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CARNEGIE MEDALS FOR EXCELLENCE IN FICTION AND NONFICTION SHORTLIST

The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the six books shortlisted for the esteemed Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, awarded for the previous year's best fiction and nonfiction books written for adult readers and published in the U.S. Each winning author will receive \$5,000 and the four finalists will each receive \$1,500 at an award ceremony at the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco in June. [Tickets to the award ceremony](#) and [table purchases](#) are on sale now.

2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction Shortlist

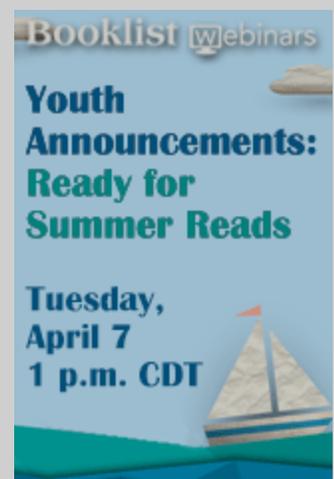


[**Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption.**](#) By Bryan Stevenson. Published by Spiegel & Grau, an imprint of Random House.

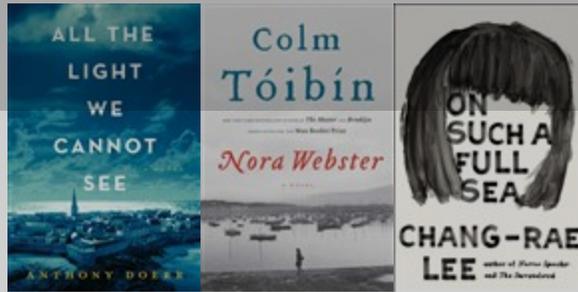
[**The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History.**](#) By Elizabeth Kolbert. Published by Henry Holt.

[**Thirteen Days in September: Carter, Begin, and Sadat at Camp David.**](#) By Lawrence Wright. Published by Alfred A. Knopf, a division of Random House LLC.

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2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction Shortlist



All the Light We Cannot See. By Anthony Doerr. Published by Scribner, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc.

Nora Webster. By Colm Tóibín. Published by Scribner, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc.

On Such a Full Sea. By Chang-rae Lee. Published by Riverhead Books, a member of Penguin Group (USA).

The awards, established in 2012, recognize the best fiction and nonfiction books for adult readers published in the U.S. in the previous year and serve as a guide to help adults select quality reading material. They are the first single-book awards for adult books given by the American Library Association and reflect the expert judgment and insight of library professionals who work closely with adult readers. Brad Hooper, Adult Books Editor at *Booklist* and winner of the 2015 Louis Shores Award for excellence in reviewing, serves as chair of the 2015 awards selection committee.

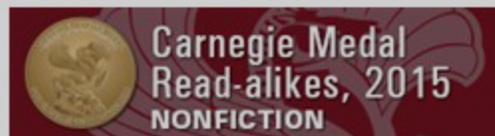
The awards are made possible, in part, by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York in recognition of Andrew Carnegie's deep belief in the power of books and learning to change the world, and are co-sponsored by ALA's [Booklist](#) Publications and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA).

Annotations and more information on the finalists and the awards can be found at <http://www.ala.org/carnegieadult>.

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The Nonfiction Shortlist

With the announcement of the six shortlisted titles for the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Fiction and Nonfiction, librarians and library patrons will be

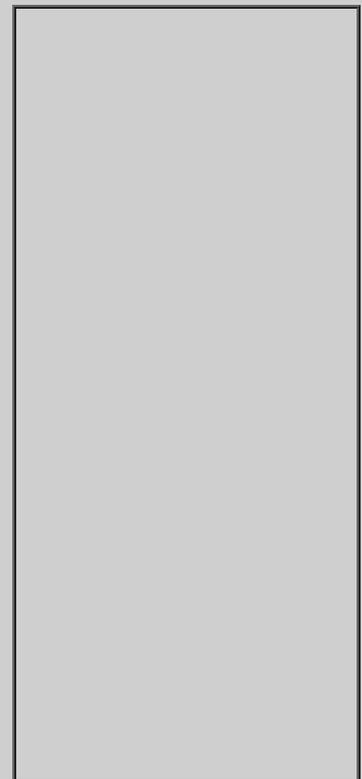
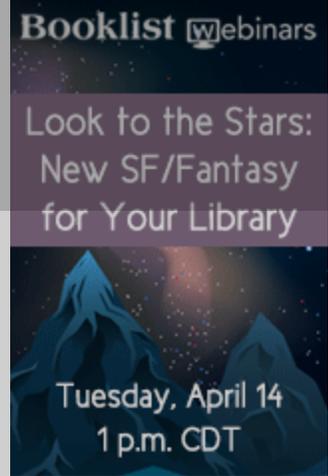


scrambling to read all the finalists before the winners are announced on Saturday, June 27, during ALA's Annual Conference in San Francisco. For those who have already read the full shortlist and wish to find further reading, we offer read-alikes for all three nonfiction finalists below, selected by *Booklist* editors Keir Graff, Brad Hooper, Bill Ott, and Donna Seaman.

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The Fiction Shortlist

This year's finalists for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction carry readers into fully realized worlds embroiled in conflicts epic and intimate—from Occupied France to mid-twentieth-century Ireland to a decimated near-



future America, in which sensitive and valiant individuals struggle to hold their own. The specifics are unique to each novel, while the underlying themes are universal.

The read-alike titles below, selected and annotated by Brad Hooper and Donna Seaman, will please readers who want more in this deep literary vein.

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Philosophy

[Do Your Om Thing: Bending Yoga Tradition to Fit Your Modern Life](#), by Rebecca Pacheco

Religion

[Stay: Lessons My Dogs Taught Me about Life, Loss, and Grace](#), by Dave Burchett

[Wearing God: An Exercise in Enriching Our Spiritual Imagination](#), by Lauren F. Winner

Social Sciences

[Future Crimes: Everything Is Connected, Everyone Is Vulnerable and What We Can Do about It](#), by Marc Goodman

"Goodman, a cop turned counterterrorism analyst and cybercrime expert, wants you to know, in no uncertain terms, that you are not nearly as safe as you might think you are."



Science

[**The Good, the Bad, and the Furry: Life with the World's Most Melancholy Cat**](#), by Tom Cox

Cookery

[**Apples to Cider: How to Make Cider at Home**](#), by April White and Stephen Wood

Geography, Travel, & Culture

[**This Is Mexico: Tales of Culture and Other Complications**](#), by Carol M. Merchasin

Arts

[**Audrey and Bill: A Romantic Biography of Audrey Hepburn and William Holden**](#), by Edward Z. Epstein

[**Billie Holiday: The Musician and the Myth**](#), by John Szwed

"The jazz community already owes a debt to Szwed for his biographies of the enigmatic Miles Davis and Sun Ra. That debt is now compounded by this compelling interpretation of our greatest jazz singer."



Adult - Fiction

General Fiction

[**Allure of Deceit**](#), by Susan Froetschel

[**Haven Lake**](#), by Holly Robinson

"Fans of Barbara Delinsky and Diane Chamberlain will enjoy this moving family drama."



[**The Illuminations**](#), by Andrew O'Hagan

[**Jillian**](#), by Halle Butler

[**Magnetic North**](#), by Lee Maynard

[**Meet Me Halfway: Milwaukee Stories**](#), by Jennifer Morales

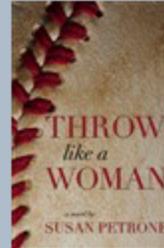
[**A Room of Rain**](#), by Gary Fincke

"Each of the 12 stories in this collection by a master of the dynamics of short fiction is a gift from the author to his readers."



Throw like a Woman, by Susan Petrone

"While, on the surface, this is a novel about a woman battling to make her way in the man's world of professional baseball, debut author Petrone presents a stirring and humorous story of a woman doing considerably more than that—trying to rediscover herself, provide for her family, and perhaps find a little love along the way."



Wishful Thinking, by Kamy Wicoff

Historical Fiction

Mightier Than the Sword, by Jeffrey Archer

Horror

The Face of the Earth and Other Imaginings, by Algernon Blackwood and edited by Mike Ashley

Youth - Nonfiction

Religion

Spinoza: The Outcast Thinker, by Devra Lehmann

Social Sciences

Fighting for Freedom: Stories of Women in the 1960s, by Cath Senker

Portable Toilet Cleaner, by Arnold Ringstad

Technology

Hazmat Removal Worker, by Wil Mara

Crafts & Hobbies

LEGO, by Sara Green

Science

Animal Sanctuaries, by Kelli Hicks

"What is the difference between an animal in a zoo and an animal that has been brought to a sanctuary? In this title in the Animal Matters series, the work of animal sanctuaries is explored in short chapters, supplemented by color photographs and simple maps and charts."



Bark Scorpion, by Meish Goldish

Beautiful Birds, by Jean Roussen and illustrated by Emmanuelle Walker

[The Slug](#), written and illustrated by Elise Gravel

[Traits for Survival](#), by Donna Herweck Rice

[When Whales Cross the Sea: The Gray Whale Migration](#), by Sharon Katz Cooper and illustrated by Tom Leonard

Arts

[Taylor Swift](#), by Michael Heatley and Mike Gent

Sports & Recreation

[Gymnastics](#), by Allan Morey

[Thirsty!](#), by Stephanie Turnbull

History

[Hernan Cortes: Conquering the Aztec Empire](#), by Zachary Anderson

[A Kid's Life during the Middle Ages](#), by Sarah Machajewski

Youth - Fiction

General Fiction

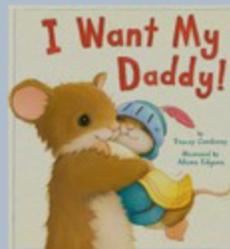
[Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole](#), by Joe Rhatigan and Charles Nunberg and illustrated by Eric Puybaret

[Everybody Knows Your Name](#), by Andrea Seigel and Brent Bradshaw

[Grandma in Blue with Red Hat](#), by Scott Menchin and illustrated by Harry Bliss

[I Want My Daddy!](#), by Tracey Corderoy and illustrated by Alison Edgson

"Can one ever have too many charming father-son stories? Probably not. A delightful glimpse into a wonderful relationship."



[Longing for Normal](#), by Darcy Pattison

[The Secrets of Attraction](#), by Robin Constantine

[Silence](#), by Deborah Lytton

[Where Bear?](#), written and illustrated by Sophy Henn

Action/Adventure

[The Lost City](#), by Jon Voelkel and Pamela Voelkel

Sf/Fantasy

[Accidentally Evil](#), by Lara Chapman

[Ash](#), by Shani Petroff and Darci Manley

[The Black Crow Conspiracy](#), by Christopher Edge

"Edge is back at the top of his game in this latest genre-bending story of 15-year-old Penelope Tredwell, author and editor of the pulpy *Penny Dreadful*, and the hapless actor who stands in as her public face."



[Crystal Keepers](#), by Brandon Mull

[Edison's Alley](#), by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman

[Once upon a Cloud](#), written and illustrated by Claire Keane

[The Ruby Airship](#), by Sharon Gosling

[Zeroboxer](#), by Fonda Lee

"This future world isn't too far off (except for the advanced tech), which makes it a thought-provoking read, and the emphasis on boxing might expand appeal to reluctant readers."



Historical Fiction

[Looking for Jack Kerouac](#), by Barbara Shoup

Romance

[After Us](#), by Amber Hart

[Wrong about the Guy](#), by Claire LaZebnik

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