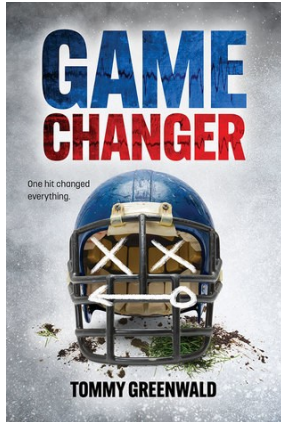


## 2020-2021 LYRC 6-8th Grade Winner

### *Game Changer*

by Tommy Greenwald



## Voting Machines

You may request a voting machine 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](mailto: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 6-8th (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:

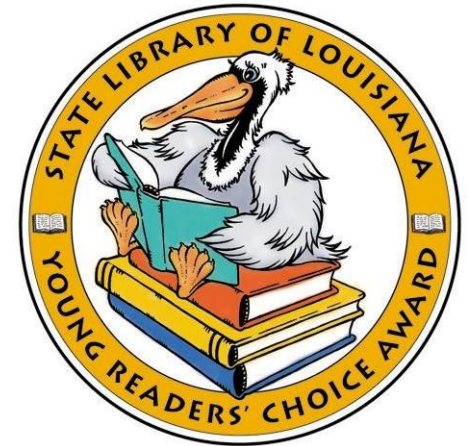
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# Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 6-8th Grade 2021-2022

## Nominated List and Details



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*A reading enrichment program of the  
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## LOUISIANA YOUNG READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award (LYRC) 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.

Committees of Louisiana librarians and educators compile lists of recommended books each year. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to Jamie Hebert, [jhebert@slo1.lib.la.us](mailto:jhebert@slo1.lib.la.us).

The lists are well-balanced selections of high-quality fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Students may read or listen to the books and vote for their favorite one. They need to read or listen to a minimum of three nominated titles from the list in order to vote. This is a great way to involve students in literature and get them excited about reading for pleasure. 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](http://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>.

to request these materials.

### 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 Young Readers' Choice Program provides a recreational reading list. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. We wish to engage interest, encourage critical thinking, and challenge young readers. Not every book will suit every reader, which is why there are many titles to choose from.

## 2021-2022 School Year 6-5th Nominated List (12 Titles)

1. **All the Greys on Greene Street** by Laura Tucker. A 12-year-old artist in 1981 SoHo searches for answers when her father, a restorer of antique paintings, abruptly disappears in the middle of the night.
2. **The Dark Lord Clementine** by Sarah Jean Horwitz. When her father is cursed by a rival witch, twelve-year-old Clementine Morcerous assumes his duties as Dark Lord of the realm, but soon questions her father's code of good and evil.
3. **Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams. Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.
4. **Maybe He Just Likes You** by Barbara Dee. When boys in her class start touching seventh-grader Mila and making her feel uncomfortable, she does not want to tell her friends or mother until she reaches her breaking point.
5. **New Kid (New Kid 1)** by Jerry Craft. Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in

a prestigious private school known for its academics.

6. **The Next Great Paulie Fink** by Ali Benjamin. Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink.
7. **The Okay Witch** by Emma Steinkellner. When thirteen-year-old Moth Hush learns she comes from a long line of witches, she unlocks a hidden witch world, where secrets from generations past unravel and threaten her family.
8. **Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga. Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.
9. **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by Dan Gemeinhart. Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.
10. **Storm Blown** by Nick Courage. In San Juan, Puerto Rico, Alejandro worries about his great-uncle while helping guests at a resort, and in New Orleans, Emily worries about her sick brother, as a major hurricane rages, changing both their lives forever.
11. **The Strangers (Greystone Secrets 1)** by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.
12. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky (Tristan Strong 1)** by Kwame Mbalia. Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.