



Truman Readers Award

2019 Nominees

Rosemarked by *Livia Blackburne*

YA BLA

When Zivah falls prey to the deadly plague, she's destined to live in isolation, until a crisis arises. Dineas thirsts for revenge against his captors. The two desperate souls are thrust together on a high-stakes mission, and must find common ground to protect those they love.

Greetings From Witness Protection!

by *Jake Burt*

J BUR

Nicki Demere is an orphan and a pickpocket. Her street smarts make her the perfect "daughter" to join a family entering the witness protection program. The biggest threat to her new family's security, however, comes from her own past.

Refugee by *Alan Gratz*

J GRA

Separated by time and place, three refugees suffer violence, destruction and the perils of long journeys. Shocking connections link Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, trying to escape the unrest plaguing Cuba in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy fleeing his war-torn homeland in 2015.

The Trail by *Meika Hashimoto*

J HAS

Toby sets out to fulfill the promise he made to his friend by hiking the Appalachian Trail from Velvet Rocks to Mt. Katahdin. Poorly prepared, he finds himself struggling for survival while trying to rescue a starving and abused dog.

Hideout by *Watt Key*

YA KEY

In his fishing boat, Sam explores swampy surroundings of his bayou home, and finds a boy alone in the wilderness. Sam tries to help the boy, but in the process he tells a series of lies that grow dangerous.

Renegades by *Marissa Meyer*

YA MEY

The Renegades are humans with extraordinary abilities and champions of justice. Nova hates the Renegades and is on a mission for vengeance. Her friend Adrian is a Renegade boy who believes in justice, and in Nova, too.

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Long Way Down by *Jason Reynolds*

YA REY

Fueled by sadness and anger over his brother's death, Will gets on an elevator, gun in hand, intent on seeking revenge. At each floor, someone connected to his brother gets on and has something to share with Will.

Lost Boys by *Darcey Rosenblatt*

J ROS

Reza has no interest in joining Iran's war effort against Iraq. But in the wake of a tragedy and at his mother's urging, he decides to enlist, assured by the authorities that he will achieve paradise should he die for his country. Friendship, heartbreak and survival are at stake as he forges his own path.

To Catch a Killer by *Sheryl Scarborough*

YA SCA

As a toddler, Erin survived for three days alongside her murdered mother. The case was never solved. Fourteen years later, Erin is again at the center of a brutal homicide when she finds the body of her biology teacher. As the evidence starts to point to her, she turns to her longtime crush (and fellow suspect) to help her crack the case before it's too late.

Click'd by *Tamara Ireland Stone*

J STO

After a summer at coding camp, Allie Navarro is excited to share the app she built with her friends; until it starts to cause problems between them.

Forget Me Not by *Ellie Terry*

J TER

Astronomy-loving Calliope June has Tourette's syndrome. When she and her mother move yet again, she tries to hide her TS. But it isn't long before the other kids realize she's different. As Calliope navigates school, she must also face her mother's new relationship and the fact that they might be moving, again.

Piecing Me Together by *Renée Watson*

YA WAT

Tired of being singled out as an at-risk kid at her mostly white private school, Jade resists joining a mentorship program for at-risk girls, in favor of applying for the school's amazing study abroad program.

