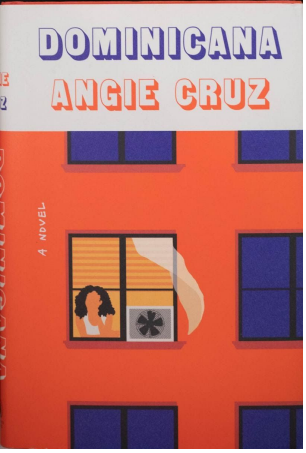
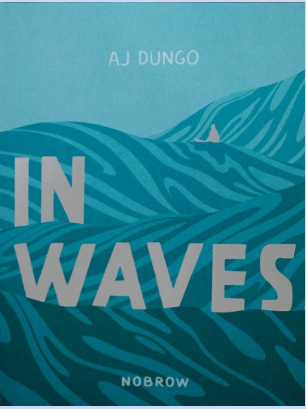
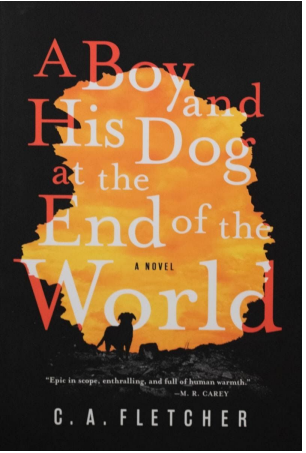
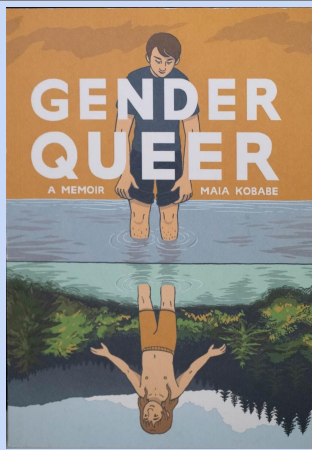


2020 Alex Award Winners

Given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12-18, and selected the previous year's publishing.

BOOK COVER	TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION
	<p><u>DOMINICANA</u> Author: Angie Cruz Call Number: F CRUZ</p> <p>In 1965, 15-year-old Ana Cancion leaves the Dominican Republic married to a man twice her age and eventually discovers her own voice in Washington Heights, New York. Though historical fiction, this powerful immigrant story is increasingly relevant today.</p>
	<p>IN WAVES Author: AJ Dungo Call Number: Not Housed</p> <p>In this beautiful graphic memoir, perfectly cast in muted beach tones, Dungo interweaves his story of first love with his girlfriend's passion for surfing, her heroism in the face of cancer, and a primer on the history of surfing.</p>
	<p>A BOY AND HIS DOG AT THE END OF THE WORLD Author: C.A. Fletcher Call Number: Not Housed</p> <p>In a dystopian future, where the world's population is believed to be only in the thousands, Griz lives on an isolated island. When a charismatic stranger arrives and absconds with one of the family's beloved dogs, the 16-year-old embarks on a quest to get her back.</p>



[GENDER QUEER: A MEMOIR](#)

Author: Maia Kobabe

Call Number: Available as Comic on Hoopla

Kobabe's path to understanding their gender and sexuality comes into beautiful focus in this graphic memoir, expressively illustrated with retro colors and simple lines. Readers will recognize a kindred spirit in Kobabe and/or gain insight into what it's like to identify outside of the cisgender/heterosexual "norm."

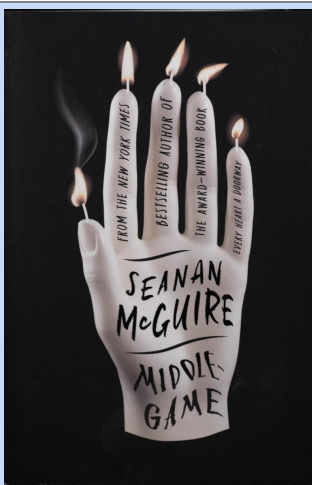


THE SWALLOWS

Author: Lisa Lutz

Call Number: Not Housed

The arrival of a new teacher with a complicated past ignites a student rebellion against Stonebridge Academy's misogynistic culture, which has gone unchecked for years.



[MIDDLEGAME](#)

Author: SEANAN MCGUIRE

Call Number: Available as Audiobook on OverDrive

Roger and Dodger are twins, created in a lab in order to bestow their creator with the power to shape reality - but only if they don't figure out how to manifest that power for themselves first.

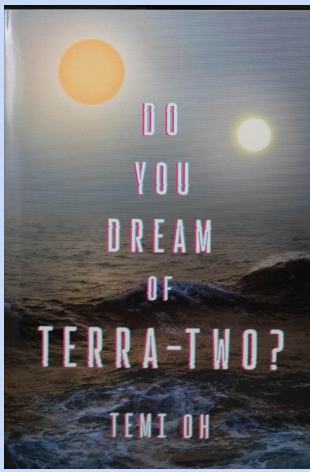


[RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE](#)

Author: Casey McQuiston

Call Number: F MCQUISTON

In this quirky political rom-com, First Son Alex fakes a friendship with longtime rival Prince Henry of Britain when an incendiary photo of them is leaked to the tabloids. A genuine romance blossoms between the two, but it must be kept secret for the sake of Alex's mother's presidential reelection campaign.



DO YOU DREAM OF TERRA-TWO

Author: Temi Oh

Call Number: Not Housed

A crew of 10 astronauts, 6 of whom are teens, set off on a 23-year journey to begin settling an uninhabited planet known as Terra-Two. This character-driven sci-fi novel will draw teens into its orbit with interpersonal conflict.

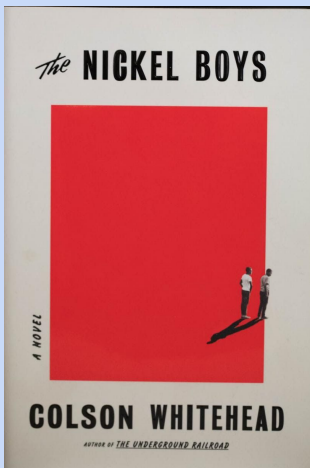


HIGH SCHOOL

Author: Tegan & Sara Quin

Call Number: Not Housed

Critically acclaimed indie rock duo Tegan and Sara Quin lay bare their teenage experiences, the oscillating euphoria and scintillation of first love, the jarring process of finding one's identity, and early forays into making music in this gorgeous dual memoir.



THE NICKEL BOYS

Author: Colson Whitehead

Call Number: F WHITEHEAD

Idealistic Elwood and cynical Turner form an unlikely bond at Nickel Academy, a corrupt 1960s reform school, as they endure the abuse meted out by the sadistic warden. Their heart-wrenching story of physical and mental survival is based on the real-life experiences of children at the former Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys.