

2021 FINALISTS | ages 12-18

Best Book Creator Digital Presence

- · Nic Stone, creator of Dear Justyce (Random House Children's Books) Tw @getnicced; IG @nicstone
- · Adam Silvera, creator of Infinity Son (HarperCollins Children's Books) Tw & IG @AdamSilvera
- Leigh Bardugo, creator of The Lives of Saints (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group) Tw & IG @LBardugo
- Maggie Tokuda-Hall, creator of The Mermaid, the Witch and the Sea (Candlewick Press)
 Tw @emteehall; IG @maggietokudahall
- Sabaa Tahir, creator of A Sky Beyond the Storm (Penguin Young Readers) and A Thief Among the Trees: An Ember in the Ashes Graphic Novel (BOOM! Studios) Tw & IG @sabaatahir
- Traci Chee, creator of We Are Not Free (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BYR) Tw @tracichee; IG @tracicheeauthor

Best Fantasy World Builder

- Suzanne Collins, author of The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes. A Hunger Games Novel (Scholastic)
- · Cassandra Clare, author of Chain of Gold (Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers)
- F.C. Yee, author of Avatar, The Last Airbender: The Shadow of Kyoshi (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- Sabaa Tahir, author of A Sky Beyond the Storm (Penguin Young Readers)
- Helena Dahlgren, author of Soul Riders: Jorvik Calling (Andrews McMeel Universal)
- Melissa de la Cruz, author of The Queen's Assassin (Penguin Young Readers)

Favorite Book Cover

- All Boys Aren't Blue, by George M. Johnson (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)
 cover illus. by Charly Palmer, design & lettering by Cassie Gonzales
- Camper Girl, by Glenn Erick Miller (Regal House Publishing / Fitzroy Books) cover by C.B. Royal
- Fangs, by Sarah Anderson (Andrews McMeel Universal) cover by Sarah Anderson
- Felix Ever After, by Kacen Callender (HarperCollins Children's Books) cover art by Alex Cabal, design by Chris Kwon
- Legendborn, by Tracy Deonn (Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers) cover illustration by Hillary Wilson
- What if...? A Poppenohna Land Adventure, by Carrie Turley (Lawley Publishing) cover by Lara Law

Favorite True Story

- The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person, by Frederick Joseph (Candlewick Press)
- Blood and Germs: The Civil War Battle Against Wounds & Disease, by Gail Jarrow (Boyds Mills & Kane / Astra)
- Finish the Fight!, by Veronica Chambers and The Staff of The New York Times (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BYR)
- No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History, by Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V. Dawson, and Jeanette Bradley; illus. Jeanette Bradley (Charlesbridge)
- This Is Your Time, by Ruby Bridges (Random House Children's Books)
- We Had to Be Brave: Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport, by Deborah Hopkinson (Scholastic)

Best Book of the Year: Teen

- Dragon Hoops, by Gene Luen Yang; illus. Gene Luen Yang (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)
- Everything Sad Is Untrue (A True Story), by Daniel Nayeri (Levine Querido)
- Raybearer, by Jordan Ifueko (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh, by Candace Fleming (Random House Children's Books)
- Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism, and You, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- We Are Not Free, by Traci Chee (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BYR)

