



## A Reading Challenge for grades 9 - 12

**What IS the Lincoln Award?** The Lincoln Award is an Illinois TEEN readers' choice award that is given to 1 book (out of a group of 20 nominated titles) each year. This award is named after former President Abraham Lincoln, who was himself an avid reader as well as an author. It is sponsored by AISLE (the Association of Illinois School Library Educators), and is meant to encourage teens to read for fun and for life.

**HOW were these books chosen?** The books were selected by a panel of high school librarians, teachers, public librarians, and students based on nominations they received (from other high school librarians, teachers, public librarians, and students). Titles are nominated/considered based primarily on the overall quality of the book, but popularity can also be a factor. Each year the list is finalized in March, and then high school teen readers are invited to read titles from the list over the course of the year and vote on their favorite titles the following February.

**YOUR challenge** is to read as many of the 2023 Lincoln nominees as you can from April 2022 - February 2023, and vote for your favorite. For each Lincoln book read, you'll receive an entry into our grand prize drawing (for a \$50 Amazon gift card). Read 3 Lincoln books, and receive a small prize.

Your Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (9th-12th): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(so we can contact you if you are the grand prize winner)

Vote for your favorite 2023 Lincoln nominee below.

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Flip this sheet over to see the 2023 nominees and track your reading. When you have finished reading (at least 3 books), you can return this log to the library's Information Desk to receive a small prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing. (Drawing will take place in March of 2023.)

## 2023 Lincoln Award Nominees

Check off each title that you have read.

- \_\_\_\_\_ [Ace of Spades](#) - by Faridah Abike-Iyimide
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir](#) - by Robin Ha
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Cemetery Boys](#) - by Aiden Thomas
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Check, Please](#) - by Ngozi Ukazu
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Elatsoe](#) - by Darcie Little Badger
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Firekeeper's Daughter](#) - by Angeline Boulley
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Furia](#) - by Yamile Saied Mendez
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Game Changer](#) - by Neal Shusterman
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Gender Queer](#) - by Maia Kobabe
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Grown](#) - by Tiffany D. Jackson
- \_\_\_\_\_ [How It All Blew Up](#) - by Arvin Ahmadi
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Last Night at the Telegraph Club](#) - by Malinda Lo
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Legendborn](#) - by Tracey Deonn
- \_\_\_\_\_ [The Loop](#) - by Ben Oliver
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Love from A-Z](#) - by S.K. Ali
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Not So Pure and Simple](#) - by Lamar Giles
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Today Tonight Tomorrow](#) - by Rachel Lynn Solomon
- \_\_\_\_\_ [Tokyo Ever After](#) - by Emiko Jean
- \_\_\_\_\_ [We Are Not Free](#) - by Traci Chee
- \_\_\_\_\_ [You Should See Me In a Crown](#) - by Leah Johnson