

Serving on YALSA's Teens Top Ten panel

A Tale of Many ARCs

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The Teens Top Ten List

What is it?

- Year-long project of the Young Adult Library Services Association
- Teen read, review, nominate, and vote on the books
- Any teen can nominate, but most nominations come from the 20 panel-member libraries
- **NO ADULTS ALLOWED!!**

YALSA has launched the [Teen Book Finder Database](#), which is a one-stop shop for finding selected lists and award winners. Users can search this free resource by award, list name, year, author, genre and more, as well as print customizable lists. This new resource will replace the individual award and list web pages currently on YALSA's site that are not searchable and that are organized only by year.

About the Teens' Top Ten #yalsaTTT



2018 Teens' Top Ten Nominees announced! See below!

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 fifteen school and public libraries around the country. Nominations are posted on the Thursday of [National Library Week](#), and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year. Readers ages twelve to eighteen will vote online between August 15 and Teen Read Week™ (October 8-14, 2017) here on the Teens' Top Ten site. The winners will be announced the week after [Teen Read Week](#).

Meet the 2017 - 2018 [Teens' Top Ten book groups](#), who will choose the nominees for the next two years.

See all the Teens' Top Ten books, plus titles from YALSA's other awards and booklists, in the [Teen Book Finder App](#).

Learn more about how you can apply to participate in Teens' Top Ten [here](#). We will be accepting applications beginning in August 2018.

[Suggest a title for the Teens' Top Ten!](#)

Apply for the 2018 Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway!

YALSA is giving away 50 sets of the 2018 Teens' Top Ten book nominees to libraries in need. Eligible applicants can apply for the giveaway via the [online form](#) by **May 1, 2018**.

2018 Teens' Top Ten Official Nominees



The Timeline

When does it all happen?

- Top 25 announced in April
- Voting nationwide from August 15-October 10 (or so)
- Final list announced during Teen Read Week in mid-October

The Application

Why we did it

Sonja's reasons:

Increase Western voice in the list

See more diversity on the list

Teen reasons:

More books

Being ahead of everyone

“Reader of influence”

The Commitment

What we actually signed up for

Find at least one teen to read each book sent by the publisher

Teens read, then fill out an online review

Reviews are sent monthly to Sonja for additions/corrections

Then reviews are sent directly to the publishers

Panels have to vote to narrow 75 to 25 between February 1 and April 1

The Consequences

What we weren't quite ready for
or
SO MANY BOOKS!!

Contact information is released to
all YA publishers in the US and
Canada

Packages arrive several times
weekly.

About 1,500 ARCs received in
2017. The pace seems to have
increased in 2018.

The Books

What do we get?

Lots of fiction

Lots of romance (too much?)

More high school than middle grade

Non-fiction - mostly memoir

NOT the “huge” releases

Awesome Sauce

Our “secret” club

Telling people “oh, I read that MONTHS ago” when a new book comes out

Pleasant surprises

Helping authors and publishers

No fines!

You feel like you are a part of something bigger than yourself and important.

Cover Stories ...



Heavy Sigh

The hard parts

Some books really suck - and you have no one to warn you

Surprise inappropriate content

It is a LOT of reading for busy people

ARC fatigue

Who are we?

This is not a good fit for every
reader

Someone who reads very widely
and is not choosy about genre

Risk-takers - willing to try anything

Readers who like to talk about
books

Reliable people who follow through

Writing Reviews ...

We wish ...

Publishers and authors knew ...

We don't like romance as much as you clearly think we do

We're not quite ready for six-boobed centaurs and "sex lube"

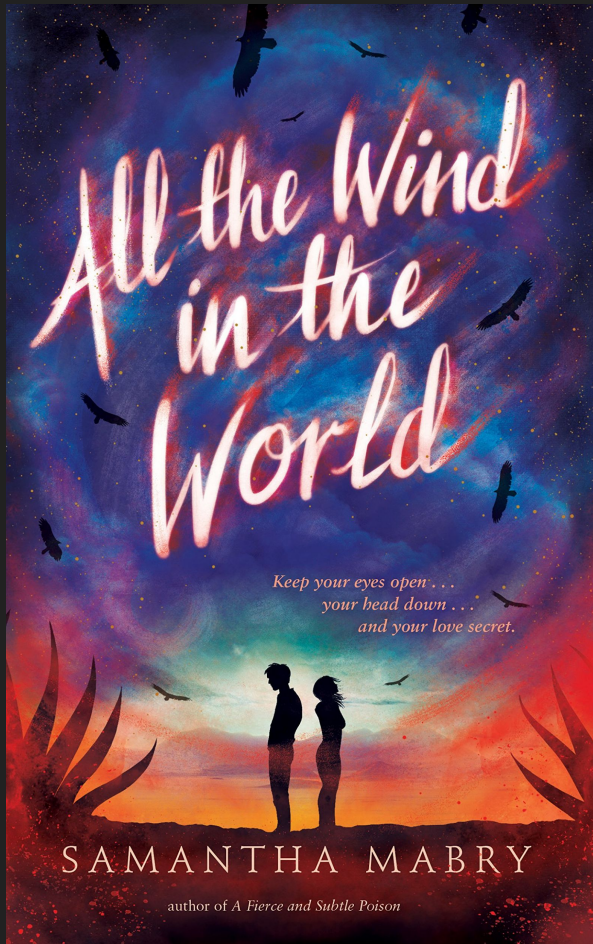
Weird names are just ... weird
(Soup? Really??)

We are excited to see more books about social change

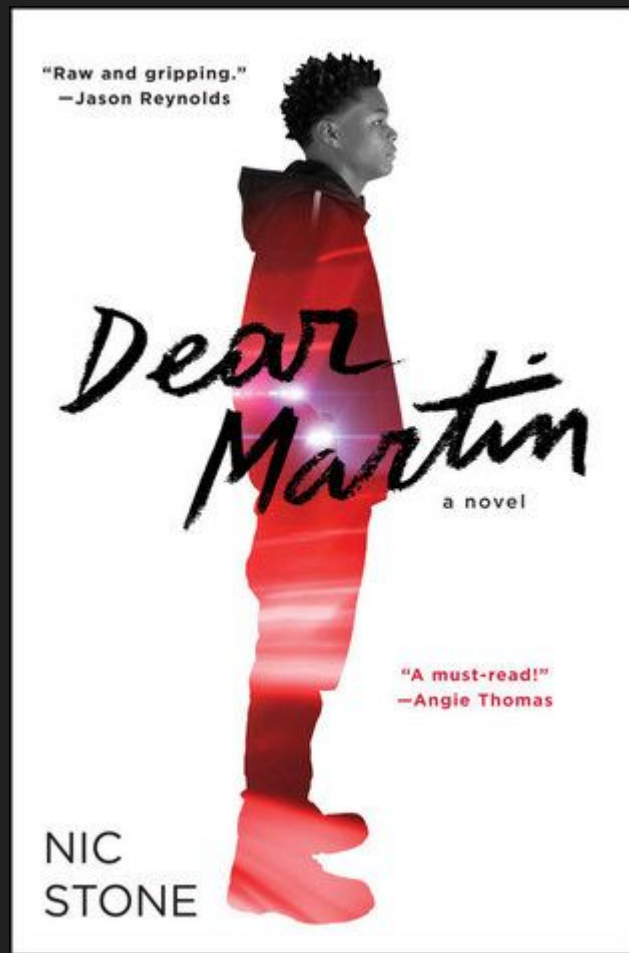
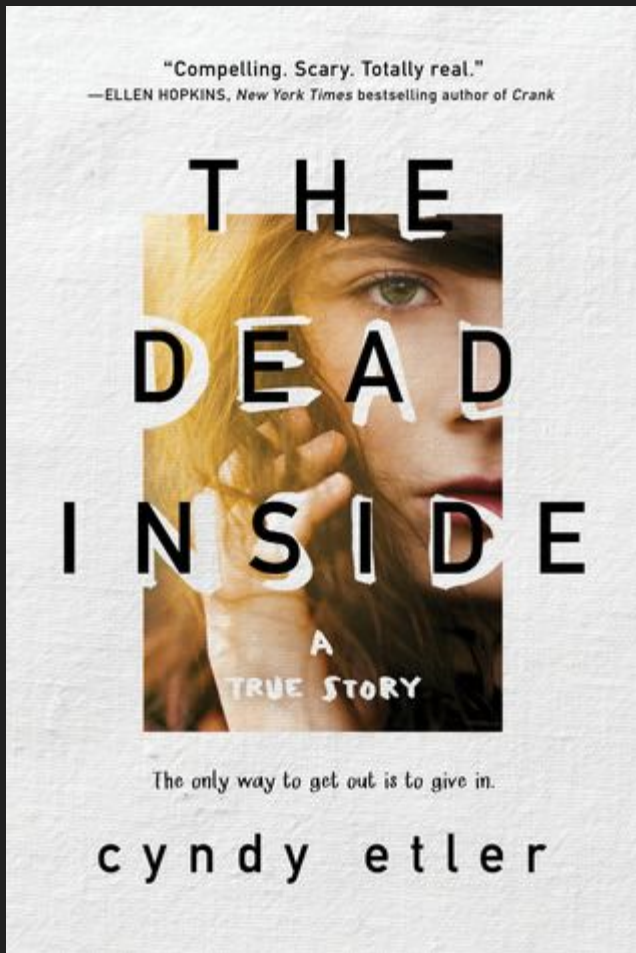
Book Talks

The Best (and Less) of What We've Read

Sonja



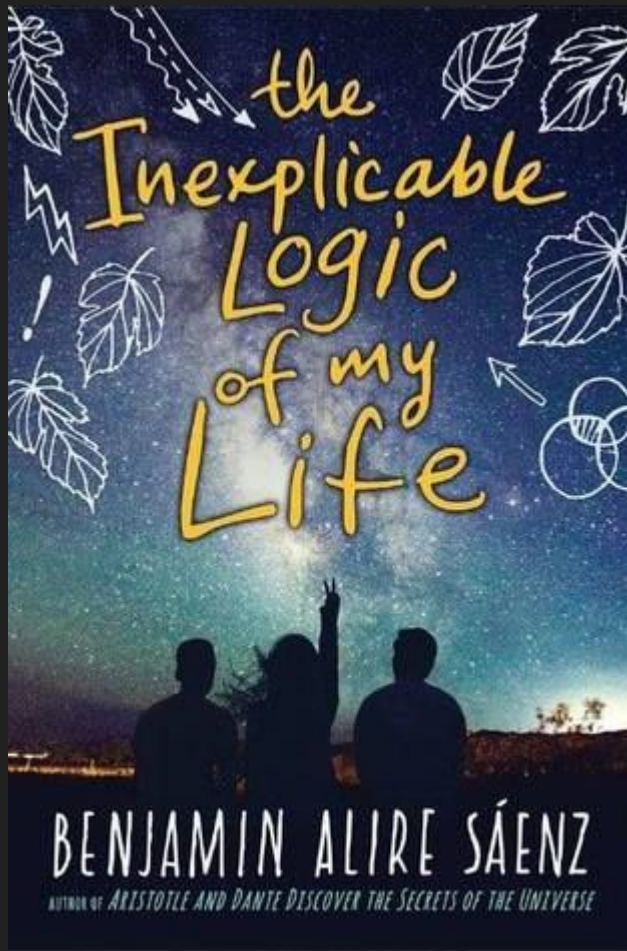
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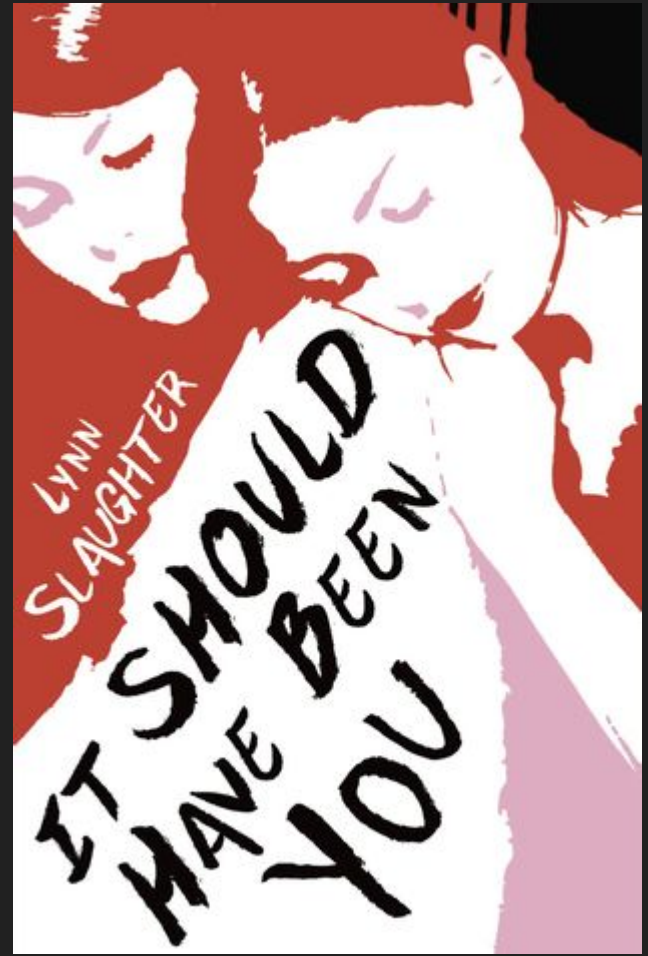
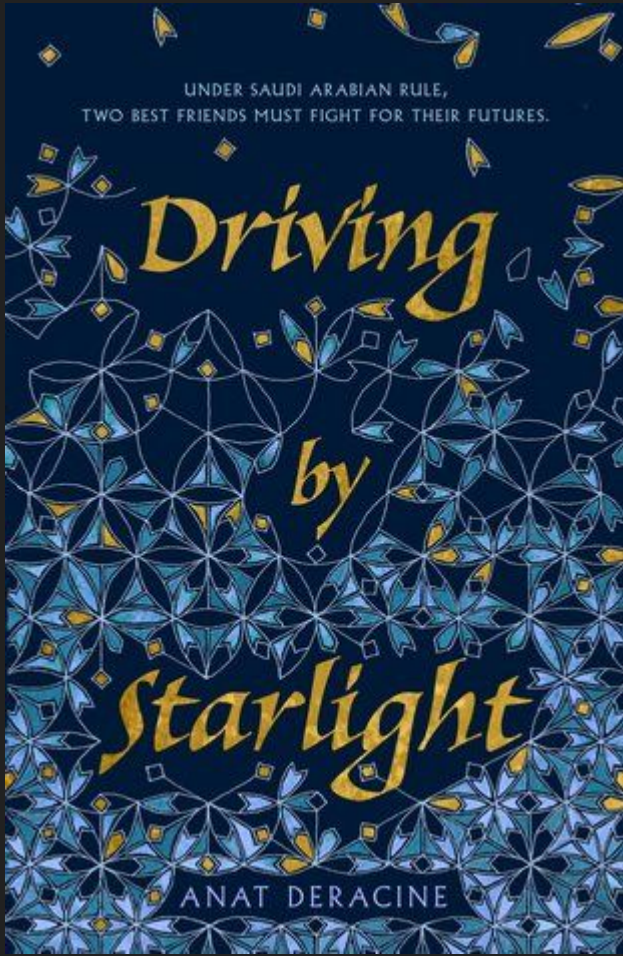
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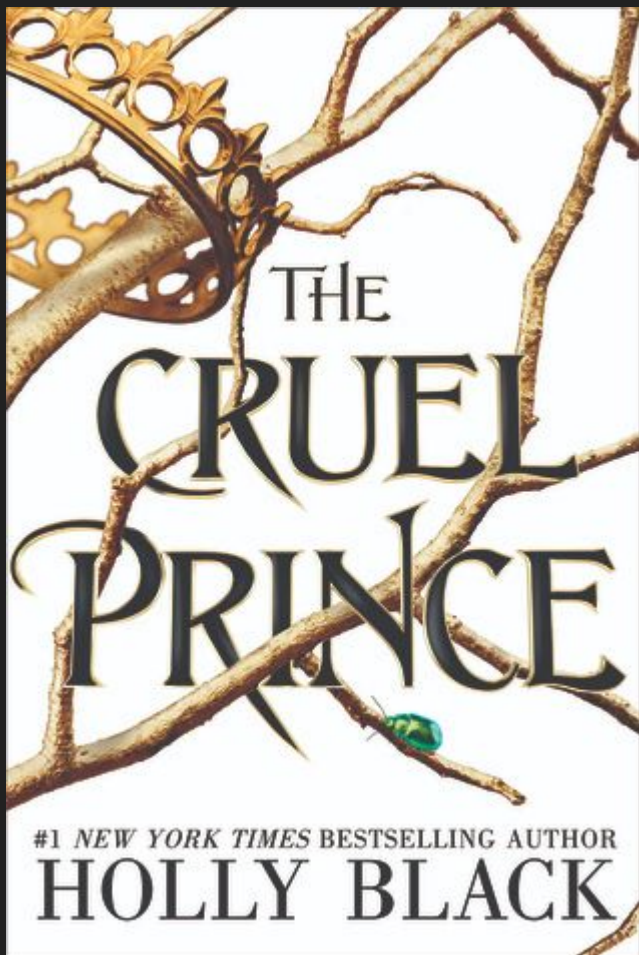
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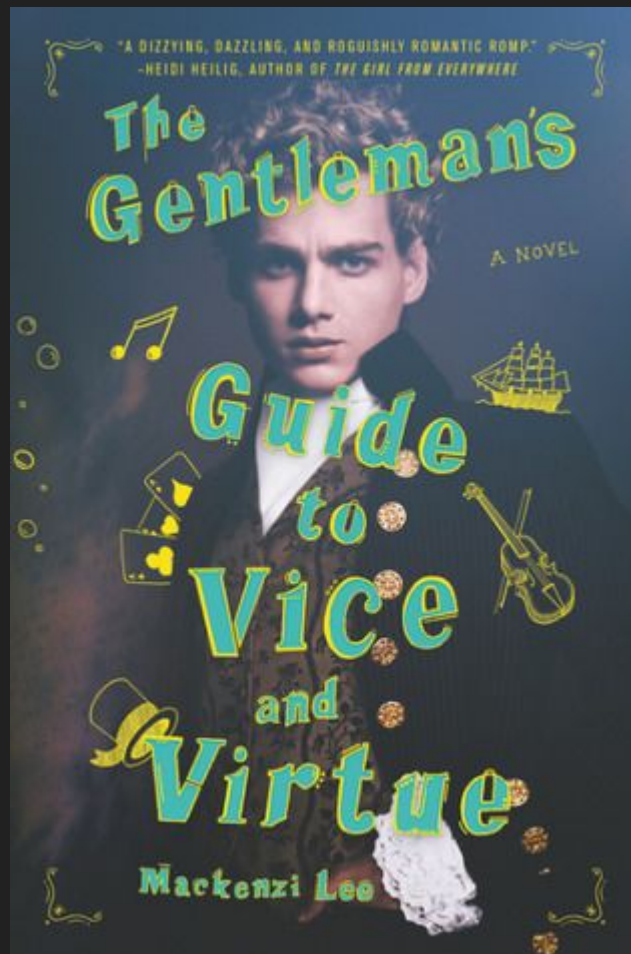
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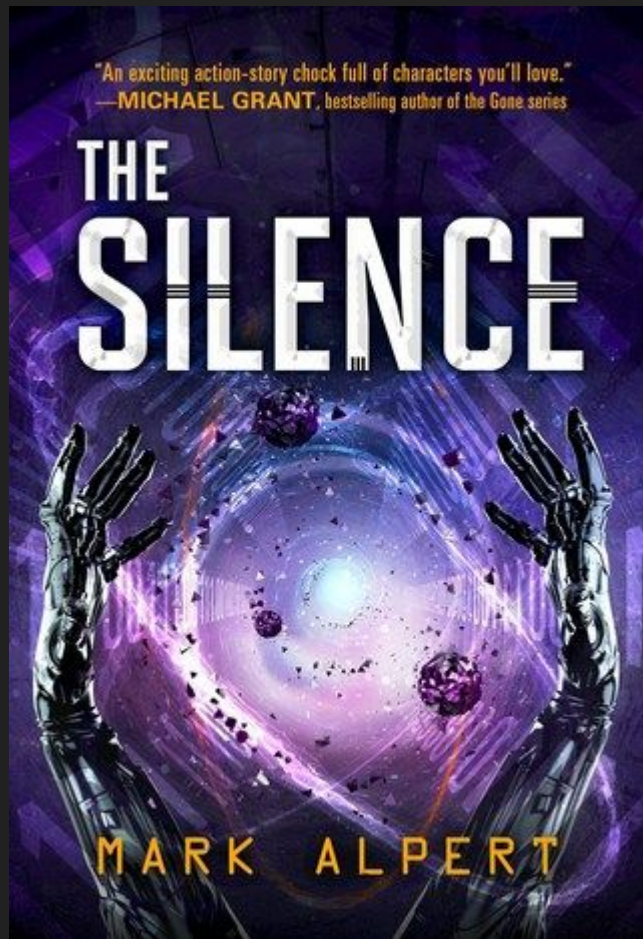
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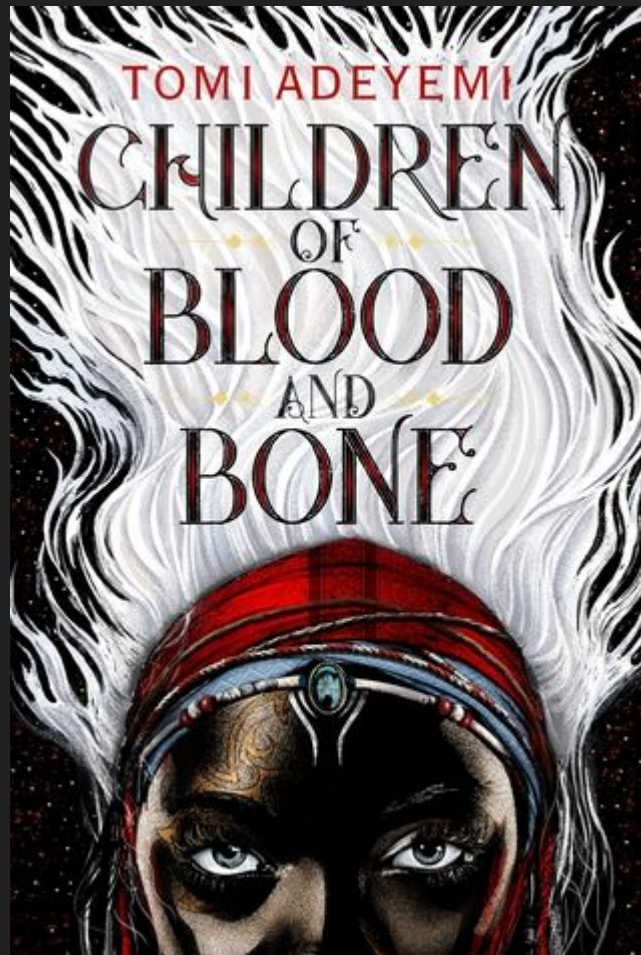
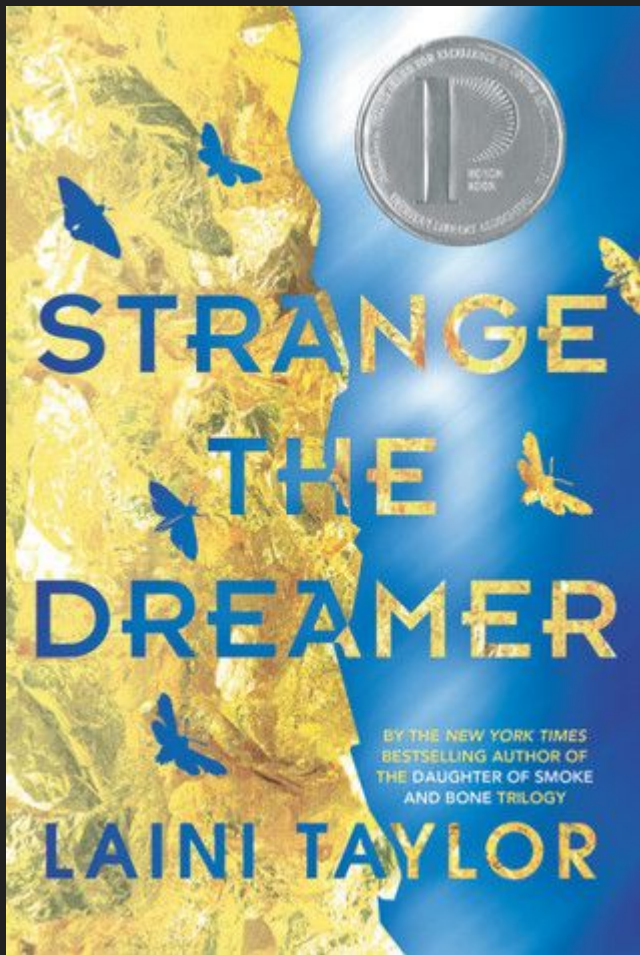
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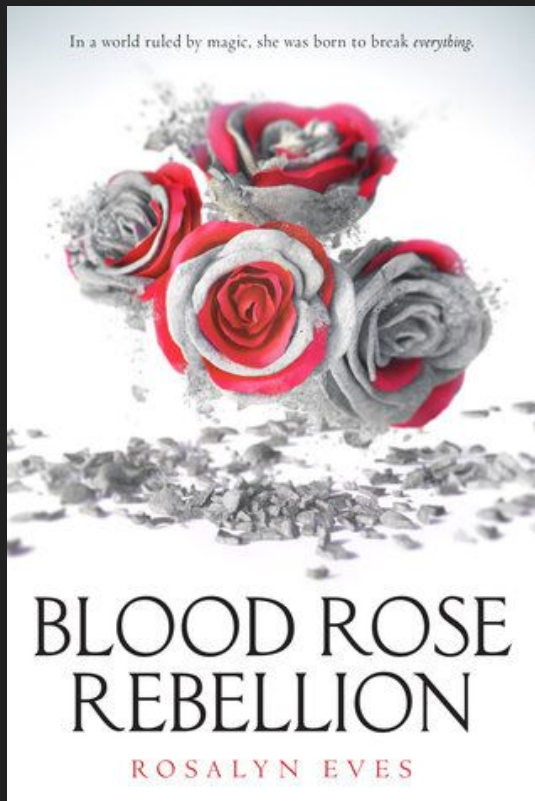
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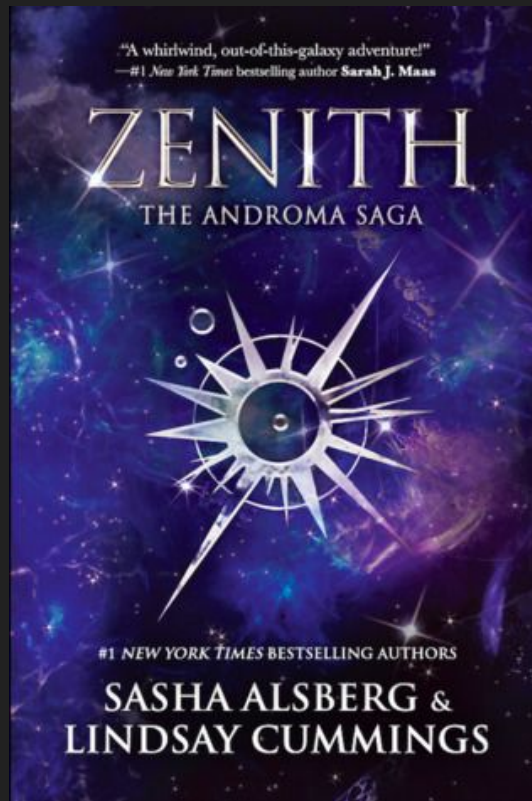
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It's Complicated



Anne



Brinsley



Sonja

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YALSA'S Teens Top Ten

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>

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- **All Rights Reserved** by Gregory Scott Katsoulis. Harlequin Teen. 9780373212446.
- **The Black Witch** by Laurie Forest. Harlequin Teen. 9780373212316.
- **Book of Lies** by Teri Terry. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9780544900486.
- **Caraval** by Stephanie Garber. Flatiron. 9781250095251.
- **Defy the Stars** by Claudia Gray. Little, Brown and Company. 9780316394109.
- **The Disappearances** by Emily Bain Murphy. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9780544879362.
- **How to Make a Wish** by Ashley Herring Blake. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9780544815193.
- **I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter** by Erika L. Sánchez. Knopf/Random House. 9781524700485.
- **The Inexplicable Logic of My Life** by Benjamin Alire Sáenz. Clarion/ Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9780544586505.
- **Invictus** by Ryan Gaudin. Little, Brown and Company. 9780316503075.
- **The Last Magician** by Lisa Maxwell. Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster. 9781481432078.
- **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds. Caitlyn Dlouhy Books/Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. 9781481438254.
- **Mask of Shadows** by Linsey Miller. Sourcebooks Fire. 9781492647492.
- **Moxie** by Jennifer Mathieu. Roaring Brook/Macmillan. 9781626726352.
- **Once and For All** by Sarah Dessen. Viking/Penguin. 9780425290330.
- **One of Us is Lying** by Karen M. McManus. Delacorte/Random House. 9781524714680.
- **Paper Hearts** by Ali Novak. Sourcebooks Fire. 9781492653363.
- **Remember Me Always** by Renee Collins. Sourcebooks Fire. 9781492647607.
- **Rosemarked** by Livia Blackburne. Disney-Hyperion. 9781484788554.
- **Strange the Dreamer** by Laini Taylor. Little, Brown and Company. 9780316341684.
- **Turtles All the Way Down** by John Green. Dutton/Penguin. 9780525555360.
- **Warcross** by Marie Lu. G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin. 9780399547966.
- **Waste of Space** by Gina Damico. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 9781481477796.
- **Wonder Woman: Warbringer** by Leigh Bardugo. Random House. 9780399549731.
- **Words in Deep Blue** by Cath Crowley. Knopf/Random House. 9781101937648.

Previous Winners