

Michael L. Printz Award Winners

The Michael L. Printz Award is named in honor of Michael L. Printz, a former school librarian who served actively in YALSA for a number of years. He had an unquenchable passion for books and believed firmly in the importance of matching a reader to just the right book. This award is a tribute to a man who spent his entire life advocating for children and young adults. The Printz Award recognizes “a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.” To be eligible for this award, a book must be intended primarily for a young adult audience.

2000	Monster by Walter Dean Myers
2001	Kit’s Wilderness by David Almond
2002	Step from Heaven by An Na
2003	Postcards from No Man’s Land by Aidan Chambers
2004	The First Part Last by Angela Johnson
2005	How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
2006	Looking for Alaska by John Green
2007	American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
2008	The White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughrean
2009	Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta
2010	Going Bovine by Libba Bray
2011	Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi
2012	Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley