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New Rosie Award Nominees announced



Each year, high school students across the state of Indiana read from a list of around 20 nominees for the Eliot Rosewater Indiana High School Book Award (or the Rosie, as it's known). These books are rated by the students, who then vote through their high schools. With voting winding down for the 2012-2013 award, many people are looking forward to spending some time this summer getting to know the new nominees for the upcoming 2013-2014 award.

This new batch of nominees has something for just about everyone. Veronica Roth's *Divergent* is a dystopian take on Chicago in the near future, where teens are forced to choose one of five factions to spend the rest of their life in and face a deadly initiation. Romantic titles are well represented in Stephanie Perkins *Anna and the French Kiss* and Sarah Tregay's *Love and Leftovers*, a novel-in-verse. Fantasy (Rae Carson's *The Girl of Fire and Thorns*), historical fiction (*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys and *In the Shadow of the Lamp* by Susanne Dunlap), and inspirational fiction (*There You'll Find Me* by Jenny B. Jones) also make appearances on the list. **Read more »**

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April's Books Plus



In April, as poets have for centuries, we'll celebrate poetry. For our next Books Plus discussion program, we'll be highlighting sonnets - one of the shortest and most versatile of poetic forms. Did you know what King James I, Prime Minister William Gladstone, American abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, President John Quincy Adams, and Edith Wharton all had in common? They loved to write sonnets!

Now you don't need to compose any of your own, but if you have a favorite that you'd love to read aloud, please come and share. Or sit back and let language flow around you. We'll explore this little song's history, discuss its variations, how contemporary poets have made it their own, and why a sonnet is still a sonnet even if it doesn't rhyme.

We hope you can join us this coming Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. in discovering anew one of our best creations--the sonnet. All are welcome and refreshments are provided. More information about this and upcoming Books Plus discussions below.

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