**2019-2020 LTRC Annotated Nominated Title List**

1. **The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives** by Dashka Slater

With a journalist’s eye for detail, this true account tells the story of two teens whose lives were irrevocably changed by one rash action. The story challenges the criminal justice system and explores the courage and compassion of both families.

FSG for Young Readers (Macmillan), 2017. HC: 9780374303235, 320 pp., $17.99.

IL: MG+ - BL: 6.5 - AR Pts: 8.0. AR Quiz No. 192475

[Non-fiction, quick read, four starred reviews, hate crimes, California, assault, LGBT, African-American interest, School Library Journal Best Books of 2017, Washington Post Best Book of 2017, one of The New York City Public Library's Notable 50 Best Books for Teens, Kirkus Best Book of 2017, Chicago Public Library's Best Book of 2017]

1. **An Enchantment of Ravens** by Margaret Rogerson

Isobel is a prodigy portrait artist with a dangerous set of clients: the sinister fair folk, immortal creatures who cannot bake bread, weave cloth, or put a pen to paper without crumbling to dust. They crave human Craft with a terrible thirst, and Isobel's paintings are highly prized. But when she receives her first royal patron--Rook, the autumn prince--she makes a terrible mistake. She paints mortal sorrow in his eyes--a weakness that could cost him his life. Furious and devastated, Rook spirits her away to the autumnlands to stand trial for her crime. Waylaid by the Wild Hunt's ghostly hounds, the tainted influence of the Alder King, and hideous monsters risen from barrow mounds, Isobel and Rook depend on one another for survival. Their alliance blossoms into trust, then love--and that love violates the fair folks' ruthless laws. Now both of their lives are forfeit, unless Isobel can use her skill as an artist to fight the fairy courts. Because secretly, her Craft represents a threat the fair folk have never faced in all the millennia of their unchanging lives: for the first time, her portraits have the power to make them feel.

Margaret K. McElderry Books (Simon & Schuster), 2017. HC: 9781481497589, 304 pp., $17.99. PB: 9781481497596, 320 pp., $10.99

IL: UG - BL: 6.3 - AR Pts: 13.0. AR Quiz No. 195243

[three starred reviews, Parent’s Choice Silver Honor winner, An Indie Next Top 10 Pick, fantasy, humor, female protagonist, romance, adventure, painter]

1. **Geekerella: A Fangirl Fairy Tale (Once Upon a Con)** by Ashley Poston

Elle, a lifelong fan of the science fiction television series Starfield, hopes to enter a cosplay contest and win a meeting with Darien Freeman--a teen soap actor starring in the movie reboot of Starfield--unless her selfish stepsisters manage to thwart her plans.

Quirk Books, 2017. HC: 9781594749476, 319 pp., $18.99. PB: 9781683690436, 336 pp., $10.99.

IL: MG+ - BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 13.0 AR Quiz No. 193229

[2017 Goodreads Choice Award finalist for Best Young Adult Fiction, named to *Seventeen's* 2017 "12 Life-Changing Books You Have to Read This Summer" List, Spring 2017 Kids Indie Next List Pick, funny, current, fast read, science fiction fans, contests, romantic comedy]

1. **Goodbye Days** by Jeff Zentner

Carver Briggs never thought the last message he would ever send to his three best friends Mars, Eli, and Blake would lead to their deaths. The novel looks at a teen's life after the death of his best friend and how he navigates through the guilt and pain by celebrating their lives--and ultimately learning to forgive himself.

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017. HC: 9780553524062, 404 pp., $17.99. PB: 9780553524093, 432 pp., $9.99.

IL: UG - BL: 4.3 - AR Pts: 13.0. AR Quiz No. 191421

[three starred reviews, an Indie Next List Selection, death, friendship, texting and driving, guilt, anxiety]

1. **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does or does not say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life. Starr, an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances, addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart, and unflinching honesty.

Balzer + Bray, 2017. HC: 9780062498533, 464 pp., $18.99

IL: UG - BL: 3.9 - AR Pts: 13.0. AR Quiz No. 187740

[2018 Printz honor book, eight starred reviews, William C. Morris Award Winner, National Book Award Longlist, Coretta Scott King Honor Book, female protagonist, *NY Times* Best Seller, African-American race relations with police, racism, violence]

1. **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. Will's story is told in free verse.

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books (Simon & Schuster), 2017. HC: 9781481438254, 320 pp, $17.99. PB: 9781481438261. 336 pp., $10.99]

IL: UG - BL: 4.3 - AR Pts: 2.0. AR Quiz No. 192021

[told in verse, African-American male protagonist, gun violence, murder, revenge, ghosts, brothers, conduct of life, a Newbery Honor Book, a Coretta Scott King Honor Book, a Printz Honor Book, a Los Angeles Times Book Prize Winner for Young Adult Literature, Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature, Winner of the Walter Dean Myers Award, an Edgar Award Winner for Best Young Adult Fiction, an Entertainment Weekly Best YA Book of 2017, a Vulture Best YA Book of 2017, a Buzzfeed Best YA Book of 2017six starred reviews, Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winner]

1. **Nyxia** by Scott Reintgen

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

Crown Books for Young Readers (Random House Children’s Books), 2017. HC: 9780399556791, 384 pp., $17.99. PB: 9780399556821, 400 pp., $9.99

IL: **UG** - BL: **4.6** - AR Pts: **13.0** AR Quiz No. 197417

[first in series, African-American male protagonist, fast paced, science-fiction, conduct of life, mining, space travel, competition, corporate interests, first in a series, sell to fans of Enders’ Game and Hunger Games]

1. **One of Us is Lying** by Karen M. McManus

When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.

Delacorte Press, 2017. HC: 9781524714680, 368 pp., $17.99

IL: UG - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 14.0. AR Quiz No. 190985

[murder suspense thriller mystery, page turner, unpredictable, five high school students walk into detention and four walk out, multiple points of view, bullying, *Pretty Little Liars* meets *The Breakfast Club*, starred review]

1. **Warcross** by Maria Lu

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

Penguin Young Readers Group, 2017. HC: 9780399547966, 368 pp., $17.99.

IL: UG - BL: 5.6 - AR Pts: 16.0. AR Quiz No. 191432

[two starred reviews, multiple best of year lists, science fiction, female protagonist, futuristic, New York, bounty hunter, hackers, gaming, thriller, adventure, first in a series]

1. **You Bring the Distant Near** by Mitali Perkins

From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions. Told in alternating voices across three generations, this book explores sisterhood, first loves, friendship, and the inheritance of culture, for better or worse.

FSG for Young Readers, 2017. HC: 9780374304904, 303 pp.,

IL: UG - BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 9.0. AR Quiz No. 192420.

[six starred reviews, National Book Award Nom, School Library Journal best book of the Year, Publishers Weekly Best book of the Year family life, South Asian-Americans, African American, fashion, multi-generational, humor, true love, romance]