



Truman Readers Award

2023 Nominees

Amari and the Night Brothers by *B.B. Alston* J ALS

Amari has never stopped believing her missing brother Quinton is alive. Then she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, and she's whisked off to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.

Across the Desert by *Dusti Bowling* J BOW

Jolene loves watching her virtual friend Addie as she livestreams her adventures flying over the Arizona desert. But then Addie's plane crashes, and Jolene watches in horror as the video goes dark. Armed with only a hand-drawn map and a stolen cell phone, it's up to Jolene to save the Desert Aviator.

The Shadow Prince by *David Anthony Durham* J DUR

In an alternate, solar-powered universe, Ash discovers a connection to Prince Khufu, making him eligible to become the prince's protector. When he's whisked off to the magical capital city, things get real.

Starfish by *Lisa Fipps* J FIP

Ever since Ellie made a big splash at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. Now she lives by the Fat Girl Rules and takes refuge in the pool, away from her diet-obsessed mom. With support from her dad, a therapist and a loving new friend, Ellie might finally be able to cast aside the Fat Girl Rules and celebrate her fabulous self.

Carry Me Home by *Janet S. Fox* J FOX

Lulu and her little sister Serena have a secret. Hiding your past is one thing. Hiding where you live — and that your Daddy has gone missing — is harder. All it would take is one slipup, and the sisters would be separated.

Alone by *Megan E. Freeman* J FRE

Maddie wakes up all alone one morning, left behind in a town that has been mysteriously abandoned. With no one to rely on and no way to get help, Maddie must find a way to survive. Will a Rottweiler named George, all the books she can read and her own stubborn will to survive be enough to carry her through?

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Concealed by *Christina Diaz Gonzalez* J GON

Katrina and her parents are part of the Witness Protection Program, and whenever they have to move on and start over, she takes on a new identity. When their location leaks and her parents disappear, Katrina and her new friend Parker set out on a dangerous rescue mission — and find out the truth about her family's secret past.

Ground Zero by *Alan Gratz* J GRA

Brandon is visiting his dad at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes. Reshmina is growing up in Afghanistan in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of charting a new, brighter path for her future. The events of 9/11 changed both of their lives forever, and they must find a way to survive.

AfterMath by *Emily Barth Isler* J ISL

After losing her brother, Lucy is not prepared to be the new kid — especially in a grade full of school-shooting survivors. Lucy and her classmates struggle to relate to each other as they heal from separate traumas. But through her love of math, some budding friendships and an after-school mime class, Lucy discovers that grief is no match for love.

Rescue by *Jennifer A. Nielsen* J NIE

Meg's father left their home in France to fight the Nazis, leaving a jar of codes for her to decipher. Suddenly, her life is getting much more dangerous: there's a wounded soldier in their barn, a family of refugees who need their help and Nazis at their doorstep.

Just Like That by *Gary D. Schmidt* J SCH

It's 1968, and Meryl Lee is sent to a girls' boarding school to move on from her best friend's death. Meanwhile, Matt is on the run from a criminal gang, afraid that anyone he cares about is in danger. As their paths cross, Meryl Lee finds unexpected allies and a sense of purpose, while Matt finds a new family and hope for the future.

Eyes of the Forest by *April Henry* YA HEN

Bridget is R.M. Haldon's biggest fan. Her encyclopedic knowledge of his fantasy world landed her a job assisting him as he writes the final book in his blockbuster series. But when Haldon goes missing, Bridget is the only one who seems concerned.



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