

2017-2018 Spirit of Texas Reading Program for High School

The programming for these authors will be published on the TLA website in April before the 2017 TLA Annual Conference.

Cooner, Donna

Featured Title- *Can't Look Away*. Point, 2014.

Hardcover: 978-0545427654; Paperback: 978-0545427661

Torrey Grey is famous, at least on the Internet. Thousands of people watch her popular videos on fashion and beauty, but when her sister is killed in an accident, Torrey's perfect world implodes.

Lindsey, Mary

Featured Title- *Shattered Souls*, Philomel Books, 2011.

Hardcover: 978-099256226; Paperback: 978-0142421901

When a Texas high-school student starts hearing voices, she assumes she is schizophrenic like her father, but instead she finds out that she is a "Speaker," who can communicate with the dead to help their troubled souls find resolution.

Fragile Spirits, Philomel Books, 2014.

Hardcover: 978-0399161865

Paul has trained his whole life to be a Protector, and he and his assigned Speaker help souls move from our world to the next.

Linn, Laurent

Featured Title – *Draw the Line*, Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2016.

Hardcover: 978-1481452809

Adrian Piper may be a talented artist, a sci-fi geek, and gay, but at his Texas high school those traits would only bring him the worse kind of attention. After a hate crime occurs, Adrian must discover his own power, decide how to use it, and know where to draw the line—no matter how dangerous the risks.

Mabry, Samantha

Featured Title – *A Fierce and Subtle Poison*. Algonquin Young Readers, 2016.

Hardcover: 978-1616205218

When the bodies of missing girls begin washing up on the beaches of San Juan, 17-year-old Lucas turns to an impossible source to stop the murders, a cursed girl nourished by poisonous plants.

Ormsbee, Kathryn

Featured Title – *Lucky Few*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2016.

Hardcover: 978-1481455282

Homeschooler Stevie Hart meets Max, a strange boy who is obsessed with death, but what starts off as fun together begins spiraling downward when Stevie's diabetes sabotages her fumbling romance with Max, and her best friend, Sanger, announces she is moving out of state.

Swendson, Shanna

Featured Title – *Rebel Mechanics*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015.

Hardcover: 978-0374300098; Paperback: 978-1250079947

As a governess to a wealthy family in an alternate-universe 19th-century New York City, Verity becomes a spy for an underground society of innovators who are developing non-magical steam engines to fight against magic-wielding British control.

The Spirit of Texas Reading Program- High School is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table (YART). The purpose of the list is to encourage youths in grades 9-12 to explore a variety of current, quality books from Texas authors and illustrators, develop critical reading skills, and to encourage greater interaction between Texas authors and illustrators, Texas librarians, and Texas youth. The Spirit of Texas Reading Program-High School is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. Each author featured on the list has had at least one book favorably reviewed for grades 9-12 in a professional review source. Six authors will be featured bi-monthly with all programming available year round.

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