

Explore New York: Imagine Your Story

Teen and Up



Acevedo, Elizabeth. *The Poet X*. New York: HarperTeen, 2018.

Harlem high school sophomore, Xiomara, finds a creative outlet in her school poetry club and at the Nuyorican Poets Café. Becoming the Poet X she struggles to reconcile her own voice with her Dominican immigrant family and culture.

National Book Award for Young People's Literature

FICTION

Audible audiobook by HarperAudio (2018)

Downloadable Format: DB092221

Braille Format: BR022420

Anbinder, Tyler. *City of Dreams: The 400-Year Epic History of Immigrant New York*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016

The story of how those waves of millions cascaded upon American shores is told brilliantly, even unforgettably...while this is a New York story, it really is an American story, one that belongs to all of us.

NON-FICTION

Audio by Audible

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *The Impossible Knife of Memory*. Viking Juvenile, 2014.

After five years on the road, Hayley and her father, an ex-soldier suffering from PTSD, try to make a new life in an upstate New York town. But will the past get in the way of their future?

2014 SLJ Best Books: Young Adults

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020689

Audio available from Brilliance Audio.

Bartoletti, Susan. Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.

In a riveting biography that reads like a crime novel, Sibert Medalist and Newbery-Honor winner Susan Campbell Bartoletti uncovers the true story of Mary Mallon, a.k.a. Typhoid Mary, one of the most notorious and misunderstood women in American history.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Dreamscape Media

Bat-Ami, Miriam. Two Suns in the Sky. New York: Puffin Books, 2001.

In 1944, an Upstate New York teenager (setting is Oswego and the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter) named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents' conviction that they do not belong together.

2000 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction

2000 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 050366

Bauer, Joan. Peeled. New York: Putnam, 2008.

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 067296

Audiobook by Listening Library (2008)

Bausum, Ann. Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight for Gay Rights. New York: Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015.

In 1969, a police raid on a gay bar in a New York City neighborhood becomes a riot that ushers in a national gay rights movement in America.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Listening Library

Braille Format: BR020927

Downloadable Format: DB081767

Benoit, Charles. Snow Job. New York: Clarion, 2016.

It's the end of 1977, and high school senior Nick is trying to reinvent himself. In his effort to become a better person, he makes a list consisting of four phrases to live by: Stand Up, Stand Out, Stand By, Stand Fast. Adhering to the list proves to be difficult when Zod, a lowlife from Nick's past, reappears and persuades Nick to deal drugs. Nick is able to convince himself that delivering cocaine is just a means to an end- a way to get enough money so he and his new crush, Dawn, can escape snowy upstate New York and move to Florida. Despite the danger and illegal nature of his activities, Nick comes to believe that he has achieved his metamorphosis into a better self through his drug deals.

FICTION

Bock, Caroline. LIE. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2011.

Told in several voices, a group of Long Island high school seniors conspire to protect eighteen-year-old Jimmy after he brutally assaults two Salvadoran immigrants, until they begin to see the moral implications of Jimmy's actions and the consequences of being loyal to a violent bully.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB074436

Brashares, Ann. The Here and Now. New York: Delacort Press, 2014.

Prenna arrives in New York from 80 years in the future, where a mosquito-borne illness has left the world in ruins. She and her fellow time travelers must follow strict rules to survive in the present day.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078901

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Budhos, Marina Tamar. Ask Me No Questions. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.

Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family.

2007 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 062372

Capetta, Amy Rose. Echo After Echo. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2017.

Debuting on the New York stage, Zara is unprepared—for Eli, the girl who makes the world glow; for Leopold, the director who wants perfection; and for death in the theater. Zara Evans has come to the Aurelia Theater, home to the visionary director Leopold Henneman, to play her dream role in *Echo and Ariston*, the Greek tragedy that taught her everything she knows about love. When the director asks Zara to promise that she will have no outside commitments, no distractions, it's easy to say yes. But it's hard not to be distracted when there's a death at the theater—and then another—especially when Zara doesn't know if they're accidents, or murder, or a curse that always comes in threes. It's hard not to be distracted when assistant lighting director Eli Vasquez, a girl made of tattoos and abrupt laughs and every form of light, looks at Zara. It's hard not to fall in love. In heart-achingly beautiful prose, Amy Rose Capetta has spun a mystery and a love story into an impossible, inevitable whole—and cast lantern light on two girls, finding each other on a stage set for tragedy.

Rainbow Book List – Young Adult Fiction 2019

FICTION

Carey, Anna. Deadfall. New York: HarperTeen, 2015.

The story of a girl, told in a second-person voice, desperate to escape her mysterious assailants and with no memory of her past, is forced to put her life in the hands of others in New York City. Sequel to Blackbird by Anna Carey.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Castle, Jennifer. You Look Different in Real Life. New York: HarperTeen, 2013.

Five kids in upstate New York have been the subject of documentaries recording their lives every five years. Now as teens, they spend a weekend together to try and figure out their lives.

FICTION

Colasanti, Susane. City Love. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2015.

Told from alternating points of view, this is the story of three very different girls living together in New York City as they struggle to find the balance between their dreams, their pasts, and their complicated hearts.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone

Audio Downloadable Format:

DB082491

Cook, Kevin. Kitty Genovese: the murder, the bystanders, the crime that changed America. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2014.

Kevin Cook examines the truths and myths surrounding the life and death of Kitty Genovese, a native Brooklynite who was murdered in Kew Gardens in 1964.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078440

Downloadable Audio by Audible Inc. (2014)

Cremer, Andrea. Invisibility. New York: Philomel Books, 2013.

To break his curse of invisibility, a New York City boy is helped by a girl, newly arrived from the Midwest, who is the only one who can see him.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076806

Dearstyne, Bruce W. The Spirit of New York: Defining Events in the Empire State's History. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2014.

Presents a history of New York in sixteen momentous events, from the launch of the state's government in April 1777 to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

2016 Award for Merit, presented by the American Association for State and Local History

NON-FICTION

DeFelice, Cynthia C. Under the same sky. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.

While trying to earn money for a motor bike, fourteen-year-old Joe Pederson becomes involved with the Mexicans who work on his family's farm and develops a better relationship with his father.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB057189

Donnelly, Jennifer. These Shallow Graves. New York: Delacorte Press, 2015.

A young woman in nineteenth-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide. To uncover the truth, she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB082687

Dunlap, Shannon. Izzy + Tristan. NY: Poppy, 2019.

This novel is a contemporary retelling of the classic romantic tale of "Tristan and Iseult". After moving from the Lower East Side to Brooklyn, Izzy meets a chess-prodigy named Tristan, where an unstoppable romance starts to bloom between the two teens.

FICTION

Egan, Jennifer. Manhattan Beach. New York: Scribner, 2017.

With the atmosphere of a noir thriller, Egan's first historical novel follows Anna and Styles into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men. *Manhattan Beach* is a deft, dazzling, propulsive exploration of a transformative moment in the lives and identities of women and men, of America and the world. It is a magnificent novel by the author of *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, one of the great writers of our time.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB089445

Engel, Helen Butterfield and Marilyn J. Smiley. Remarkable Women in New York State History. Charleston, SC: History Press, 2013.

Members of the American Association of University Women in New York State have meticulously researched the lives and actions of some of New York's finest women.

NON-FICTION

Farnsworth, Cheri. Haunted Hudson Valley: Ghosts and Strange Phenomena of New York's Sleepy Hollow Country. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2010.

Contains accounts of paranormal activity in and around New York's Hudson River Valley, including hauntings, ghosts, and UFOs.

NON-FICTION

Forman, Gayle. I Have Lost My Way. New York: Viking Children's Books, 2018.

A powerful display of empathy and friendship from the #1 New York Times Bestselling author of *If I Stay*. Around the time that Freya loses her voice while recording her debut album, Harun is making plans to run away from home to find the boy that he loves, and Nathaniel is arriving in New York City after a family tragedy leaves him isolated on the outskirts of Washington state. After the three of them collide in Central Park, they slowly reveal the parts of their past that they haven't been able to confront, and together, they find their way back to who they're supposed to be. Told over the course of a single day from three different perspectives, Gayle Forman's newest novel about the power of friendship and being true to who you are is filled with the elegant prose that her fans have come to know and love.

Rainbow Book List – Young Adult 2019

FICTION

DB091074

Gansworth, Eric. If I Ever Get Out of Here. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2013.

Set in 1975, this coming of age story explores the cross-cultural friendship of Lewis Blake, a Native American teen living on the Tuscarora Reservation in Western New York, and George Haddonfield, a military kid from a nearby Air Force base.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020296

Downloadable Format: DB 077429

Audio available from Listening Library.

Gillies, Isabel. Starry Night. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2014.

Fifteen-year-old Wren and her three lifelong best friends are celebrating the opening of a major exhibit curated by her father at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, when Wren finds first love with her brother's new friend, Nolan. The relationship transforms her and her life.

FICTION

Green, Hank. An Absolutely Remarkable Thing. New York: Dutton, 2018.

April May stumbles upon a large metal sculpture one night in New York City and makes a video of it with her friend Andy. The video launches April May into fame, and a multitude of moral quandaries. Sieh's narration authentically captures April May's journey while skillfully including tweets, texts and other media.

Amazing Audio Books for Young Adults 2019

FICTION

DB092611

Grimes, Nikki. Bronx Masquerade. New York: Dial Books, 2002.

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

2003 Coretta Scott King Author Award

2003 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

2017 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award

POETRY

Braille Format: BR 014623

Downloadable Format: DB 055776

Grimes, Nikki. One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance. New York: Bloomsbury, 2017

Grimes combines her own poetry with that of the poets of the Harlem Renaissance. The book includes artwork by African-American illustrators, as well as an introduction to the history of the Harlem Renaissance, author's note, and poet biographies.

2017 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award

POETRY

Downloadable Format: DB087912

Hallenbeck, Bruce. Monsters of New York: Mysterious Creatures in the Empire State. Pennsylvania: Stackpole Books, 2013.

From the Adirondacks and the Catskills to the depths of Lake Champlain and the shores of Montauk, Monsters of New York takes the reader on a journey covering bizarre beasts of the Empire State.

NON-FICTION

Haring Fabend, Firth. New Netherland in a Nutshell. United States: New Netherland Institute, 2012.

The story of New Netherland is told in a highly readable fashion; from the exploration of Henry Hudson in 1609 to the final transfer of the Dutch colony to the English in 1674. The work introduces the multicultural makeup of the population and the influence of distinctive Dutch traits such as tolerance, free trade, and social mobility, all of which persisted long after New Netherland became New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and parts of Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

NON-FICTION

Hauser, Brook. The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens.

New York: Free Press, 2012

Freelance writer Hauser tracks the staff and students at the International High School at Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, N.Y., providing their personal histories as well as their day-to-day experiences.

2012 Alex Award

FICTION

Audio CD by Dreamscape Media (2011)

Hidier, Tanuja Desai. Born Confused. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2002 and reprinted in 2014. This coming-of-age story follows seventeen-year-old Dimple Lala, an ABCD – American Born Confused Desi – who struggles to fit in and code-switch between her American friends and her more traditional Indian immigrant parents. When Dimple meets “suitable boy,” Karsh Kapoor, a New York University student and the son of family friends, things start rocky but she slowly becomes more close to him and more interested in exploring her cultural heritage and the New York City bhangra dance/club scene. The situation becomes more complicated once Dimple’s beautiful, blonde best friend, Gwyn, takes an interest in Karsh as well.

FICTION

Digital audiobook available via Audible.

Digital e-book available by Scholastic.

Downloadable Format: DB055988

Hidier, Tanuja Desai. Bombay Blues. New York: Scholastic, 2014.

In this sequel to Born Confused, Dimple Lala, now a New York University student, travels to Bombay, India, for her cousin Sangita’s arranged marriage. Dimple undergoes an emotional and sexual transformation during her journey as her relationship with her boyfriend, Karsh, becomes strained. Meanwhile, another cousin, Kavita, tries to come out of the closet as a lesbian to the family.

FICTION

Digital e-book available by Scholastic.

Jarrow, Gail. Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2015.

Chronicles the story of the early 1900s typhoid fever epidemic in New York, providing details as to how its infamous carrier was ultimately tracked down and stopped.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR020803

Downloadable Format: BR020803

Kwok, Jean. Girl in Translation. New York: Riverhead Books, 2010.

Kim Chang and her mother move to Brooklyn from Hong Kong after Kim’s father dies. Kim goes to school during the day, and then joins her mother working in a sweatshop owned by her bitter older sister. Kim excels, winning a scholarship to a private school, and falls in love with a boy who also helps his mother fill the sweatshop quotas.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB073069

LaCour, Nina. We Are Okay. New York: Dutton Books, 2017.

Marin hasn’t spoken to anyone from her old life since the day she left everything behind. No one knows the truth about those final weeks. Not even her best friend Mabel. But even thousands of miles away from the California coast, at college in New York, Marin still feels the pull of the life and tragedy she’s tried to outrun. Now, months later, alone in an emptied dorm for winter break, Marin waits. Mabel is coming to visit, and Marin will be forced to face everything that’s been left unsaid and finally confront the loneliness that has made a home in her heart.

2017 Michael L. Printz Award

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB087287

Manzano, Sonia. The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

In New York City's Spanish Harlem in 1969, 14-year-old Evelyn is trying to spread her wings and break free from her conservative family. When her activist grandmother comes to stay, she finds life getting more complicated and dangerous.

2013 Pura Belpré Award

FICTION

McCreight, Kimberly. Reconstructing Amelia. New York: Harper Perennial, 2013.

In this mystery/thriller, Kate tries to prove that her 15-year-old daughter, Amelia, didn't jump from the roof of her prestigious Brooklyn private school. The story is told in alternating voices, Kate's and Amelia's, as well as through text messages, Facebook updates, and blog posts revealing that the teen was involved with a secret club.

2013 SLJ Best Books Adult Books for Teens

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078077

Medina, Meg. Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass. Candlewick Press, 2014.

Piddy Sanchez's life is turned upside down when she finds out that Yaqui Delgado wants to kick her ass. While struggling to deal with the threat on her own, Piddy explores her identity, her culture, and the role of others in her life. A powerful story about bullying and resilience, set in a Queens school.

2014 Pura Belpré Author Award Winner

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020400

Downloadable Format: DB 078106

Mills, Wendy. All We Have Left. NY: Bloomsbury USA Childrens, 2016.

This coming-of-age tale follows two interweaving stories from the past and the present centered on the September 11th attacks. Sixteen-year-old Jesse still mourns the loss of her brother who died when the Twin Towers collapsed, but new revelations reveal how her brother died on that fateful day.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB086235

Myers, Walter Dean. Darius & Twig. Kansas: Amistad Publishing, 2013.

Darius and Twig are an unlikely pair: Darius is a writer whose only escape is his alter ego, a peregrine falcon named Fury, and Twig is a middle-distance runner striving for athletic success. But they are drawn together in the struggle to overcome the obstacles that Harlem life throws at them.

2014 Coretta Scott King Honor Book 2014 Notable Children's Book FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020371

Downloadable Format: DB 077864

Myers, Walter Dean. Juba! New York: HarperTeen, 2015

In Five Points, New York, in the 1840s, African-American teenager William Henry "Juba" Lane works hard to achieve his dream of becoming a professional dancer, but his real break comes when he is invited to perform in England. Based on the life of Master Juba; includes historical note.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Myers, Walter Dean. Lockdown. HarperCollins, 2010.

Reese needs to stay on track to get early release from the Progress juvenile detention facility in the Bronx.

2011 Coretta Scott King Author Honor

2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Top

Ten Downloadable Format: DB071823

Myers, Walter Dean. 145th Street: Short Stories. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2000.

Myers uses 10 short stories to create snapshots of a pulsing, vibrant community with diverse ethnic threads.

2001 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 013133

Downloadable Format: DB 065859

Namioka, Lensey. An ocean apart, a world away : a novel. New York : Delacorte Press, 2002.

Despite the odds facing her decision to become a doctor in 1920's Nanking, China, teenaged Yanyan leaves her family to study at Cornell University where, along with hard work, she finds prejudice and loneliness as well as friendship and a new sense of accomplishment.

FICTION

Nazemian, Abdi. Like a Love Story. NY: Balzer + Bray, 2019.

Set in 1989 New York City during the AIDS epidemic, this YA novel centers on Reeza, a closeted gay teen who recently moved to the city and befriends Judy, a fashion designer who has fallen in love with Reeza. The two begin dating, but Reeza starts to question his identity when he meets and becomes close friends with Art, Judy's openly gay best friend.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB096104

Noyes, Deborah. Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly. New York: Viking/Penguin: 2016

Young Nellie Bly had ambitious goals, especially for a woman at the end of the nineteenth century, when the few female journalists were relegated to writing columns about cleaning or fashion. But fresh off a train from Pittsburgh, Nellie knew she was destined for more and pulled a major journalistic stunt that skyrocketed her to fame: feigning insanity, being committed to the notorious asylum on Blackwell's Island, and writing a shocking exposé of the clinic's horrific treatment of its patients.

NON-FICTION

Older, Daniel Jose. Shadowhouse Fall. New York: Scholastic, 2017.

In addition to the ordinary problems of a Puerto Rican teenager in Brooklyn, Sierra Santiago is working on developing her shadowshaping skills, and she is beginning to think she may need all the skill she can summon because it seems that when she channeled hundreds of spirits through herself in order to defeat Wick she woke up something very powerful and very unfriendly and put her family and friends at risk.

FICTION

Audio CD by Scholastic Audio Books, (2017)

Downloadable Format: DB089349

Braille Format: BR022105

Older, Daniel Jose. Shadowshaper. New York: Scholastic, 2016.

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

FICTION

Audio CD by Scholastic Audio Books, (2015)

Downloadable Format: DB083151

Braille Format: BR021320

Oliver, Lauren. Panic. New York: Harper, 2014.

In the poor town of Carp, New York, a group of teens enters a high-stakes game that involves a series of secretive, possibly deadly challenges throughout the summer, with the winner receiving more than \$50,000--enough money to start a new life.

FICTION

Audio available from Harper

Audio Downloadable Format:

DB078376

Perkins, Mitali. You Bring the Distant Near. NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019.

This novel is about the Das family, an immigrant family from India who moved from England to New York City in the hopes of finding acceptance. The story follows five girls from the Das household who each have a different generational outlook on family, first loves, friendship, and the inheritance of culture.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB089350

Polisner, Gae. The Memory of Things. New York; St. Martin's Press, 2016.

Kyle's high school is evacuated on the morning of September 11, 2001. On his way home, he rescues a girl ready to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge wearing giant wings and covered in ash. Suffering from temporary amnesia, the girl develops an intimate relationship with Kyle in the chaotic week following the terrorist attack.

FICTION

Reynolds, Jason. The Boy in the Black Suit. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.

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

2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB081907

Reynolds, Jason. When I Was the Greatest. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014.

Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back.

2015 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Winner

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Reynolds, Kristian S. Finger Lakes panoramas. Ithaca, NY : McBooks Press, c1999.

One of the nation's premier tourist destinations, the Finger Lakes of upstate New York offer long lake views, rolling hills, spellbinding sky patterns, and inviting villages. In this book, master photographer Kristian Reynolds uses panoramic camera technology to reveal a landscape of drama, history, romance, and exceptional beauty.

NONFICTION

Rubalcaba, Jill. I.M. Pei: Architect of Time, Place and Purpose. Tarrytown: Marshall Cavendish, 2011.

New York City-based I.M. Pei is one of the most iconic architects of the 21st century. This biography delves into his early life in China, his emigration to the United States to study architecture and his professional life designing houses, office buildings and cultural centers. The book also explores six of his notable buildings, including the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston; The National Gallery of Art, East Wing in Washington D.C.; and the Louvre Museum in Paris.

NON-FICTION

Rudetsky, Seth. Seth's Broadway Diary, Volume 1. New York: Dress Circle Publishing: 2014.

Seth Rudetsky has worked as the music director and/or pianist for some of Broadway's biggest stars. He spent years as a pianist on Broadway playing such shows as *Les Miz*, *The Producers* and *Ragtime* and currently divides his time between being the afternoon deejay on the SiriusXM Broadway channel/host of "Seth Speaks" and touring North America doing his show Deconstructing Broadway.

NON-FICTION

Schneider, Paul G. Everything Worthy of Observation: The 1826 New York State Travel Journal of Alexander Stewart Scott. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2019

"I freely confess that I went among the Americans a good deal prejudiced against them, and now that I am leaving the Country must say that the most part of those bad feelings are done away with."

Alexander Stewart Scott wrote that sentence on September 29, 1826, as he neared the end of his vacation in New York State that had begun on August 2. Scott, a 21-year-old Canadian law student, kept a journal of his travels and that journal is a time machine that takes you back to the year when the United States was just 50 years old, when the Erie Canal was less than one year old, and when the War of 1812 was still fresh in everyone's memory. You travel with him on steamboats, on Erie Canal boats, and in stagecoaches; you visit Saratoga Springs and Niagara Falls and points in between. Scott is a good writer and storyteller; Schneider's footnoting transforms the book, if desired, into a tool to teach young researchers the importance of citing and footnoting their sources. Includes maps and contemporary illustrations.

NON-FICTION

A digital copy of the original, hand-written, journal is available through the New York State Library's online catalog.

Sedgwick, Marcus. She Is Not Invisible. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

A blind London teenager and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 079575

Seery, Matt. Caste American. New York: Austin Macauley Publishers, 2019

Caste American is a novel set in the near future in which America's judicial system has been replaced with social media platforms and people's statuses in society are based on a point system. Guilt or innocence is judged in real-time message boards and defendants are notified through notifications called Medusas—these freeze the screens of not only the defendants but every one of their contacts, too. The story is set in a small Long Island town and follows a collection of characters as they adapt to the new systems.

FICTION

Shorto, Russell. Island at the Center of the World. United Kingdom: Vintage, 2005.

This fascinating and very readable history of Manhattan draws on 17th-century Dutch records that were recently translated by scholar Charles Gehring. Shorto brings to exuberant life the human drama behind the story of the colony's founding in 1623.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 058272

Siegel, Mark. Sailor Twain, or, The Mermaid in the Hudson. New York: First Second, 2012.

This fantasy tale of mystery, romance and obsession takes place on a steamboat along the Hudson River in 1887. Captain Elijah Twain rescues an injured mermaid one dark and stormy night and falls in love while healing her. Strange things start to happen on the ship among the staff and passengers soon thereafter, with dire consequences.

FICTION

Silvera, Adam. More Happy Than Not. NY: Soho Teen, 2016.

After his father's suicide, Aaron Soto is trying to find happiness again with the support of his girlfriend. When a new guy named Thomas moves to the Bronx, Aaron forms a strong friendship with him that soon becomes something more, but these newfound feelings is making his quest for happiness difficult.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB082411

Sloan, Holly Goldberg and Wolitzer, Meg. To Night Owl from Dogfish. NY: Dial Books, 2019.

Avery lives in New York City and Bett lives in California, but their lives become intertwined when both of their dads fall in love. The girls are then sent to a summer camp where their fathers hope they can find common ground and become friends, and, eventually, sisters.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB094104

Sotomayor, Sonia. The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2018.

Sonia Sotomayor was just a girl when she dared to dream big. Her dream? To become a lawyer and a judge even though she'd never met one of either, and none lived in her neighborhood.

2019 Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB093289

Spufford, Francis. Golden Hill: A Novel of Old New York. New York: Scriber, 2017.

A charming stranger by the name of Mr. Smith arrives one day at the countinghouse door on Golden Hill Street in Manhattan claiming to have an order for a thousand pounds. The stranger won't explain why he needs such a large sum of money, making the merchants hesitant to give him what he asked for. Should they pay him the thousand dollars? Should they arrest him? Or maybe even kill him?

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB088758

Stanton, Brandon. Humans of New York. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2013.

Brandon Stanton set out on an ambitious project: to single-handedly create a photographic census of New York City. Armed with his camera, he began crisscrossing the city, covering thousands of miles on foot, all in his attempt to capture ordinary New Yorkers in the most extraordinary of moments.

2016 Alex Award Winner

NON-FICTION

Suma, Nova Ren. A Room Away From the Wolves. Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Young Readers, 2018.

Bina decides to leave her unstable family behind in the Hudson Valley to move into an all girls' boarding house in Greenwich Village called Catherine House. After making friends with her enigmatic downstairs neighbor, Bina begins to piece together the home's tragic backstory and discovers why she was brought there in the first place.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB094058

Thorne, Jenn Marie. Night Music. NY: Dial Books, 2019.

This story is about Rudy, the daughter of a renowned classical composer who works at the prestigious Amberly School of Music in New York City, and Oscar, a musical prodigy who dreams of studying under Rudy's father. The two teens fall for one another, but can their relationship last if the world around them is trying to decide what's best for them?

FICTION

Tsui, Bonnie. American Chinatown: A People's History of Five Neighborhoods. New York: Free Press, 2009.

New York-raised travel writer Bonnie Tsui delves into the history and evolution of five Chinatowns across the country and takes a closer look at these neighborhoods beyond the simple façade of tourist, shopping and foodie destinations. The chapter on Manhattan's Chinatown focuses on the garment industry, Chinese language schools, family benevolent associations, fortune cookies and Tsui's own family history and memories.

NON-FICTION

E-book available for Kindle.

Uwiringiyimana, Sandra. How Dare the Sun Rise. New York, New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2017.

After living through a massacre in Democratic Republic of Congo, Sandra and her family immigrate to Rochester, New York, where she must adapt to American culture and middle school.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB089906

Audio by Harper Audio (2017)

van den Bogaert, Harmen Meyndertsz. Journey Into Mohawk Country. Illus. By George O'Connor. New York: First Second, 2006.

The illustrated version of journal by 23 year-old Dutch trader, Harmen Meyndertsz van den Bogaert, as he travels among and encounters various Mohawk and Oneida people in 1634. The memoir starts out in Fort Orange, New Netherlands, what is present-day Albany, and ends in Iroquois Country. The detailed graphics provide a glimpse into what life was like in the past.

NON-FICTION

Watson, Renée and Hagan, Ellen. Watch Us Rise. NY: Bloomsbury YA, 2019.

Jasmine and Chelsea started a Women's Rights Club at their New York City high school in response to the mistreatment their female classmates have been experiencing there. Soon, the club becomes a target for online trolls and is eventually shut down by the principle. Jasmine and Chelsea will stop at nothing to keep their club intact and the voices of young women heard.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB094954

Westerfield, Scott. Spill Zone Book 1. Illus. by Alex Puvilland. New York: First Second, 2017.

Poughkeepsie was destroyed three years ago in a mysterious incident that turned the city into a toxic, deadly no-man's land filled with eerie creatures. Teen Addison's parents were killed in the Spill and her younger sister, Lexa, stopped talking after the traumatic event. Addison takes a dangerous risk and ventures into the dangerous place after an enigmatic collector offers her one-million dollar for a landscape picture.

FICTION

Westerfield, Scott. Spill Zone Book 2: The Broken Vow. Illus. by Alex Puvilland. New York: First Second, 2019.

In the second book of the graphic novel series, Addison survives her dangerous trip into the Poughkeepsie disaster area, and she finds out that North Korea also has a Spill Zone of its own and she meets another teen survivor, Don Jae. Addison, Don Jae and Lexa's possessed doll, Vespertine, dig deeper into the origins of the Spill as government officials get involved.

FICTION

Yoon, Nicola. The Sun is Also A Star. New York: Delacorte Press, 2016.

Over the course of a single day in New York City, two teenagers meet and fall in love. Natasha is a practical young woman trying to keep her family from being deported in a matter of hours, and Daniel is on his way to a college interview. Told in alternating chapters, with additional characters adding their voices.

2017 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award

2017 Michael L. Printz Honor Book

FICTION

Audio by Listening Library

Zoboi, Ibi. Pride. Harper Collins/ Balzar + Bray, 2018

Set in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, this timely update of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* balances cultural identity, class and gentrification with the magic of first love.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB093056

Audio book by HarperAudio