

# Garden State Teen Book Awards

## NJLA Young Adult Services Section



### GARDEN STATE TEEN BOOK AWARDS PRESS RELEASE 26th ANNUAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Young Adult Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association announces the following recipients of the 26th Annual Garden State Teen Book Awards:

FICTION GRADES 6-8  
**New Kid** by Jerry Craft

FICTION GRADES 9-12  
**What if it's Us** by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera

NON-FICTION GRADES 6-12  
**We are Not Yet Equal: Understanding our Racial Divide** by Carol Anderson and Tonya Bolden  
**Hey, Kiddo** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

The Garden State Teen Book Award was established in 1995 by the Young Adult Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association. Members of this section work together to establish nomination criteria and compile the "long list" of nominations, work with the Members at Large to clarify the process and establish readership, evaluate discussion processes, and work to promote the list and the award to libraries and schools. Awards, typically presented annually at the NJLA spring conference, are given to both the author and the illustrator.

For further information, visit the NJLA website at [www.njla.org](http://www.njla.org), or Members-At-Large Emily Mazzoni ([emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org](mailto:emazzoni@monroetwplibrary.org)) and Moira Whittington ([mwhittington@lmxac.org](mailto:mwhittington@lmxac.org)).