing and news of him assaulting another girl gets out, Romy must decide whether to speak out again or risk having more girls hurt.



Austenland by Shannon Hale

FIC HALE

Because her obsession with Jane Austen's Mr. Darcy, as played by Colin Firth in the BBC adaptation of "Pride and Prejudice," is ruining her love life, Jane Hayes is delighted when she gets the chance to take a trip to an English resort catering to Austen-crazed women.

A suggested addition to the AHS Library collection by Rebecca Flinders.

General Fiction continued...



Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds

FIC REYNOLDS

Working in the local funeral home to support his family after his mother's death and his father's descent into alcoholism, Matt falls in love with a tough girl who never cries and who understands his loneliness. YALSA Top Ten for Young Adult 2016 selection.



Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman

FIC SHUSTERMAN

As he struggles with schizophrenia, a teenage boy believes he is on a journey to reach the bottom of Challenger Deep, the deepest place on Earth.

YALSA Top Ten for Young Adult 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.



Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

FIC MURPHY

Questioning her plus-sized body for the first time when an athletic boy appears to return her affections, Willowdean enters her city's beauty pageant and uses her sassy styles and talents to compete against thinner contestants.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.



Eden West by Pete Hautman

FIC HAUTMAN

During an eventful year for the Christian cult where he has grown up, seventeen-year-old Jacob finds his faith and devotion tested when he meets new friends from the outside world and encounters temptations that threaten his contentment.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.



Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

FIC YOON

Confined to her home because she is allergic to the outside world, a teenage girl's life changes when she begins a romance with the new boy next door that challenges everything she's ever known. A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



Midnight in Austenland by Shannon Hale

FIC HALE

Leaving her stressful family life behind to enjoy a two-week vacation at a theme resort where employees and guests dress like characters from Jane Austen's novels, Charlotte wonders if she has stumbled on a murder scene when her hosts behave suspiciously, a situation that is complicated by a prospective romance.

A suggested addition to the AHS Library collection by Rebecca Flinders.



Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly by Stephanie Oakes

FIC OAKES

Losing everything including her family, her hands and her ability to trust after spending 12 years in a cult, a traumatized Minnow struggles to find her voice in juvenile detention in the aftermath of her leader's death.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.

General Fiction continued...



Truth Commission by Susan Juby

FIC JUBY

As a project for her "creative nonfiction module" at a school for the arts, Normandy Pale chronicles the work of the Truth Commission, through which she and her two best friends ask classmates and faculty about various open secrets, while Norm's famous sister reveals some very unsettling truths of her own. A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



Unlikely Hero of Room 13B by Teresa Toten

FIC TOTEN

Struggling with his parents' divorce, his stepsibling, and the challenges of OCD, teen Adam Spencer Ross can't imagine ever falling in love until he meets Robyn Plummer and is hopelessly drawn to her. A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.

Historical Fiction



All Involved by Ryan Gattis

FIC GATTIS

A tale set against the backdrop of the 1992 race riots triggered by the Rodney King trial acquittal details a series of murders committed outside of the active rioting zones by gang members who would use the chaos to settle old scores.

Alex Award 2016 winner. Available in print and e-book formats.

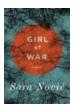


Book of Aron by Jim Shepard

FIC SHEPARD

Aron and a handful of boys and girls in the Warsaw Ghetto smuggle and trade things through the "quarantine walls" to keep their people alive until he is rescued by a Jewish-Polish doctor and advocate of children's rights who instills within him the importance of letting the world know the atrocities they have all suffered at the hands of the enemy.

ALA Notable Book.



Girl at War by Sara Novic

FIC NOVIC

When her happy life in 1991 Croatia is shattered by civil war, ten-year-old Ana Juric is embroiled in a world of guerilla warfare and child soldiers before making a daring escape to America, where years later she struggles to hide her past.

Alex Award 2016 winner.



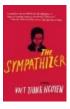
Out of Darkness by Ashley Perez

FIC PEREZ

Loosely based on a school explosion that took place in New London, Texas, in 1937, this is the story of two teenagers: Naomi, who is Mexican, and Wash, who is black, and their dealings with race, segregation, love, and the forces that destroy people.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection and a 2016 Michael L. Printz Honor book. Available in print and e-book formats with *unlimited* e-book access.

Historical Fiction continued...



Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

FIC NGUYEN

Follows a Viet Cong agent as he spies on a South Vietnamese army general and his compatriots as they start a new life on 1975 Los Angeles.

ALA Notable Book.



$\emph{\textbf{X}}$ by Ilyasah Shabazz

FIC SHABAZZ

Co-written by the best-selling author of Malcolm Little and daughter of Malcolm X, a novel based her father's formative years describes his father's murder, his mother's imprisonment and his challenging effort to pursue an education in law.

YALSA Top Ten book. Available in print and e-book formats.

Mystery/Suspense



Bone Gap by Laura Ruby

FIC RUBY

Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town favorite Roza, but his inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation, and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying.

YALSA Top Ten book, National Book Award Finalist, and winner of the 2016 Michael L. Printz Award. Available in print and e-book formats.

Science Fiction/Fantasy



13 Days of Midnight by LeoHunt

FIC HUNT

When Luke Manchett's estranged father dies unexpectedly, he leaves his son a collection of eight restless spirits who mutiny when they discover that Luke doesn't know how to manage them, and as Halloween fast approaches, Luke finds himself with only 13 days to send his unquiet spirits to their eternal rest or join their ghostly ranks himself.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.



Alex Crow by Andrew Smith

FIC SMITH

The story of Ariel, a Middle Eastern refugee who lives with an adoptive family in Sunday, West Virginia, is juxtaposed against those of a schizophrenic bomber, the diaries of a failed arctic expedition from the late 19th century, and a depressed, bionic reincarnated crow.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



Archivist Wasp by Nicole Kornher-Stace

FIC KORNHER-STACE

A post-apocalyptic ghost hunter escapes her dire fate by joining the ghost of a supersoldier on his quest to the underworld.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.

Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...

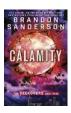


Beastkeeper by Cat Hellisen

FIC HELLISEN

When her mother's abandonment unleashes on remaining family members the magic her parents previously avoided, Sarah witnesses her father's transformation into a wild beast and moves to her grandparents' crumbling castle to break the terrible curse.

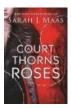
A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



Calamity by Brandon Sanderson

FIC SANDERSON

The conclusion to the Reckoners series finds David preparing for an ultimate confrontation against the High Epic to help his friend, Prof, embrace his Epic destiny and achieve redemption.



Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah Maas

FIC MAAS

Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from stories, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, a High Lord of the faeries. As her feelings toward him transform from hostility to a fiery passion, the threats against the faerie lands grow. Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse, or she will lose Tamlin forever.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



Darkest Part of the Forest by Black, Holly

FIC BLACK

In the town of Fairfold, where humans and fae exist side by side, a boy with horns on his head and ears as pointed as knives awakes after generations of sleep in a glass coffin in the woods, causing Hazel to be swept up in new love, shift her loyalties, feel the fresh sting of betrayal, and to make a secret sacrifice to the faerie king.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.



Denton Little's Deathdate by Lance Rubin

FIC RUBIN

A tale set in a world where everyone knows the day on which they will die finds Denton preparing for his imminent demise and wondering about a mysterious purple rash before a stranger's warning raises suspicions about shady government characters.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.

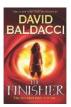


Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir

FIC TAHIR

Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution. A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.

Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...



Finisher by David Baldacci FIC BALDACCI

When Quentin Herms is chased from his village into the Quag, a dark forest filled with terrifying beasts and murderous Outliers, Vega uses her skills as a talented decoder to uncover dangerous secrets. Book one of the Vega Jane series.



Glass Sword by Victoria Aveyard

FIC AVEYARD

Aggressively pursued by her royal former friend when she flees the court that would denounce and control her Silver powers, Mare discovers that there are others like her and endeavors to organize a rebellion against their oppressive leaders. Book two of the Red Queen series.

Available in print and e-book formats.



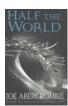
Half a King by Joe Abercrombie FIC ABERCROMBIE

Heir to the throne Yarvi, prompted by the murder of his father, embarks on a kingdom-transforming journey to regain the throne, even though having only one good hand means he cannot wield a weapon. Book one of the Shattered Sea trilogy.



Half a War by Joe Abercrombie FIC ABERCROMBIE

Yarvi is the unlikely heir to the throne —a clever, thoughtful boy with a crippled hand who feels out of place in a violent, Viking-like society. Thorn is a young girl, determined to follow in the footsteps of her dead father and become a famous warrior, whatever it takes. Now Yarvi has avenged the murder of his father, and sets out on an epic journey with Thorn that will embroil his kingdom in all-out war. Book three of the Shattered Sea trilogy.



Half the World by Joe Abercrombie

FIC ABERCROMBIE

Seeking to avenge her dead father, fifteen-year-old girl soldier Thorn learns harsh lessons in the ways of war in the king's army while falling in love for the first time. Book two of the Shattered Sea trilogy. Alex Award 2016 winner.



Keeper by Baldacci, David

A follow-up to *The Finisher* finds Vega Jane and her best friend, Delph, defying convention by searching for ways to pass through the Quag's sinister, magical and dangerous landscape in order to reach freedom outside of Wormwood. Book two of the Vega Jane series.

Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...



Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

FIC AVEYARD

When her latent supernatural powers manifest in front of a noble court, Mare, a thief in a world divided between commoners and superhumans, is forced to assume the role of lost princess before risking everything to help a growing rebellion.

Available in print and e-book formats.



Uprooted by Naomi Novik

FIC NOVIK

A tale inspired by the "Beauty and the Beast" story follows the experiences of Agnieszka, who becomes the latest girl chosen to serve an immortal wizard who protects their village from the malevolent forces of a nearby forest.



Walls around Us by Nova Ren Suma

FIC SUMA

Orianna and Violet are ballet dancers and best friends, but when the ballerinas who have been harassing Violet are murdered, Orianna is accused of the crime and sent to a juvenile detention center where she meets Amber and they experience supernatural events linking the girls together.

A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection. Available in print and e-book formats.



Warbreaker by Brandon Sanderson

FIC SANDERSON

By using "breath" and drawing upon the color in everyday objects, all manner of miracles and mischief can be accomplished. It will take considerable quantities of each to resolve all the challenges facing Vivenna and Siri, princesses of Idris; Susebron the God King; Lightsong, reluctant god of bravery, and mysterious Vasher, the Warbreaker.



Wrath & the Dawn by Renée Ahdieh

FIC AHDIEH

In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace. A Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016 selection.