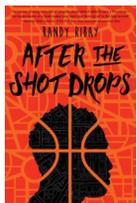


# GATEWAY READERS AWARD 2020-2021



## *After the Shot Drops*

by Randy Ribay

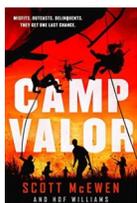
Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.



## *The Book of Essie*

by Meghan MacLean Weir

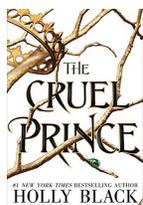
A novel of family, fame, and religion that tells the emotionally stirring, wildly captivating story of the seventeen-year-old daughter of an evangelical preacher, star of the family's hit reality show, and the secret pregnancy that threatens to blow their entire world apart.



## *Camp Valor*

by Scott McEwen

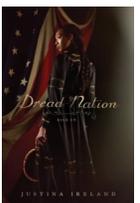
Fourteen-year-old Wyatt avoids a prison sentence by agreeing to spend three months in a secret government training camp for teenage agents, but when enemies try to root out Camp Valor's secrets, Wyatt and his friends have to put their training into practice to protect their country.



## *The Cruel Prince*

by Holly Black

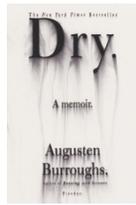
Jude, seventeen and mortal, gets tangled in palace intrigues while trying to win a place in the treacherous High Court of Faerie, where she and her sisters have lived for a decade.



## *Dread Nation*

by Justina Ireland

When families go missing in Baltimore County, Jane McKeene, who is studying to become an Attendant, finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy that has her fighting for her life against powerful enemies.



## *Dry*

by Neal Shusterman

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.



## *Flight Season*

by Marie F. Marquardt

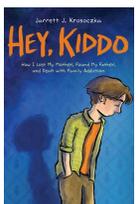
Vivi, a college student attempting to complete an internship, TJ, a nursing student, and Angel, a patient with heart disease, all find their lives intersecting at a university hospital during one summer that could change their lives forever.



## *A Heart in a Body in the World*

by Deb Caletti

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.



## *Hey, Kiddo*

by Jarrett Krosoczka

In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery -- Jarrett doesn't know where to find him, or even what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents -- two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along



## *Little White Lies*

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Eighteen-year-old Sawyer accepts her estranged grandmother's bribe to live with her for a year, participate in the debutante season and ball, and possibly meet the father she has never known.



## *Monday's Not Coming*

by Tiffany D. Jackson

When her friend Monday Charles goes missing and Monday's mother refuses to give her a straight answer, Claudia digs into her disappearance.



## *Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe*

by Preston Norton

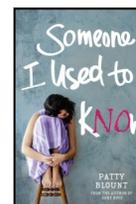
Nearly a year after his brother's suicide, sixteen-year-old Cliff Neanderthal Hubbard gets recruited to make life better at Happy Valley High by the school's quarterback, who claims he had a vision from God.



## *The Poet X*

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.



## *Someone I Used to Know*

by Patty Blount

Two years after she was raped, Ashley, now a high school junior and still struggling with everyday life, sees her family falling apart. Includes resources about sexualized violence and rape culture.



## *The Unfortunates*

by Kim Liggett

After getting away with murder, Grant Tavish plans his own form of justice, but before he can act upon it a cave system collapse traps him and four other teenagers miles below the surface, where they soon discover that they aren't alone.

# Gateway Readers

This readers' choice award for Missouri high school students was officially recognized and supported by the Missouri Association of School Librarians in 2003.

Goals of the Gateway Readers program include to encourage Missouri young adults in grades 9-12 to select and read quality literature that appeals to their needs, interests, and reading levels; to recognize and honor outstanding works in Young Adult literature; to develop a cooperative relationship among schools, libraries, and teens; and to encourage the development of school and public library services to teens.

## Recent award winners include:

2019-2020: *The Hate U Give*  
by Angie Thomas

2018-2019: *Scythe*  
by Neal Shusterman

2017-2018: *Everything, Everthing*  
by Nicola Yoon

2016-2017: *The Book of Ivy*  
by Amy Engel

# Read! Vote! Win!

**Read!** Students are eligible to vote for their favorite book if they have read at least TWO of the titles on the current nominee list.

**Vote!** In early spring, students will vote for the book they liked the best. Votes will be tallied for Glendale and then sent in to be added to the votes from other Missouri high school students. The ultimate state winner is selected from these votes.

**Win!** Students who have read three books and vote will have their name entered for a chance to win great prizes in a drawing held in the Library Media Center in the Spring of 2021.

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Because...

- Reading is the *gateway* to knowledge and lifelong learning.
- The teen years are the *gateway* to adulthood.
- Missouri was the *gateway* to the Old West.

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Gateway Readers Program  
by visiting the  
Glendale High School  
Library Media Center