



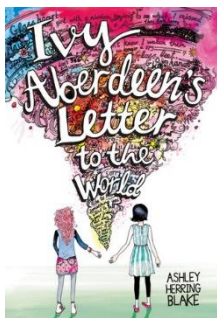
Texas Lone Star Reading List 2019-2020

The Lone Star Reading List encourages reading for pleasure, and is aimed at students in grades 6-8. Each year, 20 books—exploring a variety of topics, reading tastes, and maturity levels—are chosen by a committee of school and public librarians from across Texas.



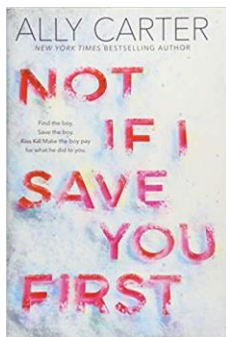
A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting, by Joe Ballarini. How this book stands out: Action-packed story with baby sitters AND monsters! Who would have guessed those monsters under the bed were REAL?

You might also like: Killer Pizza, Max Helsing & the 13th Curse, Nightmares!



Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World, by Ashley Herring Blake How this book stands out: Story of a girl coming to grips with personal tragedy...and personal preferences.

You might also like: One True Way, Star Crossed, Georg



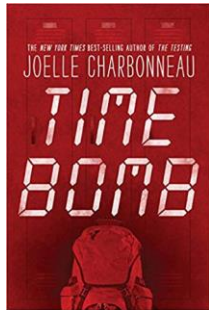
Not if I Save You First, by Ally Carter How this book stands out: A young woman must save the life of the President's son in wintertime Alaska.

You might also like: I Am Still Alive, Hatchet, IQ series



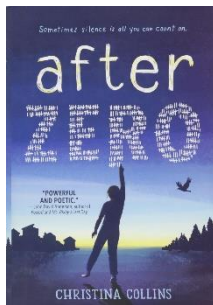
Storm Runner, by J.C. Cervantes How this book stands out: Zane takes on the gods of Mayan mythology to keep his family, his town, and his dog safe. For all fans of Percy Jackson!

You might also like: *The Lightning Thief*, *Aru Shah and the End of Time*, *The Serpent's Secret*



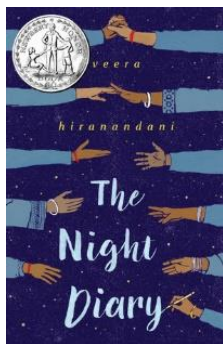
Time Bomb, by Joelle Charbonneau How this book stands out: Six kids are at school when a bomb goes off...and one of them is the bomber.

You might also like: *Don't Turn Around*, *This is Where It Ends*, *Hate List*



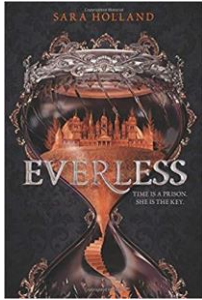
After Zero, by Christina Collins How this book stands out: A girl deals with selective mutism after things go terribly wrong at school and at home.

You might also like: *Wintergirls*, *Speak*, *The Science of Breakable Things*



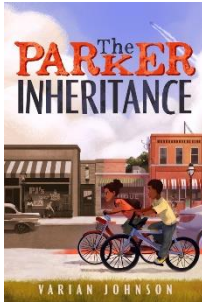
The Night Diary, by Veera Hiranandani How this book stands out: Everything changes when India and Pakistan break up in 1947, and Nisha becomes a refugee.

You might also like: *Escape from Aleppo*, *A Ticket to India*, *Amal Unbound*



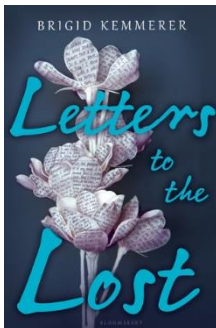
Everless, by Sara Holland How this book stands out: Intricately-plotted fantasy, romance and action intertwine in this story.

You might also like: An Enchantment of Ravens, The Kiss of Deception, The Tiger's Curse



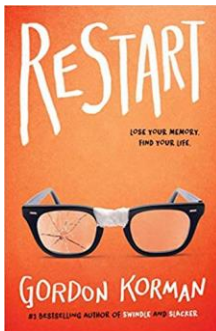
The Parker Inheritance, by Varian Johnson How this book stands out: Two kids solve a mystery and find out a town secret from the dark days of the Civil Rights era.

You might also like: The Lions of Little Rock, The Great Shelby Holmes, Chasing Vermeer



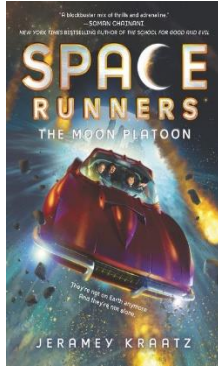
Letters to the Lost, by Brigid Kemmerer How this book stands out: Two lost souls find each other...and love.

You might also like: More Than We Can Tell, Just Listen, By Your Side



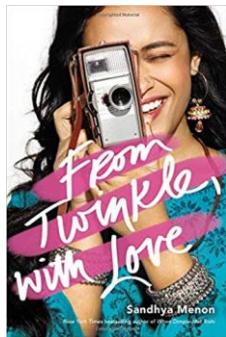
Restart, by Gordon Korman How this book stands out: Amnesia makes Chase take a hard look at the bully he once was...and wonder if he can change.

You might also like: Gifted, The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, Stargirl



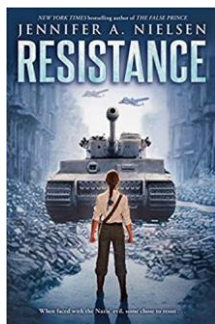
Space Runners 1: The Moon Platoon, by Jeramey Kraatz How this book stands out: Action-packed adventure with kids vs. invading aliens!

You might also like: Last Day on Mars, Randoms, Space Case



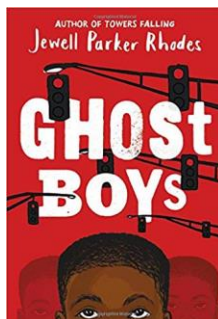
From Twinkle, With Love, by Sandhya Menon How this book stands out: Could Twinkle be in love with the wrong twin brother?

You might also like: Love & Gelato, P.S. I Like You, My So-Called Bollywood Life



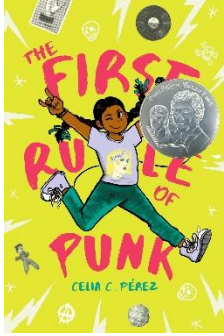
Resistance, by Jennifer E. Nielsen How this book stands out: Gritty story of a courier in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II.

You might also like: A Night Divided, Grenade, Projekt 1087.



Ghost Boys, by Jewell Parker Rhodes How this book stands out: Jerome is killed by a police officer and joins the army of ghost boys looking for Justice and closure.

You might also like: The Stars Beneath our Feet, How It Went Down, I Am Alfonso Jones, All-American Boys



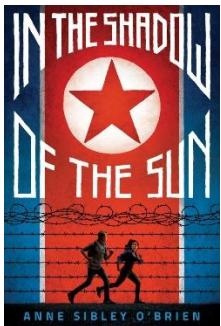
The First Rule of Punk, by Celia C. Pérez How this book stands out: Funny story about learning to feel at home with yourself, complete with “zine” illustrations!

You might also like: *How to Rock Braces and Glasses*, *Better Nate than Ever*, *Blackbird Fly*



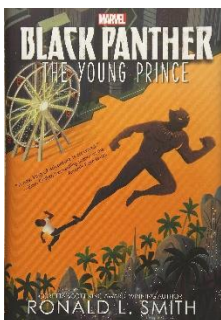
City of Ghosts, by Victoria Schwab How this book stands out: Cassidy can see ghosts. But it’s the ghosts that can see HER that have her on the run!

You might also like: *Hunt for the Seventh*, *Spirit Hunters*, *The Screaming Staircase*.



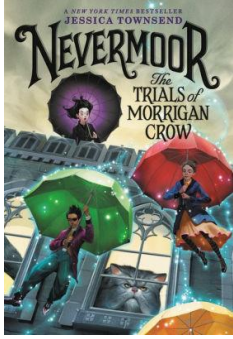
In the Shadow of the Sun, by Anne Sibley O’Brien How this book stands out: Gripping realistic survival fiction set in North Korea.

You might also like: *Traitor*, *Mapping the Bones*, *La Linea*



Black Panther: The Young Prince, by Ronald L. Smith How this book stands out: T’Challa and M’Baku learn how to survive undercover at their wild Chicago school.

You might also like: *Miles Morales: Spider-Man*, *Squirrel Meets World*, *Akata Witch*



Nevermoor 1: The Trials of Morrigan Crow, by Jessica Townsend.
How this book stands out: A girl on the run for her life finds she has magical powers she never dreamed of.

You might also like: *The Hotel Between*, *Wundersmith* (Nevermoor #2), the Harry Potter series