



# William C. Morris Award

2009-2023

*The William C. Morris YA Debut Award, first given in 2009, honors a book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.*

2022: **The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen** written by Isaac Blum

Finalists

*The Summer of Bitter and Sweet* written by Jen Ferguson (YA FICTION Ferguson)

*Wake the Bones* written by Elizabeth Kilcoyne

*The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School* written by Sonora Reyes

*Hell Followed with Us* written by Andrew Joseph White (YA FICTION White)

2022: **Firekeeper's Daughter** written by Angeline Boulley (YA FICTION Boulley)

Finalists

*Ace of Spades* written by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

*Vampire, Hearts & Other Dead Things* written by Margie Fuston

*Me (Moth)* written by Amber McBride (YA FICTION McBride)

*What Beauty There Is* written by Cory Anderson (YA FICTION Anderson)

2021: **If These Wings Could Fly** written by Kyrie McCauley (YA FICTION McCauley)

Finalists

*Black Girl Unlimited: The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard* written by Echo Brown (YA FICTION Brown)

*The Black Kids* written by Christina Hammonds Reed (YA FICTION Hammonds)

*It Sounded Better in My Head* written by Nina Kenwood (YA FICTION Kenwood)

*Woven in Moonlight* written by Isabel Ibañez (YA FICTION Ibañez)

2020: **The Field Guide to the North American Teenager** written by Ben Philippe

Finalists

*The Candle and the Flame* written by Nafiza Azad

*Frankly In Love* written by David Yoon (YA FICTION Yoon)

*Genesis Begins Again* written by Alicia D. Williams (J Williams)

*There Will Come a Darkness* written by Katy Rose Pool

2019: **Darius the Great is Not Okay** written by Adib Khorram (YA FICTION Khorram)

Finalists

*Blood Water Paint* written by Joy McCullough (YA FICTION McCullough)

*Check Please!/: #Hockey* written and illustrated by Ngozi Ukazu

*Children of Blood and Bone* written by Tomi Adeyemi (FICTION Adeyemi)

*What the Night Sings* written and illustrated by Vesper Stamper

2018: **The Hate U Give** written by Angie Thomas (YA FICTION Thomas)

Finalists

*Dear Martin* written by Nic Stone (YA FICTION Stone)

*Devils Within* written by S.F. Henson

*Saints and Misfits* written by S.K. Ali

*Starfish* written by Akemi Dawn Bowman

2017: **The Serpent King** written by Jeff Zentner (YA FICTION Zentner)

Finalists

*Girl Mans Up* written by M-E Girard

*Rani Patel In Full Effect* written by Sonia Patel

*The Smell of Other People's Houses* written by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock

*Tell Me Something Real* written by Calla Devlin

- 2016: **Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda** written by Becky Albertalli (YA FICTION Albertalli)  
Finalists  
*Because You'll Never Meet Me* written by Leah Thomas  
*Conviction* written by Kelly Loy Gilbert  
*The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly* written by Stephanie Oakes  
*The Weight of Feathers* written by Anna-Marie McLemore
- 2015: **Gabi, a Girl in Pieces** written by Isabel Quintero (YA FICTION Quintero)  
Finalists  
*The Carnival at Bray* written by Jessie Ann Foley  
*The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim* written by E.K. Johnston  
*The Scar Boys* written by Len Vlahos  
*The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender* written by Leslye Walton (YA FICTION Walton)
- 2014: **Charm & Strange** written by Stephanie Kuehn  
Finalists  
*Sex & Violence* written by Carrie Mesrobian  
*Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets* written by Evan Roskos  
*Belle Epoque* written by Elizabeth Ross  
*In the Shadow of Blackbirds* written by Cat Winters (YA FICTION Winters)
- 2013: **Seraphina** written by Rachel Hartman (YA FICTION Hartman)  
Finalists  
*Wonder Show* written by Hannah Barnaby  
*Love and Other Perishable Items* written by Laura Buzo (YA FICTION Buzo)  
*After the Snow* written by S.D. Crockett (YA FICTION Crockett)  
*The Miseducation of Cameron Post* written by Emily Danforth (YA FICTION Danforth)
- 2012: **Where Things Come Back** written by John Corey Whaley (YA FICTION Whaley)  
Finalists  
*The Girl of Fire and Thorns* written by Rae Carson (YA FICTION Carson)  
*Paper Covers Rock* written by Jenny Hubbard (YA FICTION Hubbard)  
*Under the Mesquite* written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall  
*Between Shades of Gray* written by Ruta Sepetys (YA FICTION Sepetys)
- 2011: **The Freak Observer** written by Blythe Woolston (YA FICTION Woolston)  
Finalists  
*Hush* written by Eishes Chayil (YA FICTION Chayil)  
*Guardian of the Dead* written by Karen Healey  
*Hold Me Closer, Necromancer* written by Lish McBride  
*Crossing the Tracks* written by Barbara Stuber
- 2010: **Flash Burnout** written by L.K. Madigan (YA FICTION Madigan)  
Finalists  
*Ash* written by Malinda Lo  
*Beautiful Creatures* written by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl (YA FICTION Garcia)  
*The Everafter* written by Amy Huntley  
*Hold Still* written by Nina LaCour (YA FICTION LaCour)
- 2009: **A Curse Dark As Gold** written by Elizabeth C. Bunce (YA FICTION Bunce)  
Finalists  
*Graceling* written by Kristin Cashore (YA FICTION Cashore)  
*Absolute Brightness* written by James Lecense  
*Madapple* written by Christina Meldrum  
*Me, the Missing, and the Dead* written by Jenny Valentine (YA FICTION Valentine)