

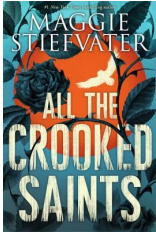
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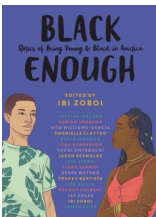
# NOMINEES



**All The Crooked Saints** YA STIEFVAT  
Stiefvater, Maggie

In Colorado in 1962 the three teenage Soria cousins run an unlicensed radio station from a beat-up box truck converted into a transmitter; Beatriz is the thinker and technician, Joaquin, the youngest, is the disc jockey, and Daniel is called the Saint of Bicho Raro because he can perform miracles (just not for himself)—then one night Pete Wyatt and Tony DiRisio drive into town in search of a miracle.

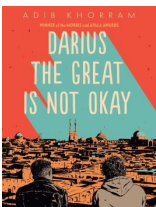
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**Black Enough** YA BLACK  
Zoboi, Ibi (editor)

A collection of short stories explore what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person's experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else.

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**Darius the Great Is Not Okay** YA KHORRAM  
Khorram, Adib

Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

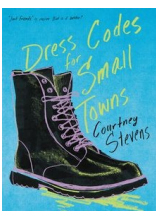
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**Devils Within** YA HENSON  
Henson, S. F. (Sarah F.)

Raised in a white supremacist compound where he was honored for his acts of violence before killing his own father, 14-year-old Nate is placed in the custody of his uncle and starts over with a new identity before forging an unexpected bond with a kind boy he was taught to hate.

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**Dress Codes for Small Towns** YA STEVENS  
Stevens, Court

The tomboy daughter of a preacher rebels against conventional beliefs about the proper role she should conform to and ends up getting into trouble with her posse of friends before a love triangle complicates her relationships and makes her aware of her gender identity.

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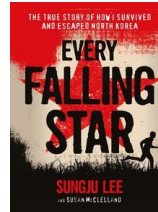


**Dry** YA SHUSTERMAN

Shusterman, Neal

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.

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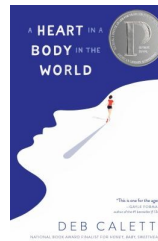


**Every Falling Star** YA 951.93 LEE

Lee, Sungju

Sungju Lee, who at the age of twelve was forced to live on the streets of North Korea, presents his autobiography.

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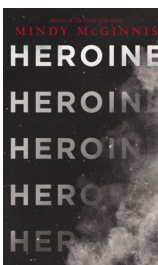


**A Heart in a Body in the World** YA CALETTI

Caletti, Deb

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.

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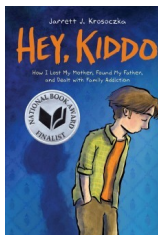


**Heroine** YA MCGINNIS

McGinnis, Mindy

When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot as the catcher for a team expected to make a historic tournament run, and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there. But as the pressure to be Mickey Catalan heightens, her need increases, and it becomes less about pain and more about want, something that could send her spiraling out of control.

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**Hey, Kiddo** YA GN 362.29 KRO

Krosoczka, Jarrett

A powerful graphic memoir by the award-winning author traces the author's unconventional coming of age with a drug-addict mother, an absent father and two lovingly opinionated grandparents..

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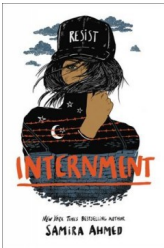
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## **Internment**

Ahmed, Samira

A terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence.

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## YA AHMED



## **Slay**

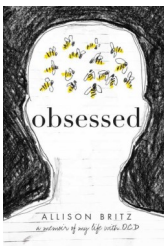
Morris, Brittany

An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Keira enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide.

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## YA MORRIS



## **Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life with OCD**

Britz, Allison

A brave teen recounts her debilitating struggle with obsessive-compulsive disorder—and brings readers through every painful step as she finds her way to the other side—in this powerful and inspiring memoir.

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## **They Called Us Enemy**

YA GN 940.53 TAK

Takei, George

The iconic actor and activist presents a graphic memoir detailing his experiences as a child prisoner in the Japanese-American internment camps of World War II, reflecting on the hard choices his family made in the face of legalized racism.

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## **The Nickel Boys**

Whitehead, Colson

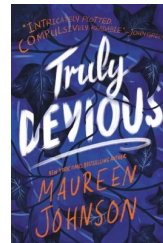
Follows the harrowing experiences of two African-American teens at an abusive reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.

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## FIC WHITEHEA



## **Truly Devious**

Johnson, Maureen

Ellingham Academy is a famous private school in Vermont for the brightest thinkers, inventors, and artists. It was founded by Albert Ellingham, an early twentieth century tycoon, who wanted to make a wonderful place full of riddles, twisting pathways, and gardens. "A place," he said, "where learning is a game".

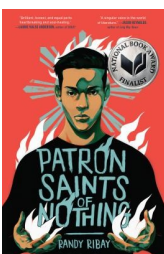
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## YA JOHNSON



## **Patron Saints of Nothing**

Ribay, Randy

When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more.

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## YA RIBAY



## **A Very Large Expanse of Sea**

YA MAFI

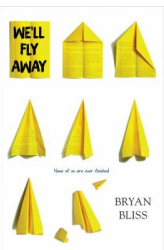
Mafi, Tahereh

A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life, until she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down.

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## **We'll Fly Away**

Bliss, Bryan

Best friends Toby and Luke are bound together by the goal of leaving their hometown and family problems behind, but a series of choices each makes during their senior year threatens their bright future plans.

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## YA BLISS



## **Price of Duty**

Strasser, Todd

Hailed as a hero, twenty-year-old Jake returns to his pro-military hometown and family injured physically and emotionally, unsure if he can return to active duty but uncomfortable with the alternative.

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## YA STRASSER



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