

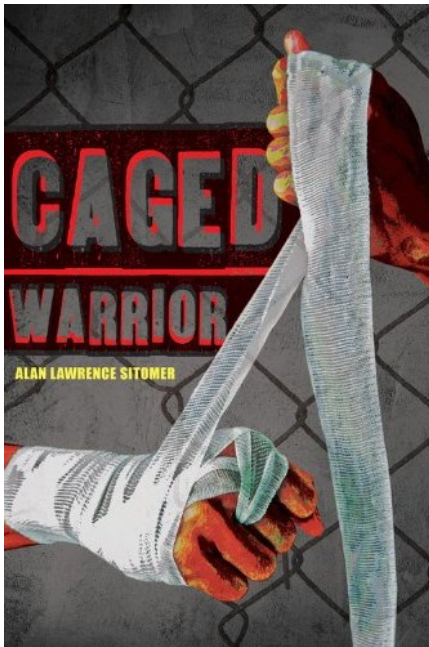
# SD YARP 2015-16 TEEN CHOICE LIST HIGH SCHOOL

## **Voting Instructions**

Students can vote online from Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> at the South Dakota State Library webpage for the SD Teen Choice books. Students give each book they read a five star rating; please make sure they fill out the entire form. Winners will be announced during National Library Week.

## Ideas for Increasing Student Participation

Interested in joining the YARP committee or have questions? Contact Kerri Smith at [kerri.smith@k12.sd.us](mailto:kerri.smith@k12.sd.us) . Copies of this document and the presentation can be found on the SDLA website or my blog at <http://teenreadingrocks.weebly.com/> . Book trailers for many of the books on the list can be found on my Pinterest page or specifically at <https://www.pinterest.com/smithker/yarp-middle-school-titles-cumulative/> .



Disney-Hyperion  
DATE: 2014  
AGE RANGE: 14-17  
ISBN: 9781423171249

## **Caged Warrior** *Sitomer, Alan Lawrence*

### **SUMMARY:**

McCutcheon Daniels' life is full of bone-cracking violence. As a star fighter in the gritty underground Mixed Martial Arts circuit in the poorest section of Detroit, McCutcheon fights under the tutelage of his volatile and violent father, not so much for himself but to survive as protector of his beloved five-year old sister, Gemma. We get to know McCutcheon as he battles opponents who are literally trying to kill him and he struggles to find a way to protect her and himself. Along the way, he decides to trust a teacher who has taken an interest in him and discovers the truth about his mother who seemingly disappeared on his thirteenth birthday.



Atheneum Books for Young Readers  
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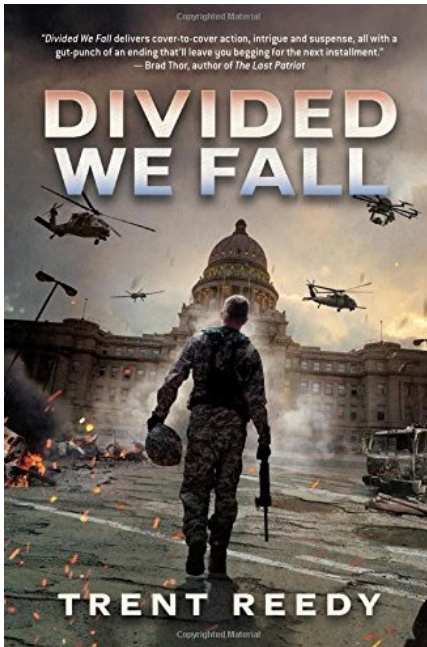
## **Call Me By My Name** *Bradley, John Ed*

### **SUMMARY:**

Growing up in Louisiana in the late 1960s, Tater Henry has experienced a lot of prejudice. His town is slow to desegregate and slower still to leave behind deep-seated prejudice.

Despite the town's sensibilities, Rodney Boulett and his twin sister Angie befriend Tater, and as their friendship grows stronger, Tater and Rodney become an unstoppable force on the football field. That is, until Rodney sees Tater and Angie growing closer, too, and Rodney's world is turned upside down. Teammates, best friends--Rodney's world is threatened by a hate he did not know was inside of him.

As the town learns to accept notions like a black quarterback, some changes may be too difficult to accept.



# Divided We Fall

*Reedy, Trent*

## SUMMARY:

Danny Wright never thought he'd be the man to bring down the United States of America. In fact, he enlisted in the Idaho National Guard because he wanted to serve his country the way his father did. When the Guard is called up on the governor's orders to police a protest in Boise, it seems like a routine crowd-control mission... but then Danny's gun misfires, spooking the other soldiers and the already fractious crowd, and by the time the smoke clears, twelve people are dead.

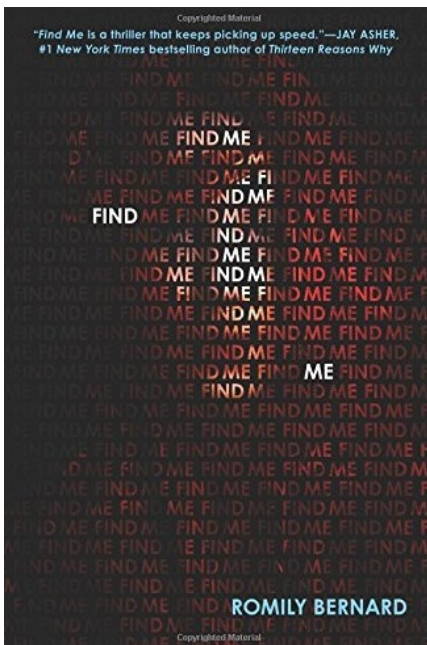
Scholastic, Inc.

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 14-17

LEXILE: HL760L

ISBN: 9780545543675



# Find Me

*Bernard, Romily*

## SUMMARY:

"Find me."--the only words written on Tessa Wayne's diary when it arrives at Wick Tate's door. When Wick gets to school and hears that Tessa's just been found dead, she knows something bad is going down. Now Wick's got a choice to make: ignore the diary and try to forge on with her sister, Lily, and their latest foster parents. Or use her computer-hacking skills to investigate Tessa's suicide. When Lily is marked as the next target, Wick knows what she has to do. Giving up is not an option when the threat hits so close to home.

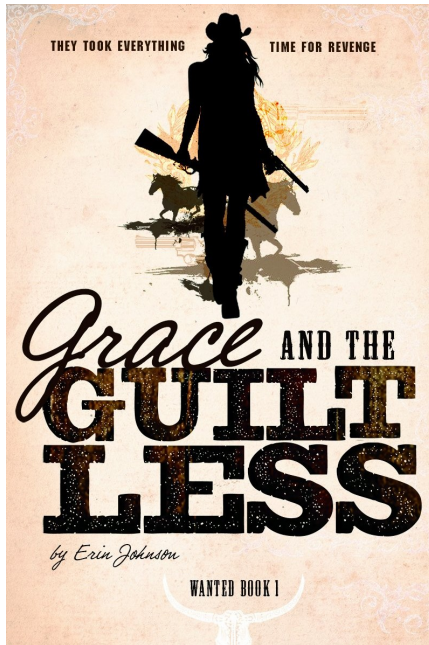
Harper Teen

DATE: 2013

AGE RANGE: 13-17

LEXILE: 600L

ISBN: 9780062229038



## Grace and the Guiltless

*Johnson, Erin*

### SUMMARY:

When Grace's parents and siblings are murdered by the Guiltless Gang for their Arizona horse ranch outside Tombstone, she vows to devote her life to revenge--but the Chiricahua she finds sanctuary with try to teach her a better way.

Capstone Press Inc.  
DATE: 2014  
AGE RANGE: 14-17  
LEXILE: 690L  
ISBN: 9781630790011



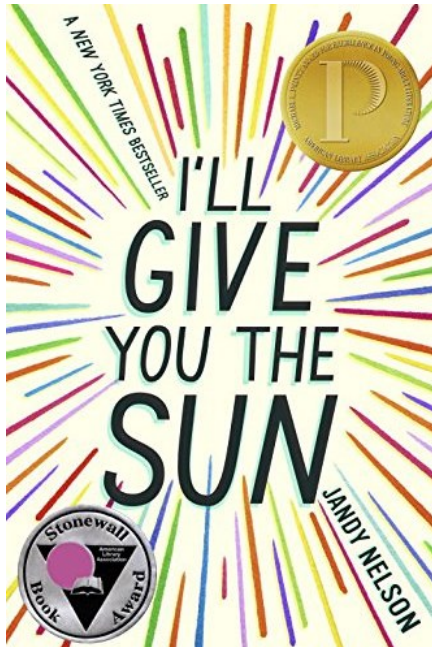
## Half Bad

*Green, Sally*

### SUMMARY:

In modern-day England, witches live alongside humans: White witches, who are good; Black witches, who are evil; and sixteen-year-old Nathan, who is both. Nathan's father is the world's most powerful and cruel Black witch, and his mother is dead. He is hunted from all sides. Trapped in a cage, beaten and handcuffed, Nathan must escape before his seventeenth birthday, at which point he will receive three gifts from his father and come into his own as a witch--or else he will die. But how can Nathan find his father when his every action is tracked, when there is no one safe to trust--not even family, not even the girl he loves?

Penguin Young Readers  
Group  
DATE: 2014  
AGE RANGE: 12-17  
LEXILE: HL680L  
ISBN: 9780670016785



## **I'll Give You the Sun** *Nelson, Jandy*

### **SUMMARY:**

Jude and her twin brother, Noah, are incredibly close. At thirteen, isolated Noah draws constantly and is falling in love with the charismatic boy next door, while daredevil Jude cliff-dives and wears red-red lipstick and does the talking for both of them. But three years later, Jude and Noah are barely speaking. Something has happened to wreck the twins in different and dramatic ways . . . until Jude meets a cocky, broken, beautiful boy, as well as someone else--an even more unpredictable new force in her life. The early years are Noah's story to tell. The later years are Jude's. What the twins don't realize is that they each have only half the story, and if they could just find their way back to one another, they'd have a chance to remake their world.

*Winner of the 2015 Michael L. Printz Award*

*2015 Stonewall Children's & Young Adult Literature Honor Book*

Penguin Young Readers  
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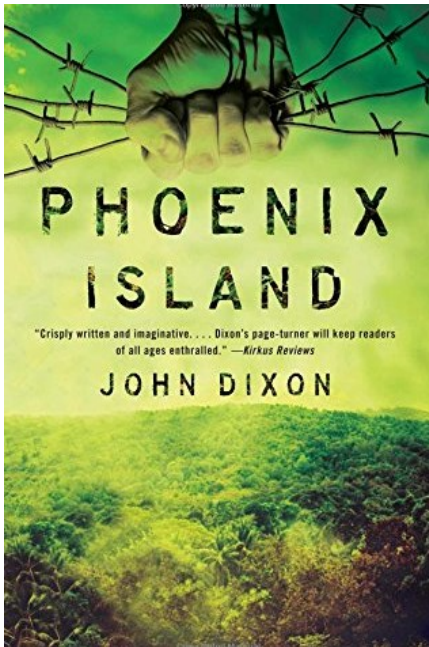
## **Killer of Enemies** *Bruchac, Joseph*

### **SUMMARY:**

Years ago, seventeen-year-old Apache hunter Lozen and her family lived in a world of haves and have-nots. There were the Ones--people so augmented with technology and genetic enhancements that they were barely human--and there was everyone else who served them. Then the Cloud came, and everything changed. Tech stopped working. The world plunged back into a new steam age. The Ones' pets--genetically engineered monsters--turned on them and are now loose on the world. Lozen was not one of the lucky ones pre-C, but fate has given her a unique set of survival skills and magical abilities. She hunts monsters for the Ones who survived the apocalyptic events of the Cloud, which ensures the safety of her kidnapped family. But with every monster she takes down, Lozen's powers grow, and she connects those powers to an ancient legend of her people. It soon becomes clear to Lozen that she is not just a hired gun. As the legendary Killer of Enemies was in the ancient days of the Apache people, Lozen is meant to be a more than a hunter. Lozen is meant to be a hero.

*2014 American Indian Youth Literature - Young Adult Award Winner*

Lee & Low Books  
DATE: 2013  
AGE RANGE: 14-17  
LEXILE: 860L  
ISBN: 9781620141434



## Phoenix Island

*Dixon, John*

### SUMMARY:

When a tough sixteen-year-old boxing champ sentenced to an isolated boot camp discovers it is actually a mercenary training facility turning "throwaway children" into scientifically enhanced killers, he risks everything to save his friends and stop a madman bent on global destruction.

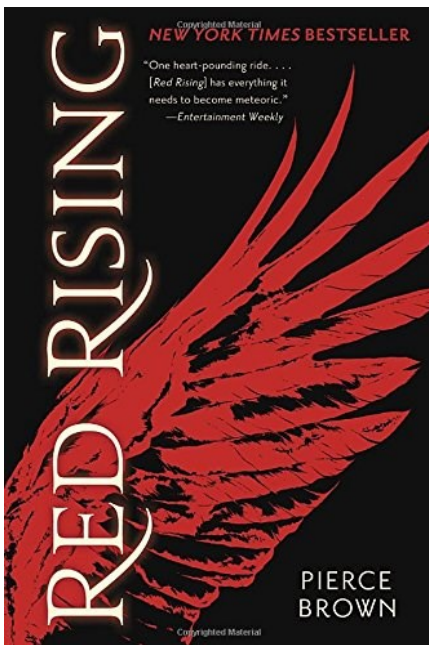
*2014 Bram Stoker Award Winner for Superior Achievement in a Young Adult Novel*

Gallery Books

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 14 & up

ISBN: 9781476738635



## Red Rising

*Brown, Pierce*

### SUMMARY:

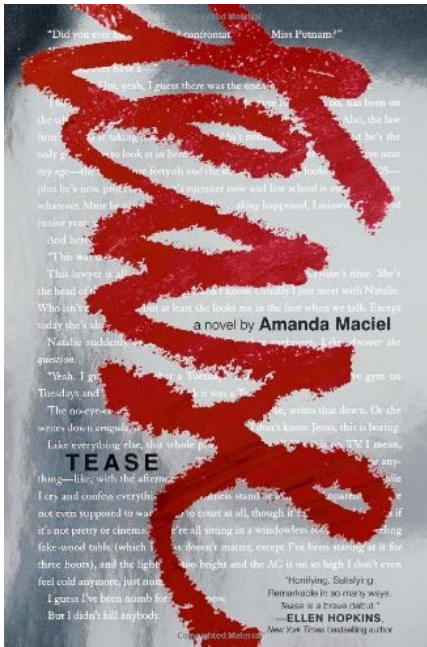
A tale set in a bleak future society torn by class divisions follows the experiences of secret revolutionary Darrow, who after witnessing his wife's execution by an oppressive government joins a revolutionary cell and attempts to infiltrate an elite military academy.

Random House Publishing  
Group

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 14 & up

ISBN: 9780345539786



## Tease Maciel, Amanda

### SUMMARY:

Emma Putnam is dead, and it's all Sara Wharton's fault. At least, that's what everyone seems to think. Sara, along with her best friend and three other classmates, has been criminally charged for the bullying and harassment that led to Emma's shocking suicide. Now Sara is the one who's ostracized, already guilty according to her peers, the community, and the media. In the summer before her senior year, in between meetings with lawyers and a court-recommended therapist, Sara is forced to reflect on the events that brought her to this moment--and ultimately consider her own role in an undeniable tragedy. And she'll have to find a way to move forward, even when it feels like her own life is over.

HarperCollins Publishers

DATE: 2014

AGE RANGE: 14-17

LEXILE: HL810L

ISBN: 9780062305305



## What I Thought Was True Fitzpatrick, Huntley

### SUMMARY:

Gwen Castle's Biggest Mistake Ever, Cassidy Somers, is slumming it as a yard boy on her idyllic Nantucket-esque island this summer. He's a rich kid from across the bridge in Stony Bay, and she hails from a family of fishermen and housecleaners who keep the island's summer people happy. Gwen worries a life of cleaning houses will be her fate too, but just when it looks like she'll never escape her past--or the island--Gwen's dad gives her some shocking advice. Sparks fly and secret histories unspool as Gwen spends a gorgeous, restless summer struggling to resolve what she thought was true--about the place she lives, the people she loves, and even herself--with what really is.

Penguin Young Readers  
Group

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AGE RANGE: 14-17

ISBN: 9780803739093