

Tough Issues - Big Impact Books and Resources List

2019 Texas Library Association Convention

Panelists: Angela Cervantes (LEFTY OUT LOUD), Samantha M Clark (THE BOY, THE BOAT, AND THE BEAST), Marie Miranda Cruz (EVERLASTING NORA), K.A. Reynolds (THE LAND OF YESTERDAY, THE SPINNER OF DREAMS), Rachel Toalson (THE COLORS OF THE RAIN, THE WOODS) Moderator: Kim Miller

Books

- AMAL, UNBOUND (Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Random House) by Aisha Saeed
- THE BOY, THE BOAT, AND THE BEAST (Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster) by Samantha M Clark
- BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (HarperCollings) by Katherine Paterson
- BROWN GIRL DREAMING (Puffin Books), by Jacqueline Woodson
- THE COLORS OF THE RAIN (Yellow Jacket), by R.L. Toalson
- CRENSHAW (Square Fish/US Macmillan) by Katherine Applegate
- CROSSOVER (HMH Books for Young Readers), by Kwame Alexander
- EVERLASTING NORA (Starscape/Tom Doherty and Associates) by Marie Miranda Cruz
- I'M OK (Simon & Schuster) by Patti Kim
- THE LAND OF YESTERDAY (HarperCollins), by K. A. Reynolds
- THE LITTLE PRINCE (Harcourt, Inc), by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- THE MAGICIAN'S ELEPHANT (Candlewick), by Kate DiCamillo
- A MONSTER CALLS (Walker Books), by Patrick Ness
- RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE (Candlewick), by Kate DiCamillo
- REBOUND (HMH Books for Young Readers), by Kwame Alexander
- SOME KIND OF HAPPINESS (Simon & Schuster), by Claire Legrand
- THE SPINNER OF DREAMS (HarperCollins), by K. A. Reynolds
- WISHTREE (Feiwel and Friends), by Katherine Applegate
- THE WOODS (Yellow Jacket), by R.L. Toalson

Resources

- Middle Grade at Heart's Reading/Resource List for Social and Emotional Learning
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m-CIXUQXmOHqRpdexqMP9MlzOnwJf6N-SheWrFVSZWE/edit#>

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- Children’s Literacy Foundation post - “Middle Ground: Why Are Middle-Grade Books So Sad?” by youth services librarian Caitlin Corless, Jan. 6, 2015
<http://clifonline.org/middle-ground-why-are-middle-grade-books-so-sad/>
- Nerdy Book Club post - “What Good Does It Do To Break a Child’s Heart?” by author Jo Knowles, April 2, 2019
<https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/2019/04/02/what-good-does-it-do-to-break-a-childs-heart-by-jo-knowles/>
- Read Brightly post - “Sad Books Say So Much: 7 Books That Give Fourth and Fifth Graders All the Feels” by Bookopolis.com founder Kari Ness Riedel,
<https://www.readbrightly.com/sad-books-that-give-fourth-and-fifth-graders-all-the-feels/>
- Gordon College - “An Interview with Katherine Paterson” by Janice Flint-Ferguson, July 20, 2009 <https://www.gordon.edu/article.cfm?iArticleID=789&iReferrerPageID=2114>
- Washington Post opinion - “Three Children’s Authors on the Importance of Tough Topics in Young People’s Literature” by authors Fran Wilde, Carlos Hernandez and Rachel Hartman, April 9, 2019
https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2019/04/09/three-childrens-authors-importance-tough-topics-young-peoples-literature/?utm_term=.acfe5ff08876
- MG Book Village post - “Fighting Childhood Fear and Trauma with Books and Art” by Samantha M Clark, June 26, 2018
<https://mgbookvillage.org/2018/06/26/fighting-childhood-fear-and-trauma-with-books-and-art/>
- Reading with Your Kids Podcast with Samantha M Clark on how books help kids build their courage when they have little agency of their own, Jan. 10., 2019
<http://readingwithyourkids.com/the-boy-the-boat-and-the-beast-by-samantha-m-clark/>