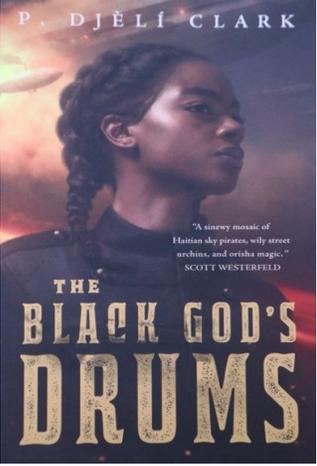
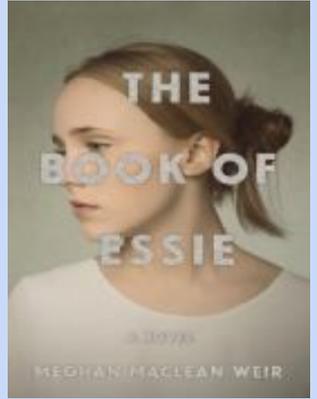
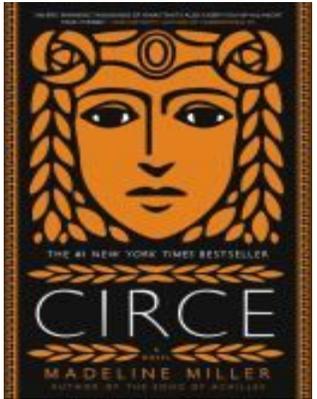
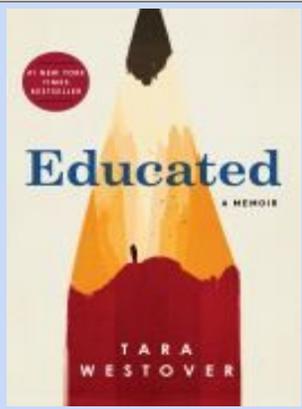


2019 Alex Award Winners

Given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12-18, and selected the previous year's publishing.

BOOK COVER	TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION
	<p>THE BLACK GOD'S DRUMS Author: P. Djeli Clark Call Number: INTERLIBRARY LOAN</p> <p>Creeper has her sights on leaving the streets of New Orleans and starting a new adventure on an airship. But first she will need to partner with the reluctant Captain Ann-Marie to save a kidnapped Haitian scientist and stop the use of a dangerous weapon. Wildly original with spy nuns and sky pirates, this steampunk alternate history is a winning adventure.</p>
	<p>THE BOOK OF ESSIE Author: Meghan MacLean Weir Call Number: F WEIR</p> <p>Essie, the youngest family member of Evangelical television reality stars, is pregnant and refuses to name the father. The showrunners - and her parents - decide the best solution is for Edssie to marry quickly with lots of hype to increase ratings. Celebrity, scandal, and reality TV make for a wicked, compulsively readable combination.</p>
	<p>CIRCE Author: Madeline Miller Call Number: F MILLER</p> <p>Spurned by her fellow gods for her lack of beauty and power, minor goddess Circe seeks out mortals instead and finds in herself a new ability: witchcraft, and the power to transform men into monsters. Coming of age over the span of a thousand years, Circe - and the reader - must find safe harbor in this ongoing epic of gods and men.</p>

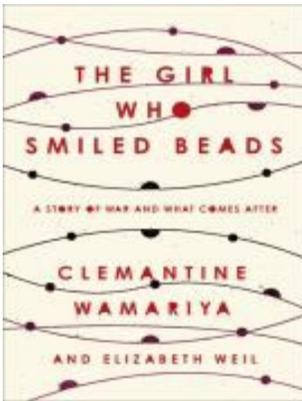


EDUCATED: A MEMOIR

Author: Tara Westover

Call Number: 92 WESTOVER

Raised in an extremist family and barely homeschooled, Tara Westover decides that education is more important than family. Breaking ties, forging new relationships, and unlearning much of what she's grown up "knowing" prove to be nearly insurmountable. This stirring memoir shows that ignorance is not bliss, and that knowledge is power.

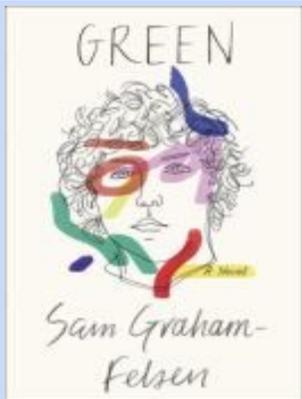


THE GIRL WHO SMILED BEADS: A STORY OF WAR AND WHAT COMES AFTER

Author: Clemantine Wamariya & Elizabeth Weil

Call Number: University Holdings

In 1994, 6-year-old Clemantine and her 15-year-old sister flee the Rwandan Genocide and spend the next six years surviving refugee camps before arriving in America. This is Clemantine's story - that of a survivor, a refugee, and an immigrant who defies stereotype time and time again.



GREEN

Author: Sam Graham-Felsen

Call Number: University Holding

In 1992 Boston, David Greenfield hates being one of the few white kids in his middle school where even his former best friend bullies him. He connects with a boy from his projects, but competition cause a rift in their blossoming friendship. A timely historical fiction, this book explores race, class, minority status, and the daily injustices of middle school life.

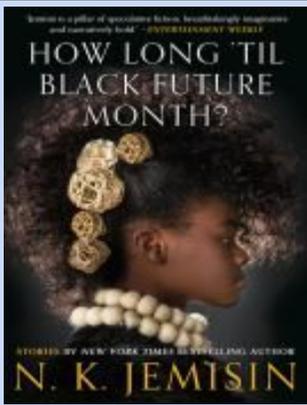


HOME AFTER DARK

Author: David Small

Call Number: INTERLIBRARY LOAN

After his mother abandons them, his father uproots 13-year-old Russell Pruitt to a rundown town in 1950s California. Russell tries to fit in while navigating a landscape of homophobic bullies and a serial animal killer. David Small's storytelling and lush illustrations capture all the uncertainties of adolescence in this coming of age story.

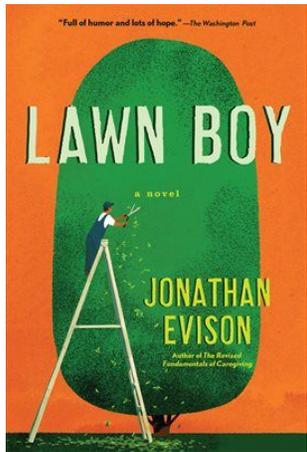


HOW LONG 'TIL BLACK FUTURE MONTH?

Author: N.K. Jemisin

Call Number: SF JEMISIN

Author N.K. Jemisin is a master worldbuilder, and this collection of short stories is a weird, wild, and original reimagining of both the past and the future, celebrating resistance and action and speaking truth to power.

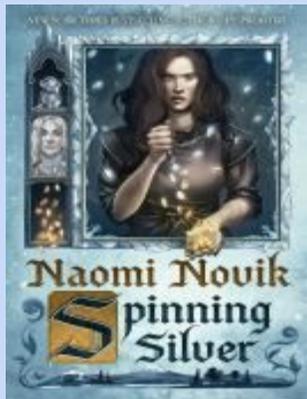


LAWN BOY

Author: Jonathan Evison

Call Number: Downloadable Copies

20-something Mike Munoz is passionate about the art of landscaping - a fresh cut lawn and a creative topiary. Caught between taking care of his mother and brother and trying to strike out on his own, Mike is not-so-patiently waiting for a lucky break. His struggle is familiar and heartbreaking, and it's impossible not to root for him as he chases the elusive American Dream.



SPINNING SILVER

Author: Naomi Novik

Call Number: SF NOVIK

Miryem has earned a reputation for turning silver into gold, but soon her talent gains unwanted attention from a cold, cruel fae king. Now Miryem finds herself trapped in a bargain that will change her life and the lives of those around her in this magical, multilayered fairy tale.