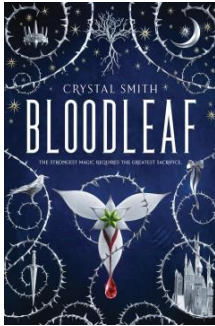


Kentucky Bluegrass Award Nominees



Athena Protocol by Shamin Sarif

As a member of the **Athena Protocol**, an elite organization of female spies who enact vigilante justice around the world but are prohibited from using deadly force, Jessie Archer is forced to go rogue after breaking the rules and must fight not only a dangerous human trafficker she's been hunting but also members of her former team who have been ordered to bring her down.



Bloodleaf by Crystal Smith

Aurelia, the first princess born in Renalt in 200 years, is destined to marry the mysterious prince of Achelva, Valentin, but her treacherous lady-in-waiting, Lisette, plots to take her crown.



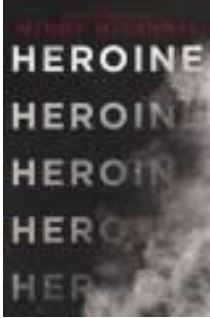
Cracking the Bell by Geoff Herbach

Isaiah loves football. In fact, football saved Isaiah's life, giving him structure and discipline after his sister's death tore his family apart. But when Isaiah gets knocked out cold on the field, he learns there's a lot more to lose than football.--



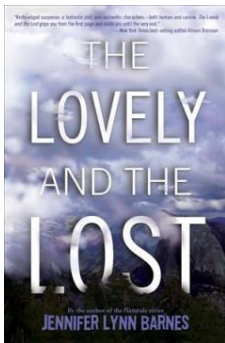
Field Notes On Love by Jennifer Smith

Two teens, Hugo and Mae, are strangers until they share a cross-country train trip that teaches them about love, each other, and the futures they can build for themselves.



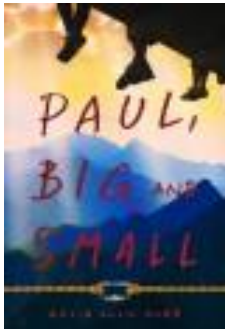
Heroine by Mindy McGinnis

When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot as the catcher for a team expected to make a historic tournament run, and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there. 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.



The Lovely and the Lost by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

When a little girl is lost in a 750,000-acre national park, a family of search-and-rescue professionals reunites and three generations of secrets are uncovered.



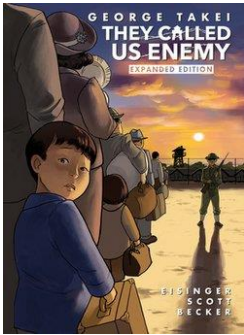
Paul Big and Small by David Glen Robb

Paul, a talented rock climber despite his very short stature, becomes friends with six-foot-tall Lily and Hawaiian newcomer Big to navigate the high school halls filled with bullies.



Price of Duty by Todd Strasser

"A young man, injured and home from the war, is lauded as a hero. But he doesn't feel very heroic in the face of all that he witnessed"--.



They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

Takei's firsthand account of those years behind barbed wire, the terrors and small joys of childhood in the shadow of legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's tested faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.



With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Navigating the challenges of finishing high school while caring for a daughter, talented cook Emoni Santiago struggles with a lack of time and money that complicate her dream of working in a professional kitchen.