Acevedo transforms everyday language into transcendent imagery in this novel-in-verse about Xiomara, who struggles to come into her own power amid her restrictive upbringing. Over the course of these lyrical, expressive, and honest poems, she grows from speaking with her fists to embracing her identity as the Poet X.
The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

**2019**

**THE POET X**

Elizabeth Acevedo  
WSC Exam YA Fiction  YA Fic Lac372p

**2018**

**WE ARE OKAY**

Nina LaCour  
WSC Exam YA Fiction  YA Fic L1198w

California native Marin, devastated by grief and questioning her reality, plans to spend her winter break in an empty dorm in upstate New York. But now her best friend, Mabel, is on her way to visit, and Marin must confront the loneliness that is threatening to take over her heart.

**2017**

**MARCH: BOOK THREE**

John Lewis, Andrew Aydin & Nate Powell  
WSC Popular Reading –Graphic Novel  
323.4092 L587Xag3

This graphic novel is the conclusion of the March trilogy, a gripping autobiographical account of Congressman John Lewis's experiences during the Civil Rights Movement. It follows Lewis's involvement with the Mississippi Freedom Summer and the March on Selma, concluding with a call to action for today's youth.

**2016**

**BONE GAP**

Laura Ruby  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic R827bg

Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town favorite Roza, but his inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation, and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying.

**2015**

**I'LL GIVE YOU THE SUN**

Jandy Nelson  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic N3344i

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points of view, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

**2014**

**MIDWINTERBLOOD**

Marcus Sedgwick  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic Se28m

Doomed love circles back through the centuries in a series of seven intricately plotted, interlocking stories set on a mysterious, isolated island. Forgetting and remembering, blessed and cursed, modern and ancient, these dualities brilliantly infuse the novel's lush landscape.

**2013**

**IN DARKNESS**

Nick Lake  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic L1485d

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, fifteen-year-old Shorty, a poor gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life of violence, his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L’Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in the 1804.

**2012**

**WHERE THINGS COME BACK**

John Corey Whaley  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic W553w

Seventeen-year-old Callen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance.

**2011**

**SHIP BREAKER**

Paolo Bacigalupi  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic B125s

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

**2010**

**GOING BOVINE**

Libba Bray  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic B739g

In an attempt to find a cure after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen-year-old boy, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital.

**2009**

**JELLI COE ROAD**

Melinda Marchetta  
WSC Juvenile  j M3323j

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

**2008**

**THE WHITE DARKNESS**

Geraldine McCaughrean  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic M128w

Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone—a troubled fourteen-year-old—disCOVERs that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth.

**2007**

**AMERICAN BORN CHINESE**

Gene Luen Yang  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic Y16a

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.

**2006**

**LOOKING FOR ALASKA**

John Green  
WSC Young Adult  YA Fic G823L

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

**2018 HONOR BOOKS**

**Damsel**

by Elana K. Arnold  
WSC Exam YA Fiction  YA Fic Ar645d

Anna has no memory of what comes before she wakes in Prince Emory's arms, but she's no ordinary damsel in distress. Using the language of classic fairy tales to shatter familiar tropes, Arnold asks readers to confront the ways systemic violence against women pervades cultural touchstones.

**A Heart in a Body in the World**

by Deb Caletti

Struggling with PTSD in the wake of a terrifying tragedy, Annabelle decides to run across the country in a physically demanding journey that mirrors the circuitous path of her emotional recovery. Caletti insightfully explores trauma, loss, and guilt while illuminating the damaging expectations our culture places on teenage girls.

**I, Claudia**

by Mary McCoy

In this political thriller set in a privileged high school, underestimated and unreliable narrator Claudia chronicles her rise to power. Sharp, biting humor pervades McCoy's novel about vicious high school students embroiled in an explosive struggle for control.