

2024 YALSA's Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults

YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee presents fiction titles published for young adults in the past 16 months that are recommended reading for ages 12 to 18. YALSA--The Young Adults Library Services Association--is a division of the American Library Association. Some titles may be available in e-formats. Check the catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.



Boulley, Angeline

Warrior Girl Unearthed

YA Boulley Gr. 9 and up

Perry Firekeeper-Birch finds herself embroiled in a plot to steal the remains of her tribal ancestors before they are turned over to a university museum or sold to private collectors.



Brooks, Nick

Promise Boys

YA Brooks

Gr. 9 and up

J.B., Ramón, and Trey are students at the prestigious and strict Urban Promise Prep School when their principal is murdered and the three become the prime suspects.



Caletti, Deb

Plan A

YA Caletti

Gr. 10 and up

Ivy and her boyfriend Lorenzo embark on a cross-country road trip from Texas to Oregon so Ivy can legally choose to end an unintended pregnancy. Along the journey, Ivy finds support through many surprisingly encouraging encounters in this story with a sweetly developed romance, healing, and hope.



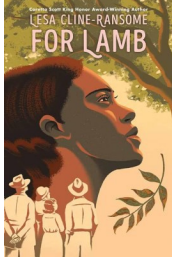
Clay, Dan

Becoming a Queen

YA Clay

Gr. 8 and up

Mark Davis wore a pretty dress and his boyfriend broke up with him. Now Mark is on his road to a new romance and self-acceptance when tragedy strikes, and he must figure out who he wants to be in order to move on.



Cline-Ransome, Lesa

For Lamb

YA Cline-Ransome

Gr. 10 and up

Lamb's forbidden friendship with a white girl in 1940s Mississippi has devastating consequences for her and her family.



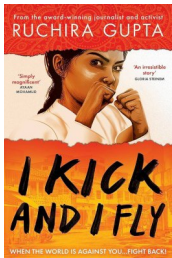
Cole, Olivia

Dear Medusa

YA Cole

Gr. 9 and up

After being sexually abused by a popular teacher at her school Alicia feels cut off from the world around her, until one day, she gets a note from another survivor.



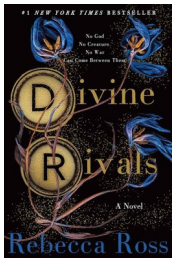
Gupta, Ruchira

I Kick and I Fly

YA Gupta

Gr. 7 and up

Heera is a girl, told since she was little, that she is destined for a life of prostitution. She is invited into a hostel for endangered girls and is given the chance to learn kung fu and, in the process, learn about how strong she really is.



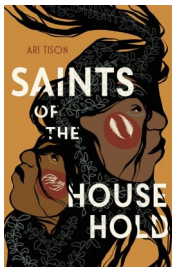
Ross, Rebecca

Divine Rivals

YA Ross

Gr. 10 and up

As the war between the gods creeps closer to the city, Iris and Roman fiercely compete to become the new newspaper columnist for the prestigious Oath Gazette. Their lives become further entwined and complicated thanks to the magical letters they unknowingly write to each other.



Tison, Ari

Saints of the Household

YA Tison

Gr. 9 and up

Max and Jay are brothers who have relied on each for everything including protecting their mother from an abusive father. After a violent altercation with a classmate, they begin a journey of healing through an exploration of their Bribri American identity as well as looking outward to others for help.



Wellington, Joelle

Their Vicious Games

YA Wellington

Gr. 9 and up

Adina struggles after losing her admission to Yale and her potential gleaming future. When the elite Remingtons invite her to participate in the Finish, she has an opportunity to gain it all back and then some. Yet, the price of the competition might be more than she bargained for.

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