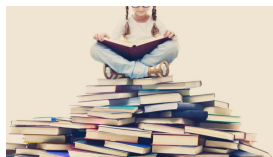


## 2019 Literary Awards Top Titles



The 2019 Mitten, YouPer and Thumbs Up! award selection group members worked throughout the year spending *thousands* of hours reading, reviewing and ranking hundreds of books to establish their lists of the top titles published in 2018. We look forward to revealing the winners and honor books this October at the MLA 2019 Annual Conference in Novi!

Review the short list of titles vying for the 2019 Mitten, YouPer and Thumbs Up! awards and share them with your patrons to see if they agree with our work groups' selections. The Thumbs Up! Award selection includes a teen vote, teens can vote for their favorite title from the top ten list through May 31. [Learn more](#)

MLA thanks the 2019 Mitten, YouPer and Thumbs Up! work group members who dedicated hours of their time and expertise to select the top titles, winners and honor books.

### 2019 YouPer (Young Person) Award

The YouPer Award recognizes and promotes quality literature for youth in chapter book format. [Read more about the YouPer Award here.](#)

#### Top Ten Titles (in random order)

- *Blended* by Sharon Draper
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster* by Jonathan Auxier
- *Breakout* by Kate Messner
- *It Wasn't Me* by Dana Alison Levy
- *City of Ghosts (Cassidy Blake #1)* by Victoria Schwab
- *Aru Shah and the End of Time (Pandava Quartet #1)* by Roshani Chokshi
- *No Fixed Address* by Susin Nielsen

## 2019 Mitten Award

Recognizes and promotes quality literature for youth in picture book format. [Read more about the Mitten Award here.](#)

### Top Ten Titles (in random order)

- *The Honeybee* by Kristin Hall, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault
- *The Rough Patch* by Brian Lies
- *We Don't Eat Our Classmates!* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *I am a Cat* by Galia Bernstein
- *Tiger vs. Nightmare* by Emily Tetri
- *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld
- *Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth* by Kate Gardner, illustrated by Heidi Smith
- *Zola's Elephant* by Randall de Sève, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin
- *Ocean Meets Sky* by The Fan Brothers (Eric and Terry Fan)

## 2019 Thumbs Up! Award

The Thumbs Up! Award recognizes an outstanding contribution to teen literature that has both literary quality and teen appeal for those 13 to 18 years of age. [Read more about the Thumbs Up! Award here.](#)

The award selection process includes a teen vote. Through May 31, teens aged 13 to 18 can vote online for their favorite book from the top ten titles. Distribute the top ten list to your teen patrons and encourage them to vote!

[Download the top ten list\(pdf\).](#)

Please also consider posting a direct link to the survey on your own library website ( <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019ThumbsUpTeenVote>

). Voting can be done online from home or from the library through May 31, 2019. The winner of the Thumbs Up! Award and honor books will be announced at the MLA 2019 Annual Conference in Novi this October.

### Top Ten Titles (in random order)

- *Dread Nation (Dread Nation #1)* by Justina Ireland
- *I Am Still Alive* by Kate Alice Marshall
- *I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope* by Chessy Prout and Jenn Abelson

- *Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha #1)* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *A Heart in a Body in the World* by Deb Caletti
- *Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson
- *Sadie* by Courtney Summers
- *Girl Made of Stars* by Ashley Herring Blake
- *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

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