



William C. Morris Award

2009-2024

The William C. Morris YA Debut Award, first given in 2009, honors a book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.

2024: **Rez Ball** written by Byron Graves

Finalists

All the Fighting Parts written by Hannah V. Sawyerr
Once There Was written by Kiyash Monsef (J Monsef)
Saints of the Household written by Ari Tison
She Is a Haunting written by Trang Tran

2023: **The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen** written by Isaac Blum (YA FICTION Blum)

Finalists

The Summer of Bitter and Sweet written by Jen Ferguson (YA FICTION Ferguson)
Wake the Bones written by Elizabeth Kilcoyne
The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School written by Sonora Reyes
Hell Followed with Us written by Andrew Joseph White (YA FICTION White)

2022: **Firekeeper's Daughter** written by Angeline Boulley (YA FICTION Boulley)

Finalists

Ace of Spades written by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
Vampire, Hearts & Other Dead Things written by Margie Fuston
Me (Moth) written by Amber McBride (YA FICTION McBride)
What Beauty There Is written by Cory Anderson (YA FICTION Anderson)

2021: **If These Wings Could Fly** written by Kyrie McCauley (YA FICTION McCauley)

Finalists

Black Girl Unlimited: The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard written by Echo Brown (YA FICTION Brown)
The Black Kids written by Christina Hammonds Reed (YA FICTION Hammonds)
It Sounded Better in My Head written by Nina Kenwood (YA FICTION Kenwood)
Woven in Moonlight written by Isabel Ibañez (YA FICTION Ibañez)

2020: **The Field Guide to the North American Teenager** written by Ben Philippe

Finalists

The Candle and the Flame written by Nafiza Azad
Frankly In Love written by David Yoon (YA FICTION Yoon)
Genesis Begins Again written by Alicia D. Williams (J Williams)
There Will Come a Darkness written by Katy Rose Pool

2019: **Darius the Great is Not Okay** written by Adib Khorram (YA FICTION Khorram)

Finalists

Blood Water Paint written by Joy McCullough (YA FICTION McCullough)
Check Please!: #Hockey written and illustrated by Ngozi Ukazu
Children of Blood and Bone written by Tomi Adeyemi (FICTION Adeyemi)
What the Night Sings written and illustrated by Vesper Stamper

2018: **The Hate U Give** written by Angie Thomas (YA FICTION Thomas)

Finalists

Dear Martin written by Nic Stone (YA FICTION Stone)
Devils Within written by S.F. Henson
Saints and Misfits written by S.K. Ali
Starfish written by Akemi Dawn Bowman

- 2017: **The Serpent King** written by Jeff Zentner (YA FICTION Zentner)
Finalists
Girl Mans Up written by M-E Girard
Rani Patel In Full Effect written by Sonia Patel
The Smell of Other People's Houses written by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Tell Me Something Real written by Calla Devlin
- 2016: **Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda** written by Becky Albertalli (YA FICTION Albertalli)
Finalists
Because You'll Never Meet Me written by Leah Thomas
Conviction written by Kelly Loy Gilbert
The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly written by Stephanie Oakes
The Weight of Feathers written by Anna-Marie McLemore
- 2015: **Gabi, a Girl in Pieces** written by Isabel Quintero (YA FICTION Quintero)
Finalists
The Carnival at Bray written by Jessie Ann Foley
The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim written by E.K. Johnston
The Scar Boys written by Len Vlahos
The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender written by Leslye Walton (YA FICTION Walton)
- 2014: **Charm & Strange** written by Stephanie Kuehn
Finalists
Sex & Violence written by Carrie Mesrobian
Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets written by Evan Roskos
Belle Epoque written by Elizabeth Ross
In the Shadow of Blackbirds written by Cat Winters (YA FICTION Winters)
- 2013: **Seraphina** written by Rachel Hartman (YA FICTION Hartman)
Finalists
Wonder Show written by Hannah Barnaby
Love and Other Perishable Items written by Laura Buzo (YA FICTION Buzo)
After the Snow written by S.D. Crockett (YA FICTION Crockett)
The Miseducation of Cameron Post written by Emily Danforth (YA FICTION Danforth)
- 2012: **Where Things Come Back** written by John Corey Whaley (YA FICTION Whaley)
Finalists
The Girl of Fire and Thorns written by Rae Carson (YA FICTION Carson)
Paper Covers Rock written by Jenny Hubbard (YA FICTION Hubbard)
Under the Mesquite written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
Between Shades of Gray written by Ruta Sepetys (YA FICTION Sepetys)
- 2011: **The Freak Observer** written by Blythe Woolston (YA FICTION Woolston)
Finalists
Hush written by Eishes Chayil (YA FICTION Chayil)
Guardian of the Dead written by Karen Healey
Hold Me Closer, Necromancer written by Lish McBride
Crossing the Tracks written by Barbara Stuber
- 2010: **Flash Burnout** written by L.K. Madigan (YA FICTION Madigan)
Finalists
Ash written by Malinda Lo
Beautiful Creatures written by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl (YA FICTION Garcia)
The Everafter written by Amy Huntley
Hold Still written by Nina LaCour (YA FICTION LaCour)

2009: **A Curse Dark As Gold** written by Elizabeth C. Bunce (YA FICTION Bunce)

Finalists

Graceling written by Kristin Cashore (YA FICTION Cashore)

Absolute Brightness written by James Lescire

Madapple written by Christina Meldrum

Me, the Missing, and the Dead written by Jenny Valentine (YA FICTION Valentine)