

2022 ASFMS Summer Reading

RICBA Nominees

The Train of Lost Things Ammi-Joan Paquette

A magical story about a boy's love for his dying father and his journey to the mythic Train of Lost Things, where beloved lost objects are rescued and protected until they can be returned.

Into the Killing Seas Michael P. Spradlin

World War II is raging on as 12-year old Patrick and his brother Teddy hide on the USS Indianapolis in order to reunite with their parents in the Philippines. When Japanese torpedoes hit the ship, the brothers are stranded on a piece of debris without food or water in shark-infested waters.

Towers Falling Jewell Parker Rhodes

Deja doesn't know what happened to the Twin Towers or what it means to her own family. Join her and her new friends on a journey to understand her home and community.

Brave Like My Brother Marc Tyler Nobleman

Join Charlie and his brother Joe as they exchange letters during WWII. Charlie needs to confront bullies without the physical help of his deployed, hero brother. Can he do this on his own?

For Fans of *The One and Only Ivan*

The One and Only Bob Kathherine Applegate

Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.

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Click Here to Start Denis Markell

Ted loves to solve online escape rooms. The adventure begins when his dying great uncle leaves him a real-life escape room puzzle with a priceless treasure waiting to be found.

We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler Russell Freedman

An inspiring true story of a group of university students who secretly work to stop the Nazi party in WWII Germany. If a group of students could work to overthrow Hitler, what else can students accomplish?

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Once Was a Time Leila Sales

Charlotte and her friend get kidnapped by the Nazis leaving her with a split second decision when a portal opens up. She jumps into the future not knowing what happened to the life she left behind.

The Skeleton Tree Iain Lawrence

Chris and Frank, almost perfect strangers, are stranded in the Alaskan wilderness after a boating accident. Will they be able to survive without any supplies and winter quickly approaching?

Top Prospect Paul Volponi

Travis Gardner lives to play quarterback. He's been promised a place on the team and a full scholarship to Gainesville University. The fame is exciting, but the spotlight's on him and the pressure is on.

Garvey's Choice Nikki Grimes

Pressured by his father to get involved in sports and teased by his classmates for being overweight, Garvey must find the courage to pursue what he loves most: singing.

Lily and Dunkin Donna Gephart

This is the story of a transgender girl named Lily, a bipolar boy named Dunkin, and a tree named Bob. It's about finding out who you're meant to be and finding the people who will encourage you to reach for the sky, not chop you down.**

Orbiting Jupiter Gary D. Schmidt

Joseph, a father at age 13, has never seen his daughter, Jupiter. He is placed in a foster home in rural Maine where he meets 12-year-old Jack. Together, they discover the true meaning of family and sacrifice. **

Game Changer Tommy Greenwald

Teddy Youngblood gets injured and falls into a coma after football practice. Was it just an accident, or was it done on purpose? Follow along with the characters as they unravel the mystery of what really happened on that fateful day.

Fuzzy Tom Angleberger

Max never expected to befriend a robot, but that's before she meets Fuzzy. Fuzzy is a robot who is being trained to think for himself, which helps when the school is threatened by their vice principal BARBARA, a computer program gone rogue.

Rhode Island Teen Book Nominees

Boots on the Ground Elizabeth Partridge
An exploration of the Vietnam War from different perspectives including American soldiers, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee.

Children of Blood and Bone Tomi Adeyemi
Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

Dry 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 hard choices if she and her brother are to survive.

Far From the Tree Robin Benway
Three teenagers, biological siblings separated by adoption, explore the meaning of family in all its forms.

One of Us is Lying Karen M. McManus
When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.**

The Prince and the Dressmaker Jen Wang
Prince Sebastian is looking for a bride, or rather, his parents are looking for one for him. Meanwhile Sebastian is hiding his secret: at night he puts on daring dresses and takes Paris by storm as the fabulous Lady Crystallia!

Long Way Down Jason Reynolds
As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

All American Boys Brendan Kiely & Jason Reynolds
Rashad and Quinn—one black, one white, both American—face the unspeakable truth that racism and prejudice didn't die after the civil rights movement. This is a multi-faceted look at race relations in America.**

Steelheart Brandon Sanderson
At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners-- the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

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Undead Girl Gang Lily Anderson
Mila's BFF Riley and mean girls June and Dayton die under suspicious circumstances. Mila refuses to believe it was a suicide pact, so she brings the girls back to life and has 7 days to find out what happened.

Jason Reynolds Track Series

Ghost Book 1
If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Patina Book 2
A newbie to the track team, Patina must learn to rely on her teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons

Sunny Book 3
Sunny is just that—sunny. Always ready with a goofy smile and something nice to say, Sunny is the chilliest dude on the Defenders team. But his life hasn't always been so bright. Sunny is a murderer. Or at least he thinks of himself that way.

LU Book 4
Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but suddenly, there are hurdles in Lu's way—literally and not-so-literally—and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means.

Young Adult Classics

Little Women Louisa May Alcott
The close-knit March family girls—Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy—are the heroines of this family story of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, with all its joys and sorrows.

The Princess Bride William Goldman
When the vain and deceitful Prince Humperdinck commands the beautiful Buttercup to marry him, Westley, her true love, will do whatever it takes to remove her from Humperdinck's clutches.

Watership Down Richard Adams
Forced from their home by the intrusion of man, a courageous band of Berkshire rabbits face adversity, hardship, and predators as they pursue a new place called "home."

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne
Professor Pierre Aronnax and his two companions find themselves held prisoner by the peculiar Captain Nemo aboard the Nautilus, an unusual submarine.