

Book Awards



The Michael L. Printz Award

The Printz honors excellence in literature written for young adults. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by *Booklist* magazine. The award-winning book may be fiction, nonfiction, poetry or an anthology and can be a work of joint authorship or editorship. The books must be designated by their publishers as either a young adult book or one published for ages 12 through 18.

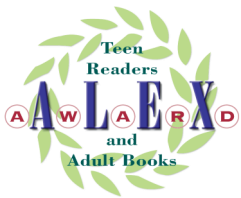
Margaret A. Edwards Award

This award, established in 1988, honors an author as well as a specific body of their work for significant contribution in writing books of enduring popularity with teens. The award is named in honor of the late Margaret A. Edwards, an administrator of young adult programs at Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Md., for more than 30 years. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by *School Library Journal*. Winning authors receive \$2,000 and a citation.



The Alex Award

This award is given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 -18. The winners are selected from the previous year's publishing. The award is funded by the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust. Edwards was a young adult specialist for many years at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore. The Alex Awards are named after Edwards, who was called "Alex" by her friends.



The Odyssey Award

Established in 2006, the first winner of this award for excellence in audiobook production for a work for children or teens will be announced in 2008. The award is named after Homer's *The Odyssey*, a tale originally told and retold in the oral tradition. *Booklist* magazine is the sponsor of the award, which is administered by ALSC and YALSA.



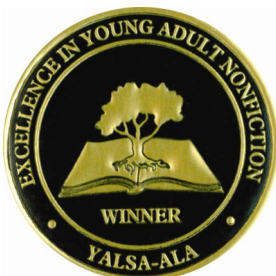
The Morris Award

The William C. Morris Debut YA Award debuts in 2009, honoring a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature. The award's namesake is William C. Morris, an influential innovator in the publishing world and an advocate for marketing books for children and young adults.



The YALSA Nonfiction Award

Beginning in 2010, YALSA will name an annual winner of the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. The award will honor the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year.



To learn more about these awards, including information about current and past winners, go to: www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists

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