

MLA YouPer (Young Person) Award

2022 YouPer Award

Ophie's Ghosts by Justina Ireland

Honor Books:

- Cece Rios and the Desert of Lost Souls by Kaela Rivera
- Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith

2021 YouPer Award

Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Honor Books:

- Ikenga by Nnedi Okorafor
- Santiago's Road Home by Alexandra Diaz
- Snapdragon by Kat Leyh,
- When Stars Are Scattered, by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

2020 YouPer Award

Planet Earth Is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos

Honor Books:

- The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James by Ashley Herring Blake
- Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

2019 YouPer Award

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Honor Books:

- Breakout by Kate Messner
- Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
- No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen
- Sweep by Jonathan Auxier

2018 YouPer Award

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

Honor Books:

- Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Forever or a Long, Long Time by Caela Carter
- Posted by John David Anderson
- Refugee by Alan Gratz

2017 YouPer Award

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

Honor Books:

- Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- All Rise for the Honorable Perry T Cook by Leslie Conner
- It Ain't So Awful Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas
- Booked by Kwame Alexander

2016 YouPer Award

The Fog Diver by Joel Ross

Honor Books:

- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- The Underground Abductor by Nathan Hale

2015 YouPer Award

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

Honor Books:

- Boundless by Kenneth Oppel
- The Luck Uglies by Paul Durham

2014 YouPer Award

The Boy on The Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

Honor Books:

- Rump by Liesl Shurtliff
- Adventures of a South Pole Pig by Chris Kurtz
- The Great Trouble by Deborah Hopkinson
- Twerp by Mark Goldblatt