

Alex Award <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/alex/>

Funded by the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust, the Alex Awards honor the Top Ten Adult Books for Young Adults. 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, cosponsored by Booklist and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association (ALA), is named in honor of Margaret Edwards, called "Alex" by her friends. A pioneer in young adult services, whose accomplishments at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore have guided and inspired young adult librarians for several decades, Edwards was committed to using adult books with teenagers and incorporated them into the readers' advisory training programs she instituted.

2007

Book of Lost Things by John Connolly
The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig
Eagle Blue by Michael D'Orso
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
Color of the Sea by John Hamamura
Floor of the Sky by Pamela Carter Joern
The Blind Side: Evolution of the Game by Michael Lewis
Black Swan Green by David Mitchell
The World Made Straight by Ron Rash
The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

2006

Midnight at the Dragon Café by Judy Fong Bates
Upstate by Kalisha Buckhanon
Anansi Boys by Neil Gaiman
As Simple as Snow by Gregory Gallaway
Never Let Me Go by Ishiguro Kazuo
Gil's All Fright Diner A. Lee Martinez
The Necessary Beggar by Susan Palwick
My Jim by Nancy Rawls
Jesus Land: a memoir by Julia Scheeres
The Glass Castle: a memoir by Jeanette Walls

2005

Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America
by Steve Almond
Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer by Lynn Cox
Donorboy by Brendan Halpin
Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson
Work of Wolves by Kent Meyers
Truth & Beauty: a Friendship by Ann Patchett
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

Thinner Than Thou by Kit Reed
Project X by Jim Shepard
Rats: Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants by Robert Sullivan

2004

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

2003

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

2002

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

2001

Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley and Ron Powers
Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
Counting Coup by Larry Colton
Daughter of the Forest by Juliet Marillier
In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex
by Nathaniel Philbrick
Chang and Eng by Darin Strauss
Diamond Dogs by Alan Watt

2000

High Exposure: An Enduring Passion for Everest and Unforgiving Places
by David Breashears
Ender's Shadow by Orson Scott Card
River Cross My Heart by Breena Clark
Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year by Esme Raji Codell
The Reappearance of Sam Webber by Jonathon Scott Fuqua
Stardust by Neil Gaiman
The Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey by Linda Greenlaw
Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child by Elva Trevino Hart
Plainsong by Kent Haruf
Imani All Mine by Connie Porter

1999

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

1998

*The Secret Family: Twenty-Four Hours Inside the Mysterious Worlds
Of Our Minds and Bodies* by David Bodanis
All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg
Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America by Rebecca Carroll
What Girls Learn by Karin Cook
Snow in August by Pete Hamill
The Perfect Storm: The True Story of Men Against the Sea by Sebastian Junger

Into Thin Air: The Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster
by Jon Krakauer

Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa to Slavery to Emancipation
by Velma Maia Thomas

Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven by Dawn Turner Trice

To Say Nothing of the Dog; or How We Found the Bishop's Bird Stump at Last by
Connie Willis