

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

Funded by the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust, the first Alex Awards honor the Top Ten Adult Books for Young Adults published during 1997. The awards, cosponsored by Booklist and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association (ALA), recognize the work 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.

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