

## Green Mountain Book Award Master List 2019-2020

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Acevedo, Elizabeth	<i>The Poet X</i>	HarperTeen
Adeyemi, Tomi	<i>Children of Blood and Bone</i>	Henry Holt
Gardner, Whitney	<i>Chaotic Good</i>	Knopf
Henry, Katie	<i>Heretics Anonymous</i>	Katherine Tegen
Ireland, Justina	<i>Dread Nation</i>	Balzer + Bray
Lucier, Makiia	<i>Isle of Blood and Stone</i>	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
McEwen, Scott & Hof Williams	<i>Camp Valor</i>	St. Martin's Griffin
Murphy, Julie	<i>Puddin'</i>	Balzer + Bray
Norton, Preston	<i>Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe</i>	Disney-Hyperion
Nwaubani, Adaobi Tricia	<i>Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree</i>	Katherine Tegen
Partridge, Elizabeth	<i>Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam</i>	Viking
Ribay, Randy	<i>After the Shot Drops</i>	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Tucholke, April Genevieve	<i>The Boneless Mercies</i>	Farrar, Straus, and Giroux
Ukazu, Ngozi	<i>Check, Please!</i>	First Second
Zoboi, Ibi	<i>Pride</i>	Balzer + Bray

## MASTER LIST OF ANNOTATIONS

*These books, to be read during the 2019-2020 school year, comprise the master list for the award to be given in 2020. Voting forms will be made available to all Vermont schools and public libraries in the spring so that young adults can vote for their favorite book. The master list titles have been selected to satisfy the reading interests of teens in grades 9-12, and include both adult and young adult books. All books on the list were first published in 2018.*

Acevedo, Elizabeth. ***The Poet X***. HarperTeen, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062662804.

Xiomara feels like the world keeps telling her to be silent -- her Catholic mami, her teachers, and even her twin brother at times. Yet when she is invited to join the slam poetry club at her school in Harlem, she can't stop thinking about performing the words in her head and in her notebook. Written in verse, the stunning world of Xiomara's notebook comes to life.

Adeyemi, Tomi. ***Children of Blood and Bone***. Henry Holt, 2018. \$18.99. ISBN: 978-1250170972.

A second class citizen because of her Magi white hair, Zélie remembers what life was like in Orisha before magic disappeared. In a frightening turn of events, she must embark on a difficult journey where upon completion, she will have the chance to bring magic back to the people. Alongside a rebel princess and trying to outwit a bloodthirsty prince, Zélie is in great danger.

Gardney, Whitney. ***Chaotic Good***. Knopf, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1524720803.

Cameron, who loves cosplay, is sick of being treated differently in fandom by guys because she happens to be a girl. When she goes into a comic book store, and is made fun of by the shop's owner, she's annoyed enough that with the help of her brother Cooper, she disguises herself as a boy the next time. Cameron uses her costuming expertise to waltz into the shop as Boy Cameron, where she's shocked to be drafted into a D&D campaign and accepted into the nerd inner sanctum.

Henry, Katie. ***Heretics Anonymous***. Katherine Tegen, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062698872.

Michael, an atheist, gets sent to Catholic school where he meets Lucy, an aspiring Priest, Max, a wizarding attire aficionado, Eden, a pagan, and Avi, a self-proclaimed gay Jew; they call themselves *Heretics Anonymous*. The band of unlikely friends has their own after school club where they lament the oddities and perceived injustices of their hyper Christian education. As the Heretics begin to do more than just talk about what's wrong with their institution, the capacity for funny mayhem and real change opens up a giant can of trouble.

Ireland, Justina. ***Dread Nation***. Balzer + Bray, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062570604.

Zombies ended the Civil War--but not racism--in this alternative history. Jane McKeene studies to become an Attendant--a female bodyguard, who is an expert in weapons and etiquette for uppercrust ladies--in a combat school set up by the Negro and Native Education Act. Jane just wants to get home to her mother in Kentucky, but when the undead overrun Baltimore Country, her life takes a turn and she ends up learning that zombies might not be the worst problem the country faces.

Lucier, Makiia. ***Isle of Blood and Stone***. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0544968578.

It's 18 years after the mysterious kidnapping of two royal princes, and the kingdom and people of St. John del Mar are almost back to normal, with the exception of Elias, a mapmaker, Mercedes, a royal diplomat, and Ulises, the new king, who all lost family members. But when hidden clues are discovered in two newly found maps, the three childhood friends work together to find out what those

clues mean. The more the three find out about what happened on the day of the kidnapping, the more they realize they really don't know who they can even trust.

McEwen, Scott & Hof Williams. ***Camp Valor***. St. Martin's Griffin, 2018. \$18.99. ISBN: 978-1250088246.

When Wyatt is framed for his friend's crime and sent to jail, he thinks his life is over. So when a stranger offers to erase Wyatt's sentence if he will join a secret program, Wyatt accepts. Turns out the program is a secret government operative that trains teenagers to become assassins, all through the toughest summer camp ever. Forget being the top at canoe or archery; Wyatt literally needs to survive to live another day.

Murphy, Julie. ***Puddin'***. Balzer + Bray, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062418388.

In their small Texas town, ruled by beauty pageants and cheerleaders, Millie Michalchuk, overweight hopeful journalist, and Callie Reyes, future dance team captain, would normally never be friends. But when Callie is caught vandalising Mille's uncle's gym, the two girls are forced to work together. In the gym, the girls start to get along, complete with slumber parties and relationship advice. But it's much harder to keep that friendship alive in the real world of their high school.

Norton, Preston. ***Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe***. Disney-Hyperion, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1484790625.

Cliff Hubbard and Aaron Zimmerman embark on a quest to make their high school a better and more wholesome place. God or no god, this is a chancee for Cliff to reconnect with others around him and to get closure after the death of his older brother.

Nwaubani, Adaobi Tricia. ***Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree***. Katherine Tegen, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062696724.

When a small Nigerian village is attacked by the terrorist group Boko Haram, a girl must learn how to survive and not succumb to the radical beliefs of her captors like her best friend did. The vignettes in this fictional account are based upon the nightmarish experiences of young women who were kidnapped by the Boko Haram.

Partridge, Elizabeth. ***Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam***. Viking, 2018. \$22.99. ISBN: 978-0670785063.

Multiple first person perspectives carve vivid windows into the huge and multifaceted scale of the Vietnam War. Unpopular viewpoints are scrutinized including the controversy surrounding the making of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C.

Ribay, Randy. ***After the Shop Drops***. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-1328702272.

High school basketball ex-friends, Bunny and Nasir, struggle to heal their bond. Bunny is compelled to make positive decisions for his future that Nasir resents. The friends' courageous efforts to reconcile is especially challenged when faced with an impossible choice as a result of Nasir's grudge.

Tucholke, April Genevieve. ***The Boneless Mercies***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2018. \$18.99. ISBN: 978-0374307066.

The Boneless Mercies, the tale of a group of outcasts working in a world that sees them as removed and sad. It is a tapestry of characters and details that is dazzling in its complexity. Frey, tired of killing in the shadows goes to rise up into the spotlight by questing after a beast tearing apart villages north of their homeland. The team of girls is one of the best that there is- they are the Boneless Mercies.

Ukazu, Ngozi. **Check, Please!** First Second, 2018. \$23.99. ISBN: 978-1250177957.

Bitty is a hockey player in his first year of college at an elite school. Bitty also loves to bake pies and happens to be gay. This hilarious and warm comic book features the hockey locker room, the hockey house, and all of the relationships between the players.

Zoboi, Ibi. **Pride.** Balzer + Bray, 2018. \$17.99. ISBN: 978-0062564047.

Zuri and Janae are proud Afro-Latinas from Brooklyn that know everything in the neighborhood will change when the wealthy Darcys move in across the street. As Janae falls for Ainsley Darcy, Zuri is pulled in too many directions by cute rebellious Warren, college applications, her neighborhoods changing landscape, and even to Darius Darcy himself. Zuri and Darius are a fresh take on Jane Austen’s classic romance, but with their own fire.

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