The White Darkness
by Geraldine McCaughrean
YF McCaughrean
2008. When her uncle takes her on a
dream trip to the Antarctic
wilderness, Sym's obsession with
Captain Oates and the doomed
expedition becomes a reality as she
is soon in a fight for her life in some of
the harshest terrain on the planet.

American Born Chinese
by Gene Luen Yang
YG Yang
2007. This graphic novel alternates
between three interrelated stories
about the problems of young
Chinese Americans trying to
participate in American popular
culture.

Looking for Alaska
by John Green
YF Green
2006. 16-year-old Miles' first year at
Culver Creek Preparatory School in
Alabama includes good friends and
great pranks, but is defined by the
search for answers about life and
death after a fatal car crash.

How I Live Now
by Meg Rosoff
YF Rosoff
2005. To get away from her pregnant
stepmother in New York City,
15-year-old Daisy goes to England to
stay with her aunt and cousins, but
soon war breaks out and rips the
family apart.

The First Part Last
by Angela Johnson
YF Johnson
2004. Bobby's carefree teenage life
changes forever when he becomes a
father and must care for his adored
baby daughter.

Postcards From No Man's
Land
by Aidan Chambers
YF Chambers
2003. Jacob Todd travels to
Amsterdam to honor his grandfather,
a soldier who died in a nearby town
in World War II, while in 1944, a girl
named Geertrui meets an English
soldier named Jacob Todd, who
must hide with her family.

A Step From Heaven
by Na An
YF An
2002. At age four, Young Ju moves
with her parents from Korea to
Southern California. She has always
imagined America would be like
heaven: easy, blissful and full of
riches. But when her family arrives,
she finds it to be the opposite.

Kit's Wilderness
by David Almond
YF Almond
2001. After moving to an old coal-
mining town, Kit accepts an
invitation from a new friend to play a
dangerous game, venturing into the
depths to reconnect with ancestors
who had worked and died within its
walls.

The Michael L. Printz Award recognizes
books that exemplify literary
excellence in young adult literature
**Dig**
by A.S. King
YF King
When their rags-to-riches grandparents decide against bequeathing the family fortune to their descendants, five teens confront difficult secrets and the realities of their disadvantages before uniting in the effort to save the family name.

**The Poet X**
by Elizabeth Acevedo
YF Acevedo
2019. The daughter of devout immigrants discovers the power of slam poetry and begins participating in a school club as part of her effort to understand her mother’s strict religious beliefs.

**We Are Okay**
by Nina LaCour
YF LaCour
2018. Running back to college and shutting out everyone from her life in California after a traumatic summer that nobody else knows about, Marin is forced to confront what happened during a lonely, fateful winter break.

**March: Book Three**
by John Lewis
GN Biography Lewis
2017. Congressman John Lewis, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement, joins co-writer Andrew Aydin and artist Nate Powell to bring lessons of history to vivid life for a new generation, urgently relevant for today’s world.

**Bone Gap**
by Laura Ruby
YF Ruby
2016. Treated as an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, Finn is the only witness to an abduction, but his inability to distinguish between faces hampers his ability to help with the investigation and subjects Finn to further ridicule.

**I'll Give You the Sun**
by Jandy Nelson
YF Nelson
2015. A story of first love and family loss follows the estrangement between daredevil Jude and her loner twin brother, Noah, as a result of a mysterious event brought to light by a beautiful, broken boy.

**Midwinterblood**
by Marcus Sedgwick
YF Sedgwick
2014. Seven linked vignettes of passion and love unfold on a Scandinavian island inhabited throughout various time periods by Vikings, vampires, ghosts and a curiously powerful plant that resembles a dragon.

**In Darkness**
by Nick Lake
YF Lake
2013. Following the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a gang member, is trapped in the rubble of a hospital. As he grows weaker, he has visions of his life and of Toussaint L’Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804.

**Ship Breaker**
by Paolo Bacigalupi
YF Bacigalupi
2011. A tale set in a Gulf Coast shanty town 100 years in the future finds teen Nailer dreaming of a better life on the sea before discovering a beached clipper ship and lone survivor.

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**Jellicoe Road**
by Melina Marchetta
YF Marchetta
2009. High school student Taylor Markham, who was abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.