

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Florida Teens Read program is to encourage Florida teens to read enjoyable, quality literature that will stimulate imagination, awaken curiosity, expand horizons, enhance verbal fluency, and foster critical thinking and a lifelong love for reading and learning.

Guidelines

Books nominated for the Florida Teens Read Award will be chosen to:

- * Engage high school students.
- * Reflects interests of high school students
- * Represents a variety of genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic and cultural perspectives
- * Include both books written for young people and those written for adults.

Ten to fifteen books will be nominated per year.

Books may be fiction or non-fiction and must be available in English.

The copyright of the books will be within the last three years.

Titles will be appropriate for grades 9-12.

Media specialists, teachers, teens, and FAME members are eligible to nominate titles.

It is understood that all books on the list may not appeal to all teen readers; however, books selected for the list will be of interest to a general young audience and will deal with relevant issues and topics of interest in the lives of teenagers.

Students will be encouraged to read all of the books on the list of nominations, but it is recommended that students will have read three books to be eligible to vote. Listening to a title will be considered having read it.

Eligibility for voting will be determined on the honor system.



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Disclaimer

This program is designed to entice teens to read. In order to engage their interest and to provide a spur to critical thinking, the book selections include those that involve sensitive issues. The content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have encountered. Please recognize that this is a voluntary reading program. Not every book selected will suit every student. In a democratic society, a variety of ideas must find voice. As a reader, teens have a choice to read the more mature titles or to close the book.

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AWARD NOMINEES



After

by Amy Efav

Devon is a straight-A student and a soccer star; but when she is linked to a newborn baby abandoned in a dumpster and arrested for attempted murder, she denies she was even pregnant.

Brutal

by Michael Harmon

When Poe Holly's doctor mother goes off to save the world, Poe is sent to live with the dad she's never met. In the small California town, rebellious, L.A.-born, punk rocker Poe must fight against a high school system that allows special treatment for elite students and bullying of those who are different.

Candor

by Pam Bachorz

Candor, Fla., is perfect only because music containing subliminal messages keeps everyone from thinking on their own; but Oscar Banks has found a way to counterprogram the messages and risks helping new, rich kids escape from town. So, when beautiful, free-spirited Nia moves in, will she become like everyone else, or can Oscar save her?

The Compound

by S.A. Bodeen

Eli's billionaire father built an underground compound in case of nuclear war. He and his family, minus his twin brother and grandmother, managed to escape to the compound after receiving word of a nuclear strike. Now, 6 years later, locked inside with supplies mysteriously running out and other facts just not adding up, Eli begins to question his father's sanity and their ability to survive.

Graceling

by Kristin Cashore

In the Seven Kingdoms, Gracelings have special skills. Katsa's is a gift for killing, which her uncle, the king, exploits for his own purposes. Secretly, she has formed the Council to use her skills to right wrongs in the kingdom. While on a Council mission, she meets Po, also a Graceling and a prince from a neighboring kingdom, and together they go on a dangerous quest involving secrets, greed, and kidnapping.

If I Stay

by Gayle Forman

Mia and her family are in a car accident that kills her parents and brother and leaves her in a coma. Using flashbacks and out of body experiences to describe what is currently happening, Mia considers all sides to her decision to live or die.

King of the Screwups

by K.L. Going

Popular, handsome Liam can never seem to please his CEO father, who kicks him out just before his senior year when he screws up again. His mom arranges for him to live with his gay, rocker uncle. In his new school he decides to be nerdy in hopes of getting back in his dad's good graces. However, his charismatic personality won't stay hidden, and he's encouraged to be himself; but will he ever gain his father's approval?

Last Thing I Remember

by Andrew Klavan

When Charlie West wakes up in a torture chamber, the last thing he remembers is a typical high school day a year ago. He manages to escape, only to discover that both the police and a group of terrorists are chasing him.

No Choirboy

by Susan Kuklin

Five inmates in American prisons, who were sentenced to death as teenagers recount their experiences in prison. Their thoughts about how they ended up there are thought provoking.

North of Beautiful

by Justina Chen Headley

Artistic Terra, who is beautiful except for a large port-wine birthmark on her cheek, goes against her verbally abusive father's wishes and attempts one more surgery to remove it. In the process, she meets Jacob, an Asian Goth boy with a cleft lip, who helps her discover the true meaning of beauty and self-worth while on a trip to China

Purple Heart

by Patricia McCormick

Private Duffy, awarded a Purple Heart, wakes up in an army hospital in Iraq, but a shadowy memory of shooting a child keeps him from feeling like a hero. As he goes back to combat, he tries to put the pieces together.

Reality Check

by Peter Abrahams

Cody is a working-class boy with dreams of a college football scholarship. When a knee injury destroys his college dreams and he drops out of school, his girlfriend's father sends her across the country to an exclusive boarding school to get her away from him. But, when Clea disappears, Cody goes to join the search for her and gets mixed up in a dangerous mystery.

The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez

by Alan Lawrence Sitomer

Sonia is the daughter of illegal Mexican immigrants and wants to be the first in her family to graduate from high school. Her goal is difficult because she is expected to cook, clean, and take care of younger siblings. When she rebels, she is sent to Mexico to learn about her heritage. She returns with renewed determination despite her family's lack of support, opposition to a Latin boyfriend, and a drunken uncle's advances. Will she succeed?

Shiver

by Maggie Stiefvater

Grace has spent years watching the wolves in the woods behind her house; but when the golden-eyed wolf appears on her doorstep in human form, her life suddenly changes.

Willow

by Julia Hoban

A year ago on a rainy night, Willow drove home because her parents had too much to drink at dinner. She lost control, and both her parents died. Now, she lives with her married brother, who barely talks to her. To release all the pain and guilt she feels, she privately cuts herself.