

The Best Award-Winning Young Adult Books of the Last Decade and How to Use Them in Your Program (Grades 6-12)



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Cathy Andronik

Outstanding Librarian, Book Reviewer
and International Presenter

**Specifically Designed for Secondary Teachers,
School Librarians and Public Librarians**

An exciting overview of the **best award-winning books for young adults** published in the past ten years

Hands-on, practical ideas and strategies for using award-winning young adult literature to reach and motivate teens

An innovative, idea-packed day for using the BEST in young adult literature to increase reading interest

Receive an extensive award-winning YA books digital resource handbook filled with annotated booklists you can use immediately

LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

April 27

9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

May 6

9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain,
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

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and take the seminar online at
your convenience (see page 6)

*"Cathy is very
knowledgeable and gave
great ideas for books
I will use."*

— KAREN LINDBERG, TEACHER

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

"This was an amazing seminar! I learned so much and Cathy is so well-read and enthusiastic."

– KIRSTEN FUNDERBURK,
LIBRARIAN



Who Should Attend

Secondary Teachers,
School Librarians and
Public Librarians

- 1. An Overview of the BEST Award-Winning YA Books of the Last Decade**
Explore the most outstanding YA books that belong in your collection, from best sellers to hidden gems ... Learn how to most effectively use them to reach and teach students in grades 6-12
- 2. Discover and Preview the Best and Most Overlooked Award Books!**
Learn about the BEST award books of the past ten years
- 3. Explore the Diversity of Book Awards in Today's World**
With DOZENS of awards (and growing) the sheer number of book awards are difficult to stay on top of ... Learn about all sorts of awards that will delight your young adults no matter what their interests may be and discover many phenomenal books!
- 4. Uncover the Best Nonprint Award Winners**
Explore the best award-winning films and audiobooks – perfect for your teens ... Learn engaging ways to use these in your classroom or library program
- 5. Discover and Rediscover Overlooked or Forgotten Award Winners**
Cathy will lead you in recognizing regional favorites, student favorites and more great, award-winning books for students that are often overlooked ... Entice your young adult readers and captivate their diverse interests
- 6. Catch Up on the Latest News and Newest Awards**
Hear the latest news and trends from the book publishing world and what this may mean for YA book awards ... Inspire your students with tons of the best award-winning books
- 7. The Best, Award-Winning Picture Books for Older Readers**
The picture book can be rediscovered when students enter the teen years ... Learn about some of the best picture books for all ages and how they can be a vital part of your program
- 8. Award-Winning Titles That Reflect the Diversity of Your Population**
Uncover the best award-winning books that reflect the diversity of the young adult population you work with ... Discover awards that feature titles your diverse readers will identify with
- 9. Award Books Your Reluctant Readers Will Love!**
Integrate award books into your classroom or library program that your reluctant readers will love
- 10. Receive an ALL NEW, Best Award-Winning YA Literature Digital Handbook**
Each participant will receive an extensive digital handbook filled with comprehensive, annotated bibliographies, ready-to-use activities, websites/apps and dozens of practical tips, tools and ideas to use these outstanding award-winning books with your grades 6-12 students

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **The best YA books of the past decade** to enrich your program
- Outstanding titles and proven techniques for **reaching reluctant readers**
- **Creative ideas** for introducing new books to your students
- **Innovative projects** that incorporate award-winning books
- Specific **suggestions for finding and evaluating** books for teens
- **Customizable lesson plans** and discussion guides for making best use of award-winning titles
- Discover the best of the best titles from **lesser known awards**
- Ways to incorporate award-winning nonfiction into **STEM/STEAM programs**
- **Innovative strategies** for using award winners in libraries and classrooms
- Terrific books that will **appeal to your diverse population**
- Proven strategies to **promote award-winning books** among your young adults
- **Elevate your program** and enliven your curriculum with the best of the best!



*"Cathy goes above and beyond with her seminars.
I love her content and always come away with lots of new things to try."*

– JENNIFER FULLERTON, TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

In this electrifying, **NEW** seminar, outstanding librarian and book reviewer **CATHY ANDRONIK** shares her insider information on the ins and outs of award committees, list committees and the world of book reviewing. With dozens of awards given annually, teachers and librarians are keen to select only the best titles to use with their students.

In addition to exploring the major awards in depth, you will discover excellent, lesser-known lists. You will learn about dozens of outstanding titles, examining many of the books themselves and receiving detailed annotations in a comprehensive digital resource handbook. Plus, you'll discover a wealth of proven strategies for incorporating these exceptional books in your classroom or library program.

Join Cathy for a high energy and inspiring day full of the very best award-winning books of the last ten years, plus a host of strategies and techniques that you can use immediately, successfully and powerfully to integrate these books into your own grades 6-12 classroom or library program.



A Message From Seminar Leader, Cathy Andronik



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

CATHY ANDRONIK is well known for her presentations on outstanding books for young adults. As an experienced secondary level school librarian, one of her greatest joys has been the opportunity to share her passion for YA literature with teens, to hook them on reading and keep them coming back for more. Cathy has chaired and served on multiple selection committees for young adult book awards. For over a decade, she has also served on a variety of national book and media awards committees. Cathy is a regular presenter at state, regional, national, and international conferences. Cathy is also the author of *The Best Award-Winning Young Adult Books of the Last Decade and How to Use Them in Your Program (Grades 6-12)*, the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. **Join Cathy for a fast-paced day full of books your teens will love as she shares the best award-winning young adult books of the past decade.**

Dear Colleague:

I am so excited that you are interested in learning more about the best award-winning young adult books published in the last decade. As an experienced secondary school librarian, I used to tell my students there was nothing I'd rather do on a gray, rainy day than enjoy a good book – but rarely did I find a student who initially understood how that could be considered fun! A key step in getting young adults excited about reading has to be introducing them to great books that connect to their lives, experiences and interests.

With literally dozens of different awards given to YA literature annually, keeping track of the best, most high-quality literature for our teens can be daunting. This can often deter teachers and librarians from choosing the best materials or being able to talk about them. I have designed this seminar specifically to introduce you to the best award-winning books of the last decade – books I know will be among tomorrow's "classics."

We will explore books perfect for grabbing the attention of our young adults now and continuing to motivate them to want to read for a lifetime. I want to equip you with the skills, information and motivation needed to confidently select the most outstanding YA books and make best use of them in your program. Plus, each participant will receive my extensive digital resource handbook, *The Best Award-Winning Young Adult Books of the Last Decade and How to Use Them in Your Program (Grades 6-12)*, with a fully annotated bibliography, booklists, strategies, and much more!

Be prepared to spend a day doing what book lovers love to do – learn about books, talk about books, review books, and share ideas related to books. You will leave knowing dozens upon dozens of the best award-winning books for your grades 6-12 students and equipped with great ideas for using them in your classroom or library program.

Sincerely,

Cathy Andronik

P.S. If you're looking for books with high teen appeal, this is the seminar for you. Come prepared to do the number one thing that gets teens reading: talking about great books!

"Be prepared to spend a day doing what book lovers love to do - learn about books, talk about books, review books, and share ideas related to books."

What Your Colleagues Say About Cathy Andronik

***"Great overview of interesting texts** I hope to include in my classroom in the future! Thank you, Cathy!"*

– Bethany Tremblay-Price, ELA Teacher

***"A ton of great recommendations and ideas.** I feel energized to try all these new titles and activities. I have pages of notes and ideas that were generated thanks to Cathy's presentation today – can't wait to use them!"*

– John Urbanski, ELA Teacher

***"Cathy was amazing!** I am so glad I signed up for this seminar! Thank you for all the wonderful information."*

– Caroline Martin, ELA Teacher



"Cathy was excellent! Her passion for reading and literature, and her overall kindness was evident throughout the seminar. I received **a number of book / novel recommendations and activities I'm excited to implement.**"

– Colleen Araujo, ELA Teacher

"Cathy is clearly **very passionate about Young Adult literature!** I learned about a bunch of great titles I want to incorporate into future book discussions and that I will recommend to teens."

– Ashley Sabatino, Teen Service Librarian

"Cathy was well spoken and informative. **Her organization made the process of compartmentalizing these awesome books a breeze.** Is it bad to say the downside will be the big bill from my bookstore for all the new reads I will purchase this week?"

– Patrick Schmitz, Teacher

Special Benefits of Attending



"Loved the seminar! So many amazing books as well as pairings, suggestions, and resources."

– MICHELLE BRUNO,
TEACHER

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You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. The handbook includes:

- A comprehensive, annotated bibliography of the best award-winning books of the last ten years ... Plus, sublists arranged by award
- Innovative ideas, templates and lesson plans for using these titles in your classroom or library program
- Notations indicating appropriate grade and/or reading level, sensitive content, and more
- Links to websites for FREE classroom/discussion guides

Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet and share ideas with other educators interested in the best award-winning young adult books.

Consultation Available

Cathy Andronik will be available for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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—or—
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