

# MLA Thumbs Up! Award

## **2022 Thumbs Up! Award**

In the Wild Light by Jeff Zentner

Honor Books:

- Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley
- Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas
- The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe
- All of Us Villains by Amanda Foody and Christine Lynn Herman

## **2021 Thumbs Up! Award**

Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

Honor Books:

- Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson
- Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles
- The Snow Fell Three Graves Deep by Allan Wolf
- A Song of Wraiths and Ruin by Roseanne A. Brown

## **2020 Thumbs Up! Award**

Heroine by Mindy McGinnis

Honor Books:

- Girls on the Verge by Sharon Biggs Waller
- Slay by Brittney Morris

## **2019 Thumbs Up! Award**

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Honor Books:

- Sadie by Courtney Summers
- The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang

## **2018 Thumbs Up! Award**

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Honor Books:

- One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus
- Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
- Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia
- Solo by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess

## **2017 Thumbs Up! Award**

The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner

## **2016 Thumbs Up! Award**

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

### **2015 Thumbs Up! Award**

Through the Woods by Emily Carroll

Honor Books:

- Grasshopper Jungle by Andrew Smith
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

### **2014 Thumbs Up! Award**

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

Honor Books:

- Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick
- Far, Far Away by Tom McNeal
- Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys

### **2013 Thumbs Up! Award**

The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen by Susin Nielsen

Honor Books:

- Every Day by David Levithan
- How to Lead a Life of Crime by Kirsten Miller
- The Last Dragon Slayer by Jasper Fforde

### **2012 Thumbs Up! Award**

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Honor Books:

- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- This Dark Endeavor by Kenneth Oppel
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

### **2011 Thumbs Up! Award**

Sorta Like a Rock Star by Matthew Quick

Honor Books:

- Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly
- Dash and Lily's Book of Dares by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
- After Ever After by Jordan Sonnenblick

### **2010 Thumbs Up! Award**

Hate List by Jennifer Brown

Honor Books:

- Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Fat Cat by Robin Brande
- Swim the Fly by Don Calame
- The Monstrumologist by Rick Yancey

### **2009 Thumbs Up! Award**

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Honor Books:

- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- Last Exit to Normal by Michael B. Harmon
- Venomous by Chris Krovatin

### **2008 Thumbs Up! Award**

Evolution, Me, and Other Freaks of Nature by Robin Brande

Honor Books:

- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie
- Don't Call Me Ishmael - Michael Gerard Bauer
- Freak Show - James St. James
- Twisted - Laurie Halse Anderson

### **2007 Thumbs Up! Award**

Rash by Pete Hautman

Honor Books:

- An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
- Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick

### **2006 Thumbs Up! Award**

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

Honor Books:

- Looking for Alaska by John Green
- Twilight: A Novel by Stephenie Meyer
- Peeps by Scott Westerfeld

### **2005 Thumbs Up! Award**

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

Honor Books:

- The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer
- The Blue Girl by Charles de Lint
- Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt

### **2004 Thumbs Up! Award**

Pirates! by Celia Rees

Honor Books:

- Green Angel by Alice Hoffman
- The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things by Carolyn Mackler
- Acceleration by Graham McNamee
- East by Edith Pattou

### **2003 Thumbs Up! Award**

America: A Novel by E. R. Frank

Honor Books:

- Ashes of Roses by Mary Jane Auch
- This Lullaby by Sarah Dessen
- The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
- Stoner & Spaz by Ronald Koertge

### **2002 Thumbs Up! Award**

You Don't Know Me by David Klass

Honor Books:

- The Misfits by James Howe
- What My Mother Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones

### **2001 Thumbs Up! Award**

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

Honor Books:

- Battle Dress by Amy Efaw
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

### **2000 Thumbs Up! Award**

Hard Love by Ellen Wittlinger

Honor Books:

- Adventures of Blue Avenger: A Novel by Norma Howe
- Keeping the Moon by Sarah Dessen

### **1999 Thumbs Up! Award**

Door Near Here by Heather Quarles

Honor Books:

- Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer
- Someone Like You by Sarah Dessen
- Armageddon Summer by Jane Yolen & Bruce Coville

### **1998 Thumbs Up! Award**

Doing Time: Notes From An Undergrad by Rob Thomas

Honor Book:

- Tangerine by Edward Bloor

### **1997 Thumbs Up! Award**

Mr. Was by Pete Hautman

### **1996 Thumbs Up! Award**

Only Alien On The Planet by Kristen Randle

**1995 Thumbs Up! Award**

The Ramsay Scallop by Frances Temple

**1994 Thumbs Up! Award**

Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff

**1993 Thumbs Up! Award**

Somewhere In The Darkness by Walter Dean Myers

**1992 Thumbs Up! Award**

Athletic Shorts by Chris Crutcher

**1991 Thumbs Up! Award**

Road To Memphis by Mildred Taylor

Honor Book:

- The Silver Kiss by Annette Curtis Klause

**1990 Thumbs Up! Award**

Phoenix Rising: Or How To Survive Your Life by Cynthia Grant

Honor Book:

- Children of the River by Linda Crew

**1989 Thumbs Up! Award**

Sex Education by Jenny Davis

**1988 Thumbs Up! Award**

Year Of The Gopher by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Honor Book:

- Arrows of the Queen by Mercedes Lackey

**1987 Thumbs Up! Award**

- Flight Of the Cassowary by John LaVert