

The Edgar Allan Poe Awards are presented every year by the Mystery Writers of America. Here are some recent winners in the Young Adult category. While they have been selected for teens from 13 to 18 years of age, the titles span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. SNHL encourages adults to take an active role in helping individual teens choose those books that are the best fit for them and their families.

Ace of Spades by Faridah Abíké-Íyímídé

Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light.

YA ABI

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Barnes

Avery has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves her virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why--or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. To receive her inheritance, she must move into sprawling, secret passage-filled Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's touch--and his love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. YA BAR

Contagion by Erin Bowman

After receiving an urgent SOS from a work detail on a distant planet, a skeleton crew is dispatched to perform a standard search-and-rescue mission. But when the crew arrives, they find an abandoned site, littered with rotten food, discarded weapons...and dead bodies.

YA BOW

They Went Left by Monica Hesse

Liberated from a German concentration camp, 18-year-old Zofia feels she is broken by the horrors of the war; she is easily confused and her memory is faulty. One thing she cannot forget, however, is her younger brother, Abek, from whom she was separated by the war. Now she's determined to find him, if he survived, so they can live their lives fully.

YA HES

When You Look Like Us by Pamela N. Harris

This timely, gripping teen novel is about a boy who must take up the search for his sister when she goes missing from a neighborhood where Black girls' disappearances are too often overlooked. **YA HAR**

After the Fire by Will Hill

Before, she lived inside a fence with her family. After, she's trapped, now in a federal facility. Before, she thought she was being protected from some- thing. After, people are telling her that now she's finally safe.

She isn't sure what's better, before or after, all she knows is that there are questions she can't answer, and if everything she's been told is a lie, how can she know who's telling the truth now? YA HIL

The Cousins by Karen M. McManus

Milly, Aubrey, and Jonah Story are cousins, but they barely know each other, and they've never even met their grandmother. She disinherited their parents before they were born. So when they each receive a letter inviting them to work at her island resort for the summer, they're surprised...and curious. That summer they discover just how deep the family secrets go. **YA MCM**

A Room Away From the Wolves by Nova Ren Suma

A spellbinding ghost story about who deserves a second chance, how we lie to those around us and ourselves, and what lengths girls will go to in order to save each other. **YA SUM**

Sadie by Courtney Summers

When popular radio personality West McCray receives a desperate phone call from a stranger imploring him to find nineteen-year-old runaway Sadie Hunter, he's not convinced there's a story there; girls go missing all the time. But when it's revealed that Sadie fled home after the brutal murder of her little sister, Mattie, West travels to the small town of Cold Creek, Colorado, to uncover what happened. **YA SUM**

Wild and Crooked by Leah Thomas

In Samsboro, Kentucky, Kalyn Spence's name is inseparable from the brutal murder her father committed when he was a teenager. Forced to return to town, Kalyn must attend school under a pseudonym ...or face the lingering anger of Samsboro's citizens, who refuse to forget the crime. **YA THO**