



Louisiana Young Readers' Choice (LYRC) Awards Program 2021-2022 Nominated Titles

Grades 3-5:

- *Because of the Rabbit* written by Cynthia Lord (Scholastic)
- *Carter Reads the Newspaper* written by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Don Tate (Peachtree Publishing)
- *The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons* written by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *The Friendship War* written by Andrew Clements (Penguin Random House)
- *Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary* written by Vicki Conrad, illustrated by David Hohn (Penguin Random House)
- *Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet* written by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Teresa Martínez (Penguin Random House)
- *Martin and Anne: The Kindred Spirits of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Anne Frank* by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Yevgenia Nayberg (Lerner Publishing)
- *Max and the Midnighters* written and illustrated by Lincoln Peirce (Penguin Random House)
- *Operation Frog Effect* written by Sarah Scheerger (Penguin Random House)
- *The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden* written by Heather Smith, illustrated by Rachel Wada (Orca Book Publishers)
- *Spark* written by Sarah Beth Durst (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *Stargazing* written and illustrated by Jen Wang (Macmillan)
- *Stay* written by Bobbie Pyron (HarperCollins)
- *Titan and the Wild Boars: The True Cave Rescue of the Thai Soccer Team* written by Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran, illustrated by Dow Phumiruk (HarperCollins)
- *Tito the Bonecrusher* written by Melissa Thomson (Macmillan)

Grades 6-8:

- *All the Greys on Greene Street* written Laura Tucker (Penguin Random House)
- *The Dark Lord Clementine* written by Sarah Jean Horwitz (Algonquin Books)
- *Genesis Begins Again* written by Alicia D. Williams (Simon & Schuster)
- *Maybe He Just Likes You* written by Barbara Dee (Simon & Schuster)
- *New Kid* written and illustrated by Jerry Craft (HarperCollins)
- *The Next Great Paulie Fink* written by Ali Benjamin (Hachette)

- *The Okay Witch* written and illustrated by Emma Steinkellner (Simon & Schuster)
- *Other Words for Home* written by Jasmine Warga (HarperCollins)
- *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* written by Dan Gemeinhart (Macmillan)
- *Storm Blown* written by Nick Courage (Penguin Random House)
- *The Strangers* written by Margaret Peterson Haddix (HarperCollins)
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* written by Kwame Mbalia (Disney)

Grades 9-12 (Teen):

- *The Downstairs Girl* written by Stacey Lee (Penguin Random House)
- *Hot Dog Girl* written by Jennifer Dugan (Penguin Random House)
- *Ordinary Hazards* written by Nikki Grimes (Penguin Random House)
- *Patron Saints of Nothing* written by Randy Ribay (Penguin Random House)
- *SLAY* written by Brittney Morris (Simon & Schuster)
- *Sorcery of Thorns* written by Margaret Rogerson (Simon & Schuster)
- *They Called Us Enemy* written by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott; illustrated by Harmony Becker (IDW Publishing)
- *Two Can Keep a Secret* written by Karen M. McManus (Penguin Random House)
- *With the Fire on High* written by Elizabeth Acevedo (HarperCollins)
- *XL* written by Scott Brown (Penguin Random House)

For more information about the program including previous winners, how to participate, and additional resources such as free bookmarks, posters, and study guides, please visit the [Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Program website](#).