



# 2021 Lincoln Award Nominees Master List

Read at least 4 of 20 titles and, in February, you can cast a vote for your favorite!

or Main Character

Memoir/Biography

Graphic Novel

Non-fiction

Realistic

Magical

Historical

Emotional

Fantasy

Sci-Fi

Mystery

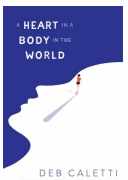



Sports







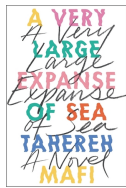



Humorous









Romance

Series


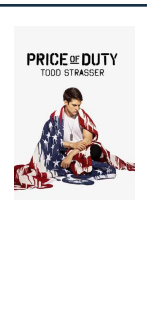
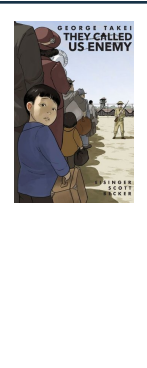
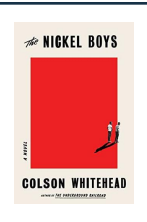
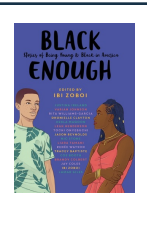
	Title & Author	First Few	Summary	Your notes:
	<b>Internment</b> by Samira Ahmed 	<i>"I strain to listen for boots on the pavement. Stomping. Marching. But there's nothing. Only the familiar chirp of the crickets, and the occasional fading rumble of a car in the distance, and a rustle so faint I can't tell if it's the wind or the anxious huff of my breath."</i>	Layla and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. With the help of newly-made friends also trapped within the internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards.	
	<b>We'll Fly Away</b> by Bryan Bliss 	<i>"November 5 -- T--The Sister said it would be good to write to you, but after everything--I don't know. What am I supposed to say? It's not like you're going to listen, and I stopped really talking to everyone a long time ago. So what the hell is writing a letter to you going to help?"</i>	Uniquely told through letters from death row and third-person narrative, Bryan Bliss's hard-hitting third novel expertly unravels the string of events that landed a teenager in jail. Luke feels like he's been looking after Toby his entire life. Someday, Luke and Toby will leave this small town, riding the tails of Luke's wrestling scholarship, and never look back. But during their senior year, they begin to drift apart. All their long-held dreams seem to be unraveling.	
	<b>Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life With OCD</b> by Allison Britz 	<i>"I don't think the pigs smell me. I think they see me," Ms. Griffin says, reenacting last night's assigned reading from Lord of the Flies. She pretends to apply mud to her face and body like war paint and crouches down, ready for the hunt."</i>	A brave teen recounts her debilitating struggle with obsessive-compulsive disorder—and brings readers through every painful step as she finds her way to the other side—in this powerful and inspiring memoir.	

 <p>A HEART IN A BODY IN THE WORLD DEB CALETTI</p>	<p><b>A Heart in a Body in the World</b> by Deb Caletti</p> <p>♀ 📖</p>	<p><i>"Anabelle Agnelli is trying to hold it together in the parking lot of Dick's Drive-In. After what just happened, she's stunned. Frozen. And then--imagine it--Anabelle's wrecked self suddenly takes off like a lightning bolt."</i></p>	<p>When everything has been taken from you, what else is there to do but run? So that's what Annabelle does—she runs from Seattle to Washington, DC. But no matter how hard she tries, she can't outrun the tragedy from the past year, or the person who haunts her. They say it isn't her fault, but she can't feel the truth of that. Through welcome and unwelcome distractions, she just keeps running, to the destination that awaits her. There, she'll finally face what lies behind her—the miles and love and loss...and what is to come.</p>	
 <p>DEVILS WITHIN S.F. HENSON</p>	<p><b>Devils Within</b> by S.F. Henson</p> <p>♂ 📖</p>	<p><i>"If he catches me I'm dead. Literally dead. Like the trees I'm racing past. Like Mom. Like no longer part of this evil freaking world. So I run."</i></p>	<p>Nate was 14 when he murdered his father (and the leader of a notorious white supremacist compound) in self-defense, landing in a treatment center while the state searched for his next of kin. Now, in the custody of an uncle he never knew existed, who wants nothing to do with him, Nate just wants to disappear. Then he meets Brandon, a person Nate has been conditioned to despise on sight. Nate's worlds crash together, and he must decide between his own survival and standing for what's right, even if it isn't easy.</p>	
 <p>Truly Devious a novel MAUREEN JOHNSON</p>	<p><b>Truly Devious</b> by Maureen Johnson</p> <p>♀ 🕵️ 📖</p>	<p><i>"April 13, 1936, 6:00p.m. You know I can't let you leave....Fate came for Dottie Epstein a year earlier, in the form of a call to the principal's office. It was not her first time there."</i></p>	<p>Ellingham Academy is a famous private school. Shortly after the school opened, the founder's wife and daughter were kidnapped. The only clue was a mocking riddle listing methods of murder, signed "Truly, Devious." Stevie is set to begin her first year at Ellingham, and she has a plan: She will solve this cold case. But something strange is happening. Truly Devious makes a surprise return, and death revisits Ellingham Academy.</p>	
 <p>DARIUS THE GREAT IS NOT OKAY ADIB KORRA</p>	<p><b>Darius the Great Is Not Okay</b> by Adib Korra</p> <p>♂ 📖 😞</p>	<p><i>"Steam belched and hissed. Sweat trickled down the back of my neck. Smaug the Terrible was furious with me. 'What does it mean, 'filter error'?' I asked."</i></p>	<p>Darius Kellner is about to take his first-ever trip to Iran, and it's pretty overwhelming—especially when he's also dealing with clinical depression, a disapproving dad, and a chronically anemic social life. In Iran, he meets Sohrab, the boy next door who changes everything. Sohrab calls him Darioush—the original Persian version of his name—and Darius has never felt more like himself than he does now that he's Darioush to Sohrab.</p>	

			When it's time to go home to America, he'll have to find a way to be Darioush on his own.	
	<p><b>Hey, Kiddo:</b> <i>How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt With Family Addiction by Jarrett Krosoczka</i></p> <p>♂  </p>	 <p><i>"Now step on the brake. Ease it into drive. Alright, good. Now slowly take your foot off the bra-- Jeepers Crow! Sorry!"</i></p>	Jarrett lives with his grandparents -- two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along. Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, finding a way to express himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about what's going on. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father.	
	<p><b>Every Falling Star:</b> <i>The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea by Sungju Lee</i></p> <p>♂ </p>	<p><i>"I dream. And in my dream, I'm a general in the army of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I'm leading my unit in the April 25 parade celebrating the foundation of the Korean People's Army."</i></p>	<i>Every Falling Star</i> is the intense memoir of a North Korean boy named Sungju who is forced at age twelve to live on the streets and fend for himself. To survive, Sungju creates a gang and lives by thieving, fighting, begging, and stealing rides on cargo trains.	
	<p><b>A Very Large Expanse of Sea</b> by Tahereh Mafi</p> <p>♀ </p>	<p><i>"We always seemed to be moving, always for the better, always to make our lives better, whatever. I couldn't keep up with the emotional whiplash."</i></p>	It's 2002, a year after 9/11. It's an extremely turbulent time for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. Then she meets Ocean James. He's the first person in forever who really seems to want to get to know Shirin. It terrifies her - they seem to come from two irreconcilable worlds - and Shirin has had her guard up for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down.	
	<p><b>Heroine</b> by Mindy McGinnis</p> <p>♀ </p>	<p><i>"When I wake up all my friends are dead. I Don't know when they stopped breathing, or how long I slept while they dropped off one by one."</i></p>	When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there. The pills do more than take away pain; they make her feel good. But as the pressure to be Mickey Catalan heightens, her need increases, and it becomes less about pain and more about want, something that could send her spiraling out of control.	

	<p><b>Slay by Brittney Morris</b></p> <p>♀ </p>	<p><i>“By day, I’m an honors student at Jefferson Academy. At night, I turn into the Nubian goddess most people know as Emerald.”</i></p>	<p>By day, 17-year-old Kiera is an honors student, a math tutor, and one of the only Black kids at Jefferson Academy. But at home, she joins hundreds of thousands of Black gamers who duel worldwide as Nubian personas in the secret multiplayer online role-playing card game, SLAY. No one knows Kiera is the game developer. But when a teen in Kansas City is murdered over a dispute in the SLAY world, news of the game reaches mainstream media, and SLAY is labeled a racist, exclusionist, violent hub for thugs and criminals. Driven to save the only world in which she can be herself, Kiera must preserve her secret identity and harness what it means to be unapologetically Black in a world intimidated by Blackness. But can she protect her game without losing herself in the process?</p>	
	<p><b>Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay</b></p> <p>♂ </p>	<p><i>“Seth and I are walking across the roof of my old elementary school, which is covered in a layer of round stones that knock together like skulls with each step. A charcoal, overcast night sky hangs overhead, and the air is warmer than usual for mid-April”</i></p>	<p>A coming-of-age story about grief, guilt, and the risks Jay, a Filipino-American teenager takes to uncover the truth about his cousin’s murder.</p>	
	<p><b>Dry by Neal Shusterman</b></p> <p>♂ </p>	<p><i>“The kitchen faucet makes the most bizarre sounds. It coughs and wheezes like it’s gone asthmatic. It gurgles like someone drowning. It spits once, and then goes silent.”</i></p>	<p>When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival,</p>	
	<p><b>Dress Codes for Small Towns by Courtney Stevens</b></p> <p>♀ </p>	<p><i>“I’m waffling on my tombstone inscription today. Elizabeth McCaffrey, born 1999--d.? R.I.P: She found trouble. Or. Elizabeth McCaffrey, born 1999--d.? IN LOVING MEMORY: Trouble found her.”</i></p>	<p>Billie has always struggled with fitting the mold of what everyone says she should be. But when Janie Lee confesses to Billie that she’s in love with Woods, Billie’s filled with a nagging sadness as she realizes that she is also in love with Woods...and maybe with Janie Lee, too.</p>	



	<p><b>All the Crooked Saints</b> by Maggie Stiefvater</p> <p>♀♂🦄</p>	<p><i>"You can hear a miracle a long way after dark. Miracles are very like radio waves in this way. Not many people realize that the ordinary radio wave and the extraordinary miracle have much in common."</i></p>	<p>Everyone wants a miracle, but everyone fears what it takes to get one. At the heart of Bicho Raro you will find the Soria family, who all have the ability to perform unusual miracles. And at the heart of this family are three cousins longing to change its future. They are all looking for a miracle. But the miracles of Bicho Raro are never quite what you expect.</p>	
	<p><b>Price of Duty</b> by Todd Strasser</p> <p>♂📖</p>	<p><i>"You are trained to be a soldier, not a hero. But, sometimes the other thing happens."</i></p>	<p>Jake Liddell is a hero. At least, that's what everyone says he is. He's home recovering from an injury and is torn between the young woman persuading him to speak out against military recruitment tactics and his grandfather urging him back on the battlefield. He doesn't know what to do; nothing makes sense anymore. There is only one thing that Jake knows for certain: he is no hero.</p>	
	<p><b>They Called Us Enemy</b> by George Takei</p> <p>♂💣📖</p>	<p><i>"GEORGE! HENRY! GET UP AT ONCE." "DO WE HAVE TO, DADDY? I'M STILL ::YAWN:: SLEEPY." "GET DRESSED, QUICKLY." "WHAT'S GOING ON?" "NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. WAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM WHILE WE FINISH PACKING."</i></p>	<p>A graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II. Experience the forces that shaped an American icon -- and America itself.</p>	
	<p><b>The Nickel Boys</b> by Colson Whitehead</p> <p>♂🎨📖</p>	<p><i>"Even in death the boys were trouble. The secret graveyard lay on the north side of the Nickel campus, in a patchy acre of wild grass between the old work barn and the school dump."</i></p>	<p>In the 1960s, Elwood Curtis is about to start classes at the local college. But, for Elwood, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy his future. Elwood is sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, a grotesque chamber of horrors.</p>	
	<p><b>Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America</b> by Ibi Zoboi</p>	<p><i>"I was born in a country known for having had the first successful slave revolt in the world. Way back in 1804, Haiti became the very first independent Black nation in the Western Hemisphere. If global Blackness had a rating scale of one to ten, the Haitian Revolution has got</i></p>	<p>Black Enough is a star-studded anthology edited by National Book Award finalist Ibi Zoboi that will delve into the closeted thoughts, hidden experiences, and daily struggles of black teens across the country. Black Enough is an essential collection full of captivating coming-of-age stories</p>	



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