

# OUT OF THIS WORLD READS



The Norton Awards are presented every year by the Science Fiction Writers of America. Here are some recent winners in the Middle Grade and Young Adult Sci-Fi and Fantasy category. While they have been selected for readers from 12 to 18 years of age, they span 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.

## [Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi](#)

*They killed my mother.*

*They took our magic.*

*They tried to bury us.*

Now we rise.

**YA ADE**

## [Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi](#)

Aru Shah is a lover of tales, and was hoping to survive seventh grade through spinning slightly altered tales about her life to classmates. When a group of friends confronts her at the Museum of Ancient Art and Indian Cultures about her lies, Aru Shah would do anything to get them to believe her. Even if that means taking their dare to light a lamp that might bring about the end of the world.

**J FICTION CHO**

## [Thornwood by Leah Cypess](#)

For years, Briony has lived in the shadow of her beautiful older sister, Rosalin, and the curse that has haunted her from birth--that on the day of her sixteenth birthday she would prick her finger on a spindle and cause everyone in the castle to fall into a 100-year sleep. When the day the curse is set to fall over the kingdom finally arrives, nothing--not even Briony--can stop its evil magic. **J FICTION CYP**

## [The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge](#)

When Faith's father is found dead under mysterious circumstances, she is determined to untangle the truth from the lies. Searching through his belongings for clues, she discovers a strange tree. A tree that feeds off whispered lies and bears fruit that reveals hidden secrets. **YA HAR**

## [Raybearer: Raybearer Series #1 by Jordan Ifueko](#)

Tarisai has always longed for the warmth of a family. She was raised in isolation by a mysterious, often absent mother known only as The Lady. The Lady sends her to the capital of the global empire of Aritsar to compete with other children to be chosen as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11. If she's picked, she'll be joined with the other Council members through the Ray, a bond deeper than blood. **YA IFU**

### [Dread Nation by Justina Ireland](#)

Provocative, terrifying, and darkly subversive, Dread Nation is Justina Ireland's stunning vision of an America both foreign and familiar--a country on the brink, at the explosive crossroads where race, humanity, and survival meet. **YA IRE**

### [Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee](#)

Thirteen-year-old Min comes from a long line of fox spirits. But you'd never know it by looking at her. To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic, such as Charm or shape-shifting. They must appear human at all times. But all that soon changes when Min is called into action. Her quest will have her meeting gamblers, pirates, and vengeful ghosts. It will involve deception, lies, and sabotage. She will be forced to use more fox-magic than ever before, and to rely on all of her cleverness and bravery.

**J FICTION LEE**

### [Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger](#)

Imagine an America very similar to our own. It's got homework, friends, and ice cream. There are some differences. This America has been shaped by the magic, monsters, knowledge, and legends of its peoples, those Indigenous and those not. **YA BAD**

### [Want by Cindy Pon](#)

Jason Zhou lives in a near-future Taipei where the super-rich yous wear suits that protect them from the deadly pollution, while the meis struggle and die young. But Jason and a group of bright and clever friends are determined to change things. **YA PON**

### [Root Magic by Eden Royce](#)

A historical ghost story set in South Carolina in the 1960s—a tale of courage, friendship, and Black Girl Magic. **J FICTION ROY**

### [Star Daughter by Shveta Thakrar](#)

If the night sky holds many secrets, it holds Sheetal Mistry's secret the closest. A secret that explains why her hair is the silver of starlight, or why some nights the stars call Sheetal by name. Stars like her mother, who returned to her place in the constellation Pushya years ago. Since that day, Sheetal has been forced to hide.

But now the time for hiding has come to an end. Sheetal must face her destiny and claim her powers to save those closest to her. **YA THA**

### [Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao](#)

In Huaxia, a Chinese-influenced futuristic civilization, Yang, 19 and "one of the most powerful pilots alive," channels his qi through his Chrysalis, the Nine-Tailed Fox, a war machine designed to fight the Hunduns, mecha-alien "invaders from the cosmos who'd pulverized the height of human civilization some two thousand years. Protecting the human world, however, comes at the expense of concubines who pair with pilots, devoting their life force to the battle and often dying in the process. Then mountain villager Zetian, 18, is selected as Yang's new partner. When an unexpected battle outcome shatters Yang's future, Zetian must carefully navigate alliances--including one with a brutal murderer--as well as newfound power, political machinations, love, and more. **YA ZHA**