The Arkansas Teen Book Award began in 2009 as a cooperative effort between public and school librarians across the state. Arkansas recognizes quality children’s literature through the Charlie May Simon and Arkansas Diamond awards, yet the acknowledgment of young adult literature had been greatly neglected. The steering committee for the teen award consists of public librarians and school library media specialists from varying backgrounds and service areas around the state. Each year, dozens of volunteer readers working with teens across the state give their time to reading the nominated titles.

2018 Winner:
Scythe by Neal Shusterman

2017 Winner:
The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall by Katie Alender
Honorable Mentions:
Nightfall by Jake Halpern & Peter Kujawinski
Need by Joelle Charbonneau

2016 Winner:
Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Honorable Mentions:
To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before by Jenny Han
Since You’ve Been Gone by Morgan Matson

2015 Winner:
The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau
Honorable Mentions:
Taken by Erin Bowman
Fallout by Todd Strasser

2014 Winner:
Under the Never Sky by Veronica Rossi
Honorable Mentions:
The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
Eve & Adam by Michael Grant & Katherine Applegate

2013 Winner:
What Happened to Goodbye by Sarah Dessen
Honorable Mentions:
Anya’s Ghost by Vera Brosgol
The Girl of Fire and Thorns by Rae Carson

2012 Winner:
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
Honorable Mentions:
Matched by Ally Condie
Fat Boy Chronicles by Diane Lang

2011 Winner:
Chasing Lincoln’s Killer by James L. Swanson
Honorable Mentions:
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl

2018 Honorable Mentions:
Frozen Charlotte by Alex Bell
The Plot to Kill Hitler by Patricia McCormick