

Abe Lincoln Award 2019



All We Have Left - Wendy Mills

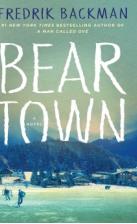
Jesse is used to living with the past. Her brother died in the 9/11 attacks, and her dad since has filled their home with anger and grief. One decision turns her life upside down. To make amends she must face the past, starting her on a journey that will reveal the truth about how her brother died. In 2001, Alia is proud to be Muslim. After being grounded, Alia confronts her father at his office, putting her in danger she never could have imagined. When the planes collide into the Twin Towers, Alia is trapped inside where she meets a boy who will change everything. This story brings one of the most important days in recent history to life, showing that love and hope will triumph.

IBI ZOBOI



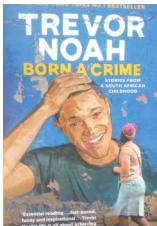
American Street - Ibi Zoboi

On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola thought she would finally find *une belle vie*—a good life. But after they leave Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own. Just as she finds her footing in this strange new world, a dangerous proposition presents itself, and Fabiola soon realizes that freedom comes at a cost. Will she pay the price for the American dream?



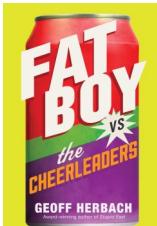
Beartown - Fredrik Backman

People say Beartown is finished. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and they leave no resident unaffected.



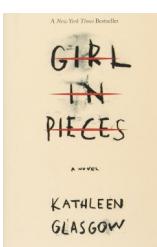
Born a Crime - Trevor Noah

Trevor Noah's path from apartheid to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white father and a black mother at a time when such a union was punishable by prison. He was bound by the measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could steal him away. Liberated, Trevor and his mother set forth, embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle. This is the story of a boy who struggles to find himself and the story of his relationship with his mother, determined to save him from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse.



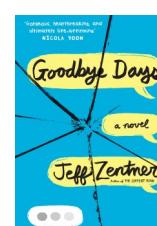
Fat Boy vs The Cheerleaders - Geoff Herbach

Join a cast of misfits as fat boy Gabe, aka Chunk, goes up against the high school cheerleading team in a battle over control of the school's soda machine. A marching band geek who drowns his dysfunctional family woes in a voracious soda habit, Gabe relishes his role as class clown, fending off harassment from students and teachers with his own brand of irreverent, self-deprecating humor. But when the cheerleading team takes over the funds previously collected by the band, Gabe will not stand for it. Something must be done. It's geeks versus jocks in an epic battle of the beverages!



Girl in Pieces - Kathleen Glasgow

Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people do in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The broken glass washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you. Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen before you can find your way back from the edge. A deeply moving portrait of a girl in a world that owes her nothing, and has taken so much, and the journey she undergoes to put herself back together.



Goodbye Days - Jeff Zentner

Where are you guys? Text me back. That's the last message Carver will ever send his three best friends. He never thought that it would lead to their death. Now he can't stop blaming himself for the accident and a judge is pressuring the DA to open up an investigation. He has some allies: Eli's girlfriend; his new therapist; and Blake's grandmother, who asks Carver to spend a "goodbye day" together to say a proper farewell. Soon the other families are asking for their own goodbye day with Carver—but will they all be able to make peace, or will these goodbye days bring Carver one step closer to a complete breakdown or—even worse—prison?



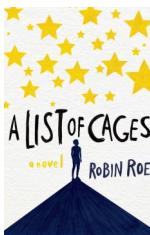
The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas

Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the prep school she attends. The balance between these worlds is shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the street. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What *really* went down that night? The only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upset her community and endanger her life.



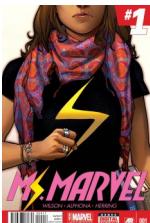
Illuminae - Amie Kaufman, Jay Kristoff

Kady thought breaking up with Ezra was the hardest thing she'd have to do—until her planet was invaded. The year is 2575, and two rival megacorps are at war over a planet that's little more than a speck. With enemy fire raining down on them, Kady and Ezra are forced to evacuate with a hostile warship in hot pursuit. A plague has broken out and is mutating with terrifying results; the fleet's AI may actually be their enemy; and nobody in charge will say what's really going on. As Kady hacks into a web of data to find the truth, it's clear the only person who can help her is the ex-boyfriend she *swore* she'd never speak to again.



A List of Cages - Robin Roe

When Adam lands the best elective in his senior year, serving as an aide to the school psychologist, he thinks he's got it made. Then the doctor asks him to track down the troubled freshman who keeps dodging her, and he discovers that the boy is Julian—the foster brother he hasn't seen in five years. At first, Julian seems like the boy he once knew. But as they spend more time together, Adam realizes that Julian is keeping secrets, like what's really going on inside his house. Adam is determined to help him, but his involvement could cost both boys their lives.



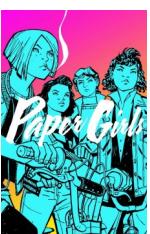
Ms. Marvel, Vol 1 - G. Willow Wilson, Adrian Alphona

Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City—until she is suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the all-new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm! As Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them as well. Is Kamala ready to wield these immense new gifts? Or will the weight of the legacy before her be too much to handle? Kamala has no idea either. But she's comin' for you, New York!



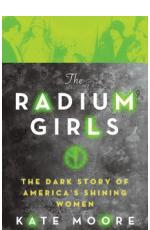
One of Us is Lying - Karen M. McManus

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain; Addy, the beauty; Nate, the criminal; Cooper, the athlete; and Simon, the outcast, creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And his death wasn't an accident. On Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.



Paper Girls vol 1 - Brian K. Vaughan, Cliff Chiang

From Brian K. Vaughan, #1 New York Times bestselling writer of SAGA, and Cliff Chiang, legendary artist of WONDER WOMAN, comes the first volume of an all-new ongoing adventure. In the early hours after Halloween of 1988, four 12-year-old newspaper delivery girls uncover the most important story of all time. Suburban drama and otherworldly mysteries collide in this smash-hit series about nostalgia, first jobs, and the last days of childhood.



The Radium Girls - Kate Moore

Newly discovered radium makes headlines across the nation. From body lotion to tonic water, radium shines bright in the dark years of WWI. Girls toil amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories; they light up the night like industrious fireflies. These "shining girls" are the luckiest alive—until they begin to fall mysteriously ill. But the factories are ignoring all claims of the gruesome side effects, and the women's cries of corruption. As the poison of the radium takes hold, the brave shining girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century, and in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights.

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Scythe - Neal Shusterman

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.



We Are Okay - Nina LaCour

You go through life thinking there's so much you need. . . . Until you leave with only your phone, your wallet, and a picture of your mother. Marin hasn't spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth, not even her best friend Mabel. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she's tried to outrun. Now, months later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits. Mabel is coming to visit and Marin will be forced to face everything that's been left unsaid and finally confront the loneliness that has made a home in her heart.



The Thousandth Floor - Katherine McGee

A hundred years in the future, New York is a city of innovation and dreams. But people never change: everyone wants something and everyone has something to lose. Leda's flawless exterior belies a secret addiction. Eris' beautiful life falls to pieces when a betrayal tears her family apart. Rylin's job on one of the highest floors sweeps her into a world she never imagined. Watt is a tech genius with a secret: he knows everything about everyone. Living above everyone on the thousandth floor is Avery, the girl genetically designed to be perfect, who seems to have it all but is tormented by the thing she can never have.



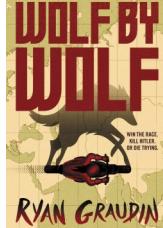
When Dimple Met Rishi - Sandhya Menon

Dimple has it all figured out. She's more than ready for a break from her family and the obsession with her finding the "ideal Indian Husband". Dimple knows they must respect her principles, though. If they believed she needed a husband *right now*, they wouldn't have paid for her to attend a summer program for aspiring web developers...right? Rishi is a hopeless romantic. So when his parents tell him that his future wife will be attending the same program as him he's on board. Rishi believes in the power of tradition. The Shahs and Patels didn't mean to start turning the wheels so early in their children's lives, but when both gravitated toward the same program, they figured, *Why not?* When opposites clash, love works to prove itself in the most unexpected ways.



Three Dark Crowns - Kendare Blake

In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born: three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. Mirabella is a fierce elemental, Katharine is a poisoner, Arsinoe, a naturalist. But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose...it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins. The last queen standing gets the crown.



Wolf by Wolf - Ryan Graudin

It's 1956, and the Third Reich and Imperial Japan rule. To commemorate their Great Victory, they host the Axis Tour: a motorcycle race across their combined continents. The prize? An audience with Adolf Hitler. Yael has witnessed too much suffering, and the five wolves tattooed on her arm are a constant reminder. The resistance has given Yael one goal: Win the race and kill Hitler. A survivor of human experimentation, Yael has the power to skinshift and must complete her mission by impersonating last year's only female racer, Adele Wolfe, which becomes more difficult when Felix, Adele's twin brother, and Luka, her former love interest, enter the race and watch Yael's every move. Can she be as ruthless as she needs to be to stay true to her mission?

The Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award

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