

MICHAEL L. PRINTZ AWARD

Kit's Wilderness

David Almond

TEEN FICTION Alm

TEEN PAPERBACK Alm

Thirteen year old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stoneygate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past. Winner of the 2001 Printz Award.

Postcards from No Man's Land

Aidan Chambers

TEEN FICTION Cha

Seventeen-year old Jacob is visiting Amsterdam to find the grave of his grandfather. While he's there he meets Geertrui, the Dutch woman who cared for and fell in love with his grandfather when he was wounded during the Second World War. Told in alternating narratives between Jacob's and Geertrui's stories, this book shows that many lives can be changed by a past that is gone but not forgotten. Winner of the 2003 Printz Award.

A Northern Light

Jennifer Donnelly

TEEN FICTION Don

It is 1906, and sixteen-year old Mattie is determined to attend college and become a writer despite the fact that her father has forbidden it, and her boyfriend is willing to marry her to ensure she stays near him. Desperate for freedom, Mattie takes a summer job at a hotel where she discovers the truth about the sudden death of a guest. Based on a true story. A 2004 Printz Honor Book.

Keesha's House

Helen Frost

TEEN FICTION Fro

The stories of seven teenagers, forced to leave home for various reasons, are told in poetry form as they each find a safe place to continue their lives at Keesha's House. A 2004 Printz Honor Book.

Hole in My Life

Jack Gantos

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Before Jack Gantos became an author he was a drug user, then a drug smuggler, then a convict in a medium-security prison. This is a memoir, both harrowing and hilarious, about a huge mistake and how the author was able to turn his life around. A 2003 Printz Honor Book.

Fat Kid Rules the World

K. L. Going

TEEN FICTION Goi

Troy is seventeen, weighs 300 pounds, and is contemplating suicide when he meets Curt McCrae, a homeless teenage guitar-god genius who decides Troy is just the drummer he needs for his new band. But between Curt's drug use and Troy's acute stage fright, it will be a miracle if this band can get off the ground. A 2004 Printz Honor Book.

Looking For Alaska

John Green

TEEN FICTION Gre

Sixteen-year old Miles "Pudge" Halter, whose hobby is memorizing famous people's last words, chucks his boring existence in Florida to go and seek his "Great Perhaps" at an Alabama boarding school. The 2005 Printz Award.

The First Part Last

Angela Johnson

TEEN FICTION Joh

Bobby is sixteen, and is terrified to be raising his baby daughter, Feather, on his own. At the same time, he is totally devoted to taking care of her, even when she keeps him up all night and he's not at all sure now how he will be able to go to college, or when. In alternating chapters he tells the story of caring for his baby daughter and that of his girlfriend Nia's pregnancy, and how he came to be a single parent. Winner of the 2004 Printz Award.

Black Juice

Margo Lanagan

TEEN FICTION Lan

Ten short stories that explore significant moments in people's lives provide glimpses into the dark side of civilization and the beauty of the human spirit.

The Earth, My Butt and Other Big, Round Things

Carolyn Mackler

TEEN FICTION Mac

Virginia has always felt like an outcast in her own family. While her parents and siblings are dark-haired, thin, academic superstars, Virginia is blond, round and average. But when her 'perfect' brother is accused of date rape while at college, Virginia must deal with her disillusionment and find strength to accept herself for who she is. A 2004 Printz Honor Book.

Monster

Walter Dean Myers

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TEEN PAPERBACK Mye

Steve Harmon, 16, is accused of serving as a lookout for a robbery of a Harlem drugstore. The owner was shot and killed, and now Steve is in prison awaiting trial for murder. From there, he tells about his case and his incarceration. Winner of the 2000 Printz Award.

A Step from Heaven

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TEEN FICTION Na

Young Ju is only four when her family emigrates to America from Korea. Since their journey is by plane, Young Ju decides that America is Heaven, but her uncle quickly tells her it is 'a step from Heaven'. As Young Ju must adapt to American customs while at the same time battling her parents who don't want her to become 'too American', she learns just how steep a step it is. Winner of the 2002 Printz Award.

How I Live Now

Meg Rosoff

TEEN FICTION Ros

Daisy, fifteen and anorexic, has been sent to England to stay with her aunt and cousins because she can't get along with her soon-to-be stepmother. While she's there, war breaks out unexpectedly and her aunt is stranded in Norway, leaving Daisy and her cousins to fend for

themselves. As their world becomes increasingly strange and chaotic, Daisy finds herself falling in love with her cousin Edmond, and when the two are separated she must call on unknown reserves of strength in order to survive and find him again. Winner of the 2005 Printz Award.

Stuck in Neutral

Terry Trueman

TEEN FICTION Tru

What if you were trapped in a body you couldn't control, unable to walk, feed yourself, or even speak? This is exactly what fourteen-year old Shawn McDaniel's life is like, as he was born with cerebral palsy. Shawn loves his life though, and becomes very afraid when he suspects his father is going to kill him, since he wrongly thinks it would be an act of kindness. But how can Shawn let his father know about his rich inner life when he can't communicate? A 2001 Printz Honor Book.

I Am the Messenger

Markus Zusak

TEEN FICTION Zus

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help. A 2005 Printz Honour Book.



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