

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.

Those looking for realistic fiction set in the present day have a huge number of titles to choose from. From rehab (Amy Reed's *Clean*) to terminal cancer (John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* and Steve Watkins' *What Comes After*), and high school football (*Stupid Fast* by Geoff Herbach) to music (Love Maia's *DJ Rising*), readers have plenty to choose from. There are even two nonfiction titles: Josh Bleill's memoir of losing his legs in Iraq (*One Step at a Time*) and Michael Oher's *I Beat the Odds*, the story behind the movie *The Blind Side*.

Throughout the next few months we'll be reviewing titles from the list here and suggesting similar books and movies. If you are interested in taking part in the actual voting for the Rosie Award, ask your school librarian whether your school participates. Happy reading!

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