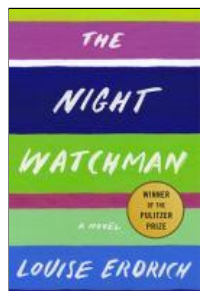


Rise to the Challenge Reading Program: Read a book that won an award

Below are recommendations for award-winning books. Choose one that looks interesting and check it out!



[The Night Watchman](#)

by Louise Erdrich

Award: Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 2021

Descriptors: Historical fiction; Native Americans; 1950s; North Dakota; Heartwrenching

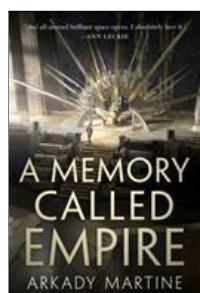


[The Hate U Give](#)

by Angie Thomas

Award: Coretta Scott King Book Award, 2018

Descriptors: Young adult fiction; Racism; Police shootings; Teenagers; Issue-oriented

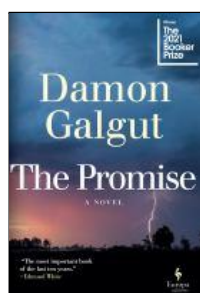


[A Memory Called Empire](#)

by Arkady Martine

Award: Hugo Award for Best Novel, 2020

Descriptors: Science fiction; Space opera; Political intrigue; LGBTQIA+; Suspenseful



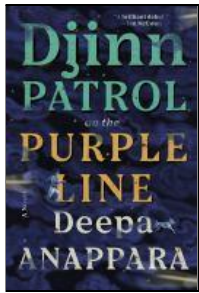
[The Promise](#)

by Damon Galgut

Award: Booker Prize, 2021

Descriptors: Fiction; Family saga; South Africa; Inheritance; Character-driven; Moving



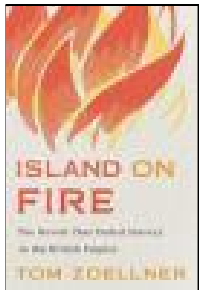


[Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line](#)

by Deepa Anappara

Award: Edgar Award, 2021

Descriptors: Mystery; Missing children; Coming of age; India; Witty; Compelling

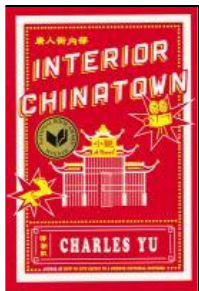


[Island on Fire: The revolt that ended slavery in the British Empire](#)

by Tom Zoellner

Award: National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, 2020

Descriptors: Nonfiction; History; Slavery; Sugar plantations; Jamaica; Well-researched

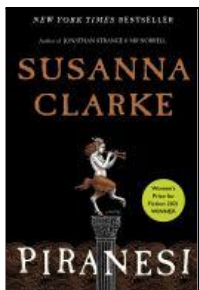


[Interior Chinatown](#)

by Charles Yu

Award: National Book Award for Fiction, 2020

Descriptors: Fiction; Asian-Americans; Actors; Family saga; Stereotypes; Bittersweet

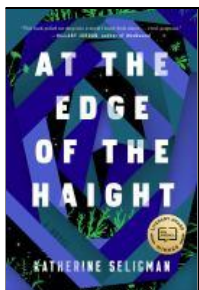


[Piranesi](#)

by Susanna Clarke

Award: Women's Prize for Fiction, 2021

Descriptors: Fantasy; Magic; Labyrinths; Secrets; Haunting; Offbeat; Complex



[At the Edge of the Haight](#)

by Katherine Seligman

Award: PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction, 2019

Descriptors: Fiction; Homelessness; Murder; Witnesses; Secrets; Coming of age; Thoughtful

