



# 2018 Texas Lone Star Annotated Reading List

Ballarini, Joe. **A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting**. Katherine Tegen Books, 2017. ISBN: 9780062437839  
Kelly just wants to stop being invisible--but she never dreamed that becoming a Babysitter would lead her to fame and epic adventures. That's "Babysitter" with a capital B, of course--a group of monster fighters determined to take down the otherworldly bullies haunting the dreams of little kids everywhere. Who ever knew those monsters were REAL?!? **You might also like:**

*Killer Pizza*, by Greg Taylor

*Max Helsing & the 13th Curse*, by Curtis Jobling

*Nightmares!* by Jason Segel

Blake, Ashley Herring. **Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World**. Little Brown & Co, 2018. ISBN: 9780316515467  
When a tornado tears through town, not only is Ivy's home destroyed, but her secret notebook with all the drawings of girls holding hands also goes missing. When someone starts leaving notes encouraging Ivy to open up about who she really is, she hopes it's the girl in her class Ivy has a crush on. **You might also like:**

*One True Way*, by Shannon Hitchcock

*Star Crossed*, by Barbara Dee

*George*, by Alex Gino

Carter, Ally. **Not If I Save You First**. Scholastic, 2018. ISBN: 9781338134148

Maddie and Logan were best friends until a foiled kidnapping lands her, and her dad, in the wilds of Alaska. Six years later, Maddie can flip a hatchet and kill a fly, but she's coldly angry that best friend (and the President's son) Logan has never answered any of her letters. But when he shows up on her doorstep with kidnapers on his trail, it's up to Maddie and her survival skills to get them out of this alive. **You might also like:**

*I Am Still Alive*, by Kate Alice Marshall

*Hatchet series*, by Gary Paulsen

*IQ series*, by Roland Smith

Cervantes, J.C. **Storm Runner**. Disney-Hyperion, 2018. ISBN: 9781368016346

Zane thinks he's hallucinating when he sees an alien crash land an airplane into a nearby volcano--but things are only going to get weirder as he learns it's up to him and his new friends to re-capture the Mayan god of death before Ah-Puch brings about the end of the world as we know it. **You might also like:**

*The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan

*Aru Shah and the End of Time*, by Roshani Chokshi

*The Serpent's Secret*, by Sayantani Dasgupta

Charbonneau, Joelle. **Time Bomb**. Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt, 2018. ISBN: 9780544416703

Seven students are trapped in a high school nearly destroyed by a terrorist's bomb. Most are injured; two will die. And one of them set the bomb. But with fire raging and everyone's backstory a mystery, it's almost impossible to tell who's a bad guy and who's not. All the while, there's another bomb, just waiting to go off. **You might also like:**

*Don't Turn Around*, by Michelle Gagnon

*This is Where It Ends*, by Marieke Nijkamp

*Hate List*, by Jennifer Brown

Collins, Christina. **After Zero**. Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky, 2018. ISBN: 9781492655329

When she makes the move from home to public school, Elise also makes a series of social errors that causes her to shut down--especially when it comes to talking. Now she's keeping a tally of how few words she can say each day...and yet, it's almost like something else...something much worse than a cat...has got her tongue. Elise wonders if she'll ever be able to say anything at all. **You might also like:**

*The Thing about Jellyfish*, by Ali Benjamin

*Speak*, by Laurie Halse Anderson

*The Science of Breakable Things*, by Tae Keller

Hiranandani, Veera. **The Night Diary**. Dial Book for Young Readers, 2018. ISBN: 9780735228511

India, 1947: the country splits in two--Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, and suddenly people who used to coexist peacefully are now forced to leave their homes and travel to the country where their religion is practiced. Nisha's family has to leave everything and become refugees and Nisha—never very comfortable speaking—finds she can't get the words out to explain her feelings of pain and loss. Will things ever get better? **You might also like:**

*Escape from Aleppo*, by N.H. Sendai

*A Ticket to India*, by N.H. Sendai

*Amal Unbound*, by Aisha Saeed

Holland, Sara. **Everless**. Harper Teen, 2018. ISBN: 9780062653659

Jules has a strange ability that allows her to bend time--or stop it completely--but her magic isn't enough to keep her father alive. Left alone to solve the mystery of her birth, she learns that parents aren't just blood relations, that friends can change, and that love doesn't always choose wisely. Now if she can just stay alive long enough to make up for the damage she's done... **You might also like:**

*An Enchantment of Ravens*, by Margaret Rogerson

*The Kiss of Deception*, by Mary E. Pearson

*The Tiger's Curse*, by Colleen Houck

Johnson, Varian. **The Parker Inheritance**. Arthur A. Levine, 2018. ISBN: 9780545946179

Candice and Brandon think it's going to be a boring summer when they stumble on a mystery that got Candice's grandmother fired from her job--a mystery whose answer could lead them to a hidden treasure worth millions. But in order to solve it, they have to figure out what happened in their little town during the Civil Rights movement sixty years ago...something dark, and hidden. **You might also like:**

*The Lions of Little Rock*, by Kristin Levine

*The Great Shelby Holmes*, by Elizabeth Eulberg

*Chasing Vermeer*, by Blue Balliett

Kemmerer, Brigid. **Letters to the Lost**. Bloomsbury, 2017. ISBN: 9781681190082

Juliet and Declan are both damaged--both have lost someone important to them, and both of them are having a hard time moving on. When he discovers a letter to her dead mother in the cemetery where he works and writes back to her, their anonymous letters back-and-forth lead them toward both love...and healing. Now they just have to get over the fact that they can't stand each other in their regular lives.

**You might also like:**

*More Than We Can Tell*, by Brigid Kemmerer

*Just Listen*, by Sarah Dessen

*By Your Side*, by Kacie West

Korman, Gordon. **Restart**. Scholastic Press, 2017. ISBN: 9781338053777

When Chase Ambrose falls off a roof and wakes up with amnesia, everything in his life changes. He used to be a football hero--and a total jerk. Now he's learning what everyone else used to think of him, and he doesn't like it. Is there a way to convince everyone that he's really changed--even the kid whose life he's ruined? Even his former criminally-minded friends? Even...himself? **You might also like:**

*Gifted*, by Gordon Korman

*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*, by Stacy McAnulty

*Stargirl*, by Jerry Spinelli

Kraatz, Jeramey: **Space Runners #1: The Moon Platoon**. Harper Collins, 2017. ISBN: 9780062445971

When Benny Love wins an all-expenses-paid trip to Elijah West's Lunar Taj Resort, he's just thrilled to know he'll be able to get his family out of the deserted Drylands once and for all. He never expected to find friends that could be as close as family...or aliens. Or drag racers on the moon. And he never expected to be the one leading a desperate charge to save everyone on earth. **You might also like:**

*Last Day on Mars*, by Kevin Emerson

*Randoms series*, by David Liss

*Space Case series*, by Stuart Gibbs

Menon, Sandhya. **From Twinkle, With Love**. Simon Pulse, 2018. ISBN: 9781481495400

Twinkle's been crushing on handsome Neil Roy for ages, and her daydream plans include a romance with him that brings her to the notice of the popular set at school. But it's Neil's twin brother Sahil who really gets her movie geekiness (and who's been secretly crushing on HER forever). Is it possible for all of Twinkle's dreams to come true at the same time--and if they do, will it change her into someone she hardly knows? **You might also like:**

*Love & Gelato*, by Jenna Evans Welch

*P.S. I Like You*, by Kacie West

*My So-Called Bollywood Life*, by Nisha Sharma

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **Resistance**. Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781338148473

Chaya Lindner, a Jewish girl working as a courier into the ghettos of World War II Poland, is on a suicide mission. She knows that the Nazis are about to obliterate the Warsaw ghetto, but she feels compelled to help Esther arrive there to deliver a mysterious package. Chaya is willing to do whatever it takes feel like she's in charge of her own life...even if it results in her death. **You might also like:**

*A Night Divided*, by Jennifer A. Nielsen

*Grenade*, by Alan Gratz

*Prisoner B-3087*, by Alan Gratz

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. **Ghost Boys**. Little, Brown & Co. 2018. ISBN: 9780316262286

12-year-old Jerome has been killed by a white police officer, and now he's joined the legion of ghost boys--spirits from Emmett Till to Tamir Rice--who stay behind to bear witness and try to help the world move forward. They all know that nothing can change unless peoples' hearts change too. **You might also like:**

*The Stars Beneath our Feet*, by David Barclay Moore

*How It Went Down*, by Kekla Magoon

*I Am Alfonso Jones*, by Tony Medina

Perez, Celia C. **The First Rule of Punk**. Viking Press, 2017. ISBN: 9780425290408

It doesn't take much for Malu to go from new kid at school to punk-rock outsider: all she has to do is annoy queen-bee Selena, and her fate is sealed. Or is it? Determined to find "her people" in this new

place, she cranks out the zines, starts a punk band, and thinks up a way to liven up the school's 40th Anniversary celebration. Anyone who's ever tried to figure out how to "be yourself" will like this one!

**You might also like:**

*Better Nate than Ever*, by Tim Federle

*Blackbird Fly*, by Erin Entrada Kelly

*How to Rock Braces and Glasses*, by Meg Haston

Schwab, Victoria. **City of Ghosts**. Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781338111002

After a near-death experience, Cassidy can see ghosts. She's even become best friends with one. So when her author parents agree to do a TV series about the world's most haunted cities, it shouldn't be a big deal. But Edinburgh has far more ghosts than Cassidy's hometown in the US, and some of them--like the Raven in Red--are lingering in hopes of being able to snatch the soul out of a living person...like Cass...and use it to come back to life. **You might also like:**

*Spirit Hunters*, by Ellen Oh

*The Screaming Staircase*, by Jonathan Stroud

*Hunt for the Seventh*, by Christine Morton-Shaw

O'Brien, Anne Sibley. **In the Shadow of the Sun**. Arthur A. Levine, 2017. ISBN: 9780545905749

Mia and Simon are on a tour of North Korea with their father when they discover evidence of the country's brutal prison camps. They know it could incriminate their dad, and possibly cause him to end up with a life sentence in one of those very camps--so when Dad is arrested, they go on the run, trying to make it to the Chinese border and freedom. They have no idea just how much they're going to depend on the kindness of strangers to come out of this alive. **You might also like:**

*The Blackthorn Key*, by Kevin Sands

*La Linea*, by Anne Jaramillo

*Traitor series*, by Andy McNabb

Smith, Ronald L. **Black Panther: The Young Prince**. Marvel Books, 2018. ISBN: 9781484787649

T'Challa is sent to Chicago when invasion threatens Wakanda. It's not long before he runs afoul of a bully and his gang, but there's something more sinister going on than just mean kids. The gang is trying to bring back the spirit of an ancestor ...even though that spirit is more like an underworld demon. T'Challa has a Vibranium suit--but will that be enough to keep his best friend M'Baku from being sucked into The Skulls' evil plans? **You might also like:**

*Miles Morales: Spider-Man*, by Jason Reynolds

*Squirrel Meets World*, by Shannon and Dean Hale

*Akata Witch*, by Nnedi Okorafor

Townsend, Jessica. **Nevermoor #1: The Trials of Morrigan Crow**. Little, Brown & Co. 2017. ISBN: 9780316508889

Morrigan Crow has always known she was doomed to die on her 12th birthday--so when Jupiter North swoops in and offers her a way out, she's all over it. Even if it means she'll never see her family again. Even if it means that the bad guys will continue to chase her. Even if it means she'll have to use an unknown skill to win a competition she knows nothing about--and if she fails, she's going to die anyway. What does she have to lose? **You might also like:**

*Wundersmith (Nevermoor #2)*, by Jessica Townsend

*The Hotel Between*, by Sean Easley

*The Harry Potter series*, by J.K. Rowling