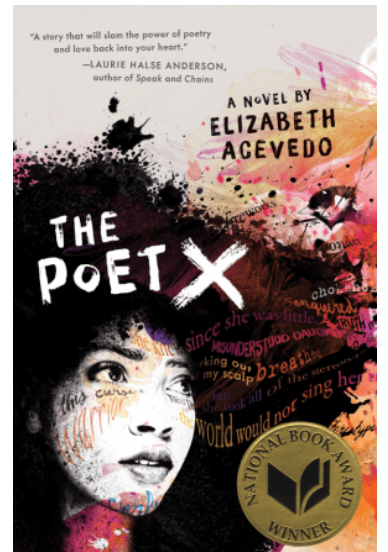




## WINNER! 2018 National Book Awards—Young People’s Literature

### The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista, daughter of devout immigrants, pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry. She is invited to join the school slam poetry club, but she struggles with her mother's expectations and her need to be heard.



### 2018 NBA FINALISTS:

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson

The Truth as Told by Mason Butte by Leslie Connor

The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Paul Curtis

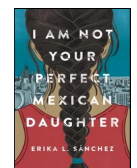
Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

## TEENS' TOP 10: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Voting for the 2018 Teens' Top Ten took place from Aug. 15 through Teen Read Week (Oct 7-13, 2018).\*

Watch the video announcement at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>

1. **Turtles All the Way Down** by John Green
2. **One of Us is Lying** by Karen M. McManus
3. **Warcross** by Marie Lu
4. **Wonder Woman: Warbringer** by Leigh Bardugo
5. **Caraval** by Stephanie Garber
6. **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds
7. **I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter** by Erika L. Sánchez
8. **Paper Hearts** by Ali Novak
9. **Strange the Dreamer** by Laini Taylor
10. **Once and For All** by Sarah Dessen



\*2017's Top Ten List was printed in the November's Issue (#105) by mistake, not 2018. This is the current and correct 2018 Top Ten List from Teen Read Week 2018.



# BEST TEEN BOOKS OF 2018

These titles were selected from YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) Top 10 selections for 2018.

## What Girls Are Made Of by Elana Arnold

Sixteen-year-old Nina experiences sex, betrayal, loss, and a dysfunctional home life, all while trying to understand what it means to be female in the world and whether love can ever be truly unconditional.

## The Language of Thorns: Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic by Leigh Bardugo

Traditional fairy tales are refreshingly twisted, re-created, and wrapped in gorgeous illustrations in this stand-alone collection of six short stories.

## The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee

Montague, the son of a British nobleman, embarks on a European tour with his best friend (and secret crush) Percy and his sister Felicity. Along the way, they encounter adventure and conflict that leads them to a very different destiny than the one awaiting their return to England.

## Sparrow by Sarah Moon

Sparrow has a secret: her closest friends are birds. When she feels anxious, she goes to the roof and flies. One day, this practice lands her in the hospital, facing questions from the adults in her life. Slowly, she recovers, finds her voice, and makes new friends along the way.

## The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Starr Carter is a black girl caught between two worlds: her poor, black neighborhood, and her suburban, mostly white high school. Occupying this liminal space becomes nearly impossible when Starr witnesses, and is forced to speak out about, the fatal shooting of her unarmed friend by a white cop.

## Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Artist Jade has big dreams, but she recognizes that coming from a rough neighborhood creates barriers. She reluctantly joins Woman to Woman, a mentoring program that promises a scholarship. Her well-intentioned mentor, also black, doesn't understand Jade has no desire to be "saved." Each has things to learn from the other.

## Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia

Fellow students don't know that, when she's not at school, reclusive senior Eliza is LadyConstellation, creator of the wildly popular Monstrous Sea. New student Wallace is a huge fan of the webcomic, and he slowly breaks through her shell. However, trying to keep her two lives separate may cost Eliza everything.



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- TEEN VIRTUAL REALITY, TUE, DEC 4, 3:30-5:30—Ages 13+

### LOS OSOS LIBRARY:

- MAKE ART HAPPEN, SAT, DEC 15, 11:30—Ages 9-16

### OCEANO LIBRARY:

- WINTER HOLIDAY CRAFTS, THU, DEC 13, 3:30

### SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY:

- YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING ROUND TABLE, Gratitude Tree Activity SAT, DEC 1, 9:00-3:00—Ages 12-16.



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