

Lo, Malinda

***Last Night at the Telegraph Club***

For Lily Hu, a 17-year-old Chinese American during the Red Scare, 1954 is a year of discovery. She learns about racism and paranoia, the fragility of her father’s American citizenship, and a hidden world where women love women, as her own first love blooms with her classmate, Kathleen. (YA)

Polydoros, Aden—***The City Beautiful***

Alter Rosen struggles to survive in 1893 Chicago, but never more than after the murder of his best friend, Yakov. Possessed by Yakov’s dybbuk, Alter teams with a shady boy from his past to try to unknot the mystery behind a series of murders of Jewish boys while struggling with his increasingly complicated feelings for his comrade. (YA)

Sharpe, Tess—***The Girls I’ve Been***

Nora O’Malley is having a bad day. After an awkward encounter with her ex-boyfriend and current girlfriend, Nora heads to the bank—and gets taken hostage by bank robbers. What the robbers don’t know, however, is that Nora is the daughter and protégé of an accomplished con artist. She has no intention of letting them get away with this. (YA)

Treuer, Anton

***Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians, but Were Afraid to Ask***  
(Young Readers Edition)

This book of questions and answers from Ojibwe author and professor Anton Treuer covers questions about food, traditions, celebrations, politics, social activism and more. The tone is engaging and approachable for Native and non-Native readers. (MG)

Williams-Garcia, Rita

***A Sitting in St. James***

On a Louisiana plantation in 1860, Madame Sylvie Guilbert brings her family ever closer to the brink of disaster as the tangled threads of her family and their slaves and all the secrets they keep threaten to unravel everything—even the fabric of southern American life. (YA)

Yoo, Paula

***From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement***

In 1982, a confrontation turned fatal between a Chinese American man and a disgruntled autoworker in Detroit. This miscarriage of justice that followed became a turning point in civil rights history. (YA)

Yoon, Nicola—***Instructions for Dancing***

Evie Thomas can see a couple and envision their entire romance, from exciting beginning to heartbreaking end. Alarmed, Evie is convinced she has no need of love for herself, until she meets X. Daring, passionate, and adventurous, X inspires Evie to wonder whether love is worth the risk after all. (YA)

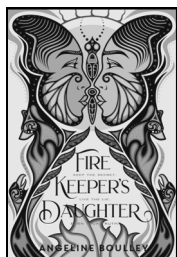
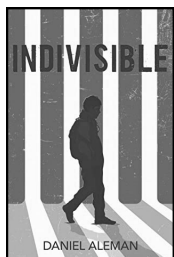
Zentner, Jeff—***In the Wild Light***

Cash and Delaney have built a friendship based on the shared trauma of living with drug addicted mothers. Delaney’s genius leads to full ride scholarships at an elite prep school in Connecticut. Torn between desperation to escape their small Appalachian town and their mutual love for Cash’s devoted Papaw, the pair struggle to grow and find balance in their strange new world. (YA)

# 2022 Book Rave

Best books for middle and high school-aged readers, chosen by Oregon’s young adult librarians.





MG=Middle  
grade selection

YA=Young  
adult selection

### Aleman, Daniel—*Indivisible*

Mateo expects to spend his senior year struggling to build his future and come to terms with his queer identity. When his undocumented parents are taken by ICE, it is all he can do to survive, care for his young sister, and come to terms with being a American child whose parents have been rejected by his country. (YA)

### Alston, B.B.

#### *Amari and the Night Brothers*

Phenom Quinton Peters disappeared. Now, his spirited sister, Amari, has received a invitation from him to a mysterious summer camp. At the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, Amari's eyes are opened to the reality that the supernatural creatures live among us and is pulled into an encounter with an evil magician at the root of all the questions about Quinton. (MG)

### Boulley, Angeline

#### *Firekeeper's Daughter*

Daunis Fontaine has deep ties to her small town and the nearby Ojibwe reservation. A family death and a shocking murder pull her into an investigation that may reveal more than Daunis really wants to know about herself, her family, and her community. Heart-pounding action combines with an intimate look at reservation life. (YA)

### Clayton, Dhionelle et al—*Blackout*

A New York summer heatwave knocks out the electricity. What happens next and who it affects is told through six different stories, each written a bestselling, award-winning author. Love, friends, and new possibilities are all explored under a sweltering, starry sky in this unique collaborative project. (YA)



### Colbert, Brandy—*Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre*

Until June 1, 1921, the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma was a thriving neighborhood known as America's Black Wall Street. But on that morning, a white mob attacked, burning 35 square blocks and killing hundreds. Colbert examines the causes, the events, and the legacy of this violent moment in American history. (MG/YA)

### Fipps, Lisa—*Starfish*

The one place Ellie feel free in the swimming pool—where she can feel weightless and stretch out like a starfish to take all the room she wants. Everywhere else in her life, she struggles with bullies and a pushy mom until she gets tired of the fat-shaming and decides to do something about it. (MG)

### Gould, Courtney

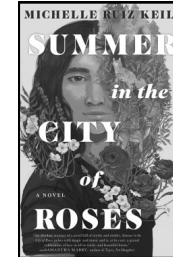
#### *The Dead and the Dark*

Teenagers are showing up dead in Snakebite, Oregon. TV's most popular ghosthunters are under suspicion. Their daughter discovers that the secrets buried in this town run deep and there are powerful forces desperate to keep them hidden. (Oregon Author; YA)

### Higuera, Donna Barbra

#### *The Last Cuentista*

As a comet bears down on Earth, Petra Peña and her family slip into cryogenic stasis and blast away, chosen to journey to a new planet and carry on the human race. When she wakes, it is to a new world, controlled by the sinister Collective determined to purge all memories of humanity's past. Petra makes a desperate bid to save herself and the stories of Earth. (MG)



### Jackson, Tiffany D.—*White Smoke*

Marigold's newly blended family has come to the town of Cedarville for a new start after the trouble Mari caused back home. There a new kind of trouble waiting. Trouble that goes bump in the night and makes friends with her bratty stepsister. Their new house and new town are riddled with dark secrets that would make anyone consider running. (YA)

### Keil, Michelle Ruiz

#### *Summer in the City of Roses*

Iph is the protector of her sensitive younger brother, Orr. But their father's betrayal sends them separately into the summer streets of early 90s Portland, Oregon, facing transformative experiences with music, big feelings, and sex work activism. Iph and Orr will never be the same. (Oregon Author; YA)

### Le, Loan—*A Pho Love Story*

Bao and Linh watch each other from across the street as they each work in the rival pho restaurants owned by their feuding families. When Bao moves from spying through the window and actually meets Linh, sparks fly and a secret romance is born. Together, they discover the secrets behind the family tensions as they follow a trail of misunderstandings that take them all the way back to their roots in Vietnam. (YA)

### Little Badger, Darcie

#### *A Snake Falls to Earth*

Nina is a Lipan girl in our world with a deep attachment to the old stories. Oli is a cottonmouth kid, cast from his home among spirits and monsters. When something terrible happens on earth and a strange sickness befalls Oli's best friend, the worlds of Nina and Oli are set on a alarming collision course toward an unforgettable encounter. (MG)