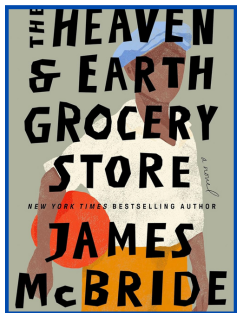




The Libby Book Award winners have been officially announced, making history at the first-annual Libbys ceremony, presented on YouTube by the popular podcast duo, the Professional Book Nerds.

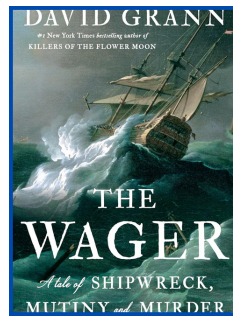
In each of the 17 categories, five books were nominated, but only one took home the award - with honorable mentions in several categories when the race was a close call. Winners were chosen by a vote from over 1,700 librarians and library workers across North America.



BEST ADULT FICTION

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

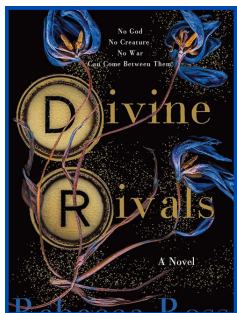
From the author of the bestselling Oprah's Book Club pick *Deacon King Kong* and the National Book Award-winning *The Good Lord Bird*, a novel about small-town secrets and the people who keep them.



BEST ADULT NON-FICTION

The Wager

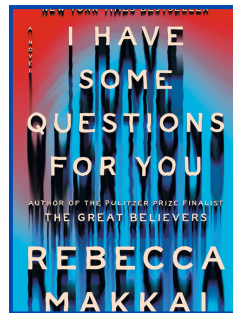
by David Grann
A story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial. The powerful narrative reveals that it was not only the captain and crew who ended up on trial, but the very idea of empire.



BEST YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Divine Rivals
by Rebecca Ross

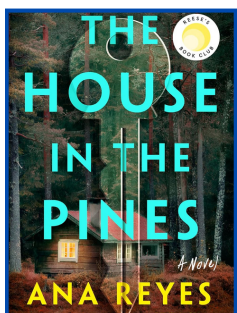
When two young rival journalists find love through a magical connection, they must face the depths of hell, in a war among gods, to seal their fate forever.



BEST AUDIOBOOK

I Have Some Questions for You

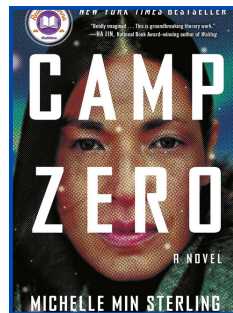
by Rebecca Makkai
A stirring investigation into collective memory and a deeply felt examination of one woman's reckoning with her past, with a transfixing mystery at its heart. Timely, hypnotic, and populated with a cast of unforgettable characters.



BEST DEBUT AUTHOR

The House in the Pines

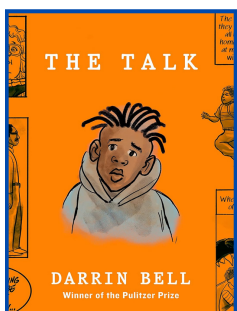
by Ana Reyes
Armed with only hazy memories, a woman who long ago witnessed her friend's sudden, mysterious death, and has since spent her life trying to forget, sets out to track down answers. What she uncovers, deep in the woods, is hardly to be believed. . . .



BEST DIVERSE AUTHOR

Camp Zero

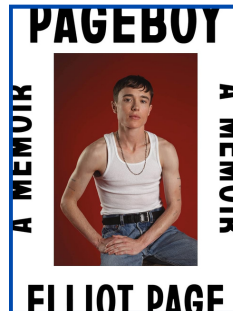
by Michelle Min Sterling
In a near-future northern settlement, the fates of a young woman, a professor, and a mysterious collective of researchers collide. In remote northern Canada, a team is breaking ground on a building project called Camp Zero,



BEST COMIC/GRAPHIC NOVEL

The Talk

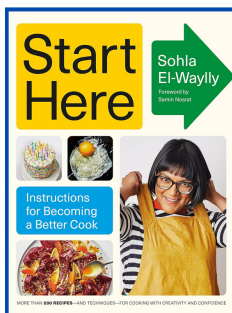
by Darrin Bell
Through evocative illustrations and sharp humor, Bell examines how *The Talk* shaped intimate and public moments from childhood to adulthood.



BEST MEMOIR & AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Pageboy

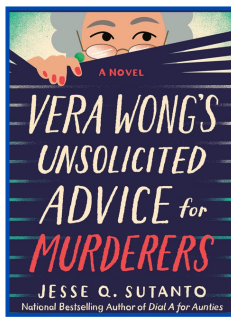
by Elliot Page
Full of intimate stories, from chasing down secret love affairs to battling body image and struggling with familial strife, *Pageboy* is a love letter to the power of being seen.



BEST COOKBOOK

Start Here

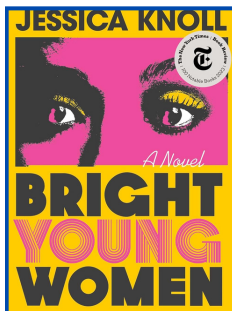
by Sohla El-Wayly
Change the way you think about cooking! In this epic guide to better eating, Sohla El-Wayly reimagines what a cookbook can be, teaching home cooks of all skill levels how cooking really works.



BEST MYSTERY

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

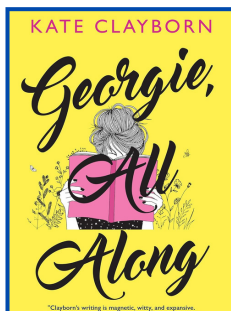
by Jesse Q. Sutanto
A lonely shopkeeper takes it upon herself to solve a murder in the most peculiar way. What Vera does not expect is to form friendships with her customers and start to care for each and every one of them.



BEST THRILLER

Bright Young Women

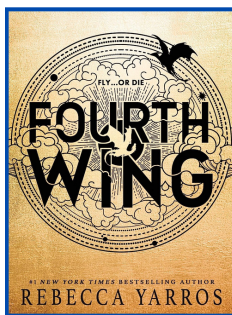
by Jessica Knoll
Don't miss this "breakneck thriller" examining "our culture's obsession with serial killers and true crime" (Harper's Bazaar) following two women on the pursuit of justice against all odds. "A fascinating look at true crime and tabloid culture that's as thoughtful as it is gripping" (People).



BEST ROMANCE

Georgie, All Along

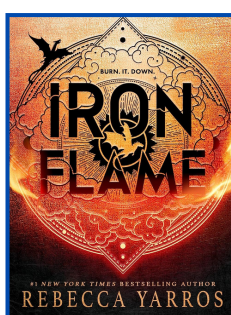
by Kate Clayborn
The acclaimed author of Love Lettering weaves a wise and witty new novel that echoes with timely questions about love, career, reconciling with the past, and finding your path while knowing your true worth.



BEST FANTASY

Fourth Wing

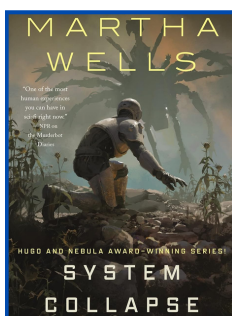
by Rebecca Yarros
Enter the brutal and elite world of a war college for dragon riders. Friends, enemies, lovers. Everyone at Basgiath War College has an agenda—because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die.



BEST ROMANTASY

Iron Flame

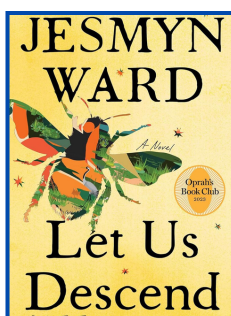
by Rebecca Yarros
Everyone expected Violet Sorrengail to die during her first year at Basgiath War College—Violet included. But Threshing was only the first impossible test meant to weed out the weak-willed, the unworthy, and the unlucky.



BEST SCIENCE FICTION

System Collapse

by Martha Wells
Everyone's favorite lethal SecUnit is back in the next installment in Martha Wells's bestselling and award-winning Murderbot Diaries series. Yeah, this plan is... not going to work.



BEST HISTORICAL FICTION

Let Us Descend

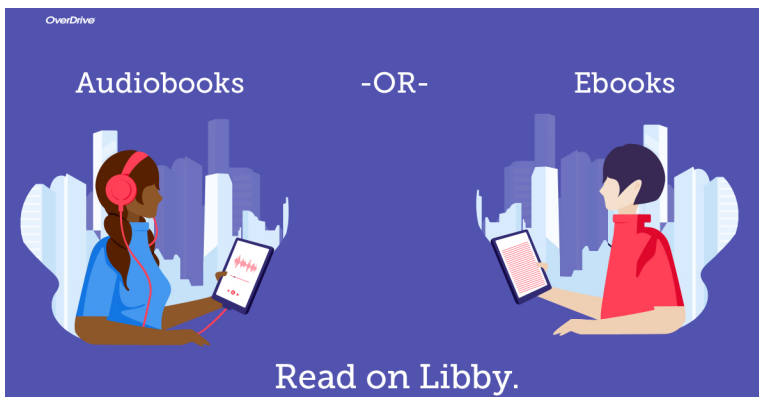
by Jesmyn Ward
Let Us Descend describes a journey from the rice fields of the Carolinas to the slave markets of New Orleans and into the fearsome heart of a Louisiana sugar plantation.



BEST BOOK CLUB PICK

Yellowface

by R.F. Kuang
White lies. Dark humor. Deadly consequences... Bestselling sensation Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn't write the book she claims she wrote, and she is most certainly not Asian American.



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