

Explore New York: Build a Better World

Teen and Up



Alderson, Sarah. Out of Control. New York: Simon Pulse, 2015.

When Liva came to New York City, all she wanted was to escape the painful memories of her past and find a fresh start. But her hopes for a new future were dashed the moment she became the sole witness to a brutal murder.

FICTION

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.

Asbury, Herbert. The Gangs of New York: An Informal History of the Underworld. New York: Vintage Books, 2008.

True to the title, the book is a history of crime that permeated the underbelly of New York City and its boroughs in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of these gangs were so vicious they would post signs warning police to stay out of their neighborhoods -- or else!

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 055088

Aptowicz, Cristin O'Keefe. Words in Your Face: A Guided Tour through Twenty Years of the New York City Poetry Slam. NY: Soft Skull Press, 2008.

A history of the New York City Poetry Slam, a performance poetry competition where participants recite their own original work before a panel of five judges selected randomly from the audience.

NON-FICTION

Avi, and Brian Floca. City of Light, City of Dark: A Comic Book Novel. New York: Orchard Books, 1995.

Asterel races against time to locate a token which will prevent the Kurbs from freezing New York City.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Barrett, Andrea. The Air We Breathe. New York: W.W. Norton, 2007.

In the fall of 1916, as U.S. involvement in WWI looms, the Adirondack town of Tamarack Lake houses a public sanitarium and private cure cottages for Tuberculosis patients. Gossip about roommate changes, nurse visits, cliques and romantic connections dominate relations among the sick—mostly poor European immigrants. The timely theme focuses on how the tragedy, betrayal and heartbreak of war extend far beyond the battlefield.

FICTION

Audio CD by AudioGO (2010)

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

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story. New York: Atheneum, 2016.

Four kids from different parts of the country are dealing with life, as they know it, before it all changes. And then it changes...and we travel with these characters as they deal with the attacks.

FICTION

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. Backwater. New York: Puffin, 2005.

When young Ivy begins to study her family's history, her discoveries rattle the other members of her New York State clan.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 012539

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 Zed, 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

Benway, Robin. Going Rogue. New York: Walker Books, 2014.

When Maggie Silver's parents are falsely accused of stealing priceless gold coins, she must use her safecracking skills to try to clear their names, with help from the "team" she has formed as an undercover operative in a New York City high school.

FICTION

Audio CD by Brilliance Audio (2014)

Bitton-Jackson, Livia. Hello, America: A Refugee's Journey from Auschwitz to the New World. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005.

In the final book of the acclaimed trilogy that includes *I Have Lived a Thousand Years* and *My Bridges of Hope*, Elli and her mother leave war-ravaged Europe behind. Arriving in New York in 1951, they seek to preserve their Jewish heritage while embracing the freedom of the new city.

NON-FICTION

Blum, Deborah. The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York. Penguin Books 2010

This is an enthralling account that follows the often unglamorous but monumentally important careers of two forensic pioneers in early 20th-century New York. Poisons offered an easy path to the perfect crime; corruption ran wild within the police department and the coroner's office. In 1918 Dr. Charles Norris, Manhattan's first trained chief medical examiner, and Alexander Gettler, its first toxicologist turned the justice system and forensic chemistry upside down with their trailblazing scientific detective work.

NON-FICTION

Audiobook: Tantor Audio; MP3 - Unabridged CD edition (March 3, 2010)

Blundell, Judy. Strings Attached. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

When she drops out of school and struggles to start a career on Broadway in the fall of 1950, seventeen-year-old Kit Corrigan accepts help from an old family friend, a lawyer said to have ties with the mob, who then asks her to do some favors for him.

2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074701

Audio CD by Scholastic Audio Books (2011)

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

Bogaert, Harmen Meyndertsz van den et al. Journey into Mohawk Country. New York: First Second, 2006.

This book is an illustrated version of the journal of a young Dutch trader, Harmen Meyndertsz van den Bogaert, who journeyed into the land of the Iroquois Indians in 1634, seeking to bolster the Dutch trade in what is now New York State.

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

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)

Bray, Libba. The Diviners. New York: Little Brown, 2012.

Evie O'Neill is sent from her small town in Ohio to live with her uncle in New York City. But there, the 17-year-old and her uncle get thrust into the investigation of numerous murders.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 075439

Audio book by Random House, Inc. (2012)

Breznoff, Steve. Brooklyn, Burning. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

Sixteen-year-old Kid, who lives on the streets of Brooklyn, loves Felix, a guitarist and junkie who disappears, leaving Kid the prime suspect in an arson investigation, but a year later Scout arrives, giving Kid a second chance to be in a band and find true love.

FICTION

Bronski, Peter. At the Mercy of the Mountains: True Stories of Survival and Tragedy in New York's Adirondacks. Guilford, CT: Lyons Press, 2008.

Recounts true stories of danger, survival, and tragedy in New York's Adirondacks Mountains.

NON-FICTION

Brown, Teri. Born of Illusion. New York : Balzer & Bray, 2013.

Set in 1920s New York City, this is the story of budding magician Anna Van Housen, who may or may not be the daughter of Harry Houdini. She has spent her whole life playing sidekick to her faux-medium mother and trying to hide the fact that she actually possesses the very abilities her mother lacks.

2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. Bowman's Store: A Journey to Myself. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2001.

Bruchac, now a well-known children's author and storyteller, relates his childhood and high school years spent living with his grandparents near Saratoga, NY, and his discovery of his Abenaki heritage, which he learns to honor.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 047175

Bryant, Howard. Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

Bryant brings to life the best that baseball has to offer--the heroes, the bitter rivalries, the moments that every sports-loving kid should know.

NON-FICTION

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

Buckhanon, Kalisha. Upstate. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2006.

Antonio, initially a teen arrested for murder, and his sweetheart, Natasha, exchange a decade of correspondence. Both from tiny, dark apartments in Harlem, they are passionately in love, but destined to walk very different roads.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016691

Canada, Geoffrey; adapted by Jamar Nicholas. Fist, stick, knife, gun: a personal history of violence. Boston, Mass: Beacon Press, 2010.

Based on the memoir by Canada who was a small boy growing up scared on the mean streets of the South Bronx. His childhood world was one where "sidewalk boys" learned the codes of the block and were ranked through the rituals of fist, stick, and knife. Then the streets changed, and the stakes got even higher. In his memoir, Canada relives a childhood in which violence stalked every street corner.

GRAPHIC NON-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

Carmon, Irin and Shana Knizhnik. Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. New York: Dey Street Books, 2015.

A creative and fascinating profile of the Supreme Court Justice who grew up in Brooklyn, went to Cornell and taught at Columbia.

NON-FICTION

Carter, Graydon and David Friend (Eds). Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers and Swells: The Best of Early Vanity Fair. Penguin Press: 2014.

Vanity Fair editor Graydon Carter introduces these fabulous pieces written between 1913 and 1936, when the magazine published a murderers' row of the world's leading literary lights. *Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers, and Swells* features great writers on great topics, including F. Scott Fitzgerald on what a magazine should be, Clarence Darrow on equality, D. H. Lawrence on women, e.e. cummings on Calvin Coolidge, John Maynard Keynes on the collapse in money value, Thomas Mann on how films move the human heart, Alexander Woolcott on Harpo Marx, Carl Sandburg on Charlie Chaplin, Djuna Barnes on James Joyce, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., on Joan Crawford, and Dorothy Parker on a host of topics ranging from why she hates actresses to why she hasn't married.

NON-FICTION

Cataneo, D. M. Eggplant Alley. Piermont, NH: Bunker Hill Publishing, 2013.

Living in the Bronx in 1970, thirteen-year-old Nicky must cope with personal and societal upheavals.

FICTION

Carvell, Marlene. Who Will Tell My Brother? New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2004.

During his lonely crusade to remove offensive mascots from his high school, a Native American teenager learns more about his heritage, his ancestors, and his place in the world.

FICTION

Capo, Fran. It Happened in New York City: Remarkable Events that Shaped History. Guilford, CT: Globe Pequot Press, 2010.

This book contains accounts of notable people and events in the history of New York City, including Jenny Lind's first concerts in 1850, the 1906 trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of architect Stanford White, and the demolition of Pennsylvania Station in 1963.

NON-FICTION

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

Chartrand, Rene. Ticonderoga 1758: Montcalms' Victory Against All Odds. Osprey Publishing, Ltd., 2000.

In July 1758, the British launched an expedition against the French Fort of Carillon (Ticonderoga). Lord Howe, a popular British leader, was killed before the main battle began; the Black Watch regiments were decimated; the British retreated in near panic and the fort remained in the hands of the French.

NON-FICTION

Clare, Cassandra. The Bane Chronicles. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2014.

A collection of 11 short stories that illuminate the life of the enigmatic, flashy, and flamboyant High Warlock of Brooklyn, Magnus Bane, a character in The Mortal Instruments series.

FICTION

Audio available from Simon & Schuster Childrens

Cofer, Judith Ortiz. Call Me María. New York: Orchard Books, 2004.

Fifteen-year-old Maria leaves her mother and Puerto Rico to live in New York City with her father. There, though, she feels torn between two cultures. Can she learn to embrace life in the barrio?

FICTION

Cohen-Solal, Annei, Paul Goldberger, and Robert Gottlieb. New York Mid-Century, 1945-1965: Art, Architecture, Design, Dance, Theater, Nightlife. New York: Vendome Press, 2014.

A sparkling account of Gotham at the moment it became the cultural center of the world.

NON-FICTION

Cohn, Rachel and David Levithan. Dash & Lily's Book of Dares. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.

Lily has left a red notebook full of challenges on a New York City bookstore shelf. Dash finds it and the two begin a correspondence through the book, sharing dares and dreams. Will they ever connect in person? This is a Christmas love story about two teenagers, Dash and Lily, who connect in an unusual way and get to know each other before they ever meet face to face.

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)

Cooney, Caroline B. Code Orange. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2005.

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs. Has he infected himself and all of New York City?

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017938

Downloadable Format: DB 066309

Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans. New York: Signet Classics, 2005.

This exciting adventure story is set during the Seven Year's War fought between France and England in North America. Hawkeye and his American Indian companions become involved in the bloody war.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 004092

Downloadable Format: DB 019920

Audio CD by Brilliance (2005)

Cooper, James Fenimore. The Spy. CreateSpace, 2009.

Written in 1821, this historical novel is Cooper's paean to the Revolutionary War Protagonist Harry Birch finds himself wrongly accused of selling vital information to the British.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 016416

Audio by Audible, Inc.

Crane, Stephen. Maggie, a Girl of the Streets, and Other Tales of New York. New York: Penguin Books, 2000.

This is a compilation of 13 stories set in New York in the late 1800s, including the story of Maggie, a girl of the tenements, whose life turns downward when she becomes involved with a boy named Pete.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 011578

Downloadable Format: DB 009418

Audio by Audible, Inc.

Cremer, Andrea R. The Inventor's Secret. New York: Philomel Books, 2014.

In an alternate nineteenth-century America that is still a colony of Britain's industrial empire, Charlotte and her fellow refugees' struggle to survive is interrupted by a newcomer with no memory, bearing secrets about a terrible future.

FICTION

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

Cross, Julie. Halfway Perfect. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Fire, 2015.

Eve's time as a fashion model nearly destroyed her and now she is determined to build a career behind the camera after landing a photography internship in New York City, bringing her face to face with her dark past, her ex, and an up-and-coming male model named Alex who is falling for her.

FICTION

Crowder, Melanie. Audacity. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women's labor rights in the early 20th century in New York.

FICTION

Dabel, Jane I. A Respectable Woman: The Public Roles of African American Women in 19th-Century New York. New York University Press, 2008

In the nineteenth century, New York's free blacks were extremely politically active, lobbying for equal rights at home and an end to southern slavery. As their activism increased, so did discrimination against them. However, the struggle for civil rights did not extend to equal gender roles, and black male leaders encouraged women to remain in the domestic sphere, serving as caretakers, moral educators, and nurses to their families and community.

NON-FICTION

Davies, Jacqueline. Lost. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 2009.

In 1911 New York City, sixteen-year-old Essie Rosenfeld must stop taking care of her irrepressible six-year-old sister when she goes to work at the Triangle Shirt Waist Company, where she befriends a missing heiress who is in hiding from her family and who seems to understand the feelings of heartache and grief that Essie is trying desperately to escape.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018535

Downloadable Format: DB 069678

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.

NON-FICTION

Demas, Corinne. Everything I Was. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

When Irene's father is "downsized," her family must move from New York City's Upper West Side to New York's upstate. But what Irene is sure will be the most disastrous summer in her life becomes the start of a wonderful new life.

FICTION

Donnelly, Jennifer. A Northern Light. New York: Graphia, 2004.

In 1906, 16-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. This novel is based on a true story.

2004 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014850

Audio CD by Listening Library (2010)

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

Duble, Kathleen Benner. Quest. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2008.

Relates the events of explorer Henry Hudson's final voyage from four points of view: that of his seventeen-year-old son aboard the ship, a younger son left in London, a crewmember, and a young English woman acting as a spy in Holland.

FICTION

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

Finney, Jack. Time and Again. New York: Scribner Paperback, 1995.

This novel is about an experiment that causes 20th century illustrator Si Morley to step out of a Dakota apartment building into the streets of 1882 New York.

Downloadable Format: DB 023888

Fredericks, Mariah. The Girl in the Park. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012.

When the body of Wendy Gellar is found in Central Park one Sunday morning, everyone is quick to blame Wendy's notorious partying habits. Everyone, that is, except her old friend, Rain, who takes it upon herself to find out what really led to the death of her friend.

FICTION

Friedman, Aimee. The Year My Sister Got Lucky. New York: Point, 2008

When Katie and Michaela Wilder move from New York City to upstate rural New York, Katie has a hard time fitting in – and getting accustomed to local culture, like friendly neighbors and cows that need to be milked. Michaela, though, becomes the town's social belle, loving her new life and her new country friends. Can they ever be as close as they once were?

FICTION

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.

Garcia, Kami. Dangerous Creatures. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2014.

Siren Ridley and her rocker boyfriend Link move to New York City to make it big with their supernatural band mates in Sirensong, but Caster trouble follows them.

FICTION

Audio available from Little Brown & Co.

Geary, Rick. Madison Square Tragedy: The Murder of Stanford White. New York: Nantier/Beall/Minoustchine: NBM 2013

Bringing to life turn-of-the-century New York and the scintillating career of one of its most famous architects, as well as the vices that cost him his life, this true-crime graphic novel tells the story of one of the most scandalous murders of the times. Stanford White was one of New York's most famous architects, having designed many mansions and the first Madison Square Garden; his influence on New York's look at the turn of the century was pervasive. As he became popular and in demand, he also became quite self-indulgent: he had a taste for budding young showgirls on Broadway, even setting up a private apartment to entertain them in, including a room with a red velvet swing. When he met Evelyn Nesbit—an exquisite young nymph, cover girl, showgirl, inspiration for Charles Dana Gibson's drawing *The Eternal Question* and later for the movie *The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing*—he knew he was on to something special. However, Evelyn eventually married a young Pittsburgh decadent heir with a dark side who developed a deep hatred for White and what he may or may not have done to her.

GRAPHIC NOVEL NON-FICTION

George, Jessica Day. Silver in the Blood. New York: Bloomsbury, 2015.

In 1897, 17-year-olds Dacia and Lou, New York socialites and cousins, visit their maternal homeland of Romania and learn the family secret--that they are shapeshifters, expected to take their rightful places and marry proper husbands.

FICTION

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

Godbersen, Anna. The Luxe. New York: HarperCollins, 2008.

In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others.

FICTION

Godbersen, Anna. Bright Young Things. New York: Harper, 2010.

Letty, Astrid, and Cordelia must navigate the glamour, despairs, and scandals of life in New York City during the Roaring Twenties.

FICTION

Audio book by Harper Audio (2010)

Greene, Meg. Elena Kagan. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Greenwood, 2014.

This biography of Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan covers her growing up in New York City to her roles at the White House and more.

NON-FICTION

Griffin, Adele. The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone. New York: Soho Teen, 2014.

Eighteen year old Addison is already a huge superstar in New York City's competitive art world. And then she dies falling from a bridge. Was it an accident? Was it murder? Was it suicide? Everyone has an opinion – her family and friends, art dealers and gallery owners, psychiatrists and boyfriends. This illustrated novel is a compelling character portrait of mental illness and artistic talent told in the style of a mock biography.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB079877

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

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014623

Downloadable Format: DB 055776

POETRY

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

Gruber, Ruth. Haven: The Dramatic Story of 1,000 World War II Refugees and How They Came to America. New York: Three Rivers Press, 2000.

Gruber, a journalist during WWII, accompanied 1,000 refugees from Nazi-controlled Europe who came to Oswego, NY, as guests of the United States government.

NON-FICTION

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)

Hermes, Will. Love Goes to Buildings On Fire: Five Years in New York that Changed Music Forever. London: Faber and Faber, 2011.

Discusses the music scene in the 1970s and how it changed music for today.

FICTION

Helprin, Mark. Winter's Tale. New York: Harvest Books, 2008.

This is a sweeping epic of New York City and the Hudson Valley covering the entire 20th century, and told through the story of Peter Lake, an orphan, burglar, mechanic and romantic hero. An unforgettable blend of history, realism and fantasy.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 020204

Audio by BBC Audiobooks (2008) on Audible.

Hopkinson, Deborah. Shutting out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1915. New York: Orchard Books, 2003.

Photographs and text document the experiences of 5 individuals from Belarus, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania, who came to live in the Lower East Side of NYC as children or young adults at the turn of the 20th century.

FICTION

House, Kirk W. The 1972 Flood in New York's Southern Tier. Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2012.

Presents vintage photographs, with explanatory captions, examining the history of the 1972 flood in New York's Southern Tier.

NON-FICTION

Howard, J.J. Tracers. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.

Cam is a New York City bike messenger with no family or strings attached to anyone, but when he meets a mysterious stranger and is pulled into her dangerous world of parkour, he is torn between following his heart and sacrificing everything to pay off his debts.

FICTION

Howe, Katherine. The Appearance of Annie van Sinderen. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.

Aspiring NYU student filmmaker Wes Auckerman meets beautiful and otherworldly Annie while filming a séance in the East Village. Annie enlists Wes' help to find her a missing ring, which may hold the key to secrets from her past.

FICTION

Hughes, Langston. Vintage Hughes. New York: Vintage Books, 2004.

This compilation includes excerpts and poems from the work of Langston Hughes.

POETRY

Jacobson, Sidney, and Ernie Colón. The 9/11 Report. New York: Hill and Wang, 2006.

An illustrated version of the 9/11 Report based on the report issued by the Federal Government after 9/11.

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

Jacobson, Sidney, and Ernie Colón. After 9/11: America's War on Terror (2001-). New York: Hill and Wang, 2008.

A pair of best-selling graphic-novel artists explore the post-September 11 world in an illustrated work that depicts critical events, responses, and the consequences of the War on Terror.

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

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

Jensen, Cordelia. Skyscraping. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

In 1993 in New York City, high school senior Mira uncovers many secrets, including that her father has a male lover.

FICTION

Jensen, Jeff. Before Tomorrowland. Los Angeles: Disney Press, 2015

The year is 1939. A secret society of extraordinary geniuses is about to share an incredible discovery with the world. But a misguided enemy--half man, half machine--will stop at nothing to prevent the group from giving this forbidden knowledge to humanity.

FICTION

Kazimiroff, Theodore. The Last Algonquin. Walker & Company; Reprint edition: 1997.

As recently as 1924, a lone Algonquin Indian lived quietly in Pelham Bay Park, a wild and isolated corner of New York City. Many years later, as an old man, he entrusted his legacy to the young Boy Scout who became his only friend, and here that young boy's son passes it on to us.

NON-FICTION

Klass, David. Grandmaster. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2014.

Freshman Daniel is a pretty average rookie on a high-school chess team made up of mostly attractive overachievers. So, he's surprised to be invited to a father-son tournament, until he discovers that his father was a teenage grandmaster.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078852

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: DB 073069

LaMarche, Una. Like No Other. New York: Razorbill, 2014.

Tough their relationship is strictly forbidden in their disparate Brooklyn neighborhoods, Devorah and Jax arrange secret meetings and risk everything to be together. But how far can they possibly go? Just how much are they willing to give up.

FICTION

Audio available from Listening Library.

Legrand, Claire. Winterspell. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014.

To find her abducted father and keep her sister safe from the lecherous politicians of 1899 New York City, Clara must journey to the wintry kingdom of Cane, where Anise, queen of the faeries, has ousted the royal family in favor of her own

totalitarian, anti-human regime.

FICTION

Levithan, David. The Lover's Dictionary. New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2011.

A modern love story told through a series of dictionary-style entries is a sequence of intimate windows into the large and small events that shape the course of a romantic relationship set in New York City.

2012 Alex Award

FICTION

Lewis, Stewart. You Have Seven Messages. New York: Delacourte Press, 2011.

Luna's mother died a year ago when she was hit by a car on the busy streets of New York City's East Village. Devastated by the sudden death of her mother, it takes Luna a full year to finally begin to clean out her mother's office. When she does, she finds seven voicemails on her mother's cell phone that reveal her mother's death was not what it originally seemed.

FICTION

Audio available from Audible, Inc.

Lyga, Barry. Blood of My Blood. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2014

Jazz Dent, who has been shot and left to die in New York City; his girlfriend, Connie, who is in the clutches of Jazz's serial killer father, Billy; and his best friend, Howie, who is bleeding to death on the floor of Jazz's own home in tiny Lobo's Nod, must all rise above the horrors their lives have become and find a way to come together in pursuit of Billy.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Downloadable Format: DB079590

Lyga, Barry. Game. New York: Little, Brown, & Co., 2013.

After solving a deadly case in the small town of Lobo's Nod, Jazz, the son of history's most infamous serial murderer, travels to New York to help the police track down the Hat-Dog Killer.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: 076683

Manzano, Sonia. Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx. New York: Scholastic Press, 2015.

A memoir by the Emmy-award winning actress and writer who survived a difficult childhood to become Maria on Sesame Street. Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Spiced with culture, heartache, and humor, this memoir paints a lasting portrait of a girl's resilience as she grows up to become an inspiration to millions.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Scholastic Audio Books

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

Marshall, Paule. Brown Girl, Brownstones. Mineola: Dover Publications, Inc., 2009.

This book centers on the daughter of Barbadian immigrants living in Brooklyn during the Great Depression. Selina Boyce is caught in the middle of her parents' differing views of her future. Her mom wants Selina to get an American education, while her dad dreams of returning to Barbados. Along with her parental woes, the heroine must deal with the poverty and racism that surrounds her.

FICTION

McCann, Jim. Mind the Gap Volume 1: Intimate Strangers TP. City: Image Comics, 2012.

This graphic novel is a mystery taking place in New York City with a paranormal twist. Elle, in a spirit form detached from her comatose body, must not only unravel the mystery of her attacker's identity and motive, but her entire life as well. Who can she trust, in both this world and in the gap she exists in that lies between life and death?

GRAPHIC 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

McCulloch, Derek. Gone to Amerikay. New York: Vertigo, 2012

In this graphic novel, Ciara O'Dwyer is a young woman raising a daughter alone in the Five Points slums of 1870; Johnny McCormack is a struggling actor drawn to the nascent folk music movement in 1960 Greenwich Village; and Lewis Healy is a successful Irishman who's come to present-day Manhattan on his wife's anniversary-present promise to reveal a secret.

GRAPHIC FICTION

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

Medina, Meg. Burn Baby Burn. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2016

A coming-of-age story set in New York City in 1977, the summer of Son of Sam.

FICTION

MP3 Audio available

Mercer, Paul and Vicki Weiss, for the Friends of the New York State Library. The New York State Capitol and the Great Fire of 1911. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

In the early morning hours of March 29, 1911, a fire broke out in the New York State Capitol at Albany. Within the building lay the entire collection of the New York State Library, almost completely reduced to ashes. The authors have included recently discovered photographs documenting the original construction of the building, beginning in 1867, as well as eyewitness accounts of its destruction.

NON-FICTION

Miller, Barnabas. Rock God: The Legend of B.J. Levine. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2012.

After moving to New York City, 13-year-old B.J. Levine decides he's going to become the next big rock star, despite his lack of musical talent.

FICTION

Miranda, Lin-Manuel and Jeremy McCarter. Hamilton: The Revolution. New York: Hachette, 2016.

The complete libretto of the hit Broadway musical, with fascinating author's notes and remarks.

NON FICTION

Audio CD

Mlynowski, Sarah. Don't Even Think About It. New York: Delacorte Press, 2014

A group of Tribeca high school kids go in for flu shots ... and end up being able to read each others' minds.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB079140

Audio available from Listening Library

Monir, Alexandra. Timekeeper. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2013.

Philip Walker is a new student at Michele Windsor's high school and he seems to be the love she lost when they said goodbye during her time travels. He does not remember her or the Philip Walker of 1910. Michele must thwart her nemesis and deal with Philip's reappearance in this sequel to *Timeless*.

FICTION

Monir, Alexandra. Timeless. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2012.

When tragedy strikes Michele Windsor's world, she is forced to uproot her life and move across the country to New York City, to live with her wealthy, aristocratic grandparents. There, she discovers a diary that sends her back to the year 1910.

FICTION

Montalvan, Luis Carlos with Bret Witter. Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him. New York: Hachette Books, 2011.

The story of how two wounded warriors, one soldier and one golden retriever, who had given so much and suffered the consequences, found salvation in each other. It is a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. It is a story about the love between a man and a dog and how they healed each other's souls.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074020

Moriarty, Chris. The Watcher in the Shadows. Boston: Harcourt Children's Books, 2013.

In early 20th-century New York, as 13-year-old Sacha Kessler, the Inquisitor's apprentice, faces enemies old and new that threaten him and his family, he changes his mind about learning magic.

FICTION

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. Game. New York: Harper Teen, 2008.

If Harlem high school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new--white--student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018088

Downloadable Format: DB 067450

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

Nelson, VaundaMicheaux. No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Lab, 2012.

The owner of Harlem's National Memorial African Bookstore, Lewis Michaux, was passionate about knowledge. His bookstore became a legendary influence on people worldwide.

2013 Coretta Scott King Honor
FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076556
Braille Format: BR 019995

Nevius, James. Footprints in New York: Tracing the Lives of Four Centuries of New Yorkers. Guilford, CT: Lyons Press, 2014.

Each chapter focuses on a distinct period in New York history, with emphasis on a particular personality, and is anchored by the experience of a personal walk by the author through that part of the city where the action took place.

NON-FICTION

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 / Biography

Ockler, Sarah. Bittersweet. New York: Simon Pulse, 2014.

Hudson Avery gave up a promising career in figure skating after her parents divorced. Now she spends her time baking cupcakes and helping out in her mother's upstate New York diner, but when she gets a chance at a scholarship and starts coaching the boys' hockey team, she realizes that she is not through with skating after all.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074585
Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

O'Connor, George. Journey into Mohawk Country. New York: First Second, 2006.

A graphic novel illustrated by George O'Connor. It is an illustrated version of the travels of a Dutch trader in early America based on Van den Bogaert's 1634 journal, *A Journey into Mohawk and Oneida Country*.

NON-FICTION

Older, Daniel Jose. Shadowshaper. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.

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

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

Osborne, Steve. The Job: True Stories from a New York City Cop. New York: First Anchor Books, 2015.

Steve Osborne was a New York City police officer for twenty years, retiring in 2003 as a lieutenant and commanding officer of the Manhattan Gang Squad. Here, Osborne takes us into his world, the gritty and not so glamorous life of real street cops.

NON FICTION

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. The Dead and the Gone. New York: Graphia, 2010.

After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR018229

Downloadable Format: DB 068838

Audio CD by Listening Library (2010)

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

Preston, Caroline. The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures. New York: Ecco, 2011.

For her graduation from high school in 1920, Frankie Pratt receives a scrapbook and her father's old Corona typewriter. Through a kaleidoscopic array of vintage postcards, letters, magazine ads, ticket stubs, catalog pages, fabric swatches, candy wrappers, fashion spreads, menus, and more, we meet and follow Frankie on her journey in search of success and love.

2012 Alex Award

FICTION

Audio CD by Random House Audio (2011)

Quinonez, Ernesto. Bodega Dreams: A Novel. New York: Vintage Books, 2000.

The book features a cast of memorable characters, including dim-witted Neno, who can't complete a sentence without quoting a song lyric; the drug runner and possible hit man, Sapo, who would rather be flying a kite from the top of a tenement; and cameo appearances by real artists and poets. But at the heart of everything is Willie Bodega, a former Young Lord who has become the biggest drug lord of them all.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 053689

Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (2000) Spanish (2004)

Quintero, Sofia. Show And Prove. New York: Alfred A. Knopf 2015

The summer of 1983 was the summer hip-hop proved its staying power. The South Bronx is steeped in Reaganomics, war in the Middle East, and the twin epidemics of crack and AIDS, but Raymond "Smiles" King and Guillermo "Nike" Vega have more immediate concerns. Raw and poignant, this is a story of music, urban plight, and racial tension that's as relevant today as it was in 1983.

FICTION

Racculia, Kate. Bellweather Rhapsody. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2014.
A high school music festival goes awry when a young prodigy disappears from the most infamous room in the Bellweather Hotel in a town in New York State.
2015 Alex Award Winner

Revai, Cheri. Haunted Northern New York: True, Chilling Tales of Ghosts in the North Country. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2002.

This work presents a collection of ghostly stories and strange phenomena of Upstate New York, including haunted cemeteries, Ruby's castle in Watertown, and many more.

NON-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)

Rifka Brunt, Carol. Tell the Wolves I'm Home. New York: The Dial Press, 2012.

This book takes place in 1987 New York, following fourteen-year-old June Elbus and her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. June can only be herself in Finn's company; he is her godfather, confidant, and best friend. So when he dies of a mysterious illness, June's world is turned upside down.

2013 Alex Award

FICTION

Romano, Juliana. Summer In the Invisible City. New York: Dial, 2016.

It's Sadie's last summer at the New York School of Arts, and she's spending it in a darkroom. She has been devoted to photography ever since her famous father, Allan Ball, gave her his old camera. Sadie knows her notoriously absent dad mostly through Google Alerts. Her search for paternal validation seeps into all her other relationships, and her life has felt upended ever since she lost her virginity. What Sadie thought was an intense connection with cool senior Noah was merely a fling du jour for him. A beach party invite from the popular Izzy raises the opportunity of seeing Noah again. Instead Sadie meets Sam, an outdoors enthusiast from New Hampshire. Sam just wants to be friends, and Sadie isn't sure she is ready for anything serious, but when she talks to Sam, she finds herself telling him things she has never told anyone before. As her summer draws to a close, Sadie learns to distinguish between false and real friends, discovers the inadequacies of parents, and starts to accept life as it is.

FICTION

Rosoff, Meg. Picture Me Gone. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013.

Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, looking for clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing.

FICTION

Rostan, Andrew, Kate Kasenow, and Dave Valeza. An Elegy for Amelia Johnson. Los Angeles, Calif.; London: Archaia Entertainment; Diamond, 2010.

In her 30 years on earth, Amelia Johnson has touched many lives with her compassion, intelligence, and spirit. Now, at the end of a year-long battle with cancer, she asks her two closest friends to take her final messages to the people around New York State who have touched her life the most.

GRAPHIC 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

Sabar, Ariel. Heart of the City: Nine Stories of Love and Serendipity on the Streets of New York. Da Capo Press, 2011.

Nine real-life stories about couples who met in some of New York City's iconic locations. Postscripts at the end of the book relate how the relationships turned out.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio (2011) on Audible.

Santiago, Esmeralda. When I Was Puerto Rican. Cambridge: Da Capo Press, 2006.

The author recalls the hardships and joys of her life with humor and poignancy, from her childhood in Puerto Rico to her move to a very different life in Brooklyn, and, finally, to her admission to the High School of Performing Arts.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 038181, In Spanish: DB 040892

Scott, Kieran. What Waits in the Woods. New York: Point, 2015.

A hiking trip in the woods in upstate New York is out of the comfort zone for Callie Velasquez: She wants to bond with her new friends Lissa and Penelope, not to mention her new boyfriend, Jeremy. However, nothing could have prepared her for the true human darkness that waits for her in the wood.

FICTION

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

Serle, Rebecca. The Edge of Falling. New York: Simon Pulse, 2014.

Caggie's life of privilege in Manhattan seems perfect, but she blames herself for her younger sister's death and doesn't want to be known as a hero when she saves a classmate from suicide. A new friend, though, causes her to reexamine her past.

FICTION

Sheldon, Dyan. Sophie Pitt-Turnbull Discovers America. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005.

While spending the summer in Brooklyn with her mother's former schoolmate, Sophie, a sheltered English teenager, makes new and unlikely friends and finds a new side to her formerly "dull and passive" personality.

FICTION

Shiga, Jason. Empire State: A Love Story (or Not). New York: Abrams Comicarts, 2011

Jimmy is a stereotypical geek who works at the library in Oakland, California, Sara is his best friend and she wants an apartment in Brooklyn and a publishing internship so when Sara moves to New York City, Jimmy is rattled and lonely. Then he writes her a letter expressing his feelings and asks her to meet him atop of the Empire State Building. Jason Shiga's bold visual storytelling and sly pokes at popular culture create a quirky graphic novel comedy about love and friendship in the city that never sleeps.

GRAPHIC NOVEL 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

Silver, Charlotte. The Summer Invitation. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

When Franny and Valentine are asked to spend a summer with their aunt Theodora in New York City, they unearth secrets about Aunt Theo's romantic past and have a few romantic adventures of their own.

FICTION

Slouka, Mark. Brewster. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2013.

Teenagers Jon and Ray dream of escaping from their dysfunctional and even dangerous parents in their rural New York town in this novel set in 1969. Themes of friendship and violence reflect the tensions of the Vietnam War.

2014 Alex Award

2013 SLJ Best Books Adult Books for Teens

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 077306

Smith, Jennifer E. The Geography of You and Me. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 2014.

Lucy Patterson and Owen Buckley meet on a stuck elevator during a New York City blackout. As their lives diverge, Lucy and Owen stay in touch and try to find a way to reunite.

FICTION

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

Staub, Wendy Corsi. Lily Dale: Awakening. New York: Walker, 2007.

When seventeen-year-old Calla's mother suddenly dies, she goes to stay with her psychic grandmother in Lily Dale, a spiritualist community in western New York, where she discovers some disconcerting secrets about her practical, down-to-earth mother, and realizes that she herself may also have some psychic abilities.

FICTION

Sugg, Zoe. Girl Online. New York: Keywords Press, 2014.

Under the alias GirlOnline, Penny blogs about school dramas, boys, her mad, whirlwind family--and the panic attacks she's suffered from lately. When things go from bad to worse, her family whisks her away to New York, where she meets the gorgeous, guitar-strumming Noah. Suddenly Penny is falling in love--and capturing every moment of it on her blog.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB081046

Swendson, Shanna. Rebel Mechanics: All Is Fair in Love and Revolution. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015.

In 1888 New York City, governess Verity Newton agrees to become a spy, whatever the risk, after learning that the man for whom she has feelings sympathizes with rebels developing non-magical sources of power, via steam engines, in hopes of gaining freedom from British rule.

FICTION

Swerling, Beverly. City of Dreams: A Novel of Nieuw Amsterdam and Early Manhattan. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2002

In 1661, a brother and sister stagger off a small wooden ship after eleven perilous weeks at sea to seek a new life in the Dutch settlement of Nieuw Amsterdam. Bound to each other by blood and necessity, these gifted healers become deadly enemies as betrayal and murder enter their lives. Their descendents --dedicated physicians and surgeons, pirates and whoremasters -- will shape the future of medicine and the growing city.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 064726

Audio Cassette by Audio Literature (2001)

Swett, Benjamin. New York: City of Trees. New York: The Quantuck Lane Press, 2013.

Collecting personal narratives, historical observations and color photographs, the former director of the Parks in Print program at the New York City Parks Department focuses on great trees, from all five boroughs, that have stories to tell as witnesses to the city's past.

NON-FICTION

Thoms, Annie. With Their Eyes: The View From a High School At Ground Zero. Harper Collins: 2011.

In response to September 11, the students of New York City's Stuyvesant High School, which is located just blocks from Ground Zero, staged a powerful theatrical event. Inspired by Anna Deavere Smith's interview-based monologue performances, the students talked with peers, faculty, and others in their community about personal responses to the tragedy. Based on the transcripts of those conversations, the students created the monologues that are collected here with photographs of the performers, as well as excellent introductions by Smith and Thoms, the teacher who initiated the project.

NON-FICTION

Trigiani, Adriana. The Shoemaker's Wife. New York: Harper Paperbacks, 2012.

Enza and Ciro meet at the turn of the 20th century as teens in the Italian Alps. Through unfortunate circumstances, both are forced to immigrate to America, and they find each other again in New York City. A wonderful depiction of the immigrant experience and of New York City during the early 20th Century.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074522

Audio available through Harper Audio/Audible.

Vega, Danielle. Survive the Night. New York: Razorbill, 2015.

Fresh out of rehab for oxycodone addiction, Casey and some of her friends attend an all-night rave called Survive the Night in the New York City subway, and find themselves fighting for their lives because drugs are not the only danger here--something is using the rave to attract victims, and some of them will not be coming back.

FICTION

Vlahos, Len. The Scar Boys. New York: Egmont, 2014.

Harry Jones was horribly disfigured in a childhood accident and despite years of therapy, he has never been able to move beyond his scarred appearance until he plays with The Scar Boys, a punk rock band.

2015 William C Morris Award finalist

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078957

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Weeks, Sarah. As Simple as It Seems. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2010.

Eleven-year-old Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend she meets in her small Catskill town, who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.

FICTION

Audiobook CD by Random House (2011)

Weil, Cynthia. I'm Glad I Did. New York: Soho Teen, 2015.

It's 1963 in New York City and sixteen-year-old JJ Green defies her parents by getting a summer job at the Brill Building, the musical epicenter for rock and roll. While writing music and trying to get one of her songs recorded, JJ must contend with a murder and a romance.

FICTION

Weitz, Chris. The Young World. New York: Little Brown & Co., 2014.

Jefferson, with his childhood friend Donna, leads a tribe of teenagers in New York City on a dangerous quest to find an antidote for a mysterious illness that wiped out all adults and children.

FICTION

Audio available from Hatchette Audio

Westerfeld, Scott. Afterworlds. New York: Simon Pulse, 2014.

In alternating chapters, 18-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges and both fall in love.

FICTION

Audio available from Simon & Schuster Audio

Braille Format: BR020538

Downloadable Format: DB079849

White, E.B. Here is New York. New York, Little Bookroom, 2000.

Originally published in 1948, E.B. White's stroll around Manhattan remains the quintessential love letter to the city, written by one of America's foremost literary figures. The New York Times calls this one of the ten best books ever written about New York City.

NON-FICTION

Wilson, Daniel H.. Robopocalypse: A Novel. New York: Doubleday, 2011.

Two decades into the future, humans are battling for their very survival when a powerful AI computer goes rogue, and all the machines on earth rebel against their human controllers.

2012 Alex Award

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074340

Audio CD by Random House Audio (2011)

Winn, Christopher. I Never Knew That About New York. New York: Plume, 2014.

A collection of interesting facts and trivia about New York City, with walking tours.

NON-FICTION

Audio by Audible

Wiseman, Eva. The World Outside. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2014.

Chanie Altman, an Orthodox Jew in Brooklyn, is expected to live by many rules, but she dreams of becoming an opera singer (a forbidden profession). When a tragedy disrupts the life she has always known, she has to make a choice.

FICTION

Wood, Brian, and Riccardo Burchielli. DMZ. New York: Vertigo, 2006.

DMZ presents the adventures of aspiring photojournalist Matty Roth. Roth lands his dream job following a veteran war correspondent who is covering the second American civil war, and the two journey into Manhattan, the heart of the DMZ.
GRAPHIC FICTION

Wood, Brian, and Ryan Kelly. Local. Portland, OR: Oni, 2008.

Local is a collection of twelve interconnected short stories, each featuring Megan McKeenan, a young woman who sets out from Portland, Oregon, with a rucksack and a bad case of wanderlust. This graphic novel is set in twelve real life cities, including New York.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Wood, Brian, Ryan Kelly, and Jared K Fletcher. The New York Four. New York: Minx, 2008.

Just starting her freshman year at NYU, Riley is about to find out what an adventure-- and a mystery-- living in New York City can be. The ultimate insider's guide to NYC is seen through the eyes of Brooklyn-born Riley.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Woodson, Jacqueline. After Tupac & D Foster. New York: Speak, 2010.

In 1996 in Queens, two girls become friends through the music of Tupac Shakur; the music continues to touch their lives as they deal with their families and their futures.

2009 Newbery Honor

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018562

Downloadable Format: DB 066700

Audio CD by Brilliance (2009)

Woodson, Jacqueline. Another Brooklyn. New York: Amistad/Harper Collins, 2016.

In Woodson's first book for adults, she tells the story of four girls coming of age in Brooklyn in the 1970's.

FICTION

National Book Award Finalist

Audio by Audible

Wright, Bil. Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2011.

Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate.

2012 Stonewall Book Award

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074464

Yolen, Jane. Briar Rose. Tor Books, 1992.

A deathbed promise to her grandmother takes Rebecca on a journey to discover the truth behind the woman's claim that she is Briar Rose. A chilling variation on the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale set in multiple locations, including Oswego, New York, which once served as a haven for Holocaust survivors.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 037340

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

Ziegelman, Jane. 97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement. New York: HarperCollins, 2010.

Writing about food, Ziegelman relates the stories of five immigrant families who lived at 97 Orchard between 1863 and 1935. The book includes 40 recipes. 97 Orchard currently houses the Tenement Museum in New York City.

NON-FICTION