



2022 Teens' Top Ten Nominees

1. *10 Truths and a Dare* by Ashley Elston. Hyperion. 9781368062381.

After learning that she is at risk of not being allowed to graduate, high school senior Olivia Perkins must find a way to make up her P.E. requirement without tipping off her big and nosy extended family--while also putting in appearances at the graduation parties filling her week.

2. *Ace of Spades* by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé. Feiwel & Friends. 9781250800817.

At Niveus Private Academy, Devon and Chiamaka are the only students chosen to be Senior Prefects who are also black, which makes them targets for a series of anonymous texts revealing their secrets to the entire student body. Both students were on track toward valedictorian and bright college futures, but this prank quickly turns into a very dangerous game and they are at more than one disadvantage as it looks like things could turn deadly.

3. *All of Us Villains* by Amanda Foody and Christine Herman. Tor Teen. 9781250789259.

Every generation, seven families select a champion to compete in a tournament to the death for control of high magick--the most powerful resource in the world--but this year, a salacious tell-all book draws reporters, tourists, and government agents to Ilvernath to watch the bloody curse unfold and some of the champions are determined to thwart their destinies and rewrite their stories.

4. *All These Bodies* by Kendare Blake. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. 9780062977168.

In the late 1950s in the Midwest, a serial killer has been draining their victims of blood, leaving them otherwise undisturbed in their cars and homes. When a fifteen-year-old girl is found covered in blood amidst the latest corpses, she confides only in the sheriff's son but her story is unbelievable at best.

5. *Any Sign of Life* by Rae Carson. Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins. 9780062691934. Paige Miller fears she is the only person left alive in Ohio until she meets a handful of other survivors, and together they struggle with the knowledge that their new reality is the first part of an alien invasion.

6. *Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz. Simon & Schuster BFYR. 9781534496194.

Aristotle and Dante continue their journey to manhood in this achingly romantic, tender tale set against the backdrop of the AIDS epidemic in 1980s America. In *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, two boys fell in love. Now they must learn what it means to stay in love-and to build their relationship in a world that doesn't seem to want them to exist.

7. *Concrete Rose* by Angie Thomas. Balzer+Bray/HarperTeen. 9780062846716.

International phenomenon Angie Thomas revisits Garden Heights seventeen years before the events of *The Hate U Give* in this searing and poignant exploration of Black boyhood and manhood. If there's one thing seventeen-year-old Maverick Carter knows, it's that a real man takes care of his family. As the son of a former gang legend, Mav does that the only way he knows how: dealing for the King Lords. With this money he can help his mom, who works two jobs while his dad's in prison. Life's not perfect, but with a fly girlfriend and a cousin who always has his back, Mav's got everything under control. Until, that is, Maverick finds out he's a father.

8. *Counting Down with You* by Tashie Bhuiyan. Inkyard Press. 9781335209979.

Karina Ahmed's parents have a lot of rules, and for her it is worth it to follow those rules instead of her dreams. With her parents in Bangladesh for a month, she expects to relax those rules a bit, but when the guy she's tutoring says she's his girlfriend to cover up the fact that he's getting help with his schoolwork, that breaks a major rule in a major way that she's sure will end in disaster. A strict deadline -- twenty-eight days -- and payment in dozens of books changes her mind about the farce, but can Ace Clyde's bad-boy charm end up changing her heart?

9. *Dark Rise* by C. S. Pacat. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. 9780062946140.

Sixteen-year-old dock boy Will is on the run, pursued by the men who killed his mother. Then an old servant tells him of his destiny to fight beside the Stewards, who have sworn to protect humanity if the Dark King ever returns. Will is thrust into a world of magic, where he starts training for a vital role in the oncoming battle against the Dark.

10. *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Henry Holt and Company. 9781250766564.

Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug.

11. *Gilded* by Marissa Meyer. Feiwel & Friends. 9781250618849.

Long ago cursed by the god of lies, a miller's daughter has developed a talent for spinning stories that are fantastical and spellbinding and entirely untrue. When one of Serilda's outlandish tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept away into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl the earth and hollow-eyed ravens track her every move.

12. *The Great Gatsby: A Graphic Novel Adaptation* by K. Woodman Manyard. Candlewick Press. 9781536213010.

From the green light across the bay to the billboard with spectacled eyes, F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 American masterpiece roars to life in K. Woodman-Maynard's exquisite graphic novel--among the first adaptations of the book in this genre. Painted in lush watercolors, the inventive interpretation emphasizes both the extravagance and mystery of the characters, as well as the fluidity of Nick Carraway's unreliable narration.

13. *The Hawthorne Legacy* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Little, Brown and Company. 9780759557635.

Intrigue, riches, and romance abound in this thrilling sequel to the beloved bestselling *The Inheritance Games*. *The Inheritance Games* ended with a bombshell, and now heiress Avery Grambs has to pick up the pieces and find the man who might hold the answers to all of her questions—including why Tobias Hawthorne left his entire fortune to Avery, a virtual stranger, rather than to his own daughters or grandsons.

14. *Heartless Prince* by Leigh Dragoon and Angela De Vito. Hyperion. 9781368028356.

Evony is an orphaned princess from a kingdom destroyed by a power-hungry witch. Prince Ammon has recently been drawn to her, or at least he's drawn to her uncanny ability to sense when familiars--servants to the witches--are approaching his kingdom's borders.

15. *Here's to Us* by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. 9780063071636.

Here's to Us is sure to be welcomed by fans old and new of these authors and their previous collaboration, *What If It's Us*. Critically acclaimed and bestselling authors Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera combine their talents in these smart, funny, heartfelt novels about two very different boys who can't decide if the universe is pushing them together—or pulling them apart.

16. *Idol Gossip* by Alexandra Leigh Young. Walker Books. 9781536213645.

Offered a spot at the Star Academy, one of the biggest K-pop companies, seventeen-year-old singer Alice Choy must navigate culture clashes, egos and extreme training practices to come out on top, despite the efforts of an influential blogger trying to tear her down.

17. *Instructions for Dancing* by Nicola Yoon. Delacorte Press. 9781524718961.

Experiencing visions of heartbreak and trying to understand why this is happening, Evie signs up for lessons at a dance studio, where she falls for her dance partner, forcing her to question all she thought she knew about life and love.

18. *Ivies* by Alexa Donne. Crown Publishing/Penguin Random House. 9780593303702.
A ruthless band of prep-school elites competing for admission into the Ivy League colleges of their dreams disrupt class ranks, club leaderships and academic competitions before one of them resorts to more deadly measures

19. *Made In Korea* by Sarah Suk. Simon & Schuster. 9781534474376.
Frankly in Love meets *Shark Tank* in this feel-good romantic comedy about two entrepreneurial Korean American teens who butt heads and maybe fall in love while running competing Korean beauty businesses at their high school.

20. *A Pho Love Story* by Loan Le. Simon & Schuster. 9781534441934.
When Dimple Met Rishi meets *Ugly Delicious* in this funny, smart romantic comedy, in which two Vietnamese-American teens fall in love and must navigate their newfound relationship amid their families' age-old feud about their competing, neighboring restaurants.

21. *Piece by Piece: The Story of Nisrin's Hijab* by Priya Huq. Amulet. 9781419740169.
In this middle-grade graphic novel, Nisrin will have to rely on faith, friends, and family to help her recover after she is the target of a hate crime.

22. *The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost Kiss* by Amy Noelle Parks. Abrams. 9781419739729.
Seventeen-year-old Evie Beckham has always been too occupied with her love of math and frequent battles with anxiety to want to date. Besides, she's always found the idea of kissing to be kind of weird. But by senior year, thanks to therapy and her friends, she's feeling braver than before. Maybe even brave enough to enter the national math and physics competition or flirt back with the new boy.

23. *Realm Breaker* by Victoria Aveyard. Harperteen/HarperCollins. 9780062872623.
When the heroes have fallen, who will take up the sword? A strange darkness grows in Allward. Even Corayne an-Amarat can feel it, tucked away in her small town at the edge of the sea. She soon discovers the truth: She is the last of an ancient lineage and the last hope to save the world from destruction.

24. *Rule of Wolves* by Leigh Bardugo. Imprint. 9781250142306.
The wolves are circling and a young king will face his greatest challenge in the explosive finale of the instant #1 New York Times–bestselling *King of Scars* Duology.

25. *We Can't Keep Meeting Like This* by Rachel Lynn Solomon. Simon & Schuster BFYR. 9781534440272.
A wedding harpist disillusioned with love and a hopeless romantic cater-waiter flirt and fight their way through a summer of weddings in this effervescent romantic comedy from the acclaimed author of *Today Tonight Tomorrow*.