

Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2014-2015

This is the tenth year of the Green Mountain Book Award, a reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont School Library Association, this program is designed to introduce to high school students some excellent books for their pleasure reading.

These books, to be read during the 2014-2015 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be made in 2015. 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 2011-2013.

Black, Holly. *The Coldest Girl in Coldtown*. Little, 2014. \$10.00. ISBN 978-0316213097 (pap.); Little, 2013. \$19.00. ISBN 978-0316213103.

When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

Cline, Ernest. *Ready Player One*. Broadway, 2012. \$14.00. ISBN 978-0307887443 (pap.); Crown, 2011. \$25.00. ISBN 978-0307887436.

In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS, but when Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator James Halliday he finds he must compete with thousands of others--including those willing to commit murder--in order to claim a prize of massive fortune.

Cronn-Mills, Kirstin. *Beautiful Music for Ugly Children*. Flux, 2012. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0738732510 (pap.).

Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents--all while trying to come out as transgendered. An audition for a station in Minneapolis looks like his ticket to a better life in the big city. But his entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out Gabe, the popular DJ, is also Elizabeth from school.

- Harden, Blaine. *Escape from Camp 14: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West*. Penguin, 2013. \$15.00. ISBN 978-0143122913 (pap.); Viking, 2012. \$26.95. ISBN 978-0670023325.
Chronicles the life of Dong-hyuk Shin, who was raised in a political prison camp in North Korea, and describes the inhuman conditions inside, his harrowing escape from the camp and the country, and his efforts to raise awareness of the camps to others.
- Kraus, Daniel. *Rotters*. Ember, 2012. \$10.99. ISBN 978-0385738583 (pap.); Delacorte, 2011. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0385738576.
Sixteen-year-old Joey's life takes a very strange turn when his mother's tragic death forces him to move from Chicago to rural Iowa with the father he has never known who is the town pariah.
- LaFevers, Robin. *Grave Mercy*. Houghton, 2013. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0544022492 (pap.); Houghton, 2012. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0-547-62834-9.
Seventeen-year-old Ismae avoids an arranged marriage by making a place for herself at the convent of St. Martin, where she learns of her unique gifts and must determine whether she will be trained as an assassin and serve as a handmaiden to Death.
- Levithan, David. *Every Day*. Ember, 2013. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0307931894 (pap.); Knopf, 2012. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0307931887.
Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until A wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.
- Martinez, A. Lee. *Emperor Mollusk versus The Sinister Brain*. Orbit, 2013. \$13.99. ISBN 978-0316093538 (pap.); Orbit, 2012. \$19.99. ISBN 978-0316093521.
Emperor Mollusk, ex-warlord of Earth, comes out of retirement to save the planet from the sinister brain's control.
- McNeil, Gretchen. *Ten*. Balzer + Bray, 2013. \$9.99. ISBN 978-0062118790 (pap.); Balzer + Bray, 2012. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0062118783.
Ten teens head to a house party at a remote island mansion off the Washington coast only for them to be picked off by a killer one by one.
- Mignola, Mike. *Joe Golem and the Drowning City*. St. Martin's, 2013. \$17.99. ISBN 978-1250020826 (pap.); St. Martin's, 2012. \$25.99. ISBN 9780312644734.
In the Drowning City (what Lower Manhattan became after earthquakes and a rising sea level left most of it submerged underwater) fourteen-year-old Molly McHugh's employer, the psychic medium Felix Orlov, is abducted after a séance goes wrong, and Molly befriends Simon Hodge, a Victorian detective who's kept himself alive with magic and steampunk mechanics, and his sidekick, the mysterious Joe Golem.

Padian, Maria. *Out of Nowhere*. Knopf, 2013. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0375865800.
Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.

Rowell, Rainbow. *Eleanor & Park*. Orion, 2013. \$13.00. ISBN 978-1409120544 (pap.); St. Martin's, 2013. \$18.99. ISBN 978-1250012579.
Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

Salerni, Dianne K. *The Caged Graves*. Houghton, 2014. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0544336223 (pap.); Clarion, 2013. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0547868530.
Returning to her hometown of Catawissa, Pennsylvania, in 1867 to marry a man she has never met, seventeen-year-old Verity Boone gets caught up in the mystery surrounding the graves of her mother and aunt and a dangerous hunt for Revolutionary-era gold.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. *Blink and Caution*. Candlewick, 2012. \$8.99. ISBN 978-0763656973 (pap.).
Blink, hoping to steal some breakfast, is forced to go on the run after stumbling upon the fake kidnapping of a CEO and recovering the man's cell phone, and he meets up with Caution, a girl trying to ditch her drug-dealing boyfriend, who identifies Blink as a mark until he tugs at her heart strings.

Yancey, Rick. *The 5th Wave*. Putnam, 2013. \$18.99. ISBN 978-0399162411.
Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

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