

The Crossover**by Kwame Alexander**

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

The Fault in Our Stars**by John Green**

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

Evil Spy School**by Stuart Gibbs**

After getting expelled from spy school for accidentally shooting a live mortar into the principal's office, thirteen-year-old Ben finds himself recruited by evil crime organization SPYDER.

Fever 1793**by Laurie Halse Anderson**

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

The Giver**by Lois Lowry**

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret**by Brian Selznick**

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

The Lightning Thief**by Rick Riordan**

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

The Maze Runner**by James Dashner**

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

Memory of Things**by Gae Polisner**

The powerful story of two teenagers finding friendship, comfort, and first love in the days following 9/11 as their fractured city tries to put itself back together.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children**by Ransom Riggs**

Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive.

Out of My Mind**by Sharon Draper**

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

The Outsiders**by S. E. Hinton**

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their world.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**by Mildred D. Taylor**

An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children don't understand.

So B. It**by Sarah Weeks**

After spending her life with her mentally disabled mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

Things Not Seen**by Andrew Clements**

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



Timetable of Events

November 2016 - April 2017

- READ! READ!! READ!!!
- Visit your local public or school library between November 2016 and April 2017 to borrow the books on the list
- Each teen must read or listen to a minimum of three books from the list of 15 finalists in order to vote in April.

April 2017

- Voting will take place in public and school libraries throughout New York State.
- Ballots will be made available at school and public libraries, and can be printed from the 3 Apples Book Award website.
- Only teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) who have read or listened to at least 3 of the nominated titles are eligible to vote.
- Each eligible teen has one vote, cast at either their school or public library.
- Librarians will tally the votes from their library and submit them online by April 30th.

May 2017

- The award winner will be announced on the website on May 10th.
- Libraries across the state will sponsor events to celebrate the winner of the 3 Apples Book Award.

June – August 2017

- Libraries will promote the award during their summer reading programs and encourage teens to read in preparation for nominations in September.

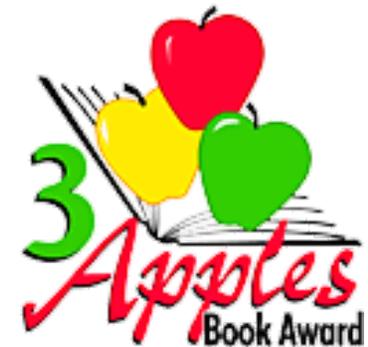
The 3 Apples Book Award has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books.

It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Sections of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

Each year teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13+) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading at least three of the finalist books, the children vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in school and public libraries.

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3 Apples Book Award
Finalists for the
Teen's Choice Award



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