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The Young Adult Services Division (YASD) of the American Library Association (ALA) announced its "Best Books for Young Adults 1978" list on January 11, 1979, during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The selection was made by a committee of 15 librarians. Penny Jeffrey was the 1978 "Best Books" Chairperson. The books were chosen on the basis of "their proven or potential appeal and worth to young adults" (12 - 18 years old). To be eligible, books had to be published between November 1, 1977 and October 31, 1978.

This year's list represents a broad range of reading interests, from Black American poetry to horror stories to primary source material from the Native American viewpoint.

BEST BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 1978

Adoff, Arnold. CELEBRATIONS. Follett, \$7.95.

Arrick, Fran. STEFFIE CAN'T COME OUT TO PLAY. Bradbury, \$7.95.

Ash, Brian, ed. THE VISUAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE FICTION. Crown, \$17.95.

Blankfort, Michael. TAKE THE A TRAIN. Dutton, \$8.95.

Burnford, Sheila. BEL RIA. Little, \$7.95.

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add one - Best Books for Young Adults

- Campbell, R. Wright. WHERE PIGEONS GO TO DIE. Rawson, \$6.95.
- Curtis, Edward S. GIRL WHO MARRIED A GHOST AND OTHER TALES FROM
(John Bierhorst, ed.) THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS. Four Winds, \$9.95.
- DeLarrabeiti, Michael. THE BORRIBLES. Macmillan, \$6.95.
- Duncan, Lois. KILLING MR. GRIFFIN. Little, \$6.95.
- Elder, Lauren with Shirley Streshinsky. AND I ALONE SURVIVED.
Dutton, \$8.95.
- Francke, Linda Bird. THE AMBIVALENCE OF ABORTION. Random, \$10.95.
- Fuller, John G. POISON THAT FELL FROM THE SKY. Random, \$6.95.
- Glass, Frankcina. MARVIN AND TIGE. St. Martin's, \$8.95.
- Guy, Rosa. EDITH JACKSON. Viking, \$8.95.
- Hamilton, Eleanor. SEX, WITH LOVE. Beacon, \$10.95.
- Hautzig, Deborah. HEY DOLLFACE. Greenwillow, \$6.95.
- Hayes, E. Kent and Alex Lazzarino. BROKEN PROMISE. Putnam, \$8.95.
- Holliday, Laurel, ed. HEART SONGS: THE INTIMATE DIARIES OF YOUNG
GIRLS. Bluestocking Books, \$3.95, paper.
- Ives, John. FEAR IN A HANDFUL OF DUST. Dutton, \$8.95.
- Jones, Adrienne. THE HAWKS OF CHELNEY. Harper, \$7.95.
- Kelly, Gary F. LEARNING ABOUT SEX. Barron's rev. ed., \$3.50 paper,
- Kerr, M.E. GENTLEHANDS. Harper, \$6.49.
- King, Stephen. NIGHT SHIFT. Doubleday, \$8.95.
- Leekley, Sheryle and John Leekley. MOMENTS: THE PULITZER PRIZE
PHOTOGRAPHS. Crown, \$12.95.
- LeFlore, Ron with Jim Hawkins. BREAKOUT. Harper, \$8.95. (paperback
title: ONE IN A MILLION--THE RON LEFLORE STORY.
Warner, \$1.95)
- Leitner, Isabella. FRAGMENTS OF ISABELLA. Crowell, \$7.95.
- Levenkron, Steven. THE BEST LITTLE GIRL IN THE WORLD. Contemporary
Books, \$8.95.

add two - Best Books for Young Adults

- London, Mel. GETTING INTO FILM. Ballantine, \$6.95. paper.
- McFarlane, Milton G. CUDJOE OF JAMAICA. Enslow, \$7.95.
- McIntyre, Vonda N. DREAMSNAKE. Houghton Mifflin, \$8.95.
- McKinley, Robin. BEAUTY. Harper, \$7.95.
- Mazer, Harry. THE WAR ON VILLA STREET. Delacorte, \$7.50.
- Messing, Shep. EDUCATION OF AN AMERICAN SOCCER PLAYER. Dodd Mead, \$8.95.
- Meyer, Carolyn. C. C. POINDEXTER. Atheneum, \$7.95.
- Nabokov, Peter, ed. NATIVE AMERICAN TESTIMONY. Crowell, \$8.79.
- Peck, Richard. FATHER FIGURE. Viking, \$8.95.
- Ryan, Cheli Duran. THE YELLOW CANARY WHOSE EYE IS SO BLACK. Macmillan, \$12.95.
- Saleh, Dennis, ed. ROCK ART. Ballantine, \$8.95.
- Scopetone, Sandra. HAPPY ENDINGS ARE ALL ALIKE. Harper, \$6.79.
- Smith, Martin Cruz. NIGHTWING. Norton, \$8.95; Jove, \$2.25, paper.
- Szabo, Joseph. ALMOST GROWN. Harmony, \$4.95, paper.
- Trudeau, Gary. DOONESBURY'S GREATEST HITS. Holt, \$12.95; \$7.95, paper.
- Westall, Robert. WIND EYE. Greenwillow, \$6.95.
- Wetherby, Terry, ed. CONVERSATIONS: WORKING WOMEN TALK ABOUT DOING A "MAN'S JOB." Les Femmes, \$4.95, paper.

Wright, Andrew. CELEBRATIONS. Ballantine, \$7.95.

Wright, Peter. STEVIE CAN'T COME OUT TO PLAY. Bradbury, \$7.95.

Wright, Peter, ed. THE VISUAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE FICTION. Coward, \$12.95.

Wright, Peter, ed. TAKE THE A TRAIN. Dutton, \$8.95.

Wright, Peter, ed. THE VIA. Dutton, \$7.95.