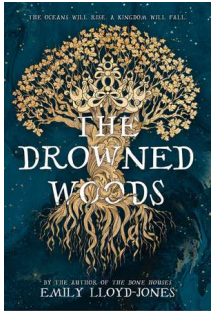


Bravely



by Maggie Stiefvater
When a supernatural being appears in DunBroch on Christmas Eve with the intent of demolishing the realm, Princess Merida, under the watchful eyes of the gods, embarks on a series of epic journeys to save those she loves from ruin.

The Drowned Woods



by Emily Lloyd-Jones
The last living water diviner, 18-year-old Mererid joins forces with her old handler to bring down the very prince who abused them both and, with a ragtag group of allies, sets out to topple a kingdom.

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Past Winners

- 2023 *Punching the Air*
- 2022 *Cinderella is Dead*
- 2021 *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*
- 2020 *Refugee*
- 2019 *Restart*
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- 2017 *Everything Everything*
- 2016 *The War That Saved My Life*
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- 2013 *Divergent*
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- 2011 *The Maze Runner*
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- 2008 *Perfect*
- 2007 *Twilight*
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ISINGLASS Teen Read Award

2024



The Isinglass Award promotes teen reading by inviting teens to help select great literature.

Each year, 7th and 8th graders across NH nominate their favorite books and vote on the top 10 in April.



Gallant

by V.E. Schwab

Olivia Prior has grown up at the grim Merilance School for Girls with no past except for her one treasure, her mother's journal, so when a letter arrives inviting her to come home to ruinous manor, Gallant, she seizes the chance to find out about her family.

Once Upon a K-Prom

by Kat Cho

Instead of going to prom, seventeen-year-old Elena Soo wants to spend her time saving the local community center, and she is determined to keep her priorities straight even when her childhood best friend--who is now a K-pop superstar--returns to make good on their old pact to go to prom together.

This Golden State

by Marit Weisenberg

Seventeen-year-old Poppy takes a home DNA test and unravels her parents' identities and their decades of careful work to keep their family anonymous, allowing the past to come dangerously close to catching up to them

Jennifer Chan is Not Alone

by Tae Keller

When Jennifer Chan, a new girl who believes she can find aliens, goes missing, Mallory Moss sets out to find her and must figure out why Jennifer might have run--and face the truth inside herself.

One For All

by Lillie Lainoff

One for All is a gender-bent retelling of The Three Musketeers, in which a girl with a chronic illness trains as a Musketeer and uncovers secrets, sisterhood, and self-love.

Tiger Daughter

by Rebecca Lim

Wen Zhou is a first-generation daughter of Chinese migrant parents. She has high expectations from her parents to succeed in school, especially her father whose strict rules leave her feeling trapped. She dreams of creating a future for herself more satisfying than the one her parents expect her to lead.

Medusa

by Jessie Burton

Exiled to a far-flung island, Medusa has little company except for the snakes adorning her head instead of hair until a beautiful boy named Perseus arrives, disrupting her lonely existence and unleashing desire, love, and betrayal.

Ain't Burned All the Bright

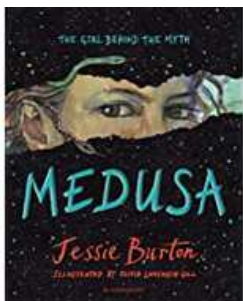
by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin

A smash-up of art and text that viscerally captures what it is to be Black.

Year of the Reaper

by Makiia Lucier

In the aftermath of a devastating plague, young Lord Cassia returns home determined to discover who is trying to assassinate the queen and must follow the trail of a terrible secret that could threaten the kingdom's newfound peace.



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