

New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2014-2015

Historical Fiction

Bradbury, Jennifer

A Moment Comes

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

As the partition of India nears in 1947, bringing violence even to Jalandhar, Tariq, a Muslim, finds himself caught between his forbidden interest in Anupreet, a Sikh girl, and Margaret, a British girl, whose affection for Tariq might help him attain his dream of studying at Oxford.

Engle, Margarita

Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

In free verse, evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in nineteenth-century Cuba. Includes historical notes, excerpts from her writings, biographical information, and source notes.

Erskine, Kathryn

Seeing Red

When twelve-year-old Frederick "Red" Porter's father dies in 1972, his mother wants to sell their automobile repair shop and move her two sons back to Ohio, but Red is desperate to stop the sale even if it means unearthing some dark family secrets in a Virginia rife with racial tensions.

Gratz, Alan

Prisoner B-3087

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Lynch, Chris

Casualties of War (Vietnam Book 4)

When his three best friends go to Vietnam, Beck knows he must honor his promise to go with them. He enlists in the US Air Force, where he's able to work as a mechanic, learning about planes and choppers and supersonic jets...Beck thinks he has it all figured out. But when his tour of duty takes a turn for the worse, one thing becomes clear: Beck still has a lot to learn about war, and about friendship, too.

Lynch, Chris

Right Fight (World War II Book 1)

Abandoning his baseball ambitions to enlist in the Army when the United States is swept into World War II, Roman discovers his talent for strategic tank driving and embarks on a brutal desert campaign against the Nazis of the Afrika Korps.

Myers, Walter Dean

Invasion

Mature Content

Josiah Wedgewood and Marcus Perry were friends in Virginia, but now that they are both involved in the Normandy invasion, the differences in their positions is uncomfortable, for Josiah is a white infantryman and Marcus is a black transport driver, the only role the segregated army will allow him.

Oppel, Kenneth

The Boundless

The Boundless, the greatest train ever built, is on its maiden voyage across the country, and first-class passenger Will Everett is about to embark on the adventure of his life! When Will ends up in possession of the key to a train car containing priceless treasures, he becomes the target of sinister figures from his past...

Strasser, Todd

Fallout

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Scott's house is the only one in the neighborhood with a bomb shelter. When the unthinkable happens, 10 people must survive for two weeks in a room meant for only four. Set during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

Timberlake, Amy

One Came Home

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.

Vanderpool, Clare

Navigating Early

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Abruptly placed in a boy's boarding school in Maine after his mother's death at the end of World War II, Kansas youth Jack Baker befriends Early Auden, an unusual boy with whom Jack embarks on a quest along the Appalachian Trail in search of a legendary great black bear.

Vawter, Vince

Paperboy

Taking over a friend's newspaper route in 1959 Memphis, an 11-year-old baseball enthusiast struggles with a speech disability while attempting to communicate with customers, a situation that turns dangerous when he has a confrontation with a thieving local junkman.

Wein, Elizabeth

Rose Under Fire (Sequel to Code Name Verity)

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Mature Content

While flying an Allied fighter plane from Paris to England, American ATA pilot and amateur poet, Rose Justice, is captured by the Nazis and sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious women's concentration camp. Trapped in horrific circumstances, Rose finds hope in the impossible through the loyalty, bravery and friendship of her fellow prisoners. But will that be enough to endure the fate that's in store for her?

Westrick, A. B.

Brotherhood

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

The year is 1867, and the South has lost the Civil War. Those on the lowest rungs, like Shad's family, fear that the freed slaves will take the few jobs available. In this climate of despair and fear, a group has formed. Today we know it as the KKK.

Wiles, Deborah

Revolution

It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer...

Yang, Gene Luen

Boxers & Saints

Collects parallel stories, inspired by visions of Chinese gods, Little Bao recruits an army to fight for China against Western oppressors; Vibinia, an unwanted fourth child, finds her first true home with Christian missionaries.

(Graphic Novel – GN)