

Texas Lone Star Reading List 2021 - 2022

The Canyon's Edge

by Dusti Bowling

Nora and her father were separated by rushing river waters. Now, Nora must battle with her PTSD from her mother's shooting and the harsh desert elements to find him.

King and the Dragonflies

by Kacen Callender

King struggles with the death of his brother Khalid, who he's convinced became a dragonfly. At the same time, King's friend Sandy goes missing right after he comes out as gay and ends their friendship saying, "You don't want people to think you're gay, too. It's too hard to be black and gay in Louisiana."

Turning Point

by Paula Chase

Sheeda and Mo have been best friends for years, but their friendship is tested when they set out on different paths. Mo, a young black woman, enters a prestigious ballet boarding school where most of the students are white. Sheeda spends her summer with her strict, religious aunt.

A Place at the Table

by Saadia Faruqi & Laura Shovan

When Elizabeth, freshly dumped by her best friend, and Sara, experiencing a non-muslim public school for the first time, are thrown together as cooking partners, an unlikely friendship begins to develop.

Dress Coded

by Carrie Firestone

Molly is fed up with girls at her school getting "pulled over" for dress code violations. She starts a podcast which motivates other girls to come forward with stories of harassment and humiliation, and they aren't going to take it anymore!

Wink

by Rob Harrell

Ross wants 7th grade to be normal. Instead he has to deal with eye cancer and radiation therapy that leaves his face scarred and mutilated. Yeah...not normal. At all. Thank goodness he has his best friend Abby, his Batpig comics, and guitar lessons.

When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

Lily is happy to spend more time with her grandmother when they move from California to rainy Washington, but she's also nervous about making friends. She's so quiet she often feels invisible. As soon as they arrive, it's clear Halmoni's health is worse than they thought. When Lily starts seeing a magical tiger from one of Halmoni's stories, she makes a deal. She'll return what her grandmother stole from the tiger in exchange for her grandmother's health.

Don't Turn Out the Lights

edited by Johnathan Maberry

This collection of short stories contains plenty of chills like the carving that comes to life to torment a thief, the forest playmate who isn't what he appears, the dangers of a simple wish, and a slumber party game gone wrong.

Thirteens

by Kate Alice Marshall

Eleanor moved in with her aunt and uncle in Eden Eld after her mother died in a fire. Now she's started seeing strange things, like the giant black dogs with glowing red eyes. No one else can see the "wrong things" except Pip and Otto. All three kids have a thirteenth birthday on Halloween. This isn't just a coincidence. They are slated to be the latest victims of a pact made centuries ago unless they can stop the evil Mr. January in time. Their only hope is a book of creepy fairy tales and a talking cat who may or may not be on their side.

Paola Santiago and the River of Tears

by Tehlor Kay Mejia

Paola has always been embarrassed by her mother's superstitious beliefs. Her mom really believes La Llorona is lurking in the local river. Pao believes in science, but then her friend Emma disappears, and Paola discovers the truth. All those ridiculous stories actually are true, and Pao and her friend Dante will have to travel into the world of dreams to battle monsters and save Emma before it's too late.

Bloom

by Kenneth Opper

The morning after a surprise rainstorm, strange black plants begin to grow everywhere, choking out all other plant life including food. As the plants begin to bloom, they release toxins into the air. Some plants are large enough to swallow a human being. No one has found a way to stop them, and they are taking over the world. Anaya, Petra, and Seth are the only ones who are immune to the plants, and they all had severe allergies before the plant invasion. Could they somehow hold the key to saving the world?

Tornado Brain

by Cat Patrick

Frankie's twin sister Tess is so much better at school and making friends. Everything is a struggle for Frankie who has difficulty picking up on social cues and is easily distracted by loud noises. Frankie thought she and Collette were good friends, until they weren't. Then Collette disappears, and Frankie is convinced she left clues only Frankie can decipher even if no one else will listen.

City Spies

by James Ponti

Sara only hacked the New York state foster system to prove her awful foster parents are crooks. Instead, she's facing years in juvenile detention until a mysterious man called Mother offers her the opportunity to become a spy for British spy agency MI6. Now she's part of an elite team whose first mission is to stop an internet terrorist.

Black Brother, Black Brother

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

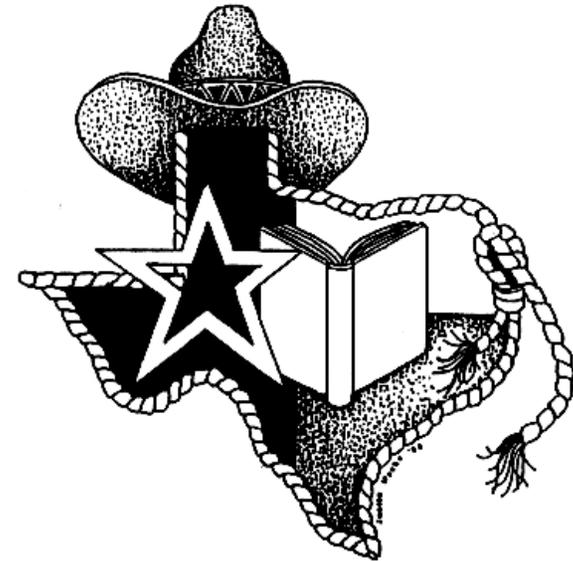
Trey and Donte may be brothers, but they look nothing alike. Trey is pale like their white European father, and Donte is dark like their Black mother. Everyone at their new prep school treats athletic Trey like a star while Donte gets stares and accusations as one of the few Black students on campus. When misplaced blame leads to an arrest and suspension, Donte decides to beat his biggest bully at his own game.

The Barren Grounds

by David A. Robertson

Morgan and Eli are Cree children living in foster care, but Morgan is plagued by an almost uncontrollable anger that threatens to ruin everything until she decides to take Eli under her wing. When one of Eli's drawings becomes a portal to another world, the two cross over and begin a quest with Ocheck and Arik, their animal friends, to save the people of Misewa from an evil man who has left them in permanent winter and on the verge of destruction.

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**The following titles are also available from our Young Adult collection:****The Companion**

by Katie Alender

A Match Made in Mehendi

by Nandini Bajpai

The Inheritance Games

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

This Light Between Us

by Andrew Fukuda

The Silence Between Us

by Alison Gervais

I'll Be the One

by Lyla Lee

The Bone Houses

by Emily Lloyd-Jones

Crown of Coral and Pearl

by Mara Rutherford

The June Boys

by Court Stevens

Manning Up

by Bee Walsh

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