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# ALA Recommended Reading

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List of links to ALA's literature award winners and various notable reading lists for all ages, sorted by age group.

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For a list of upcoming event dates, see ALA's [Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events 2015](#).

The [ALA Online Store](#) at <http://www.alastore.ala.org> supports the reading events and programs listed here - including [Banned Books Week](#), [Born to Read](#), [National Library Week](#), [Teen Read Week](#) - with event posters and matching bookmarks, along with our popular celebrity READ posters and matching bookmarks, and with various other items, including banners, pens, and t-shirts.

The ALA Online Store also has available for purchase:

- [YALSA's \(Young Adult Library Services Association\) 2014 Reads 4 Teens Recommended Reading for Teen Patrons—digital download](#)
- [Outstanding Books for the College Bound—digital download](#)

See summer reading resources at [ALA Library Fact Sheet 17 - Library Summer Reading Programs](#).

Go directly to the reading lists by [ALSC](#), [YALSA](#), and [RUSA](#).

The ALA Library has collected [reading lists of books about libraries and librarians](#).

## Lists and Awards Spotlight

The [ALA 2015 Youth Media Awards](#) will be announced February 2, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. CT.

For additional information, see [Books with more information on ALA's literary awards and reading lists](#).

[Booklist Editors' Choice and Top of the List picks, 2014](#) at the Booklist Reader

[Frequently Challenged Books](#). The ALA's [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) (OIF) receives reports from libraries, schools, and the media on attempts to ban books in communities across the country. We compile lists of challenged books in order to inform the public about censorship efforts that affect libraries and schools. The ALA condemns censorship and works to ensure free access to information. For more information on ALA's efforts to raise awareness of censorship and promote the freedom to read, please explore [Banned Books Week](#). Explore the following pages for listings of banned/challenged books:

- [Banned/Challenged Classics](#)
- [Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books lists](#)
- [100 Most Frequently Challenged Books by Decade](#)
- [Most Frequently Challenged Authors pages of the 21st Century](#)
- [Most Frequently Challenged Books Written by Authors of Color 1990-1999](#)
- [Extended list of books banned or challenged - Yearly Lists \(PDF brochures\) of Challenged and/or Banned Books, 1999 to the present](#), compiled by Robert Doyle of the Illinois Library Association
- [Latest Banned Books Week Resource Guide \(2014\)](#)
- [List of all Banned Books Week Resource Guides](#)

[YALSA's Teen Book Finder](#). YALSA's (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) Teen Book Finder is a free app to help teens, parents, librarians and library staff, educators, and anyone who loves YA literature access to the past three years' of YALSA's awards and lists on their smartphone.

[The May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Award](#). ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA) established the lecture series in 1969 with sponsorship from Scott, Foresman and Company. The lectureship is now funded by the ALSC May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Endowment, and administered by ALSC. The lecturer, announced annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, may be an author, critic, librarian, historian or teacher of children's literature, of any country, who shall prepare a paper considered to be a significant contribution to the field of children's literature. This paper is delivered as a lecture each April, and is subsequently published in *Children and Libraries*, the journal of ALSC.

### [Top Ten Most Re-Read Books List](#)

List of popular novels, plays, and poetry compiled [for a news report](#) by committee of librarians and book review editors -- including [Nancy Pearl](#).

**General Lists (across two or more age groups; includes lists for tweens)**

- [Alex Awards - YALSA announces 2014 Alex Awards - previous Alex Awards winners](#). ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) spotlights ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. The winning titles are selected from the previous year's publishing. The award is sponsored by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust and *Booklist*.
- [Amelia Bloomer Project - 2014 Amelia Bloomer List highlights feminist books for young readers](#). The list presents well-written and well-illustrated books with strong feminist messages that affirm positive roles for girls and women. The works are recommended for young people from birth through eighteen years of age.
- [Booklist Editor's Choice: Books for Youth, 2014](#). Committed to providing a broad selection of outstanding books that mixes popular appeal with literary excellence, the Books for Youth editorial staff has chosen the titles below as best-of-the-year nonfiction and fiction books and picture books (sorted into sections for older readers, middle readers, and young readers).
- [Building a Home Library – 2014 Update](#). The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the Quicklists Consulting Committee of ALA's Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of ALA), has created four Building a Home Library bibliographies. These downloadable lists are intended to provide guidance to parents, grandparents and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home. The four 2014 Building a Home Library lists are available for children ages 0 to 3; 4 to 7; 8 to 11; and 12 to 14. Librarians, educators and others who work with families are encouraged to download and print these brochures and share them with parents, grandparents, and caregivers in their community.
- [Día Book List](#). El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is celebrated every year on April 30. Día book list brochures, provided in PDF format, include suggestions for children's books available in several languages, resource websites, and literacy tips for parents in both English and Spanish. The lists are divided into age groups: Ages Birth-4; Ages 4-8; Ages 8-12; and Ages 12-up.
- [Graphic Novels Reading List - 2014 update](#) | [Graphic Novels Reading List - 2013 update](#) | [Graphic novels - 2012 update of core collection](#). In 2011, the ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA) Board of Directors directed the Quicklists Consulting Committee to create a list of core titles that can be used when starting or maintaining a children's graphic novel collection. The intended audience is librarians selecting books for inclusion in public libraries serving elementary school-age children. We attempted to create a list of core titles that can be used when starting or maintaining a children's graphic novel collection. The list, both the 2013 and 2012 versions, is divided into age groups by school grade: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8.
- [Lasting Connections, 2014](#). Each January in *Book Links*, we publish a partner list to *Booklist's* Books for Youth Editors' Choice selections. "Lasting Connections" highlights our top 30 choices for the K–8 classroom, all published in the previous year and all selected for their natural connections across the curriculum and to

the Common Core State Standards.

- [Rainbow Project](#) - [Rainbow Project Reading List 2014](#). The Rainbow Project is a joint project of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table and the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association. The Rainbow Project presents an annual bibliography of quality books with significant and authentic GLBTQ content, which are recommended for people from birth through eighteen years of age.
- [Schneider Family Book Award](#) - [2014 Schneider Family Book Awards recipients named](#). The Schneider Family Book Awards honor an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. Three annual awards each consisting of \$5000 and a framed plaque, will be given annually in each of the following categories: birth through grade school (age 0–8), middle school (age 9–13) and teens (age 14–18). (Age groupings are approximations). Also see the [Schneider Award Select Bibliography of Children's Books about the Disability Experience \(PDF\)](#). This list contains some outstanding books that portray emotional, mental, or physical disability experiences, most published between 2000 and 2008. The grade level designations are intended as guidelines.
- [Stonewall Book Awards](#) - [2014 Stonewall Book Awards announced](#) - ['Beautiful Music for Ugly Children' and 'Fat Angie' win 2014 Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award](#) - [Stonewall Book Awards List \(1971 through the present\)](#). The Stonewall Book Awards of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table of ALA are given annually to English-language works of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience, and include the Stonewall Book Awards – Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award, the Stonewall Book Awards – Barbara Gittings Literature Award, and the Stonewall Book Awards – Israel Fishman Non-Fiction Award.
- [Top Titles for Tweens 2013](#). ALSC's School-Age Programs and Services Committee is happy to share with you a list of this year's Youth Media Award winners that are especially suited to those in-between patrons, those who straddle that line between little kid and teenager, ages 10 to 14. Also, look back at the 2012 [Tween Award Book List](#).
- [Tween Recommended Reads](#). List includes 25 titles chosen specifically to appeal to tweens and to encourage them to read, compiled by members of ALSC's 2013 School Age Programs and Services Committee. PDFs of the booklist are available online in full color and black and white and are free to download, copy and distribute.
- [University Press Books for Public and Secondary School Libraries](#). An annual collection development tool published with the help and support of two divisions of the American Library Association (ALA): the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Public Library Association (PLA). University presses represent an often-undiscovered gold mine of resources for school and public libraries. Many books and reference works from scholarly publishers are valued far beyond the walls of any ivory tower. They can be the building blocks of

learning and growing for high-school students, general readers, independent researchers, and involved citizens. For more than 20 years, a volunteer panel of PLA and AASL librarians review and select 400+ titles published by AAUP member presses to build this valued collection development resource. The bibliography is released in both print and online editions, distributed freely to 13,000+ librarians. Book entries include key bibliographic data, a thumbnail description, and a PLA and/or AASL rating.

## For Children

- [Notable Children's Books - ALSC names 2014 Notable Children's Books - previous Notable Children's Books lists](#). The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), selects titles for this annual list, which usually includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry and picture books of special interest, quality, creativity and value to children 14 years of age and younger. According to ALSC policy, the current year's Newbery, Caldecott, Belpré, Sibert, Geisel, and Batchelder Award and Honor books automatically are added to the Notable Children's Books list. For your convenience, Notable Children's Books that have also received other ALA awards, such as the Coretta Scott King Award, Michael L. Printz Award, Alex Award, and Schneider Family Book Award, are noted on this list.
- [\(Mildred L.\) Batchelder Award - 2014 Batchelder Award honors Enchanted Lion Books For 'Mister Orange' - previous Batchelder winners](#). The Batchelder Award is given to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country, and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States.
- [\(Pura\) Belpré Award - Yuyi Morales, Meg Medina win Pura Belpré Awards - Yuyi Morales y Meg Medina ganan premios Pura Belpré - previous Belpré winners](#). Established in 1996, this award is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. The award is [now given annually](#).
- [Books on Islam for Children and Teens](#) - This list was developed by the Quicklists Consulting Committee of ALA's Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of ALA) in September 2010.
- [\(Randolph\) Caldecott Medal - Kate DiCamillo, Brian Floca win Newbery, Caldecott Medals - previous Caldecott winners and honor books - Translated Caldecott Titles](#). This award is given by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picturebook for children.
- [Children's Book List for Parents® Magazine \(Books about manners\)](#). This list, dated August 2010, was developed by the Quicklists Consulting Committee of

ALA's Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of ALA) for an article in *Parents Magazine*.

- [Coretta Scott King Book Awards - Rita Williams-Garcia, Bryan Collier win 2014 Coretta Scott King Book Awards - previous Coretta Scott King Book Award Recipients](#). Given to African American authors and illustrator for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions, the Coretta Scott King Book Award titles promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples and their contribution to the realization of the American dream. The John Steptoe Awards for New Talent affirm new talent and offer visibility to excellence in writing or illustration at the beginning of a career as a published book creator. The Virginia Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to authors, illustrators or author/illustrators in even-numbered years; practitioners will be recognized in odd-numbered years.
- [\(Theodor Seuss\) Geisel Award – Greg Pizzoli wins Geisel Award for 'The Watermelon Seed' \(for 2014\) - previous Geisel winners](#). The Geisel Award is given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States.
- [Great Early Elementary Reads](#). The ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA) 2011-2012 School-Age Programs and Services Committee recommends these titles for children who are just learning to read and beginning to read on their own. The books included were published between 2009 and 2011. However, many are part of a larger series that young readers also will enjoy. Librarians, educators, and others who work with families are encouraged to download and print the brochure, dated December 2011, and share it with parents, grandparents, and caregivers in their community.
- [Growing Up Around the World](#). Books as Passports to Global Understanding for Children in the U.S. - Five Bibliographies (PDFs) by the ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA) International Relations Committee, December 2005.
- [Hi-Lo Books for Upper Elementary Grades](#). The 2009 ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA) School-Age Programs and Services Committee recommends these titles to reluctant readers in grades 3-6, [available as a PDF](#).
- [Money as You Grow](#). This list was developed in May 2012 by the Quicklists Consulting Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association for the [Money as You Grow initiative](#).
- [Nature-Focused Books for Children](#). This list was created by the Quicklists Consulting Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of ALA) for the American Camp Association's Explore 30 Camp Reading program, released May 2012, [available as a PDF](#).
- [\(John\) Newbery Medal – Kate DiCamillo, Brian Floca win Newbery, Caldecott Medals - previous Newbery winners and honor books - Translated Newbery](#)

[Titles](#). This award is given annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

- [Resources for Children and Their Parents and Educators: Dealing with the Hurricane Katrina Tragedy](#). Compiled resources for children and their parents and educators dealing with the Hurricane Katrina tragedy in September 2005 by the Quicklists Consulting Committee of ALA's Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of ALA).
- [Resources for Children and Their Parents and Educators: Dealing with the Tragic Events of September 11, 2001: Books on Separation and Loss](#). Resources that were compiled to aid parents, teachers and caregivers in discussing with children and teens the terrorist attacks that took place in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.
- [The Service Network for Children of Inmates Book List](#). This list of recommended books for children of inmates, also [available as a PDF](#), was developed by the Quicklists Consulting Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, October 2009.
- [\(Robert F.\) Sibert Informational Book Medal - Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore win 2014 Sibert Medal – previous Sibert winners](#). The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award is awarded annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published in English during the preceding year. Information books are defined as those written and illustrated to present, organize, and interpret documentable, factual material for children.
- [2014 Summer Reading List](#). The Quicklists Consulting Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of ALA) has updated our Summer Reading Lists with new and exciting titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Three lists are available--for K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade students--as PDF brochures, available in color and in black & white.
- [\(Laura Ingalls\) Wilder Award – previous Wilder winners](#). The Wilder Award honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made, over a period of years, a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children. [Beginning in 2001](#), it has been awarded every two years.

## For Young Adults/Teens

- [Best Fiction for Young Adults - YALSA names 2014 Best Fiction for Young Adults - 2014 Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults - previous Best Fiction for Young Adults lists and previous Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults lists](#). The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, present the annual Best Fiction for Young Adults list after ALA's Midwinter Meeting. The books, recommended for ages 12-

18, usually meet the criteria of being both good quality literature and appealing reading for teens. Prior to 2011, the list was named [Best Books for Young Adults \(archive\)](#).

- [Booklist Editors' Choice: Adult Books for Young Adults, 2014](#). Selected by the Books for Youth editors, the following titles constitute the year's best personal reading for teenagers among adult books published in 2014.
- [\(Margaret A.\) Edwards Award - Markus Zusak wins 2014 Edwards Award for 'The Book Thief,' 'Fighting Ruben Wolfe,' 'Getting the Girl' and 'I Am the Messenger' - previous Edwards Award winners](#). The Margaret A. Edwards Award, honors an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, that have been popular over a period of time.
- [Great Graphic Novels for Teens - YALSA names 2014 Great Graphic Novels for Teens - Great Graphic Novels Top Ten 2014 - previous Great Graphic Novels for Teens lists - previous Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens lists](#). List of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction for those aged 12-18.
- [In Light of Hurricane Katrina](#). This list from ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA, a division of ALA) features fiction and nonfiction, was created to help librarians, educators and concerned adults guide teens to books that may help them cope after Hurricane Katrina.
- [\(William C.\) Morris YA Debut Award - 'Charm & Strange' wins 2014 William C. Morris Award - previous Morris winners](#). The William C. Morris Award honors a book written for young adults by a first-time, previously unpublished author.
- [Nature-Focused Books for Teens](#). This list was compiled by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA, a division of ALA), a partner in the American Camp Association's Explore 30 Camp Reading program, released May 2012, [available as a PDF](#).
- [Outstanding Books for the College Bound and Lifelong Learners - 2014 Outstanding Books for the College Bound and Lifelong Learners - previous Outstanding Books for the College Bound lists](#). Following the lead of the previous twenty-first century lists, the 2014 list is designed to mirror academic disciplines. It is divided into five categories: Arts and Humanities, History and Cultures, Literature and Languages, Science and Technology, and Social Sciences. It is a combination of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Titles were selected based on criteria including readability, racial and cultural diversity, balance of viewpoints, variety of formats and genres, and title availability. The committee did not seek to define, or redefine the Canon, but to instead offer new ideas and lenses, to open up new areas to explore and learn. A YALSA committee of public and secondary school librarians selected the 2014 list in collaboration with academic librarians from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Revised every five years, this list is intended as a tool for several audiences: students preparing for college, parents, educators, and librarians.
- [Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults - YALSA names 2014 Popular](#)

[Paperbacks for Young Adults - 2014 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Top Ten - previous Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults lists and previous Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Top Ten lists](#). A collection of lists of books by topic/category -- which includes, among others, lists of read a-likes for the Harry Potter, Gossip Girl, and Chronicles of Narnia book series. **2014 themes:** Conflicted: Life During Wartime; GLBTQ: Books with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer-questioning, Intersex, Asexual Individuals, and Their Allies; and Humor Me: Funny, Fantastic and Witty Reads.

- [\(Michael L.\) Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature – 'Midwinterblood' wins 2014 Printz Award - previous Printz winners](#). This is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.
- [Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers - YALSA names 2014 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers - 2014 Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers - previous Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers lists - previous Top Ten Quick Picks lists](#). The list is for young adults (ages 12-18) who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of this list is to identify titles for recreational reading, not for curricular or remedial use.
- [Teens' Top Ten Books](#). The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year! Nominators are members of teen book groups in sixteen school and public libraries around the country. Nominations are posted on Support Teen Literature Day, the Thursday of National Library Week in April, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles. Readers ages twelve to eighteen vote online in August & September with winners announced during [Teen Read Week](#) in October.
- [YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults - 'The Nazi Hunters' wins 2014 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults - previous YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults winners and finalists](#). The YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year.
- [YALSA's Best of the Best and previous YALSA Best of the Best lists](#). Find the best books and media for youth each year through YALSA's (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) Best of the Best! We'll also offer downloadable spine labels, customizable bookmarks, and more tools for librarians to use to promote the very best in teen books to teens in their communities.
- [YALSA Readers' Choice and previous YALSA Readers' Choice lists](#). The Readers' Choice list from YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) seeks to engage a wide audience of librarians, educators, teens and young adult literature enthusiasts in choosing the most popular teen titles in a given year, as organized by broad genres. The list will also provide librarians with a timely means of identifying popular teen titles on an ongoing basis. Nominations will be posted monthly, with a final vote taking place each

November. Any individual, provided he/she is not the author or an employee of the publisher, or a current member of the Readers' Choice List Committee may nominate a title via an online form, while only YALSA members are eligible to vote for the final ballot, which is sent in the November issue of YALSA E-News.

- [YALSA Ultimate Teen Bookshelf](#). The Ultimate Teen Bookshelf from YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) highlights must-have teen materials for libraries -- books; magazines; and audiobooks.

## For Adults

- [Notable Books for Adults: The List for America's Readers - RUSA reveals Notable Books List winners in outstanding fiction, nonfiction and poetry \(for 2014\) - previous Notable Books for Adults lists \(1998 to the present available online only\)](#). Since 1944, the goal of the Notable Books Council has been to make available to the nation's readers a list of 25 very good, very readable, and at times very important fiction, nonfiction, and poetry books for the adult reader.
- [Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction & Nonfiction - ALA unveils shortlist for 2014 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction - Longlist for 2014 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction announced - previous winners of the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction](#). The Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction were established in 2012 to recognize the best fiction and nonfiction books for adult readers published in the U.S. the previous year. The winners (one for fiction, one for nonfiction) are announced at an event at the ALA Annual Conference; winning authors receive a \$5,000 cash award, and two finalists in each category receive \$1,500.
- [Booklist Editors' Choice: Adult Books, 2014](#). The Adult Books editors have selected the following titles as representative of the year's outstanding books for public library collections. Our scope has been intentionally broad, and we have attempted to find books that combine literary, intellectual, and aesthetic excellence with popular appeal.
- [Over the Rainbow Project - 2014 Over the Rainbow list recognizes quality GLBT fiction and non-fiction titles](#). Over the Rainbow Books is an ad hoc committee of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) of the American Library Association. Each year, the Over the Rainbow Project creates a bibliography of books that exhibit commendable literary quality and significant authentic lgbt content and are recommended for adults over age 18.
- [The Reading List: Honoring the Best Adult Genre Fiction - RUSA's 2014 Reading List winners revealed: Librarians' top picks in genre fiction](#) - previous Reading List compilations: [Reading List 2013](#), [Reading List 2012](#), [Reading List 2011](#), [Reading List 2010](#), [Reading List 2009](#), [Reading List 2008](#). This list from RUSA (Reference and User Services Association, a division of ALA) highlights

outstanding genre fiction that merits special attention by general adult readers and the librarians who work with them.

- [Resources for Children and Their Parents and Educators: Dealing with the Tragic Events of September 11, 2001: Resources for Parents and Other Adults](#). Resources that were compiled to aid parents, teachers and caregivers in discussing with children and teens the terrorist attacks that took place in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.
- [The Sophie Brody Award - 'Like Dreamers' wins RUSA's Sophie Brody Medal winner for achievement in Jewish literature along with two honorable mentions \(for 2014\)](#). The Sophie Brody Award from RUSA (Reference and User Services Association, a division of ALA) was first awarded in 2006, and includes a medal for the winner, as well as citations for selected honor books. It is funded by Arthur Brody and the Brodart Foundation, and is given to encourage, recognize and commend outstanding achievement in Jewish literature. List of winners, from 2006 to the present, at the bottom of the page.
- [Stonewall Book Awards - 2014 Stonewall Book Awards announced - Sloin, Duron and McConnell win Stonewall Book Awards for Adult Literature, Non-Fiction - Stonewall Book Awards List \(1971 through the present\)](#). The Stonewall Book Awards of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table of ALA are given annually to English-language works of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience, and include the Stonewall Book Awards – Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award, the Stonewall Book Awards – Barbara Gittings Literature Award, and the Stonewall Book Awards – Israel Fishman Non-Fiction Award.
- [W.Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction](#). This is an award honoring the best fiction set in a period when the United States was at war. It recognizes the service of American veterans and military personnel and encourages the writing and publishing of outstanding war-related fiction for young adults or adults.

## For Students (of all ages)

- [Booklist Editor's Choice: Reference Sources, 2014](#). These titles are the year's best publications and databases for specific subjects, topics, and events.
- [Booklist Fall Reference Preview: 2014](#). Print reference works slated for publication between August 2014 and January 2015 are listed here. Page numbers and pub dates have been provided by the publishers and are subject to change. Many of these titles are also available as e-books; check with the publishers for further information.
- [Booklist Spring E-reference Update, 2014: Databases and E-books](#) (April 15, 2014 issue of ALA's *Booklist*). We asked publishers "What's new?" and they responded with the following information about their new reference databases, e-

books, and e-book platforms as well as significant updates and enhancements to existing products. Information is effective January 2014 through July 2014. Contact the publishers for information on trials and pricing details.

- [Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles, 2014: Top 25 Books - Choice Outstanding Academic Titles \(OAT\)](#). The *Choice* subject editors recognize the most significant titles reviewed each calendar year by compiling the "Outstanding Academic Titles" (OAT) list, which is published each January in *Choice* magazine and on *Choice Reviews Online*. As a special preview to the full 2014 list, which will appear in the January 2015 issue, the *Choice* subject editors have selected from among the 2014 list their favorites for the following "Top 25 Books" and "Top 10 Internet Resources" lists.
- [Dartmouth Medal - 'Mammals of Africa' named RUSA's Dartmouth Medal winner for distinguished reference publication; also named two honorable mentions \(for 2014\)](#). Established in 1974, this medal from RUSA (Reference and User Services Association, a division of ALA) honors the creation of a reference work of outstanding quality and significance, including, but not limited to: writing, compiling, editing, or publishing books or electronic information. Complete list of winners, from 1975 to the present, at the bottom of the page.
- [Outstanding Reference Sources - RUSA announces 2014 Outstanding Reference Sources List](#). The Outstanding Reference Sources Committee of RUSA (Reference and User Services Association, a division of ALA) was established in 1958 to recommend the most outstanding reference publications for small and medium-sized libraries. Previous Outstanding Reference Sources lists (2002 to the present available online **only**): [2013 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2012 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2011 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2010 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2009 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2008 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2007 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2006 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2005 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2004 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2003 Outstanding Reference Sources](#), [2002 Outstanding Reference Sources](#).
- [STS Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural or Natural Sciences](#). The STS (Science & Technology Section) Oberly Award was established in 1923 in memory of Eunice Rockwood Oberly, librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture from 1908 to 1921. She was the Bureau of Plant Industry's representative to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Government Employees and was instrumental in gaining a fairer recognition of library activities. This biennial award is given in odd-numbered years for the best English-language bibliography in the field of agriculture or a related science.

## For Librarians, Readers' Advisory

- [ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Award for Best Book in Library Literature - Holley wins YALSA/ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Service to Young Adults Achievement](#)

**[Award \(for 2014\) - previous ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Award for Best Book in Library Literature winners \(2009-present\)](#)**. To recognize those who improve

management principles and practice, understanding and application of new techniques, or further the education of librarians or other information specialists.

- [ALA Professional Tips Wiki: Readers' Advisory for Adults](#). A list of online and print resources for finding book titles for adult patrons.
- [ALA Professional Tips Wiki: Readers' Advisory for Children and Young Adults](#). A list of online and print resources for finding book titles for children and young adult/teen patrons.
- [ALA Professional Tips Wiki: Selection](#). A list of online and print resources for selecting books for a library collection.
- [Booklist Core Collection articles](#). Dozens of articles by *Booklist* staff, naming pertinent titles in various book genres.
- [Booklist Professional Reading Roundup: Fall 2014](#). Professional reading materials are reviewed exclusively on *Booklist Online*, and to make sure you haven't missed any, we present a roundup of titles reviewed from July 2014 to November 2014.
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- [Common Core State Standards: Resources from Booklist Publications](#) - A new educational initiative brings enormous challenges for everyone, especially the teachers and librarians charged with summoning the energy and creativity required to implement the changes. We hope our coverage, including suggestions for linking individual titles with specific standards, will help educators address these new directives while extending our mission: to get the best books for children into the classroom and into the hands of students.
- [Donald G. Davis Article Award](#). Presented by the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association every second year to recognize the best published article written in English in the field of United States and Canadian library history. Articles published during the two preceding calendar years are eligible; e.g., articles from 2012 and 2013 may be nominated for the 2014 award.
- [Eliza Atkins Gleason Book Award](#). Presented by the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association every third year to recognize the best book written in English in the field of library history. Books published in the three preceding calendar years are eligible; e.g. books that appeared in 2013, 2014, or 2015 will be eligible for the award in 2016.
- [Ilene F. Rockman Instruction Publication of the Year Award](#). Administered by the Instruction Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association, this annual award recognizes an outstanding publication related to instruction in a library environment published in

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- [Louis Shores Award](#). Established in 1990, this award from RUSA (Reference and User Services Association, a division of ALA) recognizes an individual reviewer, group, editor, review medium or organization for excellence in book reviewing and other media for libraries. Award winners receive a citation. Complete list of winners, from 1991 to the present, at the bottom of the page.
- [Phyllis Dain Library History Dissertation Award](#). Presented by the ALA Library History Round Table, it recognizes outstanding dissertations in English in the general area of library history. \$500 and a certificate are given for a work that embodies original research on a significant topic relating to the history of libraries. The biennial award is given in odd-numbered years. Dissertations completed and accepted during the preceding two academic years are eligible; e.g., dissertations from 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 will compete for the award in 2015.
- [Resources for Children and Their Parents and Educators: Dealing with the Tragic Events of September 11, 2001: Resources for Teachers/Professionals](#). Resources that were compiled to aid parents, teachers and caregivers in discussing with children and teens the terrorist attacks that took place in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.
- [YALSA Professional Tools](#) - YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of ALA) developed the tools on this page -- Career Development; ALA Council Resolutions; Recruitment; Toolkits and Bibliographies; Collection Development Tools; and Online Resources -- to help school librarians, young adult specialists, and others who work in libraries with their work with teens. Please use the resources listed on this site to find practical tools for your day-to-day work, as well as tools for developing your career.
- [The Zora Neale Hurston Award](#). This annual award from RUSA (Reference and User Services Association, a division of ALA), founded in 2008, is given to any ALA member who has demonstrated leadership in promoting African American literature. Complete list of winners, from 2009 to the present, at the bottom of the page.

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