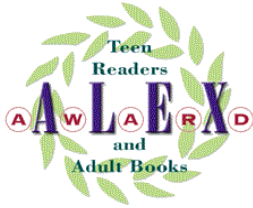


Alex Awards



The Alex Awards were created to recognize that many teens enjoy and often prefer books written for adults, and to assist librarians in recommending adult books that appeal to teens. The award is named in honor of the late Margaret Alexander Edwards, fondly called “Alex” by her closest friends, a young adult specialist at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. She used adult books extensively with young adults to broaden their experience and enrich their understanding of themselves and their world.

2009 Winners

- Barlow, Toby. *Sharp Teeth*.
- Benioff, David. *City of Thieves*.
- Bloom, Stephen G. *The Oxford Project*.
- Ferraris, Zoe. *Finding Nouf*.
- Jordan, Hillary. *Mudbound*.
- King, Stephen. *Just After Sunset: Stories*.
- Rebeck, Theresa. *Three Girls and Their Brother*.
- Swanwick, Michael. *The Dragons of Babel*.
- Tinti, Hannah. *The Good Thief*.
- Tucker, Todd. *Over and Under*.

2008 Winners

- Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*.
- Iggulden, Conn. *Genghis: Birth of an Empire*.
- Jones, Lloyd. *Mister Pip*.
- Kyle, Aryn. *The God of Animals*.
- Lemire, Jeff. *Essex County Volume 1: Tales from the Farm*.
- Lutz, Lisa. *The Spellman Files*.
- Maltman, Thomas. *The Night Birds*.
- Polly, Matthew. *American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: An Odyssey in the New China*.
- Rothfuss, Patrick. *The Name of the Wind*.
- Ruff, Matt. *Bad Monkeys*.

2007 Winners

- Connolly, John. *The Book of Lost Things*.
- Doig, Ivan. *The Whistling Season*.
- D’Orso, Michael. *Eagle Blue: A Team, A Tribe, and A High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska*.
- Gruen, Sara. *Water for Elephants*.
- Joern, Pamela Carter. *Floor of the Sky*.

- Hamamura, John. *Color of the Sea*.
- Lewis, Michael. *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*.
- Mitchell, David. *Black Swan Green*.
- Rash, Ron. *The World Made Straight*.
- Setterfield, Diane. *The Thirteenth Tale*.

2006 Winners

- Bates, Judy Fong. *Midnight at the Dragon Café*.
- Buckhanon, Kalisha. *Upstate*.
- Gaiman, Neil. *Anansi Boys*.
- Galloway, Gregory. *As Simple As Snow*.
- Ishiguro, Kazuo. *Never Let Me Go*.
- Martinez, A. Lee. *Gil's All Fright Diner*.
- Palwick, Susan. *The Necessary Beggar*.
- Rawles, Nancy. *My Jim*.
- Scheeres, Julia. *Jesus Land: A Memoir*.
- Walls, Jeannette. *The Glass Castle: A Memoir*.

2005 Winners

- Almond, Steve. *Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America*.
- Cox, Lynn. *Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer*.
- Halpin, Brendan. *Donorboy*.
- Kurson, Robert. *Shadow Divers*.
- Meyers, Kent. *Work of Wolves*.
- Patchett, Ann. *Truth & Beauty: A Friendship*.
- Picoult, Jodi. *My Sister's Keeper*.
- Reed, Kit. *Thinner Than Thou*.
- Shepard, Jim. *Project X*.
- Sullivan, Robert. *Rats: Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants*.

2004 Winners

- Davis, Amanda. *Wonder When You'll Miss Me*.
- Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*.
- Hosseini, Khaled. *The Kite Runner*.
- Niffenegger, Audrey. *The Time Traveler's Wife*.
- Packer, Z.Z. *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere*.
- Roach, Mary. *Stiff*.
- Salzman, Mark. *True Notebooks*.
- Satrapi, Marjane. *Persepolis*.
- Winspear, Jacqueline. *Maisie Dobbs*.
- Yates, Bart. *Leave Myself Behind*.

2003 Winners

- Barry, Lynda. *One Hundred Demons*.
- Conroy, Pat. *My Losing Season*.
- Ferris, Timothy. *Seeing in the Dark: How Backyard Stargazers Are Probing Deep Space and Guarding Earth from Interplanetary Peril*.
- Fforde, Jasper. *The Eyre Affair*.
- Lawson, Mary. *Crow Lake*.
- Malloy, Brian. *The Year of Ice*.
- Otsuka, Julie. *When the Emperor Was Divine*.
- Packer, Ann. *The Dive from Clausen's Pier*.
- Southgate, Martha. *The Fall of Rome*.
- Weisberg, Joseph. *10th Grade*.

2002 Winners

- Brooks, Geraldine. *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague*.
- Doyle, William. *An American Insurrection: The Battle of Oxford, Mississippi*.
- Durham, David Anthony. *Gabriel's Story*.
- Ehrenreich, Barbara. *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in Boom-Time America*.
- Enger, Leif. *Peace like a River*.
- Kruger, Kobie. *The Wilderness Family: At Home with Africa's Wildlife*.
- Morrissey, Donna. *Kit's Law*.
- Odom, Mel. *The Rover*.
- Vijayaraghavan, Vineeta. *Motherland*.
- Walker, Rebecca. *Black, White, and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self*.

2001 Winners

- Bradley, James & Powers, Ron. *Flags of Our Fathers*.
- Bradshaw, Gillian. *The Sand Reckoner*.
- Chevalier, Tracy. *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*.
- Colton, Larry. *Counting Coup*.
- Jordan, June. *Soldier: A Poet's Childhood*.
- Marillier, Juliet. *Daughter of the Forest*.
- Philbrick, Nathaniel. *In The Heart of the Sea: the tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*.
- Sherwood, Ben. *The Man Who Ate the 747*.
- Strauss, Darin. *Chang and Eng*.
- Watt, Alan. *Diamond Dogs*.

2000 Winners

- Breashears, David. *High Exposure: An Enduring Passion for Everest and Unforgiving Places*.
- Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Shadow*.
- Clarke, Breena. *River, Cross My Heart*.

- Codell, Esmé Raji. *Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year*.
- Fuqua, Jonathon Scott. *The Reappearance of Sam Webber*.
- Gaiman, Neil. *Stardust*.
- Greenlaw, Linda. *The Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey*.
- Hart, Elva Trevino. *Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child*.
- Haruf, Kent. *Plainsong*.
- Porter, Connie. *Imani All Mine*.

1999 Winners

- Alexander, Caroline. *The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition*.
- Boylan, James Finney. *Getting In*.
- Dominick, Andie. *Needles*.
- Gilstrap, John. *At All Costs*.
- Kercheval, Jesse Lee. *Space*.
- Kluger, Steve. *Last Days of Summer*.
- *Legends: Stories by the Masters of Modern Fantasy*. Ed. by Robert Silverberg.
- Robinson, Kim Stanley. *Antarctica*.
- Santiago, Esmeralda. *Almost a Woman*.
- Senna, Danzy. *Caucasia*.

1998 Winners

- Bodanis, David. *The Secret Family: Twenty-four Hours inside the Mysterious Worlds of Our Minds and Bodies*.
- Bragg, Rick. *All Over but the Shoutin'*.
- Carroll, Rebecca. *Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America*.
- Cook, Karin. *What Girls Learn*.
- Hamill, Pete. *Snow in August*.
- Junger, Sebastian. *The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men against the Sea*.
- Krakauer, Jon. *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster*.
- Thomas, Velma Maia. *Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa to Slavery and Emancipation*.
- Trice, Dawn Turner. *Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven*.
- Willis, Connie. *To Say Nothing of the Dog; or, How We Found the Bishop's Bird Stump at Last*.