If you’re a compulsive book buyer, you may want to avoid the hot new “virtual bookstore” amazon.com. The on-line bookseller boasts more than 2.5 million titles, including some out-of-print or hard-to-find books. Their address is http://www.amazon.com, and once on-line, you can follow the icons to the young adult books section. If you’d like to go directly to the YA section, try this address:

www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/subst/browser/young-adult/index/001-0364011-6131122

You’ll find comprehensive lists of YA books, many of which include excerpts from published book reviews along with short reviews submitted by Amazon.com customers. It’s a virtual goldmine for book lovers.

**On-line Guide to Award-Winning Books**

Jane Stemp recently announced her discovery of a useful guide to children’s literature prizes on the Web at

http://www.ccc.govt.nz/Library/Lit_Prizes/#child

The following awards are listed at this site. Lists of previous winners are also available:

- Aim Children’s Book Awards
- Carnegie Medal
- Coretta Scott King Award
- Esther Glen Award
- Guardian Children’s Fiction Award
- John Newbery Medal
- Kate Greenaway Award
1998 Newbery Awards

Since 1922, the American Library Association has annually recognized authors of books that its committee determines have made the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children." The winner of the 1998 Newbery Medal is Karen Hesse for Out of the Dust. In describing this year's medal-winning novel, Ellen Fader, 1998 Newbery Committee chair, said, "Hesse's painstaking first-person narration of Billie Jo's withering and, finally, taking root is spare and gritty. She creates a stark and piercing rhythm in a free verse form that naturally and immediately communicates this story of Billie Jo's fierce spirit and growing self-understanding."

This year's committee also awarded Newbery Honor Book status to three books: Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine; Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff; and Wringer by Jerry Spinelli.

Summaries of the books and more information on the Newbery Award can be found at the ALA's Newbery website:

http://www.ala.org/alsc/newby.html

1998 Coretta Scott King Awards

The American Library Association has announced its 1998 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner: Forged by Fire by Sharon M. Draper. Honor Book awards went to Bayard Rustin: Behind the Scenes of the Civil Rights Movement by James Haskins and I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patay, a Freed Girl by Joyce Hansen. For more information about this year's winners and the Coretta Scott King Award, go to the ALA's website at http://www.ala.org/arts/csking

Pura Belpre Award

The Pura Belpre Award honors Latino writers whose work best portrays, affirms and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in the work of literature for youth. Víctor Martínez won the ALA's Pura Belpre Author Award for Parrot in the Oven. Belpre Honor Books were Spirits of the High Mesa by Floyd Martínez and Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems by Francisco X. Alarcon.

Madeleine L'Engle Named Edwards Award Winner

Madeleine L'Engle, author of A Wrinkle in Time and other popular books for children and young adults, was named the 1998 recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award, honoring her lifetime contribution in writing for teens. The award, sponsored by School Library Journal, is administered by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). L'Engle will receive $1,000.

Considered one of the foremost American creators of fantasy and science fiction as well as a perceptive writer of realistic family stories, L'Engle is the author of more than 40 books for young adults and children. A Wrinkle in Time won the 1963 Newbery Medal.

"L'Engle tells stories that uniquely blend scientific principles and the quest for higher meaning," said Jeri Baker, chair of the Edwards Award Committee. "Basic to her philosophy of writing is the belief that 'story' helps individuals live courageously and creatively."

L'Engle was cited for the Austin Family Series, which includes Meet the Austins and A Ring of Endless Light; and the Time Fantasy Series, which includes A Wrinkle in Time and A Swiftly Tilting Planet.

ALA Best Books for Young Adults 1998

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced its 1998 list of Best Books for Young Adults.

The list includes 84 titles - 58 fiction, 4 poetry anthologies and 22 non-fiction works - published during 1997 and the last four months of 1996, which meet the criteria of literary quality and appeal for readers between age 12 and 18. A wide variety of subjects are represented from adventure to history to romance.

"The current interest of teens in poetry is reflected in the committee's choice of four anthologies plus four other works in verse. Serious memoirs about the Chinese Cultural Revolution and the Holocaust will satisfy an interest in history by teens," commented Karlan Sick, chair of the YALSA Best Books for Young Adults Committee.

This year a mother and daughter, Norma Fox Mazer and Ann Mazer, both have books on the list. Walter Dean Myers' Harlem is illustrated by his son Christopher. Neil Glenn has two books on the list in verse format. There were four unanimous selections by the committee: Growing Up in Coal Country by Susan Campbell Bartoletti; Blood and Chocolate by Annette Curtis Klause; Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald, and Harlem by Walter Dean Myers.

Alexander, Lloyd. Iron Ring.
Appelt, Kathi. Just People & Paper/pencil/poem
Bartlett, Susan Campbell. Growing up in Coal Country
Berg, Elizabeth. Joy School
Bernstein, Sara Tuval. Seamstress
Bitton-Jackson, Livia. I Have Lived a Thousand Years.
Bloore, Edward. Tangerine.
Brooks, Hartha. Bone Dance
Buck, Rinker. Flight of Passage
Carroll, Joyce Armstrong, and Edward E. Wilson. Poetry After Lunch: Poems to Read Aloud
Carter, Alden R. Bull Catcher
Chadwick, Douglas, and Joel Sartore. Company We Keep: America's Endangered Species
Chang, Pang-Mei Natasha. Bound Feet and Western Dress
Cook, Karen. What Girls Learn
Cooney, Caroline B. What Child Is This?: A Christmas Story
Corbett, Sara. Venus to the Hoop
Cornier, Robert. Tenderness
Creech, Sharon. Chasing Redbird
De Lint, Charles. Trader
Del Cazo, Nick. Triumphant Spirit
Deuker, Carl. Painting the Black
Dorris, Michael. Window
Draper, Sharon. Forged by Fire
Elders, Joyceelyn, and David Chanoff. Joyceelyn Elders, M.D.
Fleischman, Paul. Seedfolk
Fogle, Bruce. Encyclopedia of the Cat
Fradin, Dennis B. Planet Hunters
Gallo, Donald R. ed. No Easy Answers: Short Stories about Teenagers Making Tough Choices
Nonfiction

The 11-member YALSA committee selected 68 titles – 32 fiction and 36 nonfiction. According to the committee, small press, mass market, and adult books are actively sought, and several appear on the list. This list offers selections for a wide range of interests: from the classic to short stories, poetry, books about animals, comics, thriller, killers, and vampires. Except where noted, all titles were published in 1997 and selected by the committee with input from teen reluctant readers across the country who reviewed and evaluated books throughout the year.

Nonfiction

Giblin, James Cross. Charles A. Lindbergh, A Human Hero
Glenn, Mel. Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems
Greenfield, Susan. ed. Mind Explaned
Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Leaving Fishers
Hayes, Daniel. Flyers
Hesse, Karen. Out of the Durt
Hogan, James F. Bug Park
Howe, James. Watcher
Kilton, Elmer. Cloudy in the West
Kerner, Elizabeth. Song in the Silence
Kindl, Patrice. The Woman in the Wall
Krisher, Trudy. Kineship
Klaus, Annette Curtis. Blood and Chocolate
Kraakauer, Jon. Into Thin Air
Lantz, Frances. Someone to Love
Lee, Marie G. Necessary Roughness
Levenkron, Stven. The Luckiest Girl in the World
Levine, Gail. Elfa Enchanted
Maxwell, Robin. Secret Diary of Anne Boleyn
Mazer, Anne, ed. Working Days: Short Stories about Teenagers at Work.
Mazer, Norma Fox. When She Was Good
McDonald, Joyce. Swallowing Stones
McKinley, Robin. Rose Daughter
McLaren, Clemente. Inside the Walls of Troy
Meyer, Carolyn. Jubilee Journey
Meyers, Walter Dean. Harlem
Mephistopheles, Donna Jo. Stones in Water
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Outrageously Alice
Nix, Garth. Shade’s Children
Nolen, Han. Dancing on the Edge
Nye, Naomi Shihab. Dancing on the Edge
O’Grady, Scott. Basher Five-Two: The True Story of F-16 Fighter Pilot Captain Scott O’Grady
Peters, Mike. Grimmy: King of the Heap!
Plette, Richard. I Am the Darker Brother: An Anthology of Modern Poems by African Americans
Poll, Milly. Egyptian Mummies: A Pop-Up Book
Rees, Dafydd. Encyclopedia of Rock Stars
Schernoff, Susan. ed. Acquaintance with Darkness
Shusterman, Neal. Necessary Roughness
Shoup, Barbara. Out of the Dust
Shoup, Barbara. Stranded in Harmony
Steger, Will. Over the Top of the World: Explorer Will Steger’s Trek Across the Arctic
Sullivan, Charles, ed. Imaginary Animals
Tate, Sonsyrea. In a Sacred Manner I Live: Native American Wisdom
Tillage, Leon Walter. Leon’s Story
Wersba, Barbara. Whistle Me Home
Williams, Carol Lynch. True Colors of Caitylle Jackson
Yee, Paul. Breakaway

1998 Quick Picks for Young Adults

The 11-member YALSA committee selected 68 titles – 32 fiction and 36 nonfiction. According to the committee, small press, mass market, and adult books are actively sought, and several appear on the list. This list offers selections for a wide range of interests: from the classic to short stories, poetry, books about animals, comics, thriller, killers, and vampires. Except where noted, all titles were published in 1997 and selected by the committee with input from teen reluctant readers across the country who reviewed and evaluated books throughout the year.

Nonfiction

Aaseng, Nathan. Poisonous Creatures
Adoff, Arnold, ed. I Am the Darker Brother: An Anthology of Modern Poems by African Americans
Blum, Mark. Beneath the Sea in 3-D
Canfield, Jack, Mark Hansen, and Kim Kirberger. Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: 101 Stories of Life, Love and Learning
Coville, Bruce. William Shakespeare’s Macbeth
Fletcher, Ralph. Ordinary Things: Poems From a Walk in Early Spring.
Fogle, Bruce. Dachshund. (Dog breed handbooks)
Fogle, Bruce. Poodle. (Dog breed handbooks)
Fogle, Bruce. The Encyclopedia of the Cat
Gates, Phil. Medicine. (The history-news)
Glenn, Mel. Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems
Glenn, Mel. The Taking of Room 114: A Hostage Drama in Poems
Greenfield, Susan. ed. The Taking of Room 114: A Hostage Drama in Poems
Hampton, Wilborn. Kennedy Assassinated: The World Mourns: A Reporter’s Story
Hirsch, Karen D. Mind Riot: Coming of Age in Comix
Janulewicz, Mike. Yikes! Your Body up Close!
King, Martin Luther. I Have a Dream
Kleinbaum, Nancy H. The Magnificent Seven: The Authorized Story of American Gold. 5096
Kramer, Stephen. Eye of the Storm: Chasing Storms with Warren Faidley
Kwan, Michelle. (told to Laura James) Michelle Kwan: Heart of a Champion
Marshall, Ken. Inside the Titanic: (A giant cutaway book)
Morgan, Rowland. In the Next Three Seconds
Meyer, Walter Dean. Harlem
O’Grady, Scott. Basher Five-Two: The True Story of F-16 Fighter Pilot Captain Scott O’Grady
Peters, Mike. Grimmy King of the Heap!
Poll, Milly. Egyptian Mummies: A Pop-Up Book
Rees, Dafydd. Encyclopedia of Rock Stars
Schoenfeld, Russell. Mickey Mouse: My Life in Pictures
Stine, R.L. It Came From Ohio: My Life as a Writer
Tanaka, Shelley. Discovering the Iceman
Thomas, Velma Mala. Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa to Slavery and Emancipation
The Young Reader’s Choice Award

The Young Reader’s Choice Award (YRCA) was established in 1940 to promote reading for enjoyment. It is the original children's choice award and is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Library Association. The books are voted on by children and young adults of Alberta, Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, from books published three years previously, and nominated by librarians, teachers, students and others. The Youth Division award goes to a book for grades 4-8. In 1991, a Senior Division (grades 9-12) was added to the program.

Information about Current Nominated Titles, Participating in the Program, Nominating and Voting, State and Provincial Representatives and Committee Chairperson, Ongoing Nomination Site, Scholarship for Conference Attendance, History and Rationale, Selection Policy, Handbooks (Sample entries and Ordering information), and Support Materials can be accessed at

http://www.beyondbasals.com/yrca.html

Nominated Titles For 1998. Students from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington who have read (or listened to) two books in either or both categories vote for their favorites.

Youth Division (Grades 4-8)

Avi. Poppy
Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963
Furlong, Monica. Robin’s Country
Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Running Out of Time
Kehret, Peg. Danger at the Fair
Mikaelson, Ben. Stranded
Park, Barbara. Miss Harte Has Here
Rubinstein, Gillian. Galae-Arena: A Novel
Sachar, Louis. Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger
Smith, Roland. Thunder Cave
Wynne-Jones, Tim. Some of the Kinder Planets
Yep, Laurence. Later, Gator

Senior Division (Grades 9-12)

Cornier, Robert, In the Middle of the Night
Cushman, Karen. The Middlewife’s Apprentice
Haywood, Gar Anthony. Bad News Travels Fast
Lynch, Chris. Slot Machine
White, Ellen Emerson. The Road Home

Heartland Award

The Writing Conference is pleased to announce the winner of the 1998 Heartland Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature: Karen Hesse for her book Phoenix Rising. Karen Hesse will accept her award at the 1998 Literature Festival in Lawrence, Kansas, on October 16.

Nominations are being accepted for the 1999 Heartland Award. Nominations may be mailed or e-mailed to John H. Bushman, Director.
The Fitness Connection is open to Members and Guests:

- **Monday through Friday:** 6:30 A.M. – 8:30 P.M.
- **Saturday:** 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Return to questions.

When can I tour The Fitness Connection?
The Membership Office is open:

- **Monday through Thursday:** 10 A.M. – 7 P.M.
- **Friday:** 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
- **Saturday:** 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Related Questions:

- I have a membership renewed with the gym. Is it safe right now to go to the gym?

Membership is both the heart and soul of your organization. Harness the power that comes through the human connection by creating ongoing points of entry for individuals to engage and feel part of your association's community.

Lindsay Jennings, Vice President of Business Development

2020-09-01T00:21:55+00:00

Share This Story, Choose Your Platform!

Learn how the ASP.NET membership provider supports websites that let users create a user name and password for access without having a Windows domain account. The ASP.NET membership provider is a feature that enables ASP.NET developers to create Web sites that allow users to create unique user name and password combinations. With this facility, any user can establish an account with the site, and sign in for exclusive access to the site and its services. A simpler, albeit somewhat eyebrow-raising solution is just modifying the connection string in the providers early enough in the request's lifecycle: private void SetProviderConnectionString(string connectionString) {  

So, the 'SetProviderConnectionString' method can be called manually (after the Initialize method is finished), instead of expecting the framework to call the overwritten Initialize method when the Membership.Provider is referenced for a first time. share | improve this answer |

---

**1998 Garden State (NJ) Teen Book Award**

Chris Lynch's *Slot Machine* is the winner of the 1998 Garden State Teen Book Award. This award is presented annually to the book on a masterlist of 20 titles voted the favorite by a majority of New Jersey students in grades six to eight. The award is sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association. For information about his award, contact Bonnie Kunzel, New Brunswick Free Public Library, 60 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 732-745-5166.

**1998-99 Texas Lone Star Reading List**

The 1998-99 Texas Lone Star Reading List was recently announced. The list is selected for middle school/junior students grades 6 through 8 in the state of Texas by the 1998-99 Texas Lone Star Selection Committee of the Young Adult Round Table, Texas Library Association.

- Barron, T.A., *The Lost Years of Merlin*
- Bunin, Sherry, *Dear Great American Writers School*
- Cooney, Caroline B., *The Voice on the Radio*
- Creech, Sharon, *Chasing Redbird*
- Cushman, Karen, *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple*
- De Vries, Anke, *Bruises*
- DeFelice, Cynthia, *Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker*
- Decker, Carl, *Painting the Black*
- Dorris, Michael, *Sees Behind Trees*
- Heisel, Sharon E., *Eyes of a Stranger*
- Hesse, Karen, *The Music of Dolphins*
- Hobbs, Will, *Far North*
- Konigsburg, E.L., *The View from Saturday*
- Paterson, Katherine, *Jip: His Story*
- Plummer, Louise, *The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman*
- Powell, Randy, *Dean Duffy*
- Randel, Kristen D., *The Only Alien on the Planet*
- Sleator, William, *The Night the Heads Came*
- Spinelli, Jerry, *Crash*
- Thesman, Jean, *The Ornament Tree*

by TG