

Sunshine

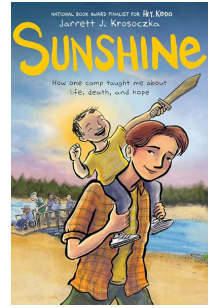
by Jarrett Krosoczka

When Jarrett was in high school, he was a counselor at a camp for ill kids and their families. Going into it, Jarrett was worried. But instead of the shadow of death, Jarrett found something else: the hope and determination that gets people through the most troubled of times.

Zhara

by S. Jae-Jones

Forbidden from practicing magic and burdened by her responsibilities, Jin Zhara's life takes an unexpected turn when she becomes involved with the Guardians of Dawn, a group dedicated to fighting a demonic plague that is corrupting magicians.



Past Winners

2024 This Golden State

2023 Punching the Air

2022 Cinderella is Dead

2021 A Curse So Dark and Lonely

2020 Refugee

2019 Restart

2018 Ghosts

2017 Everything Everything

2016 The War That Saved My Life

2015 Prisoner B-3087

2014 In a Heartbeat

2013 Divergent

2012 I Am Number Four

2011 The Maze Runner

2010 The Hunger Games

2009 Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

2008 Perfect

2007 Twilight

2006 One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies

Want to see YOUR favorite title on this list next year?

7th-8th graders only!

Send your school or public librarian the title, author, and why you think it should be nominated along with your name, grade, and town! Only books published within last year will be accepted.

You can also email yalsnhla@gmail.com

Isinglass NH Teen Book Award

2025



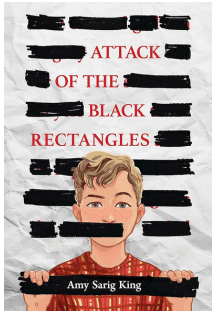
The Isinglass Award promotes teen reading by inviting teens to help select great literature.

Each year, 7th and 8th graders across NH nominate their favorite books and vote on the top 10 in April.



Attack of the Black Rectangles

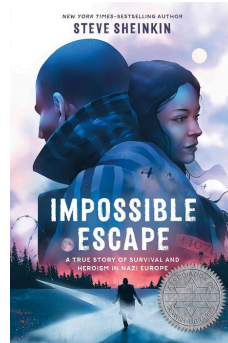
by A.S. King



When sixth-grader Mac discovers several words of his classroom copy of Jane Yolen's *The Devil's Arithmetic* are blacked out he is outraged, so he, his friends, and his eccentric family set out to do something about the censorship imposed by one teacher and the school board.

The Impossible Escape

by Steve Shenkin



Told in tandem, these gripping true stories follow Rudolph, who escaped Auschwitz, becoming the first survivors to expose Nazi concentration camps to the world, and Gerta, his high school friend who began to cave under pressure from German Nazis in Hungary.

Royal Blood

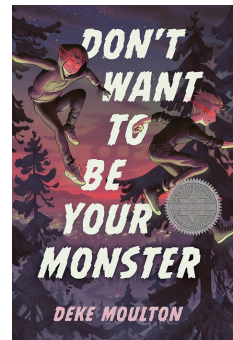
by Aimée Carter



When her identity as the illegitimate daughter of the King of England is mysteriously revealed, 17-year-old Evan Bright finds herself at the center of a murder investigation and fights to uncover the truth, revealing royal secrets that could change the monarchy forever.

Don't Want to Be Your Monster

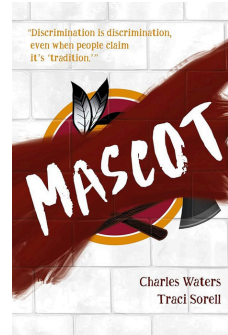
by Deke Moulton



Adam and Victor are brothers who have the usual fights over the remote, which movie to watch and whether or not it's morally acceptable to eat people. Well, not so much eat . . . just drink a little blood. They're vampires, hiding in plain sight with their eclectic yet loving family.

Mascot

by Charles Waters



In Rye, Virginia, an eighth-grade English teacher creates an assignment for her class to debate whether Rye's mascot should stay or change. Now six middle schoolers get involved in the contentious issue.

Stateless

by Elizabeth Wein



Stella North is one of twelve young pilots competing in a 1937 air race meant to promote peace in Europe, but when one of her competitors is sabotaged, Stella races to determine who is capable of murder, and who might be the next victim.

The Dos and Donuts of Love

by Adiba Jaigirdar



Competing on a televised baking competition in the hope of bringing much-needed attention to her parents' beloved donut shop, Shireen Malik finds things heating up when her fellow contestants include her ex-girlfriend and her new crush, as well as a saboteur.

The Sunbearer Trials

by Aiden Thomas



Transgender demigod Teo is unexpectedly selected for the Sunbearer Trials, a fierce competition among demigod heroes where the winner sacrifices the loser to Sol, their blood fueling the Sun Stones that protect Reino del Sol.

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