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20th ANNUAL GARDEN STATE TEEN BOOK AWARDS

The Young Adult Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association is pleased to announce the winners of the 20th Annual Garden State Teen Book Award!

For a full listing of annotated nominations, please visit the section's website:
<http://njlamembers.org/content/voting-information-ballots>

Fiction: Grades 6-8

Enchanted by Alethea Kontis

Fiction: Grades 9-12

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Nonfiction: Grades 6-12

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal

The Young Adult Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association initiated the Garden State Teen Book Award in 1995. The aim of the GSTBA is to introduce teens to books that are age appropriate, appealing, well written, and which accurately display the diversity found in the state of New Jersey. Members of the awards committee, representing libraries from throughout the state, consider books that appeared on at least one of the major "Best Books" lists for teens three years prior to its appearance on the GSTBA ballot. The final ballots include books in three categories: Fiction for Grades 6-8, Fiction for Grades 9-12, and Nonfiction for Grades 6-12. Ballots are distributed throughout New Jersey schools and libraries and awards are announced at the NJLA Annual Conference at a special Garden State Book Award Luncheon. This year's conference will be held at Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch, NJ with the awards presentation on Wednesday, April 22. Winners are selected through votes from the teens of New Jersey.

For further information, visit the Young Adult Services Section's website at <http://njlamembers.org/yasection> or contact Erica Solomon, President of the NJLA Young Adult Section by email at esolomon@piscatawaylibrary.org.