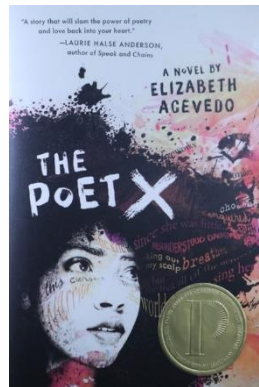


# 2019 Printz Award

The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

## 2019 Winner



### *The Poet X*

By Elizabeth Acevedo

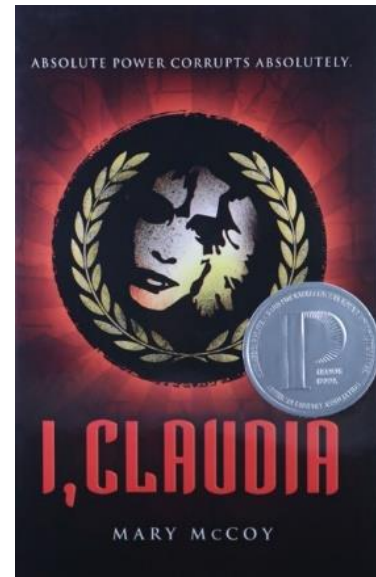
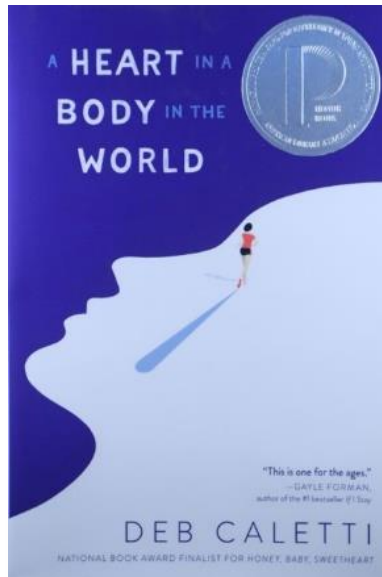
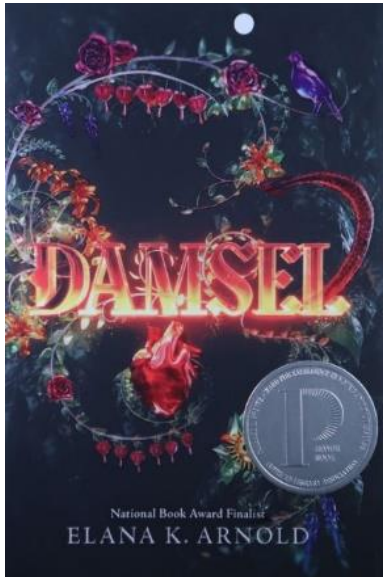
HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers

Acevedo transforms everyday language into transcendent imagery in this novel-in-verse about Xiomara, who struggles to come into her own power amid her restrictive upbringing. Over the course of these lyrical, expressive, and honest poems, she grows from speaking with her fists to embracing her identity as the Poet X.



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## Honor Books



***Damsel*** by Elana K. Arnold Balzer+Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

Ama has no memory of what comes before she wakes in Prince Emory's arms, but she's no ordinary damsel in distress. Using the language of classic fairy tales to shatter familiar tropes, Arnold asks readers to confront the ways systemic violence against women pervades cultural touchstones.

***A Heart in a Body in the World*** by Deb Caletti

Simon Pulse, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Struggling with PTSD in the wake of a terrifying tragedy, Annabelle decides to run across the country in a physically demanding journey that mirrors the circuitous path of her emotional recovery. Caletti insightfully explores trauma, loss, and guilt while illuminating the damaging expectations our culture places on teenage girls.

***I, Claudia*** by Mary McCoy

Carolrhoda Lab®, an imprint of Carolrhoda Books®, a division of Lerner Publishing Group.

In this political thriller set in a privileged high school, underestimated and unreliable narrator Claudia chronicles her rise to power. Sharp, biting humor pervades McCoy's novel about vicious high school students embroiled in an explosive struggle for control.