Featured Books Woodland High School 2017-2018

Printz Award

March by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell This graphic novel is the conclusion of the March trilogy, a gripping autobiographical account of Congressman John Lewis's experiences during the Civil Rights Movement. It follows Lewis's involvement with the Mississippi Freedom Summer and the March on Selma, concluding with a call to action for today's youth.

Asking for It by Louise O'Neill

After a party, Emma Donovan is found dumped outside her house with no recollection of the previous night. Pictures go viral showing her being raped. Lacking support from her small Irish town, Emma becomes a shell of her previous self, struggling with the question of whether she asked for it.

The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry

This beautiful historical epic tells the tale of Dolssa, an accused heretic on the run, and the three sisters who find and help her during the time of the Inquisition. Through recollections and testimonies, Dolssa's layered story unfolds across time periods with rich language and historical detail.

Scythe by Neal Shusterman

In a future where death has been eradicated, scythes are selected to control overpopulation by "gleaning" random members of society. Teens Citra and Rowan are selected as apprentices and are thrust into a world of political intrigue. "Scythe" is a powerful examination of ethics, humanity and the flaws of immortality.

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.

Evergreen Teen Book Award

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend.

An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa 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.

Evergreen Teen Book Award (cont.)

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.

Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more.

Illuminae by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff

The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.

The Making of a Navy SEAL: My Story of Surviving the Toughest Challenge and Training the Best by

Brandon Webb

Webb's experiences in the world's most elite sniper corps are the stuff of legend. From his grueling years of training in Naval Special Operations to his combat tours in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan, Webb provides a rare and riveting look at the inner workings of the U.S. military through the eyes of a covert operations specialist.

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc.

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed.

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone...Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Can they pull it off without killing each other first?

Stick by Michael Harmon

"Stick" is the best wide receiver in the history of his high school. Preston is an outcast, and his pipsqueak stature and nerdy social status couldn't be further from a star athlete's. A twist of fate brings this unlikely pair together in a friendship that is as odd as it is true.

Young Reader's Choice Award Intermediate

Magnus Chase: The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan

Magnus has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows-a man his mother claimed was dangerous- who tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god.

The Nest by Kenneth Oppel

When wasps come to Steve in a dream offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say yes. But yes may not mean what Steve thinks it means.

The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.

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Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead

Best friends Bridge, Emily, and Tab made a pact: no fighting. But it's the start of seventh grade, and everything is changing. Emily's new curves are attracting attention, Tab is suddenly a member of the Human Rights Club, and then there's Bridge who's started wearing cat ears.

Saint Anything by Sarah Dessen

Sydney's charismatic older brother, Peyton, has always been the center of attention in the family, but when he is sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and in the world until she meets Mac who makes her feel seen for the first time.

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The Darkest Part of the Forest by Holly 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, causing Hazel to be swept up in new love, shift her loyalties, and make a secret sacrifice to the faerie king.

Young Reader's Choice Award Senior

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history of racism and free ourselves from its burden? Between the World and Me is Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son.

Carry On by Rainbow Rowell

Simon Snow is the worst Chosen One who's ever been chosen. That's what his roommate, Baz, says. And Baz might be evil and a vampire and a complete git, but he's probably right. A ghost story, a love story and a mystery. It has just as much kissing and talking as you'd expect from a Rainbow Rowell story - but far, far more monsters.

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons.

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A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

When nineteen-year-old huntress Feyre kills a wolf in the woods, a beast-like creature arrives to demand retribution. Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from legends, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin-one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled their world.

I was Here by Gayle Forman

In an attempt to understand why her best friend committed suicide, eighteen-year-old Cody Reynolds retraces her dead friend's footsteps and makes some startling discoveries.

We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen

Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when Stewart's father moves in with his new girlfriend--Ashley's mother.

Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella

Fourteen-year-old Audrey is making slow but steady progress dealing with her anxiety disorder when Linus comes into the picture and her recovery gains momentum.