

## Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2018-2019

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Alexander, Kwame	<i>Solo</i>	HarperCollins
Anderson, Natalie C.	<i>City of Saints and Thieves</i>	Putnam
Benway, Robin	<i>Far from the Tree</i>	HarperTeen
Colbert, Brandy	<i>Little &amp; Lion</i>	Little, Brown
Crowley, Cath	<i>Words in Deep Blue</i>	Knopf
Elliott, David	<i>Bull</i>	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Graudin, Ryan	<i>Invictus</i>	Little, Brown
Grey, Claudia	<i>Defy the Stars</i>	Little, Brown
Henson, S. F.	<i>Devils Within</i>	Sky Pony
Kaplan, A. E.	<i>Grendel's Guide to Love and War</i>	Knopf
Lyga, Barry	<i>Bang</i>	Little, Brown
Sedgwick, Marcus	<i>Saint Death</i>	Roaring Brook
Slater, Dashka	<i>The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives</i>	Farrar, Straus & Giroux
Watson, Renee	<i>Piecing Me Together</i>	Bloomsbury
Younge-Ullman, Danielle	<i>Everything Beautiful is Not Ruined</i>	Viking

## MASTER LIST OF ANNOTATIONS

*These books, to be read during the 2018-2019 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be given in 2019. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and public libraries in the spring so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of teens in grades 9-12, and include both adult and young adult books. All books on the list were first published in 2017.*

Alexander, Kwame. ***Solo***. HarperCollins, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0310761839.

Blade is the rich and famous son of a rich and famous- but washed-up- rock star dad. He would rather be anywhere else, since he doesn't feel like he belongs in a family now known for drugs, violence, and media scandal. When a long-hidden secret comes to light, Blade seeks answers in Ghana and finds truth in the music.

Anderson, Natalie C. ***City of Saints and Thieves***. Putnam, 2017. \$18.99. ISBN: 978-0399547584.

Tina (aka Tiny Girl) and her friends try to figure out who murdered her mother in this mystery set in a fictional Kenyan city. You'll be rooting for Tina as she navigates through the world of illegal arms trading and encounters refugees escaping the conflict in Congo.

Benway, Robin. ***Far from the Tree***. HarperTeen, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062330628.

Grace has always known she's adopted and loves her family fiercely, but when she puts her own baby up for adoption, suddenly knowing her bio family is more important than ever. Younger bio sister Maya and older bio brother Joaquin enter Grace's life with their own family secrets and join her in the search to find their mother. Each sibling grapples with their own family demons while learning to come together as a team in this beautiful and heart-warming story.

Colbert, Brandy. ***Little & Lion***. Little, Brown, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0316349000.

Suzette is home in LA from her fancy boarding school in New England and she can't be happier. She missed this: friends, family, and her brother Lion. However, things back home aren't as she remembers them and Suzette has some new secrets of her own to grapple with while trying to fit back in.

Crowley, Cath. ***Words in Deep Blue***. Knopf, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1101937648.

Rachel and Henry share a past and a bookstore. Before Rachel moved away, she and Henry were best friends. Now, she's back, working in the bookstore, grieving for her brother Cal, and looking for her future. A perfect romance for book lovers.

Elliott, David. ***Bull***. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0544610606.

How much do we really know about Poseidon, the Minotaur, and Pasiphae? Each character regales readers with their version of the fated mythical event of King Minos and his twisted labyrinth. Perfect for fans of Percy Jackson, poetry, or just plain drama!

Graudin, Ryan. ***Invictus***. Little, Brown, 2017. \$18.99. ISBN: 978-0316503075.

After failing his final time-traveling exam, Far McCarthy takes a position commanding a ship with a crew of his friends as part of a black-market operation to steal valuables from the past. But when they make a big discovery about the universe, they'll have to figure out how far they're willing to travel to save themselves and the world.

Grey, Claudia. ***Defy the Stars***. Little, Brown, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0316394031.

Naomi is a soldier, and her mission is protecting her planet from the environmental disaster that Earth will wreak if it takes control. Abel is the most advanced machine ever built, abandoned for years in space. They are enemies, but when fate forces them together, they begin to question everything they've been taught. Are they willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to end the interstellar war?

Henson, S. F. ***Devils Within***. Sky Pony, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1510714564.

Nate escaped from a white supremacist group after killing the group's leader- who also happened to be his father. Now he's in hiding and living with his secretive uncle. Can he learn how to live without hating someone for the color of their skin?

Kaplan, A. E. ***Grendel's Guide to Love and War***. Knopf, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0399555541.

Tom Grendel has a neighbor problem. Rex Rothgar- brother of his one true love, Willow- is ruining his life. Tom's best friend, Ed Park, keeps him just a little bit sane as they retaliate against Rex. It's all-out war and to the victor goes...well, maybe nothing good. This is not the *Beowulf* you've read in school.

Lyga, Barry. ***Bang***. Little, Brown, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0316315500.

At the age of four, Sebastian Cody accidentally shot and killed his infant sister with his father's gun. Ten years later, with the pain of the past pressing down, Sebastian thinks he knows a way out. Can friendship and YouTube save him?

Sedgwick, Marcus. ***Saint Death***. Roaring Brook, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1626725492.

On the US-Mexico border, Arturo has learned to live invisible to stay safe. Old friend Faustino has not. Cartels, high stakes Calavera, desperate situations and little help from Saint Death herself convene to take the two boys on a deadly ride across the borders between towns, family, and life itself.

Slater, Dashka. ***The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0374303235.

Sasha and Richard have one thing in common: they both ride the 57 bus every day. If not for the bus and their chance circumstances, the violent crime may never have been committed. This is their true story.

Watson, Renee. ***Piecing Me Together***. Bloomsbury, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1681191058.

Jade is set on moving out of her poor neighborhood and experiencing the wider world by, as her mother says, "taking advantage of opportunities" that present themselves. But when she's passed over for an international trip despite her hard work, and the

school counselor recommends she join a group for teen girls and mentors, Jade laments the unfairness of being labeled poor, black, and in need of a specific kind of saving.

Younge-Ullman, Danielle. *Everything Beautiful is Not Ruined*. Viking, 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0-425-28759-0.

Ingrid used to live a glamorous life traveling the world with her opera singer mother- until her mother loses her voice. As Ingrid's life spirals out of control, she agrees to attend a wilderness survival camp for at-risk teens if it'll just make everyone else happy. Mosquitos, weird rules, and horrible survival skills can't possibly change her life as she longs for music above all else.

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