



# Gateway Readers Award

## 2021 Nominees

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**Internment** by Samira Ahmed YA AHM

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**The Lovely and the Lost** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes YA BAR

When a little girl is lost in a park, a family of search-and-rescue professionals reunites and generations of secrets are uncovered.

**I Know You Remember** by Jennifer Donaldson YA DON

After moving back to Anchorage and discovering the mysterious disappearance of her best friend, high school senior Ruthie embarks on a search that reveals dark secrets.

**The Speed of Falling Objects** YA FIS

by Nancy Richardson Fischer

When Danny's dad invites her to join him to film the next episode of his popular survivalist show, Danny jumps at the chance to prove she's not the disappointment he left behind.

**Ordinary Hazards** by Nikki Grimes YA B GRI

Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki Grimes found herself terrorized by babysitters and shunted from foster family to foster family.

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An honors student at Jefferson Academy, Keira enjoys developing and playing SLAY, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until her two worlds collide.

**Fireborne** by Rosaria Munda YA MUN

Annie and Lee were just children when a brutal revolution changed their world. Now they are both rising stars and rivals in the new regime.

**Where I End & You Begin** by Preston Norton YA NOR

As a punishment, Ezra, his crush Imogen, his best friend and Imogen's best friend Wynonna must all perform in the school play. Just before the first rehearsal starts, Ezra and Wynonna wake up in each other's bodies!

**The Field Guide to the North American Teenager**

by Ben Philippe YA PHI

As the new kid, Norris finds himself cataloging everyone he meets: the Cheerleaders, the Jocks and the Loners. But those labels soon become actual people.

**Patron Saints of Nothing** by Randy Ribay YA RIB

Jay Reguero learns that his cousin, and former best friend, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs. Jay travels to the Philippines, hoping to uncover more about the murder, and is forced to face a larger truth.

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