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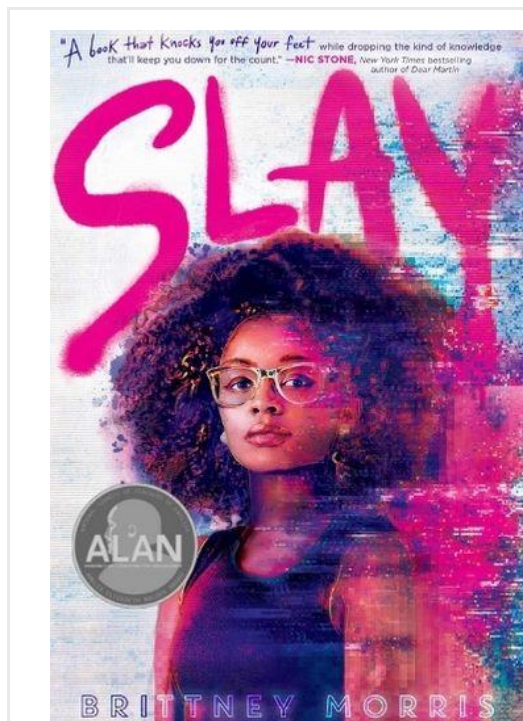
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The Walden Award

The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) is pleased and proud to announce the 2021 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award for Young Adult Fiction finalists.

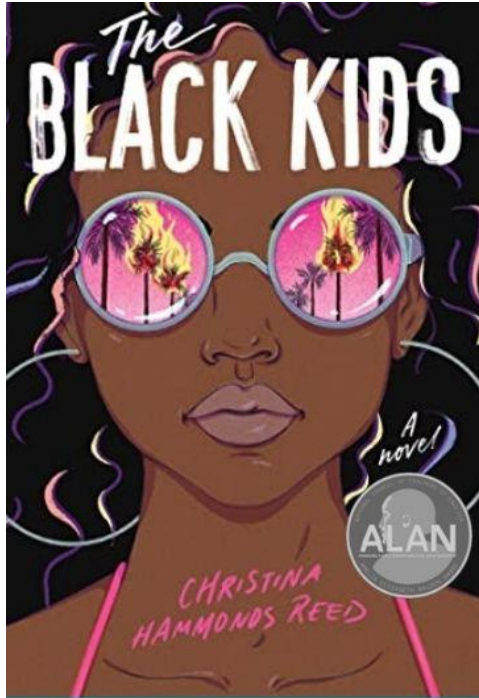
Established in 2008 to honor the wishes of young adult author Amelia Elizabeth Walden, the award allows for the sum of \$5,000 to be presented annually to the author of a young adult title selected by the ALAN Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award Committee as demonstrating a positive approach to life, widespread teen appeal, and literary merit.

The 2021 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award finalists are:

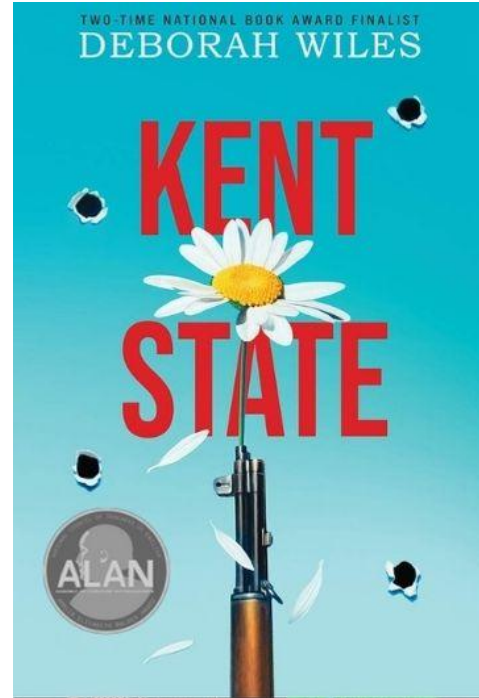


SLAY by
Brittney Morris
(Simon & Schuster/Simon & Schuster
Books for Young Readers)

Clap When You Land by
Elizabeth Acevedo
(HarperCollins/Quill Tree Books)



The Black Kids by
Christina Hammonds Reed
(Simon & Schuster/Simon & Schuster
Books for Young Readers)



Kent State by
Deborah Wiles (Scholastic/Scholastic
Press)

The winning title will be announced May 17th. The winner and finalists will be honored at the 2021 ALAN Workshop on Monday, November 22nd and the authors will be invited to deliver remarks upon acceptance of the award.

The 2021 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee would like to thank: the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Foundation, the ALAN Executive Council, the ALAN Board of Directors, NCTE, and the many publishers who submitted titles for consideration.

The 2021 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee considered almost 300 young adult titles throughout the process. The committee included ten members representing the university, K-12 school, and library communities. They are:

Sarah Mulhern Gross
English Teacher
High Technology High School,
Lincroft, NJ

Beth Shaum, Past Chair
8th Grade ELA Teacher/ K-8 Librarian
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School,
Ann Arbor, MI

Jodi Blair
Librarian
Alcoa High School,
Alcoa, TN

Nicole Clawson
Visiting Professor
Brigham Young University,
Provo, UT

Bryan Gillis
Professor of English Education & Literacy
Kennesaw State University,
Kennesaw, GA

Walter M. Mayes
Library Media Specialist
The Girls' Middle School,
Palo Alto, CA

Elizabeth Prosniewski
7th Grade Language Arts Teacher
Pennington Traditional School,
Manassas, VA
Morgan Jackson
English Teacher
Bishop Gorman High School,
Las Vegas, NV

L.E. Oldham
English Language Arts Content Specialist
Deming Public Schools,
Deming, NM

Julia Torres
Librarian
Denver Public Schools,
Denver, CO

Maria Hernandez Goff
Assistant Professor of Literacy Education
California State University
Fresno, Fresno, CA

For more information on the award, please visit ALAN Online: The Official Site of the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents: <http://www.alan-ya.org/awards/walden-award/>.

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Authors presented in this year's collection include Tim Wynne-Jones, Kimberly Drew, and Monica Hesse. Narrators who provide their skills for teen listeners this season include Bahni Turpin, Michael Crouch, and Emily Woo Zeller, among the 28 FREE available titles.

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A Note from the 2021 ALAN President

Please know that ALAN is working hard with NCTE to determine how this year's workshop will occur. Thank you for your patience as we continue to examine the options before coming to a decision.

-ALAN 2021 President Sarah Ressler Wright

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