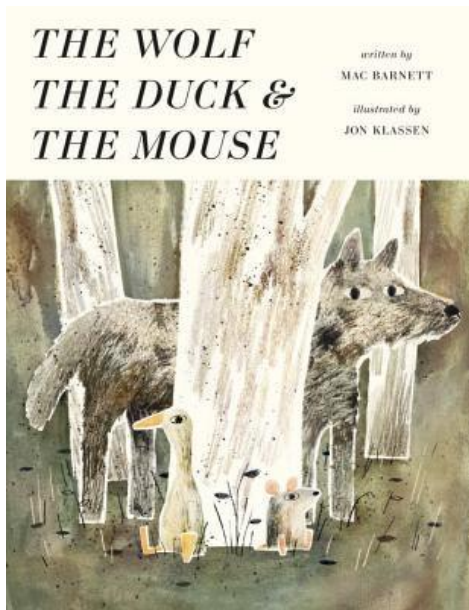


MLA 2018 Literary Award Winners

The Michigan Library Association is pleased to announce the 2018 literary award winners of the Mitten, YouPer and Thumbs Up! awards. The award selection work groups are comprised of Michigan librarians who consider hundreds of children's books annually to determine the winners.



2018 Mitten Award

The winner of the 2018 Mitten Award is *The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse*, written by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen, published 2017 by Candlewick Press. Honor Books include:

After the Fall:

How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again

written and illustrated by Dan Santat,

Bob, not Bob! (To Be Read as if You Have the Worst Cold Ever)

by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon and Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Matthew Cordell,

Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero

by Patricia McCormick, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno and

Town Is By the Sea

by Joanne Schwartz, illustrated by Sydney Smith.

The Mitten Award is designed to recognize and promote quality literature for youth in picture book format. [Read more about the Mitten Award.](#)



2018 YouPer Award

The YouPer or Young Person Award recognizes and promotes quality literature for youth in chapter book format. The winner of the 2018 YouPer Award is *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend, published in 2017 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Honor books include: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz, *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia,

Posted

by John David Anderson and

Forever or a Long, Long Time

by Caela Carter.

[Read more about the YouPer Award](#)

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2018 Thumbs Up! Award

"Absolutely riveting!"
—JASON REYNOLDS, bestselling coauthor of *All American Boys*



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The Thumbs Up! Award recognizes and promotes an outstanding contribution to teen literature that has both literary quality and teen appeal for those 13 to 18 years of age. A teen vote is included in help determine the winner.

The 2018 Thumbs Up! Award winner is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, published in 2017 by HarperCollins Publisher. Honor Books include:

One of Us Is Lying

by Karen M. McManus,

Long Way Down

by Jason Reynolds,

Eliza and Her Monsters

by Francesca Zappia and

Solo

by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess.

[Read more about the Thumbs Up! Award.](#)

Thank you to the 2018 Mitten Work Group, chaired by Audra Eddy, Saline District Library, the 2018 YouPer Work Group, chaired by Tracy Bedford, Clarkston Independence District Library and Alexa Lalejini, Swan Valley High School, and the 2018 Thumbs Up! Work Group, chaired by Abigail Pylar, Portage District Library.