

## ALEX AWARD WINNERS, 1998 - 2021

### Books Written for Adults with Special Appeal to Teens

- 2021** *Black Sun* by Rebecca Roanhorse  
*The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune  
*The Impossible First: From Fire to Ice – Crossing Antarctica Alone* by Colin O’Brady  
*Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio* by Derf Backderf  
*The Kids are Gonna Ask* by Gretchen Anthony  
*The Only Good Indians* by Stephen Graham Jones  
*Plain Bad Heroines* by Emily M. Danforth  
*Riot Baby* by Tochi Onyebuchi  
*Solutions and Other Problems* by Allie Brosh  
*We Ride Upon Sticks* by Quan Barry
- 2020** *A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World* by C. A. Fletcher  
*Do You Dream of Terra-Two?* by Temi Oh  
*Dominicana* by Angie Cruz  
*Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe  
*High School* by Sara Quin and Tegan Quin  
*In Waves* by AJ Dungo  
*Middlegame* by Seanan McGuire  
*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead  
*Red, White & Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston  
*The Swallows* by Lisa Lutz
- 2019** *The Black God’s Drums* by P. Djèlí Clark  
*The Book of Essie* by Meghan MacLean Weir  
*Circe* by Madeline Miller  
*Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover  
*The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After* by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil  
*Green* by Sam Graham-Felsen  
*Home After Dark* by David Small  
*How Long ‘Til Black Future Month?* by N. K. Jemisin  
*Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison  
*Spinning Silver* by Naomi Novik
- 2018** *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells  
*The Clockwork Dynasty* by Daniel H. Wilson  
*Down Among the Sticks and Bones* by Seanan McGuire  
*Electric Arches* by Eve L. Ewing  
*A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea* by Melissa Fleming  
*Malagash* by Joey Comeau  
*Roughneck* by Jeff Lemire  
*She Rides Shotgun* by Jordan Harper  
*Things We Have in Common* by Tasha Kavanagh  
*An Unkindness of Magicians* by Kat Howard



- 2017** *The Queen of Blood* by Sarah Beth Durst  
*The Regional Office is Under Attack!* By Manuel Gonzales  
*In the Country We Love: My Family Divided* by Diane Guerrero  
*Buffering: Unshared Tales of a Life Fully Loaded* by Hannah Hart  
*Arena* by Holly Jennings  
*Every Heart a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire  
*Romeo and/or Juliet: A Choosable-Path Adventure* by Ryan North  
*Die Young with Me: A Memoir* by Rob Rufus  
*The Wasp that Brainwashed the Caterpillar* by Matt Simon  
*The Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko* by Scott Stambach
- 2016** *All Involved* by Ryan Gattis  
*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Bones & All* by Camille DeAngelis  
*Futuristic Violence and Fancy Suits* by David Wong  
*Girl at War* by Sara Nović  
*Half the World* by Joe Abercrombie  
*Humans of New York: Stories* by Brandon Stanton  
*Sacred Heart* by Liz Suburbia  
*Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League* by Dan-el Padilla Peralta  
*The Unraveling of Mercy Louis* by Keija Parssinen
- 2015** *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr  
*Bellweather Rhapsody* by Kate Racculia  
*Bingo's Run* by James A. Levine  
*Confessions* by Kanae Minato  
*Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng  
*Lock In* by John Scalzi  
*The Martian* by Andy Weir  
*The Terrorist's Son: a Story of Choice* by Zak Ebrahim  
*Those Who Wish Me Dead* by Michael Koryta  
*Wolf in White Van* by John Darnielle
- 2014** *Brewster* by Mark Slouka  
*The Death of Bees* by Lisa O'Donnell  
*Golden Boy* by Abigail Tarttelin  
*Help for the Haunted* by John Searles  
*Lexicon* by Max Barry  
*Lives of Tao* by Wesley Chu  
*Mother, Mother* by Koren Zailckas  
*Relish* by Lucy Knisley  
*The Sea of Tranquility* by Katja Millay  
*The Universe Versus Alex Woods* by Gavin Extence
- 2013** *Caring is Creepy* by David Zimmerman  
*Girlchild* by Tupelo Hassman

*Juvenile in Justice* by Richard Ross  
*Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan  
*My Friend Dahmer* by Derf Backderf  
*One Shot at Forever* by Chris Ballard  
*Pure* by Juliana Baggott  
*The Round House* by Louise Erdrich  
*Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt  
*Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

**2012** *Big Girl Small* by Rachel DeWoskin  
*In Zanesville* by Jo Ann Beard  
*The Lover's Dictionary* by David Levithan  
*The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens* by Brooke Hauser  
*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern  
*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline  
*Robocalypse* by Daniel H. Wilson  
*Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward  
*The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures* by Caroline Preston  
*The Talk-Funny Girl* by Roland Merullo  
*The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had To* by DC Pierson

**2011** *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray  
*Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok  
*The House of Tomorrow* by Peter Bognanni  
*The Lock Artist* by Steve Hamilton  
*The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender  
*The Radleys* by Matt Haig  
*The Reapers Are the Angels* by Alden Bell  
*Room* by Emma Donoghue  
*The Vanishing of Katharina Linden* by Helen Grant

**2010** *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer  
*The Bride's Farewell* by Meg Rosoff  
*Everything Matters!* by Ron Currie Jr.  
*The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel  
*The Kids Are All Right: A Memoir* by Diana, Liz, and Amanda, and Dan Welch  
*The Magicians* Lev Grossman  
*My Abandonment* by Peter Rock  
*Soulless: An Alexia Tarabotti Novel* by Gail Carriger  
*Stitches: A Memoir* by David Small  
*Tunneling to the Center of the Earth* by Kevin Wilson

**2009** *City of Thieves* by David Benioff  
*The Dragons of Babel* by Michael Swanwick  
*Finding Nouf* by Zoë Ferraris  
*The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti

*Just After Sunset: Stories* by Stephen King  
*Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan  
*Over and Under* by Todd Tucker  
*The Oxford Project* by Stephen G. Bloom  
*Sharp Teeth* by Toby Barlow  
*Three Girls and Their Brother* by Theresa Rebeck

**2008** *American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: An Odyssey in the New China* by Matthew Polly  
*Bad Monkeys* by Matt Ruff  
*Essex County Volume 1: Tales from the Farm* by Jeff Lemire  
*Genghis: Birth of an Empire* by Conn Iggulden  
*The God of Animals* by Aryn Kyle  
*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah  
*Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones  
*The Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss  
*The Night Birds* by Thomas Maltman  
*The Spellman Files* by Lisa Lutz

**2007** *The Book of Lost Things* by John Connolly  
*The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig  
*Eagle Blue: A Team, A Tribe, and A High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska* by Michael D'Orso  
*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen  
*Floor of the Sky* by Pamela Carter Joern  
*Color of the Sea* by John Hamamura  
*The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game* by Michael Lewis  
*Black Swan Green* by David Mitchell  
*The World Made Straight* by Ron Rash  
*The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

**2006** *Midnight at the Dragon Café* by Judy Fong Bates  
*Upstate* by Kalisha Buckhanon  
*Anansi Boys* by Neil Gaiman  
*As Simple As Snow* by Gregory Galloway  
*Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
*Gil's All Fright Diner* by A. Lee Martinez  
*The Necessary Beggar* by Susan Palwick  
*My Jim* by Nancy Rawles  
*Jesus Land: A Memoir* by Julia Scheeres  
*The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls

**2005** *Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America* by Steve Almond  
*Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer* by Lynne Cox  
*Donorboy* by Brendan Halpin  
*Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson  
*Work of Wolves* by Kent Meyers  
*Truth & Beauty: A Friendship* by Ann Patchett  
*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

*Thinner Than Thou* by Kit Reed

*Project X* by Jim Shepard

*Rats: Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants* by Robert Sullivan

- 2004** *Wonder When You'll Miss Me* by Amanda Davis  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini  
*The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger  
*Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* by Z. Z. Packer  
*Stiff* by Mary Roach  
*True Notebooks* by Mark Salzman  
*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi  
*Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear  
*Leave Myself Behind* by Bart Yates

- 2003** *One Hundred Demons* by Lynda Barry  
*My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy  
*Seeing in the Dark: How Backyard Stargazers Are Probing Deep Space and Guarding Earth from Interplanetary Peril* by Timothy Ferris  
*The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde  
*Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson  
*The Year of Ice* by Brian Malloy  
*When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka  
*The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packer  
*The Fall of Rome* by Martha Southgate  
*10th Grade* by Joseph Weisberg

- 2002** *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks  
*An American Insurrection: The Battle of Oxford, Mississippi* by William Doyle  
*Gabriel's Story* by David Anthony Durham  
*Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in Boom-Time America* by Barbara Ehrenreich  
*Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger  
*The Wilderness Family: At Home with Africa's Wildlife* by Kobie Kruger  
*Kit's Law* by Donna Morrissey  
*The Rover* by Mel Odom  
*Motherland* by Vineeta Vijayaraghavan  
*Black, White, and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self* by Rebecca Walker

- 2001** *Chang and Eng: A Novel* by Darin Strauss  
*Counting Coup* by Larry Colton  
*Daughter of the Forest* by Juliet Marillier  
*Diamond Dogs* by Alan Watt  
*Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley and Ron Powers  
*Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier  
*In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick  
*The Man Who Ate the 747* by Ben Sherwood  
*The Sand Reckoner* by Gillian Bradshaw

*Soldier: A Poet's Childhood* by June Jordan

- 2000** *High Exposure: An Enduring Passion for Everest and Unforgiving Places* by David Breashears  
*Ender's Shadow* by Orson Scott Card  
*River, Cross My Heart* by Breena Clarke  
*Educating Esmé: Diary of a Teacher's First Year* by Esme Raji Codell  
*The Reappearance of Sam Webber* by Jonathon Scott Fuqua  
*Stardust* by Neil Gaiman  
*The Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey* by Linda Greenlaw  
*Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child* by Elva Trevino Hart  
*Plainsong* by Kent Haruf  
*Imani All Mine* by Connie Porter
- 1999** *The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition* by Caroline Alexander  
*Getting In* by James Finney Boylan  
*Needles* by Andie Dominick  
*At All Costs* by John Gilstrap  
*Space* by Jesse Lee Kercheval  
*Last Days of Summer* by Steve Kluger  
*Legends: Stories by the Masters of Modern Fantasy* by Robert Silverberg  
*Antarctica* by Kim Stanley Robinson  
*Almost a Woman* by Esmeralda Santiago  
*Caucasia* by Danzy Senna
- 1998** *The Secret Family: Twenty-four Hours inside the Mysterious Worlds of Our Minds and Bodies* by David Bodanis  
*All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg  
*Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America* by Rebecca Carroll  
*What Girls Learn* by Karin Cook  
*Snow in August* by Pete Hamill  
*The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men against the Sea* by Sebastian Junger  
*Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster* by Jon Krakauer  
*Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa to Slavery and Emancipation* by Velma Maia Thomas  
*Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven* by Dawn Turner Trice  
*To Say Nothing of the Dog; or, How We Found the Bishop's Bird Stump at Last* by Connie Willis