

## **2017 ABE LINCOLN AWARD ANNOTATED MASTER LIST**

**100 Sideways Miles – by Andrew Smith** – Finn Easton, sixteen and epileptic, struggles to feel like more than just a character in his father’s cult-classic novels with the help of his best friend, Cade and first love, Julia. After Julia moves away, Cade and Finn embark on a road trip with unexpected results.

**All the Bright Places – by Jennifer Niven** – Outcast Finch and Violet meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, emotionally distraught and teetering on the edge. They end up as unlikely partners for a school project, but it’s also their desperate desire to heal and save one another before it’s too late.

**Bone Gap – by Laura Ruby** – Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of Roza, a favorite girl in town. Finn’s inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation and subjects him to ridicule and bullying.

**The Boy in the Black Suit – by Jason Reynolds** – Soon after his mother’s death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood. After attending and assisting with funerals, Matt begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man while comforting a girl in a similar situation.

**Caged Warrior – by Alan Lawrence Sitomer** – McCutcheon is a high school student by day and an underground MMA cage fighter at night. School gives him a once in a lifetime opportunity to get out of the Detroit slums, but his father and the ruthless men who run the matches will not let him leave alive.

**Challenger Deep – by Neal Shusterman** – Caden Bosch lives in two worlds. One is his real life with his family, his friends, and high school. In his other world, which slowly reflects his descent into paranoia and schizophrenia, he’s part of the crew for a pirate captain on a voyage to the Challenger Deep, the ocean’s deepest trench.

**A Court of Thorns and Roses – by Sarah J. Maas** – Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from stories, Feyre discovers that her captor, Tamlin, is a High Lord of the faeries. As her feelings toward him transform from hostility to passion and the threats against the human and faerie lands grow, Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse or she will lose Tamlin forever.

**Emmy & Oliver – by Robin Benway** – Emmy & Oliver were going to be best friends forever or maybe even more, before their futures were ripped apart. Oliver is back after missing for ten years, and now he’s a stranger, while Emmy doesn’t know if they can rekindle the magic they once had together.

**Fake ID – by Lamar Giles** – Nick Pearson is hiding in plain sight but that’s not his real name. As part of the Witness Protection Program, Nick and his family move to a new town but he finds himself trying to solve a murder mystery when Eli, his new friend, is found dead.

**Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock – by Matthew Quick** – Today is Leonard Peacock’s birthday, and it’s also the day he hides a gun in his backpack. Today is also the day he will kill his former best friend, and then himself, with his grandfather’s pistol. But first he must say good-bye to the people who matter most to him.

**Gabi, a Girl in Pieces – by Isabel Quintero** – Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend’s pregnancy, friend Sebastian’s coming out, her father’s meth habit, and her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.

**Grave Mercy – by Robin LeFevers** – In the fifteenth-century kingdom of Brittany, seventeen-year-old Ismae escapes from the brutality of an arranged marriage into the sanctuary of the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts and a violent destiny.

**I am Malala – by Malala Yousafzai** – The memoir of a teenage girl who risked her life for the right to go to school. When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. At 15 she was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school and few expected her to survive. Malala’s miraculous recovery has inspired millions around the globe.

**Laughing at my Nightmare – by Shane Burcaw** – A memoir describes the challenge Shane faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to having a girlfriend and everything in between, Shane handles his situation with humor and a you-only-live once perspective on life.

**The Naturals – by Jennifer Barnes** – Cassie Hobbes is not like most teenagers. Identified by the FBI as uniquely gifted, Cassie is recruited to an elite school where teens are trained to hone their exceptional abilities. When a serial killer begins recreating the details of her mother’s horrific kidnapping, she realizes just how dangerous life can be as a part of the Naturals.

**October Mourning – by Leslea Newman** – Told from various points of view from the night of October 6, 1998, when twenty-one-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.

**Prisoner of Night and Fog – by Anne Blankman** – In 1930’s Munich, the favorite niece of rising political leader Adolph Hitler is torn between duty and love after meeting a fearless and handsome Jewish reporter.

**Red Queen – by Victoria Aveyard** – Mare is a Red blood, a thief in a poor village until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court where she discovers she has a supernatural ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess, but Mare risks everything to help the growing Red rebellion.

**Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda – by Becky Albertalli** – Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly gay Simon is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity – and that of his pen pal – will be revealed.

**Through the Woods – by Emily Carroll** – A compellingly spooky collection of five graphic stories, these are fairy tales gone seriously wrong.