

Reads Rainbow Awards Ballot

Adult contemporary

1. One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston
2. Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers
3. Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters
4. The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun
5. Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake by Alexis Hall
6. Night Tide by Anna Burke
7. Everyone in This Room Will Someday be Dead by Emily Austin
8. Beautiful World, Where Are You by Sally Rooney
9. 100 Boyfriends by Brontez Purnell
10. The Bennet Women by Eden Appiah-Kubi
11. An Unexpected Kind of Love by Hayden Stone
12. Sweethand by N. G. Peltier
13. The Days of Afreketé by Asali Solomon
14. The Split by Laura Kay
15. Summer Fun by Jeanne Thornton
16. And Then the Gray Heaven by R. E. Katz
17. Afterparties by Anthony Veasna So
18. We Play Ourselves by Jen Silverman
19. Let's Get Back to the Party by Zak Salih
20. Skye Falling by Mia McKenzie

Adult mystery & thriller

1. Summer Sons by Lee Mandelo
2. Subtle Blood by K. J. Charles
3. Dead Dead Girls by Nekesa Afia
4. Ignis by KJ
5. Yes, Daddy by Jonathan Parks-Ramage
6. The Final Child by Fran Dorricott
7. Burn It All Down by Nicolas DiDomizio
8. The Upstairs House by Julia Fine
9. Bath Haus by P. J. Vernon
10. Murder and Gold by Ann Aptaker
11. The Great Silence by Doug Johnstone

12. The Heron's Cry by Ann Cleeves
13. Margaret and the Mystery of the Missing Body by Megan Milks
14. Chain Reaction by Cara Malone
15. Tall Bones by Anna Bailey
16. What's the Matter with Mary Jane? by Candace Jane Dorsey
17. Nighthawking by Russ Thomas
18. The Anatomy of Desire by L. R. Dorn
19. By Way of Sorrow by Robin Gigl
20. Finding the Vein by Jennifer Hanlon Wilde

Adult historical

1. The Queer Principles of Kit Webb by Cat Sebastian
2. The Pursued and the Pursuing by AJ Odasso
3. The Kingdoms by Natasha Pulley
4. The Gentle Art of Fortune Hunting by K. J. Charles
5. The Prophets by Robert Jones Jr.
6. The Perks of Loving a Wallflower by Erica Ridley
7. Sistersong by Lucy Holland
8. The Hellion's Waltz by Olivia Waite
9. The Ophelia Girls by Jane Healey
10. Reputation by Lex Croucher
11. The Companion by E. E. Ottoman
12. A Tip for the Hangman by Allison Epstein
13. Lying with Lions by Annabel Fielding
14. The Murder Next Door by Sarah Bell
15. The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris
16. The Dangerous Kingdom of Love by Neil Blackmore
17. The Breath Between Waves by Charlotte Anne Hamilton
18. Bolla by Pajtim Statovci, trans. by David Hackston
19. The Great Mistake by Jonathan Lee
20. Devotion by Hannah Kent

Adult fantasy

1. She Who Became the Sun by Shelley Parker-Chan
2. The Jasmine Throne by Tasha Suri
3. Under the Whispering Door by T. J. Klune
4. A Marvellous Light by Freya Marske

5. A Dowry of Blood by S. T. Gibson
6. Malice by Heather Walter
7. Black Water Sister by Zen Cho
8. The Unbroken by C. L. Clark
9. A Master of Djinn by P. Djèlí Clark
10. The Chosen and the Beautiful by Nghi Vo
11. Sorrowland by Rivers Solomon
12. The Witness for the Dead by Katherine Addison
13. The Splinter King by Mike Brooks
14. Fireheart Tiger by Aliette de Bodard
15. No Gods, Not Monsters by Cadwell Turnbull
16. Son of the Storm by Suyi Davies Okungbowa
17. Water Horse by Melissa Scott
18. The Calyx Charm by May Peterson
19. Blood of the Chosen by Django Wexler
20. The Councillor by E. J. Beaton

Adult science fiction

1. Winter's Orbit by Everina Maxwell
2. Light from Uncommon Stars by Ryka Aoki
3. Persephone Station by Stina Leicht
4. The Galaxy and the Ground Within by Becky Chambers
5. A Desolation Called Peace by Arkady Martine
6. Sea Wolf by Anna Burke
7. In the Watchful City by S. Qiouyu Liu
8. Dead Space by Kali Wallace
9. Into the Lightning Gate by Robert Roth
10. The All-Consuming World by Cassandra Khaw
11. The Fallen by Ada Hoffman
12. We Are Satellites by Sarah Pinsker
13. The Necessity of Stars by E. Catherine Tobler
14. Catalyst Gate by Megan O'Keefe
15. The Second Rebel by Linden A. Lewis
16. Local Star by Aimee Ogden
17. The Unraveling by Benjamin Rosenbaum
18. Escaping Exodus: Symbiosis by Nicky Drayden
19. Hold Fast Through the Fire by K. B. Wagers
20. Transgressions of Power by Juliette Wade

Romance

1. One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston
2. Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers
3. The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun
4. The Gentle Art of Fortune Hunting by K. J. Charles
5. The Queer Principles of Kit Webb by Cat Sebastian
6. I Kissed a Girl by Jennet Alexander
7. A Lot Like Adiós by Alexis Daria
8. How to Find a Princess by Alyssa Cole
9. Change of Plans by KJ
10. Hang the Moon by Alexandria Bellefleur
11. Night Tide by Anna Burke
12. Fake It by Lily Seabrooke
13. For the Love of April French by Penny Aimes
14. Unwritten Rules by K. D. Casey
15. An Unexpected Type of Love by Hayden Stone
16. Playing the Palace by Paul Rudnick
17. Sing Anyway by Anita Kelly
18. Of Trust & Heart by Charlotte Anne Hamilton
19. Catch and Cradle by Katia Rose
20. Her Countess to Cherish by Jane Walsh

Nonfiction

1. Fat and Queer ed. by Miguel M. Morales, Bruce Owens Grimm & Tiff Joshua T.J. Ferentini
2. The Transgender Issue by Shon Faye
3. You Will Get Through This Night by Daniel Howell
4. The 2000s Made Me Gay by Grace Perry
5. What's the T? by Juno Dawson
6. Sexuality: A Graphic Guide by Meg-John Barker & Jules Scheele
7. The Ex-Girlfriend of My Ex-Girlfriend Is My Girlfriend by Maddy Court & Kelsey Wroten
8. All the Things She Said by Daisy Jones
9. Last Call by Elon Green
10. Let the Record Show by Sarah Schulman
11. The Queer Bible ed. by Jack Guinness
12. Transgender Marxism ed. by Jules Joanne Gleeson & Elle O'Rourke

13. Between Certain Death and a Possible Future ed. by Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore
14. Being You: A First Conversation About Gender by Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, Anne/Andy Passchier
15. Special Topics in Being a Human by S. Bear Bergman
16. We Can Do Better Than This ed. by Amelia Abraham
17. Greedy by Jen Winston
18. Mouths of Rain by Briona Simone Jones
19. Deep Sniff: A History of Poppers and Queer Futures by Adam Zmith
20. The Sacred Band by James Romm

Memoir & biography

1. Hola Papi by John Paul Brammer
2. Dear Senthuran by Akwaeke Emezi
3. Gender Euphoria ed. by Laura Kate Dale
4. The Secret to Superhuman Strength by Alison Bechdel
5. Nonbinary by Genesis P-Orridge
6. Gay Bar: Why We Went Out by Jeremy Atherton Lin
7. Black Boy Out of Time by Hari Ziyad
8. Broken Horses by Brandi Carlile
9. How Y'all Doing? by Leslie Jordan
10. Oscar Wilde by Matthew Sturgis
11. Antiman by Rajiv Mohabir
12. As Beautiful As Any Other by Kaya Wilson
13. My Life in Transition by Julia Kaye
14. Punch Me Up to the Gods by Brian Broome
15. The Light Streamed Beneath It by Shawn Hitchins
16. The Other Mothers by Jennifer Berney
17. Love is an Ex-Country by Randa Jarrar
18. Never Silent by Peter Staley
19. Are You This? Or Are You This? by Madian Al Jazerah & Ellen Georgiou
20. Pedro's Theory by Marcos Gonzalez

Graphic novels & comics

1. Heartstopper, Vol. 4 by Alice Oseman
2. The Girl from the Sea by Molly Ostertag
3. The Last Annihilation: Wiccan & Hulkling by Anthony Oliveira
4. The Tea Dragon Tapestry by Kay O'Neill

5. Squad by Maggie Tokuda Hall & Lisa Sterle
6. Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Willow by Mariko Tamaki & Natacha Bustos
7. Specter Inspectors by Bowen McCurdy & Kaitlyn Musto
8. Cheer Up by Crystal Frasier & Val Wise
9. Nubia: Real One by L.L. McKinney & Robyn Smith
10. Tell No Tales by Sam Maggs & Kendra Wells
11. The Accursed Vampire by Madeline McGrane
12. Artie and the Wolf Moon by Olivia Stephens
13. Abbott: 1973 by Saladin Ahmed & Sami Kivela
14. Stars in Their Eyes by Jessica Walton & Aśka
15. Girl Haven by Lilah Sturges & Meaghan Carter
16. Eighty Days by A.C. Esguerra
17. Wynd: The Flight of the Prince by James Tynion IV & Michael Dialynas
18. Another Kind by Cait May & Trevor Bream
19. Bright World by Stan Stanley
20. Martian Ghost Centaur by Mat Heagerty

Poetry

1. Black Girl, Call Home by Jasmine Mans
2. Ghost in a Black Girl's Throat by Khalisa Rae
3. Burned Tongues by Cynthia Cisneros
4. Dear Azula, I Have a Crush on Danny Phantom by Azura Tyabji & Jackson Neal
5. Dreaming of You by Melissa Lozada-Oliva
6. Butcher by Natasha T. Miller
7. Baby Teeth by Meg Grehan
8. The Language We Were Never Taught to Speak by Grace Lau
9. Iron Goddess of Mercy by Larissa Lai
10. A Socially Acceptable Breakdown by Patrick Roche
11. On Freedom by Maggie Nelson
12. i am tired of being a dandelion by Zane Frederick
13. The Renunciations by Donika Kelly
14. Watering the Soul by Courtney Peppernell
15. Love and Other Poems by Alex Dimitrov
16. C+nto and Othered Poems by Joelle Taylor
17. Water I Won't Touch by Kayleb Rae Candrilli
18. Please Come Off-Book by Kevin Kantor
19. The Essential June Jordan ed. by Jan Heller Levi and Christoph Keller
20. A Better Life by Randall Mann

Debut novel

1. Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao
2. She Who Became the Sun by Shelley Parker Chan
3. Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
4. Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers
5. The Sky Blues by Robbie Couch
6. Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun by Jonny Garza Villa
7. The Delicate Things We Make by Milena McKay
8. Gearbreakers by Zoe Hana Mikuta
9. The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun
10. Winter's Orbit by Everina Maxwell
11. A Master of Djinn by P. Djèlí Clark
12. Jay's Gay Agenda by Jason June
13. The Unbroken by C. L. Clark
14. Dead Dead Girls by Nekesa Afia
15. The Witch King by H. E. Edgmon
16. Summer Sons by Lee Mandelo
17. Meet Cute Diary by Emery Lee
18. The Dead and the Dark by Courtney Gould
19. Sweet & Bitter Magic by Adrienne Tooley
20. Down Comes the Night by Allison Saft
21. Blood Like Magic by Liselle Sambury
22. It Goes Like This by Miel Moreland
23. A Dark and Hollow Star by Ashley Shuttleworth
24. A Tip for the Hangman by Allison Epstein
25. City of Shattered Light by Claire Winn
26. The Passing Playbook by Isaac Fitzsimons
27. Yesterday is History by Kosoko Jackson
28. The Breath Between Waves by Charlotte Anne Hamilton
29. An Unexpected Kind of Love by Hayden Stone
30. To Break a Covenant by Alison Ames

YA contemporary

1. Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating by Adiba Jaigirdar
2. Perfect on Paper by Sophie Gonzales
3. She Drives Me Crazy by Kelly Quindlen
4. The Sky Blues by Robbie Couch

5. Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun by Jonny Garza Villa
6. Jay's Gay Agenda by Jason June
7. Cool for the Summer by Dahlia Adler
8. Love and Other Natural Disasters by Misa Sugiura
9. The Ghosts We Keep by Mason Deaver
10. Not My Problem by Ciara Smyth
11. Rise to the Sun by Leah Johnson
12. Indivisible by Daniel Aleman
13. May the Best Man Win by Z. R. Ellor
14. The Passing Playbook by Isaac Fitzsimons
15. The Boy from the Mish by Gary Lonesborough
16. Fresh by Margot Wood
17. One of the Good Ones by Maika & Maritza Moulite
18. It Goes Like This by Miel Moreland
19. The (Un)popular Vote by Jasper Sanchez
20. Can't Take That Away by Steven Salvatore

YA mystery & thriller

1. Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
2. The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe
3. A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee
4. The Dead and the Dark by Courtney Gould
5. The Taking of Jake Livingston by Ryan Douglass
6. She's Too Pretty to Burn by Wendy Heard
7. Darling by K. Ancrum
8. The Things We Don't See by Savannah Brown
9. To Break a Covenant by Alison Ames
10. This Can Never Not Be Real by Sera Milano
11. The Marvelous by Claire Kann
12. Trouble Girls by Julia Lynn Rubin
13. The Ivies by Alexa Donne
14. The Hollow Inside by Brooke Lauren Davis
15. Influence by Sara Shepard & Lilia Buckingham

YA historical

1. Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo
2. Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World by Benjamin Alire Saenz

3. The City Beautiful by Aden Polydoros
4. A Clash of Steel by C. B. Lee
5. The Bronzed Beasts by Roshani Chokshi
6. Monstrous Design by Kat Dunn
7. Before We Disappear by Shaun David Hutchinson
8. Poison Priestess by Lana Popovic
9. The Shadow War by Lindsay Smith
10. Urchin by Kate Story
11. The Reckless Kind by Carly Heath
12. The Misadventures of an Amateur Naturalist by Ceinwen Langley
13. Mazie by Melanie Crowder
14. Rebel Robin by A. R. Capetta
15. Baby & Solo by Lisabeth Posthuma

YA fantasy

1. The Witch King by H. E. Edgmon
2. Afterlove by Tanya Byrne
3. This Poison Heart by Kalynn Bayron
4. In Deeper Waters by F. T. Lukens
5. Sweet & Bitter Magic by Adrienne Tooley
6. The Grimrose Girls by Laura Pohl
7. A Dark and Hollow Star by Ashley Shuttleworth
8. Down Comes the Night by Allison Saft
9. The Hollow Heart by Marie Rutkoski
10. The Lost Girls by Sonia Hartl
11. Winterkeep by Kristin Cashore
12. The Mirror Season by Anna-Marie McLemore
13. Tim Te Maro and the Subterranean Heartsick Blues by H.S. Valley
14. These Feathered Flames by Alexandra Overy
15. Girls at the Edge of the World by Laura Brooke Robson
16. In the Ravenous Dark by A. M. Strickland
17. All Our Hidden Gifts by Caroline O'Donoghue
18. Oculata by Maya Motayne
19. Fire with Fire by Destiny Soria
20. Flamefall by Rosaria Munda

YA science fiction & dystopia

1. Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao
2. Gearbreakers by Zoe Hana Mikuta
3. The Darkness Outside Us by Eliot Schrefer
4. Yesterday is History by Kosoko Jackson
5. Cute Mutants, Vol. 4 by S.J. Whitby
6. First Team by Robbie MacNiven
7. Victories Greater Than Death by Charlie Jane Anders
8. The Boy I Am by K. L. Kettle
9. Fragile Remedy by Maria Ingrande Mora
10. City of Shattered Light by Claire Winn
11. Things to Do Before the End of the World by Emily Barr
12. The Sisters of Reckoning by Charlotte Nicole Davis
13. A (Complicated) Love Story Set in Space by Shaun David Hutchinson
14. The Papercutter by Cindy Rizzo
15. A War of Swallowed Stars by Sangu Mandanna
16. Aetherbound by E. K. Johnston
17. Chaos on CatNet by Naomi Kritzer
18. Thronebreakers by Rebecca Coffindaffer
19. Renegade Flight by Andrea Tang
20. The Outrage by William Hussey

Middle grade

1. Princess at Heart by Connie Glynn
2. A Touch of Ruckus by Ash Van Otterloo
3. The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor
4. Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow by Benjamin Dean
5. This is Our Rainbow ed. by Katherine Locke & Nicole Melleby
6. Both Can Be True by Jules Machias
7. Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea by Ashley Herring Blake
8. Meow or Never by Jazz Taylor
9. How to Become a Planet by Nicole Melleby
10. The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. by David Levithan
11. The Edge of the Ocean by L. D. Lapinski
12. Almost Flying by Jake Maia Arlow
13. Thanks a Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas
14. Obie is Man Enough by Schuyler Bailer

15. Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff
16. Middletown by Sarah Moon
17. Proud of Me by Sarah Hagger-Holt
18. Flight of the Puffin by Ann Braden
19. Once Upon a Crime by Robin Stevens
20. Spin with Me by Ami Polonsky