



2018 Nominees

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***Battlesaurus* by Brian Falkner**

In this alternate history, Napoleon wins at Waterloo by unleashing a secret battlefield weapon--a legion of giant, carnivorous dinosaurs.

***The Boy in the Black Suit* by Jason Reynolds**

Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while assisting with funerals, begins to accept his mother's death and his responsibilities as a man.

***Burn Baby Burn* by Meg Medina**

Nora Lopez is seventeen during the summer of 1977, when New York is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam.

***Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman**

In Caden's real world, he has family, friends, and high school but he is paranoid people are trying to kill him. In his other world, he is a crew member on a pirate ship, struggling between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny.

***Exit Pursued by a Bear* by E.K. Johnston**

At cheerleading camp, Hermione is drugged and raped, but she is not sure whether it was one of her teammates or a boy on another team.

***Front Lines* by Michael Grant**

1942, World War II. The most terrible war in human history. A court decision makes females subject to the draft and eligible for service. Three friends sign up to fight but no one expects to see actual combat or be on the front lines.

***Heartless* by Marissa Meyer**

In this prequel to *Alice in Wonderland*, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts.

***Highly Illogical Behavior* by John Corey Whaley**

Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that-- and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.

***Honor Girl* by Maggie Thrash**

Maggie Thrash's long summer days are full of a pleasant, peaceful nothing . . . until one confounding moment.

***Love & Gelato* by Jenna Evans Welch**

After her mother's death, Lina travels to Italy to be with her father whom she has never met. There she discovers her mother's journal and sets off, with the help of a local boy, on an adventure to unearth her mother's secrets.

***Most Dangerous* by Steve Sheinkin**

The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.

***Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys**

As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

***Scythe* by Neal Shusterman**

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.

***Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner**

The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school without letting the small-town culture destroy their creative spirits and sense of self.

***Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo**

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction--if they don't kill each other first.

***The Smell of Other People's Houses* by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock**

Growing up in Alaska in the 1970s isn't like growing up anywhere else: Don't think life is going to be easy. Know your place. And never talk about yourself. Four vivid voices tell intertwining stories of hardship, tragedy, wild luck, and salvation.

***The Sun is also a Star* by Nicola Yoon**

Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.

***Symptoms of Being Human* by Jeff Garvin**

A gender-fluid teenager who struggles with identity creates a blog on the topic that goes viral, and faces ridicule at the hands of fellow students.

***Walk on Earth a Stranger* by Rae Carson**

Lee Westfall, a young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold, must flee her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers.

***Wolf by Wolf* by Ryan Graudin**

The first book in a duology about an alternate version of 1956 where the Axis powers won WWII, and hold an annual motorcycle race.

***Written in the Stars* by Aisha Saeed**

Convinced she has forgotten who she truly is, Naila's parents travel to Pakistan to visit relatives but all is not as it seems.

***X:a novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz**

Co-written by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world.