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