

Diversity in Youth Literature

Part 2: Middle Grade and Young Adult

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Middle Grade

Contemporary Realistic

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson

Hurricane Child by Kheryn Calender

Star-Crossed by Barbara Dee

Better Nate than Ever by Tim Federle

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

Stella Díaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez

President of the Whole Fifth Grade by Sherri Winston

The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

Books in Verse

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

Historical Fiction

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

Clayton Bird Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia

Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson

Hoodoo by Ronald L. Smith

Fantasy

Handbook for Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell

Rise of the Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh

Sci-Fi

Ambassador by William Alexander
Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities by Mike Jung
Space Hostages by Sophia McDougall

Mystery

Murder is Bad Manners by Robin Stevens
Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile by Marcia Wells
The Treasure of Maria Mamoun by Michelle Chalfoun

Graphic Novels

Super Indian by Arigon Starr and Janet Miner
Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani
Hilo by Judd Winick
The Witch Boy by Molly Ostertag
Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur by Amy Reeder and Brandon Montclare
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Star Scouts by Mike Lawrence
Where's Halmoni? By Julie Kim

YA

Contemporary Realistic

Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson
Peas and Carrots by Tanita S. Davis
To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han
Fake ID by Lamar Giles
American Street by Ibi Zoboi
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kelly

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
You're Welcome Universe by Whitney Gardner

Historical Fiction

Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee
The Agency: a Spy in the House by Y.S Lee
Josephine by Beverly Jenkins
Juba! By Walter Dean Myers
The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee
Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick

Fantasy

Shadowshaper by Daniel José Older
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Dust Girl by Sarah Zettel
Carry On by Rainbow Rowell
Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor
Huntress by Malinda Lo
The Bone Witch by Rin Chupeco
A Wish After Midnight by Zetta Elliott

Sci-Fi

The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
Want by Cindy Pon
Legend by Marie Lu
The Living by Matt De la Peña

Graphic Novels

Ms. Marvel by G. Willow Wilson and Adrian Alphona
Spinning by Tillie Walden
Boxers and Saints by Gene Luen Yang
March by John Lewis, Andrew Ayden, and Nate Powell

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