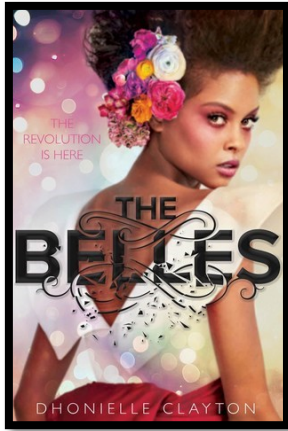


2020-2021 LTRC Winner

The Belles

by Dhonielle Clayton



Voting Machines

You may request voting machines from the Secretary of State's Office for students to cast their vote for their favorite book. The Secretary of State believes that this is an excellent civic and educational opportunity.

Please note that due to the popularity of the voting machines, they may not be able to accommodate every request.

Contact:

Leigh Westmoreland
225.362.5139 Office
225.922.2910 Fax
leigh.westmoreland@sos.la.gov

When requesting the voting machines please include:

- Contact name and phone number
- School's name and address
- Grade level(s) participating
- Approximate number of students participating in each grade level
- Be sure to send in your request **NO LATER THAN** December 1, 2021

Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by March 1, 2022.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote for only one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student**
 - Must read or listen to three or more titles on the list.
 - Must live in Louisiana.
 - Must be in grades 9-12th (or equivalent).
- **Students who read every title on their nominated list may receive a certificate of achievement from the State Library.**
- **Submit Your Vote**
 - Submit votes directly from the State Library web site at <http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice/voting>.
 - Fill out the form, then click "submit".
 - Voting Machine results may be faxed to 225.342.3547.
 - Each student may vote individually from their participating school, public library, home computer, etc.
 - Teachers and librarians may total the votes of their class or group and submit the tally instead of individual votes.
 - The tally form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be counted.

For Questions Contact:

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Louisiana TEEN Readers' Choice Award 2021-2022

Nominated List and Details



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LOUISIANA TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award (LTRC) is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. The purpose of the program is to foster a love of reading in the youth of Louisiana by motivating them to participate in the recognition of outstanding books.

A committee of Louisiana librarians and educators compile the 9-12th grade list of nominated titles. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to Jamie Hebert, jhebert@slol.lib.la.us.

The final list is a well-balanced collection of quality literature. High school students may read or listen to two or more books on the list and vote for their favorite one. The books that receive the most votes from the students are the Award Winners. The books with the second most votes are the Honor Books.

Timeline

Summer / Fall 2021: Begin reading books on 2020-2021 lists.

Oct 30, 2021: Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, www.LouisianaBookFestival.org

March 1, 2022: Deadline for submitting votes.

Spring 2022: Announcement of the 2021-2022 award winners.

Webpage

Details about the program, print materials, study guides, PowerPoint presentations, book trailers and booktalks, and other additional resources for the titles are available on our website

<http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice>.

Promotional materials

Free promotional materials for the nominated list, including posters, bookmarks and seals for award books, are available from the State Library. Complete the Young Readers' Choice order form on the website, to request these materials.

Disclaimer

The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Program provides a recreational reading list. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. We wish to engage teen interest, encourage critical thinking, and challenge teen readers. As such, some titles on the list may have sensitive content and deal with more mature themes than some students have encountered previously. The target audience is young adults and as the term implies they will soon be adults. Not every book will suit every reader, which is why there are many titles to choose from. It is up to the individual reader to read the more mature selections or to close the book and choose another.

Each school and public library should take their individual collection needs into account and consider each title before purchasing every book on the list. An annotated list of nominated titles is provided on the State Library's website to aid in this selection.

2021-2022 School Year TEEN Nominated List (10 Titles)

1. **The Downstairs Girl** by Stacey Lee. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for "the genteel Southern lady."
2. **Hot Dog Girl** by Jennifer Dugan. A lovesick teenager schemes to win the heart of her crush at her amusement park summer job, all while dressed as a hot dog.
3. **Ordinary Hazards** by Nikki Grimes. Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki Grimes found herself terrorized by babysitters, shunted from foster family to foster family, and preyed upon by those she trusted. At age six, she poured her pain onto a piece of paper late one night – and discov-

ered the magic and impact of writing.

4. **Patron Saints of Nothing** by Randy Ribay. When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more.
5. **SLAY** by Brittney Morris. An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Keira enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide.
6. **Sorcery of Thorns** by Margaret Rogerson. When apprentice librarian Elisabeth is implicated in sabotage that released the library's most dangerous grimoire, she becomes entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy that could mean the end of everything.
7. **They Called Us Enemy** by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott; illustrated by Harmony Becker. Actor, author, and activist George Takei recounts his childhood imprisoned within American relocation camps for Japanese Americans during World War II, and the impact the experience had on his later life.
8. **Two Can Keep a Secret** by Karen M. McManus. While true-crime aficionado Ellery and her twin brother are staying with their grandmother in a Vermont community known for murder, a new friend goes missing and Ellery may be next.
9. **With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo. Teen mother Emoni Santiago struggles with the challenges of finishing high school and achieving her dream of working as a chef.
10. **XL** by Scott Brown. Will has always been troubled by his short stature, but on his 16th birthday, he starts to grow--and grow, and grow.