**Lincoln Award: Illinois Teen Readers’ Choice**

**2022 Nominees’ Master List**

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**[Allegedly](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=3&cn=3486091)** by Tiffany Jackson (F JAC YA) 387 pages

When Mary, a teenage living in a group home, becomes pregnant, authorities take another look at the crim for which Mary was convicted when she was nine years old.

[**Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3587832) by Penelope Bagieu (920.72 BAG YA) 291 pages

Profiles of inspiring women--some who are world famous and some who are little known—in graphic format, including Nellie Bly, Mae Jemison, Hedy Lamarr, Josephine Baker, and Naziq al-Abid.

[**Catfishing on Catnet**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3734567)  by Naomi Kritzer (F KRI YA) 304 pages

When outsiders threaten the administrator for the CatNet online community, a sentient Al who loves cat pictures, and a threat from her past catches up to her, Steph and her friends—both online and in real life—must save her.

[**The Companion**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3781683)by Katie Alender (F ALE YA) 439 pages

Selected by a prestigious family to be a companion to their silent, mysterious daughter, a traumatized orphan who has survived the terrible accident that killed her family begins questioning her sanity when she experiences strange phenomena in her hosts’ isolated, gothic house.

[**Dig**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=2&cn=3678319)by A.S. King (F KIN YA) 392 pages

Five teenage white cousins who are struggling with the failures and racial ignorance of their dysfunctional parents and their wealthy grandparents, reunite for Easter.

[**The Dark Matter of Mona Starr**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3760099) by Laura Lee Gulledge (F GUL YA) 180 pages

Sometimes, the world is too much for Mona Starr. She’s sweet, geeky, and creative, but it’s hard for her to make friends and connect with other people. Mona’s struggle with depression takes on a vivid, concrete form. Mona calls it her Matter, The Matter gets everywhere, telling Mona she’s not good enough, and that everyone around her wishes she would go away. But through therapy, art, writing, and the persistence of a few good friends, Mona starts to understand her Matter, and how she can turn their fears into strengths.

[**The Field Guide to the North American Teenager**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=2&cn=3662109) by Ben Philippe (F PHI YA) 372 pages

Norris Kaplan, a Black French Canadian high school student, moves to Austin, Texas. Making friends has never been a priority for him so he simply observes and categorizes the people her meets to amuse himself until it’s time to go back to Canada where he belongs. Yet against all odds, those labels soon become actual people to Norris. But the night of the prom, Norris screws everything up royally. As he tries to pick up the pieces, he realizes it might be time to stop hiding behind his snarky opinions and start living his life—along with the people who have found their way into his heart.

[**Frankly in Love**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=4&cn=3716259) by David Yoon (F YOO YA) 406 pages

Frank Li has two names. There's Frank Li, his American name. Then there's Sung-Min Li, his Korean name. No one uses his Korean name, not even his parents. He was born and raised in Southern California. Even so, his parents still expect him to end up with a nice Korean girl--which is a problem, since Frank is finally dating the girl of his dreams: Brit, who is funny and nerdy just like him, but Brit is white. As Frank falls in love for the very first time, he's forced to confront the fact that while his parents sacrificed everything to raise him in the land of opportunity, their traditional expectations don't leave a lot of room for him to be a regular American teen.

[**Girl Made of Stars**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3603923) by Ashley Herring Blake (F BLA YA) 295 pages

Mara and Owen are about as close as twins can get. So when Mara’s friend Hannah accuses Owen of rape, Mara doesn’t know what to think. Can her beloved brother really be guilty of such a violent crime?

[**#NotYourPrincess**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3553365) edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale (920 NOT YA) 109 pages

A collection of over fifty Native American contemporary artists come together to shatter stereotypes.

[**If I Was Your Girl**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3404316) by Meredith Russo (F RUS YA) 280 pages

Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she’s determined not to get too close to anyone. But when she meets sweet, easygoing Grant, Amanda can’t help but start to let him into her life. As they spend more time together, she realizes just how much she is losing by guarding her heart. She finds herself yearning to share with Grant everything about herself, including her past. But Amanda’s terrified that once she tells him the truth, he won't be able to see past it. Because the secret that Amanda’s been keeping? It's that at her old school, she used to be Andrew.

[**The Inheritance Games**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=2&cn=3782073) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (F BAR YA) 376pages

When a Connecticut teenage inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.

[**Moxie**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=2&cn=3545090) by Jennifer Mathieu (F MAT YA) 330 pages

Inspired by her mom, who was a punk rock Riot Grrrl in the 90s, Viv creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. Soon she is forging friendships across the divides of cliques and popularity rankings and realizes she has started a girl revolution.

[**Ordinary Hazards**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3724349)by Nikki Grimes (F GRI YA) 325 pages

Nikki Grimes shows how grace, wisdom, and the power of words can help a brave soul conquer the hazards of life.

[**Punching the Air**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=2&cn=3780993) by Ibi Zoboi with Yusef Salaam (F ZOB YA) 386 pages

Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even in a diverse art school, because of a biased system he’s seen as disruptive and unmotivated. Then, one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy. “Boys just being boys” turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal is convicted of a crime he didn’t commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?

[**Sorcery of Thorns**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3695105) by Margaret Rogerson (F ROG YA) 456 pages

All sorcerers are evil. Elisabeth has known that as long as she has known anything. Raised as a foundling in one of Austermeer's Great Libraries, Elisabeth has grown up among the tools of sorcery - magical grimoires that whisper on shelves and rattle beneath iron chains. If provoked, they transform into grotesque monsters of ink and leather. She hopes to become a warden, charged with protecting the kingdom from their power. Then an act of sabotage releases the library's most dangerous grimoire. Elisabeth's desperate intervention implicates her in the crime, and she is torn from her home to face justice in the capital. With no one to turn to but her sworn enemy, the sorcerer Nathaniel Thorn, she finds herself entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy. Not only could the Great Libraries go up in flames, but so could the world along with them. As her alliance with Nathaniel grows stronger, Elisabeth starts to question everything she's been taught - about sorcerers, about the libraries she loves, even about herself.

[**Stamped**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=2&cn=3754641) by Jason Reynolds (305.8 REY YA) 294 pages

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today.

[**Stepsister**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3691300) by Jennifer Donnelly (F DON YA) 342 pages

Isabelle should be blissfully happy - she's about to win the handsome prince. Except Isabelle isn't the beautiful girl who lost the glass slipper and captured the prince's heart. She's the ugly stepsister who's cut off her toes to fit into Cinderella's shoe . . . which is now filling with her blood. When the prince discovers Isabelle's deception, she's turned away in shame. It's no more than she deserves: she's a plain girl in a world that values beauty; a bold girl in a world that wants her to be pliant. Isabelle has tried to fit in. She cut away pieces of herself in order to become pretty. Sweet. More like Cinderella. But that only made her mean, jealous, and hollow. Now she has a chance to alter her destiny and prove what ugly stepsisters have always known: it takes more than heartache to break a girl.

[**We Are Not From Here**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3766220) by Jenny Torres Sanchez (F TOR YA) 348 pages

Pulga, Chico, and Pequeña have no illusions about the town they've grown up in and the dangers that surround them. Even with the love of family, threats lurk around every corner. And when those threats become all too real, the trio knows they have no choice but to run from their country, from their families, from their beloved home. Crossing from Guatemala through Mexico, they follow the route of La Bestia, the perilous train system that might deliver them to a better life -- if they are lucky enough to survive the journey.

[**With the Fire on High**](https://search.illinoisheartland.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=417.1033.0.0.3&pos=1&cn=3688099) by Elizabeth Acevedo (F ACE YA) 389 pages

Navigating the challenges of finishing high school while caring for a daughter, talented cook Emoni Santiago struggles with a lack of time and money that complicate her dream of working in a professional kitchen.