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This month is all about books! Discover new Youth Author Talks and classroom resources, an online tool to match readers with books, the ALA Youth Media Awards, and more.

### Youth Author Talks

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Join us for monthly online Author Talks featuring picture book, middle grade, and YA authors. [Register](#) to log in live with your classroom or [watch the recordings](#).



#### [Kate Messner: Explore Secret Worlds in the Earth, Sea, and Sky](#)

**Thursday, March 26**

**4:00pm-5:00pm**

Delve into Kate's "[Over and Under](#)" series about ecosystems, landscapes, and the animals that call these places home.

*For grades K-3.*



**[Jason Reynolds: On Writing Beloved Characters and Powerful Portrayals of Resilience](#)**

**Thursday, April 30**

**4:00pm-5:00pm**

Join a conversation with Jason Reynolds about his latest work, "[Coach](#)," the fifth and last entry in the highly popular "[Track](#)" series.

*For grades 5-10.*

Plus, register to meet our [Third Graders Read Together](#) authors, [Jarrett Lerner](#) and [Liz Garton Scanlon](#)!

[Check Out More Author Talks](#)

### **Lesson in a Box**

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Extend your students' learning with classroom resources connected to Youth Author Talks.



**Kate Messner** spotlights a variety of natural habitats in her "Over and Under" series. Explore [discussion questions and activities](#), [wildlife facts](#), and [additional tools](#) to feature in your lessons.

In his "Track" series, **Jason Reynolds** sparks conversations about navigating school, sports, and life. Dive into [author interviews](#), [biographies](#), and [more](#) to deepen class discussions.

## Match Readers with Books

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Connect your students with their next favorite book!

Discover read-alikes, access book reviews, and search for books by genre, reading level, theme, and more using [NoveList](#) and [NoveList K-8](#). Unlock these free resources with your library card.

## And the Winner Is...

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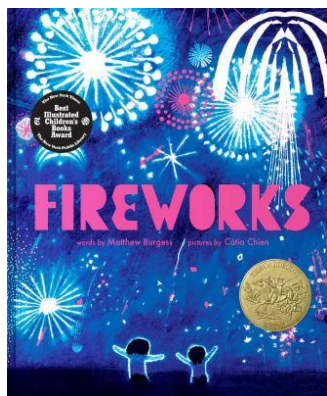
It's award season! That means the Grammys, Oscars, Golden Globes — and [ALA Youth Media Awards](#). Check out some highlights and [discover more](#).

**Caldecott Medal**

**Newbery Medal**

**Printz Award**

**Distinguished American  
Picture Book**

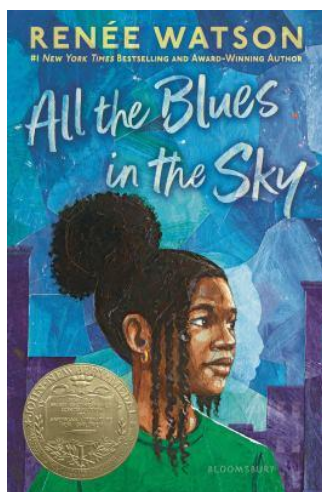


**"Fireworks"**

**by Matthew Burgess,  
illustrated by Cátia  
Chien**

Part poem, part portable fireworks display with a vertical gatefold, "Fireworks" is a sparkling picture book highlighting the simple delights of a steamy July day in the city as two siblings eagerly anticipate a spectacular fireworks display.

**Outstanding  
Contribution to  
Children's Literature**

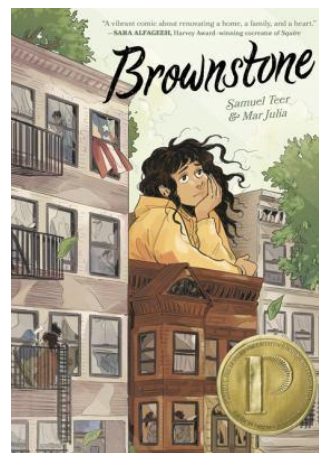


**"All the Blues in the Sky"**

**by Renée Watson**

When thirteen-year-old Sage's best friend dies, Sage struggles with grief and feels that she is at fault. When she joins a grief group, she learns there are many shades in grief, and slowly begins to heal, grow, and forgive herself.

**Excellence in Young  
Adult Literature**



**"Brownstone"**

**by Samuel Teer,  
illustrated by Mar Julia**

In the summer of 1995, Almudena is sent to live with her estranged Spanish-speaking father. Together they renovate a brownstone and build a relationship while Almudena navigates her heritage.



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