

2021 MYRCA Sundog Nominees

All titles have the interest level indicated.



Camp Average by Craig Battle

Owlkids 2019 • ISBN: 9781771473057 • Grade 4 +

11-year-old Mack and his friends love going to Camp Avalon (nicknamed Camp Average) every summer, and don't care that they always lose at sports. But when a new camp director who loves to win tries to change that Mack and his buddies face a new challenge. They'll have to do anything and everything not to win in order to defeat the camp director at his own game.

Dog Driven by Terry Lynn-Johnson

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company 2019 • ISBN: 9781328551597 • Grade 5 +

14-year-old McKenna loves the feeling of gliding along behind her team of eight sled dogs. But she has a secret: she is losing her sight. When her little sister asks her to enter a 3-day sled dog race across dangerous terrain McKenna must make a big decision – reveal her secret or hit the trail, blind.

Ember and the Ice Dragon by Heather Fawcett

Balzer + Bray 2019 • ISBN: 9780062854513 • Grade 5 +

Life in London has become too dangerous for dragon-accidentally-turned-human, Ember St. George. Her adoptive father's solution is to send Ember to Antarctica to visit his sister Myra. During the visit, Ember discovers that ice dragons are being hunted for their jeweled scales. Ember decides she must go undercover to sabotage the hunt.

Mya's Strategy to Save the World by Tanya Lloyd Kyi

Puffin Canada 2019 • ISBN: 9780735265257 • Grade 4 +

12-year-old Mya leads the social justice club at school. When she grows up she's going to work for the United Nations and save the world. She also desperately wants a cell phone, but her parents keep saying no. When Mya's efforts to prove that she's responsible enough to have a cell phone gets in the way of saving the world she needs to make some hard choices.

No Girls Allowed by Natalie Corbett Sampson

Nimbus Publishing 2019 • ISBN: 9781771087773 • Grade 4 +

In 1977, the Nova Scotia Hockey rules stated only boys could play on boys' teams. But what if you are a girl and you want to play more than anything? 10-year-old Tina is willing to fight for the right to play hockey, but not everyone in town agrees with her.

Pickles vs. Zombies by Angela Misri

Cormorant Books 2019 • ISBN: 9781770865587 • Grade 4 +

Pickles, a calico housecat, is looking for her "pet" Connor, a two-year-old human. The problem is that Pickles doesn't know where Connor is...and there is a zombie apocalypse going on...and she's never left the house, EVER! With the help of some friends, Pickles sets out on the adventure of a lifetime. Will she find enough courage to save her beloved "pet" and keep herself and her new friends safe?

The Case of Windy Lake by Michael Hutchinson

Second Story Press 2019 • ISBN: 9781772600858 • Grade 4 +

Cousins Sam, Atim, Otter, and Chickadee are known as the Mighty Muskrats in the Windy Lake First Nations community. They do everything together – including solving mysteries. When a visiting archeologist goes missing, the kids are determined to crack the case. In the process the four sleuths discover more obstacles than they could have ever imagined.

The Girl from the Southern Sea by Michelle Kadarusman

Pajama Press 2019 • ISBN: 9781772780819 • Grade 5 +

14-year-old Nia longs to be a writer, but she must care for her younger brother while her father foolishly spends the earnings from their small family business. An accident brings a stroke of luck, but Nia finds that her future is being decided for her. Inspired by the stories of a mythical Javanese princess, Nia seeks the courage to decide her own fate.

The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane by Julia Nobel

Sourcebooks Jabberwocky 2019 • ISBN: 9781492664642 • Grade 4 +

12-year-old Emmy has no idea why her mother sent her to Wellsworth, a prestigious English boarding school, far from her home in Canada. Soon after she arrives, Emmy starts to investigate the mysterious connection between her father's disappearance, a secret society and the strange school itself. Can Emmy solve the clues before it's too late?

Wings of Olympus by Kallie George

HarperCollins 2019 • ISBN: 9780062741523 • Grade 4 +

Once every hundred years, the gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus come to earth to choose riders for their winged horse race. Pippa, a poor orphan who has spent her life working in stables is chosen to ride Zephyr, an undersized steed. Will she rise to the challenge and win the race across the sky? Or will she lose and be separated from Zephyr forever?

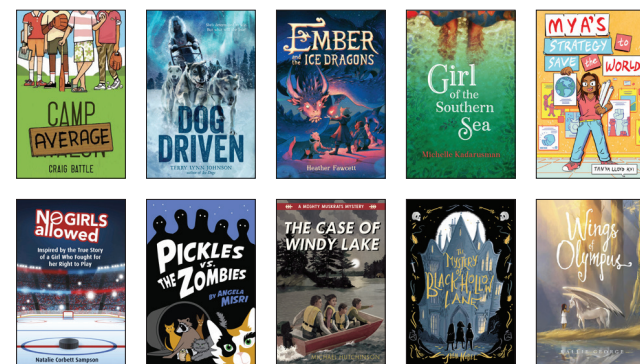
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2021 MYRCA Northern Lights Nominees

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Crown of Feathers by Nicki Pau Preto
Simon Pulse 2019 • ISBN: 9781534424623 • Grade 7 +

Veronyka and her sister Val are barely surviving after the war that killed their parents. Before the war the Phoenix Riders ruled the skies, and the sisters are determined to use their magic to bring back a phoenix and become Riders themselves. But when the hatchling bonds to Veronyka, Val betrays her and Veronyka must find a way to do it alone.

In the Key of Nira Ghani by Natasha Deen
Running Kids Press 2019 • ISBN: 9780762465477 • Grade 7 +

It isn't easy to be the only Guyanese girl in school. All Nira wants to do is immerse herself in music, but her parents don't think music is the right path for her. After Nira auditions for a jazz band at school she discovers that sometimes life doesn't work out the way you hope it will, but that there are always other paths available to take.

Songs from the Deep by Kelly Powell
Margaret K. McElderry Books 2019 • ISBN: 9781534438071
• Grade 7 +

For generations the Islanders have hated and feared the sirens, creatures that live in the sea and lure humans to their death. When a dead body is found on the beach everyone assumes that the sirens killed him. But Moira disagrees. She doesn't believe that the sirens committed the crime and she's determined to find the truth, no matter what the cost.

Spin by Colleen Nelson
Dundurn Press 2019 • ISBN: 9781459744967 • Grade 7 +

What if your mother was a celebrity who abandoned you at birth? Fifteen-year-old Dizzy lives above her father's record store, goes to school, spins records, and tries to get her start in the music industry. Dizzy, her dad and her brother have a tight-knit family. But will everything change when the superstar schedules a concert in their city?

The Big Dig by Lisa Harrington
Nimbus Publishing 2019 • ISBN: 9781771087544 • Grade 7 +

After 14-year-old Lucy's mother passes away she is sent to her great-aunt Josie's for the summer. Lonely and bored, she meets Colin who is digging a hole in his backyard and Kit who loves to dress up as Princess Leia. With the help of her new friends, Lucy decides to dig through some of the family secrets and discover why her mother and aunt never spoke to each other.

The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster by Cary Fagan
Tundra Books 2019 • ISBN: 9780735266216 • Grade 7 +

Hartley Staples' life is falling apart. His brother has run away, his best friend won't speak to him, and he can't think of an idea for his middle school final project. Gretchen Oyster's life is troubled, too, and the only way she's able to connect with others is through her handmade post cards. Once they meet, their worlds will never be the same.

The Ghost Collector by Allison Mills
Annick Press 2019 • ISBN: 978781773212968 • Grade 6 +

Shelly loves using the gift she shares with her Kokum. They have the ability to catch ghosts in their hair and help them to pass on from this world. But after Shelly's mom dies, things change. Shelly starts holding on to the ghosts, in hopes that she can connect with her mother's spirit.

The Magpie's Library by Kate Blair
Cormorant 2019 • ISBN: 9781770865549 • Grade 6 +

13-year-old Silva's world is falling apart. Alzheimer's has stolen her grandfather from her, so she seeks refuge at the library. After following a magpie into a secret room, Silva discovers books that are like nothing she's ever read before. But there's a high price to pay every time she visits. Silva must somehow save herself and others who have fallen under the magpie's spell before it's too late.

The Starlight Claim by Tim Wynne-Jones
Candlewick Press 2019 • ISBN: 9781536202649 • Grade 7 +

It's been four months since 16-year-old Nate's friend Dodge died in a mysterious boating accident. Nate needs some answers, so he heads to the site of the accident, his family's remote cabin in the wilderness. There's a blizzard on the way and some unexpected surprises. Nate must somehow survive the elements, stay safe, and just maybe find some closure and grieve the loss of his friend.

The Stone Rainbow by Liane Shaw
Second Story Press 2019 • ISBN: 9781772601084 • Grade 8 +

17 year old Jack is trying to figure out how to be himself in his small town where diversity isn't the "norm". He has come out to his mom and she is struggling to accept the news. When a new student arrives at school, Jack's feelings get even more complicated. Jack needs to lean on his circle of friends and family to find some inner peace and change the mentality of his town.

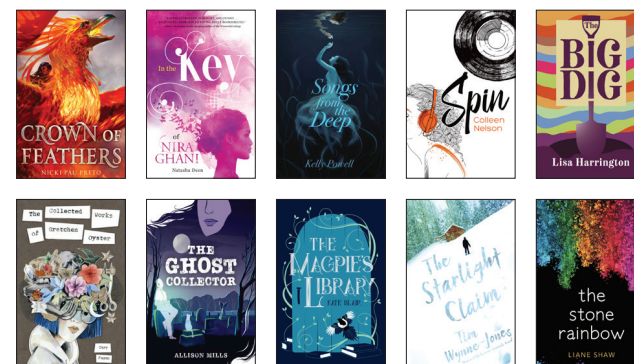
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