

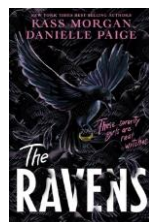


### Prepped by Bethany Mangle (Gr. 10-12)

Becca Aldaine grew up in a community of doomsday preppers. Arranged to be married to Roy, the only eligible boy in the community, Becca desperately plots how to remove herself from the community. But when Roy proposes the run away together, will Becca have what it takes to survive?

### The Ravens by Morgan Kass (Gr. 10-12)

At first glance, the sisters of ultra-exclusive Kappa Rho Nu—the Ravens—seem like typical sorority girls. Ambitious, beautiful, and smart, they're the most powerful girls on Westerly College's Savannah, Georgia, campus. But the Ravens aren't just regular sorority girls. They're witches. When a dark power rises on campus, the girls will have to put their rivalry aside to save their fellow sisters. Someone has discovered the Ravens' secret. And that someone will do anything to see these witches burn . . .



### This is My America by Kim Johnson (Gr. 7-9)

Sending weekly letters to an organization she hopes will save her innocent father from death row, 17-year-old Tracy uncovers racist community secrets when her track star brother is wrongly accused of murder.

### This is Not the Jess Show by Anna Carey (Gr. 10-12)

Jess is resigned to her small-town life, until the day she discovers a mysterious device with an apple logo, causing her to question everything and everyone she's ever known. As more cracks appear in Jess's world, she faces a choice: can she live the rest of her life knowing it's a lie, or should she risk everything for the truth?



### Unscripted by Nicole Kronzer (Gr. 10-12)

Landing a prestigious spot at an elite improv comedy camp where she hopes to be discovered by a professional celebrity scout, 17-year-old Zelda is bullied as the only girl on her varsity team before a mercurial coach compels her to risk her dreams.

### Watch Over Me by Nina LaCour (Gr. 10-12)

A newly graduated Mila emerges from foster care to accept a job on an isolated Northern California Coast farm where she confronts haunting memories and the traumas of her fellow residents.



# 2022-2023 South Carolina Young Adult Award Nominees



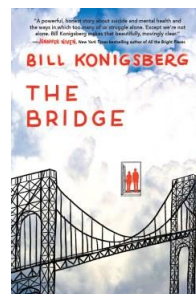
### All Your Twisted Secrets by Diana Urban (Gr. 10-12)

Invited to a mysterious scholarship dinner, six very different high school students find themselves trapped in a room where one of them must die to save the lives of the others.



### Be Dazzled by Ryan La Sala (Gr. 10-12)

Seventeen-year-old Raffy is determined to win a cosplay competition that could lead to art school admission and respect for his talent, but being paired with his main competitor, ex-boyfriend Luca, complicates things.

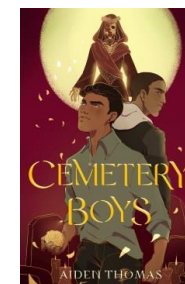


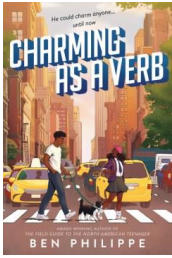
### The Bridge by Bill Konigsberg (Gr. 10-12) CW: Suicide

Aaron and Tillie don't know each other, but they are both feeling suicidal, and arrive at the George Washington Bridge at the same time, intending to jump. On the bridge, there are four things that could happen: Aaron jumps and Tillie doesn't. Tillie jumps and Aaron doesn't. They both jump. Neither of them jumps. Or maybe all four things happen, in this astonishing and insightful novel from Bill Konigsberg.

### Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas (Gr. 7-9)

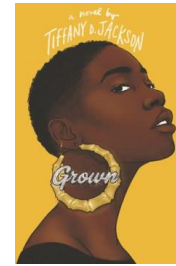
Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.





**Charming as a Verb by Ben Philippe (Gr. 7-9)**

Hiding less-than-honest business practices behind his charming smile and Ivy League ambition, a popular Haitian-American star debater is blackmailed by an intense classmate who wants to improve her image at school.



**Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson (Gr. 10-12)**

When legendary R&B artist Korey Fields spots Enchanted Jones at an audition, her dreams of being a famous singer take flight. Until Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night. Who killed Korey Fields? Before there was a dead body, Enchanted's dreams had turned into a nightmare. Because behind Korey's charm and star power was a controlling dark side. Now he's dead, the police are at the door, and all signs point to Enchanted.

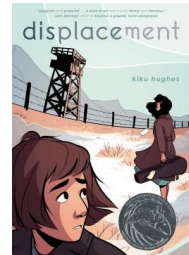
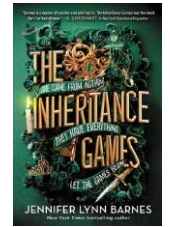
**Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo (Gr. 10-12)**

An evocative novel in verse by the National Book Award-winning author of *The Poet X* follows the experiences of two grieving sisters who navigate the loss of their father and the impact of his death on their relationship.



**The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Gr. 7-9)**

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.

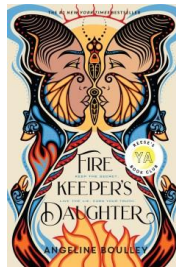


**Displacement by Kiku Hughes (Gr. 7-9)**

On a visit to San Francisco, Kiku finds herself transported in time back to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her late grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to during World War II.

**Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (Gr. 10-12)**

Treated like an outsider in both her hometown and on the Ojibwe reservation, a half-Native American science geek and star hockey player places her dreams on hold in the wake of a family tragedy.

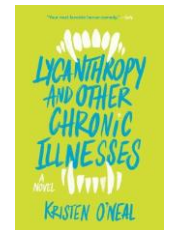


**Legendborn by Tracy Deonn (Gr. 10-12)**

Wanting to escape her previous life after the accidental death of her mother, 16-year-old Bree enrolls in a program for high school students at the local university before her witness to a magical attack reveals her undiscovered powers as well as sinister truths about her mother's death.

**Lycanthropy and other Chronic Illnesses by Kristen O'Neal (Gr. 10-12)**

Priya, suffering from the fallout of undiagnosed Lyme disease, joins a discord group of others suffering from chronic illnesses. When Brigid, a friend in the group, goes offline, Priya steals the family car and goes to check on her. But what she finds might be more than she bargained for.



**More Than Maybe by Erin Hahn (Gr. 10-12)**

The spotlight-avoiding son of a famous punk rocker and his fellow music blogger, a girl who aspires to work for Rolling Stone magazine, struggle with growing crushes on each other that they do not realize are mutual.



**The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna (Gr. 7-9)**

Deka's life changes when her blood runs gold during her blood ceremony. Marked as an outcast, Deka is given a choice, submit to her fate in the village or leave to join the emperor's army of girls like herself. On her way to the capital to join, Deka learns there are more surprises than she was aware of, and nobody, not even Deka, are what they seem.

