**Louisiana Teen Readers’ Choice 2019 Annotated Nominated List**

***(For students to read in 2018)***

1. **Aging Out** by Alton Carter, illustrated by Tim Jessell

What happens to foster children once they turn 18? How does a teen break the cycle of poverty and violence? In this autobiography, Carter details his experience aging out of the foster care system and his road to healing.

No AR yet. [autobiography, coming of age, poverty, family issues, homelessness, social science, overcoming circumstances]

The RoadRunner Press, 2016, 207 pp. Hardcover: 9781937054281, $18.93

Paperback: 9781937054298, $14.98

1. **The Female of the Species** by Mindy McGinnis

Alex Craft had a sister she loved until a neighbor sexually assaulted, murdered, and buried that sister in a shallow grave. Now Alex is a killer. She has taken her revenge, but her anger is not yet extinguished. She knows she can never be trusted among regular people and that, with the right provocation, she will kill again.

IL: UG - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 11.0 - AR Quiz No. 184502 [female protagonist, mystery/thriller, sexual abuse, law & crime, **on** **nine best of year book lists**]

Katherine Tegen Books HarperCollins, 2016, 352 pp. Hardcover: 9780062320896, $17.99

Paperback (9/17): 9780062320902, $9.99

1. **Heartless** by Marissa Meyer

In this prequel to *Alice in Wonderland*, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester. (Provided by publisher)

IL: UG - BL: 5.6 - AR Pts: 20.0 - AR Quiz No. 185639. [**SLJ Starred Review, NYT bestseller**, characters in literature, Queen of Hearts from *Alice in Wonderland*, sword and sorcery, fantasy]

Feiwel & Friends, 2016, 464 pp. Hardcover: 9781250044655, $19.99

Paperback (Square Fish, 1/18): 9781250148186, $10.99

eBook available

1. **Highly Illogical Behavior** by John Corey Whaley

Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that--and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.

IL: UG - BL: 4.4 - AR Pts: 8.0 - AR Quiz No. 181890 [realistic fiction, friendship, agoraphobia, panic attacks, mental illness, alternating narration, LGBT interest, college essay, **SLJ starred review**]

Penguin, 2016, 256 pp. Hardcover: 9780525428183, $17.99

Paperback (Speak): 9780147515209, $10.99

1. **Riders (Book 1)** by Veronica Rossi

After regaining consciousness from a seemingly fatal accident, eighteen-year-old U.S. Army Ranger Gideon Blake discovers that he is War, one the legendary Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and together with Conquest, Famine, and Death, must save humanity from an ancient evil. (Provided by publisher)

IL: UG - BL: 4.3 - AR Pts: 15.0 - AR Quiz No. 184261. [Army, Commando troops, Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Angels, Demonology, Supernatural, adventure & adventurers, some romance, fantasy]

Tor Teen, 2016, 368 pp. Hardcover: 9780765382542, $17.99

Paperback: 9780765382559, $9.99

eBook available

1. **Scythe: Arc of a Scythe (Book 1)** by Neal Shusterman

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't. (Provided by publisher)

IL: UG - BL: 6.5 - AR Pts: 17.0. - AR Quiz No. 186662 [sci-fi, action, told in alternating perspectives, death, **2017 Printz Honor book**]

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2016, 448 pp. Hardcover: 9781442472426, $17.99

Paperback (11/17): 9781442472433, $11.99

eBook available

1. **The Serpent King** by Jeff Zentner

The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school in rural Forrestville, Tennessee, without letting the small-town culture destroy their creative spirits and sense of self. (Provided by publisher)

IL: UG - BL: 4.4 - AR Pts: 11.0 - AR Quiz No. 184866 [realistic fiction, friendship, life after high school, Southern fiction, country life, **2017 Morris Award Recipient, on over ten best of year lists**]

Random House, 2016, 384 pp. Hardcover: 9780553524024, $17.99

Paperback (Ember): 9780553524055, $9.97

eBook available

1. **The Sun Is Also a Star** by Nicola Yoon

Two teens--Daniel, the son of Korean shopkeepers, and Natasha, whose family is here illegally from Jamaica--cross paths in New York City on an eventful day in their lives--Daniel is on his way to an interview with a Yale alum, Natasha is meeting with a lawyer to try and prevent her family's deportation to Jamaica--and fall in love. (Provided by publisher)

IL: UG - BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 10.0 - AR Quiz No. 185630 [alternating viewpoints, male and female protagonists, love, fate and fatalism, Korean Americans, Jamaican Americans, illegal aliens, deportation, emigration and immigration, New York, **2017 Printz Honor Book, six starred reviews**]

Delacorte Press, 2016, 384 pp. Hardcover: 9780553496680, $18.99

eBook available

1. **This Is Our Story** by Ashley Elston

When a hunting accident claims a boy's life, his four best friends all come under suspicion. Kate Marino’s after school job in this district attorney’s office gives her the inside scoop to the case rocking her small town.

IL: UG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 12.0 - AR Quiz No. 187852 [male and female protagonists, Louisiana author, Louisiana setting, mystery thriller, law and crime]

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, 320pp. Hardcover: 9781484730898, $17.99

Paperback (10/17): $9.99

1. **Three Dark Crowns (Book 1)** by Kendare Blake

On the night of their sixteenth birthday, a set of triplet sisters, each born a queen with her own unique magical power, must fight each other to the death with the last queen standing getting the crown. (Provided by publisher)

IL: UG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 13.0 AR Quiz No. 18481 [sisters, triplets, magic, contests, inheritance, kings and queens, fantasy, **New York Times Bestseller, New York Public Library Best Book of 2016, Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2016, Kirkus Best Book of the Year**]

HarperTeen, 2016, 416 pp. Hardcover: 9780062385437, $17.99

Paperback (12/17): 9780062385444, $10.99