

**2014 Printz Award Winner  
Midwinterblood  
by Marcus Sedgwick**

Doomed love circles back through the centuries in a series of seven intricately plotted, interlocking stories set on a mysterious, isolated island. Forgetting and remembering, blessed and cursed, modern and ancient, these dualities brilliantly infuse the novel's lush landscape.

Young Adult Fiction Sedgwick



## About the Printz Award

The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association. The award is sponsored by Booklist, a publication of the American Library Association.

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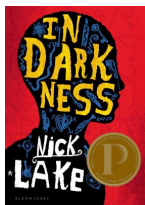
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# Printz Award Winners



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Suggested Reading for Young Adults



**2013 Winner: In Darkness**

**Lake, Nick**

Fifteen-year-old Shorty awakens beneath the ruins of a crumbled hospital in Haiti, where his weakening mind begins flashing back through his own violent history, the loss of his twin sister, and his mystical connection to

Toussaint Louverture, the nineteenth-century revolutionary who helped liberate his country.

Available as an ebook via [sjrlc.lib.overdrive.com](http://sjrlc.lib.overdrive.com) or request through interlibrary loan



**2012 Winner:**

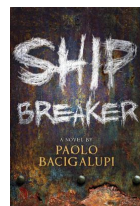
**Where Things Come Back**

**Whaley, John Corey**

Witty, sardonic Cullen Witter agonizes over the disappearance of his beloved brother, Gabriel, while everyone else in his stiflingly dull Arkansas town thrills to the apparent return of a long-extinct

woodpecker. Kidnapping, bromance, arcane religious texts, and ornithology collide in this ground-breaking coming-of-age tale.

Young Adult Fiction Whaley



**2011 Winner: Ship Breaker**

**Bacigalupi, Paolo**

In *Ship Breaker*, near a drowned New Orleans ravaged by hurricanes and global warming, Nailor and his young crew eke out a meager existence by scavenging materials on the ship-littered coast.

Young Adult Fiction Bacigalupi



**2010 Winner: Going Bovine**

**Bray, Libba**

In *Going Bovine*, Cameron, a sixteen-year-old slacker, sets off on a madcap road trip along with a punk angel, a dwarf sidekick, a yard gnome and a mad scientist to save the world and perhaps his own life.

Young Adult Fiction Bray



**2009 Winner: Jellicoe Road**

**Marchetta, Melina**

Haunted by the past, Taylor Markham reluctantly leads the students of the Jellicoe School in their secret territory wars against the Townies and the Cadets. Marchetta's lyrical writing evokes the Australian landscape in a suspenseful

tale of raw emotion, romance, humor and tragedy. Young Adult Fiction Marchetta



**2008 Winner: The White Darkness**

**McCaughrean, Geraldine**

Fourteen-year-old Symone's exciting vacation to Antarctica turns into a desperate struggle for survival when her uncle's obsessive quest leads them across the frozen wilderness into danger. Young Adult Fiction McCaughrean



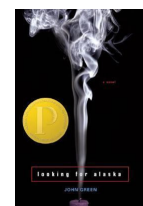
**2007 Winner:**

**American Born Chinese**

**Yang, Gene Luen**

Yang draws from American pop culture and ancient Chinese mythology in his groundbreaking work. Expertly told in words and pictures, Yang's story in three parts follows a Chinese American teenager's struggle to define himself against racial stereotypes.

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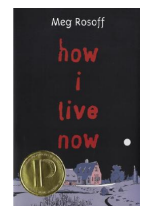


**2006 Winner: Looking for Alaska**

**Green, John**

Tired of his boring existence, 16-year-old Miles "Pudge" Halter heads off to seek his Great Perhaps at an Alabama boarding school, where new-found freedom, guilty pleasures and an enigmatic girl named Alaska hurl him into life.

Young Adult Fiction Green



**2005 Winner: how i live now**

**Rosoff, Meg**

Set during a shocking occupation by terrorist forces, Rosoff's novel is narrated by 15-year-old Daisy, a wry and alienated young woman who finds true love, mystical connections, and a sense of home with her cousins in England.

Request through interlibrary loan



**2004 Winner: The First Part Last**

**Johnson, Angela**

the realities of fatherhood come slowly but surely to 16-year-old Bobby after the birth of his daughter, Feather. Told in alternating chapters, Johnson's story reveals the love Bobby and his girlfriend Nia shared then, as well as

the growing affection Bobby feels now for his daughter.

Young Adult Fiction Johnson

**2003 Winner: Postcards from No Man's Land Chambers, Aidan**

Chambers' novel is a passionate narrative about 17-year-old Jacob, who comes to Amsterdam to find the grave of his grandfather who died there during World War II. He meets Geertrui, the Dutch woman who cared for his wounded grandfather. Her teenage World War II story is interwoven with Jacob's surprising discoveries about love, sex, family secrets and his own identity. Request through interlibrary loan

**2002 Winner: A Step from Heaven**

**Na, An**

Tells the tale of Young Ju as she grows from a toddler in Korea to a high-school graduate in California desperately trying to be a 'true' American while her immigrant parents try to make her stay close to her Korean heritage.

Request through interlibrary loan

**2001 Winner: Kit's Wilderness**

**Almond, David**

In lyrical fashion, Kit's story melds the darkness of the past with bright hope for the future. Request through interlibrary loan



**2000 Winner: Monster**

**Myers, Walter Dean**

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script.

Young Adult Fiction Myers



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