

*The Black-Eyed Susan Committee of the Maryland Association of School Librarians  
is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 nominees.  
As always, please be sure that these books fit the needs of your school and community.*

### Picture Book

**Avocado Asks** by Momoko Abe  
**Crossings** by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by Mile Orodan  
**Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It)** by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman  
**Except Antarctica** by Todd Sturgell  
**I am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story** by Martha Brockenbrough with Grace Lin, illustrated by Julia Kuo  
**Norman Didn't Do It! : (Yes, he did.)** by Ryan T. Higgins  
**The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story** by Tina Cho, illustrated by Jess X. Snow  
**Outside, Inside** by LeUyen Pham  
**R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul** by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison  
**A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story** by Sharon Langley and Amy Nathan, illustrated by Floyd Cooper  
**Sincerely, Emerson: A Girl, Her Letter, and the Helpers All Around Us** by Emerson Weber, illustrated by Jaclyn Sinquett  
**Someone Builds the Dream** by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Loren Long  
**Twenty-one Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** by Jeff Gottesfeld, illustrated by Mark Tavares  
**A Walk in the Words** by Hudson Talbott  
**What's in Your Pocket? : Collecting Nature's Treasures** by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga

### Grades 4-6

**The Beatryce Prophecy** by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Sophie Blackall  
**Black Brother, Black Brother** by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
**The Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Q. Rauf  
**The Canyon's Edge** by Dusti Bowling  
**Efren Divided** by Ernesto Cisneros  
**The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm  
**Red, White, and Whole** by Rajani LaRocca  
**Unplugged** by Gordon Korman  
**Willodeen** by Katherine Applegate  
**Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero** by Saadia Faruqi

### Graphic Novels: Grades 4-6

**Allergic** by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter  
**Anti/Hero** by Kate Karyus Quinn and Demitira Lunetta, illustrated by Maca Gil  
**Chunky** by Yehudi Mercado  
**City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm** by Jaimal Yogis, illustrated by Vivian Truong  
**The Deep & Dark Blue** by Niki Smith  
**Just Roll with It** by Lee Durfey-Lavoie, illustrated by Veronica Agarwal  
**Measuring Up** by Lily LaMotte, illustrated by Ann Xu  
**Miles Morales: Shock Waves** by Justin A. Reynolds, illustrated by Pablo Leon  
**Snapdragon** by Kat Leyh  
**The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story** by Jay Hosler, illustrated by Hilary Sycamore

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### **Grades 6-9**

**The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School** by Kristin Mahoney

**The Brave** by James Bird

**Fallout** by Steve Sheinkin

**Glitch** by Laura Martin

**Hide and Seeker** by Daka Hermon

**Just Like That** by Gary D. Schmidt

**Ophie's Ghosts** by Justina Ireland

**The Shape of Thunder** by Jasmine Warga

**Starfish** by Lisa Fipps

**Summer of Brave** by Amy Noelle Parks

### **Graphic Novels: Grades 6-9**

**Artie and the Wolf Moon** by Olivia Stephens

**The Ghoul Next Door** by Cullen Bunn, illustrated by Cat Farris

**Huda F are You?** By Huda Fahmy

**The Legend of Auntie Po** by Shing Yin Khor

**Lifetime Passes** by Terry Blas, illustrated by Claudia Aguirre

**Living with Viola** by Rosena Fung

**Salt Magic** by Hope Larson, illustrated by Rebecca Mock

**Shark Summer** by Ira Marcks

**The Underfoot: The Mighty Deep** by Ben Fisher and Emily S. Whitten, illustrated by Michelle Nguyen

**Ye** by Guilherme Petreca

### **High School**

**Blackout** by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon

**Firekeeper's Daughter** by Angeline Boulley

**The Girls I've Been** by Tess Sharpe

**The Inheritance Games** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

**Last Girls** by Demetra Brodsky

**Legendborn** by Tracy Deonn

**Long Way Down: the graphic novel** by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Danica Novgorodoff

**Pumpkin** by Julie Murphy

**Raybearer** by Jordan Ifueko

**White Smoke** by Tiffany D. Jackson