The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) has announced its selections for the 2014 Reading List as well as the short lists and read-alikes. Established in 2007 by the CODES section of RUSA, The Reading List seeks to highlight outstanding genre fiction that merit special attention by general adult readers and the librarians who work with them.

The 2014 winners are:

**ADRENALINE**


This modern spy novel pits two covert operatives against each other in an intricate cat-and-mouse game. As Dominika and Nathaniel ply their tradecraft, they navigate the moral ambiguities of a post-Cold War world where no one is as they seem and betrayal is business as usual.

Read-alikes

- First, Alan. *Night Soldiers.*

**FANTASY**


A friendly rivalry turns vicious when college friends Victor and Eli obtain superhuman powers and use them for very different purposes. This dark paranormal fantasy, a riveting tale of vengeance and redemption, proves that extraordinary powers don’t necessarily make superheroes.

Read-alikes

- Kirkman, Robert. *Invisible.*
- Clines, Peter. *Ex-heroes.*
- Sanderson, Brandon. *Steelheart.*

**HISTORICAL FICTION**


Love, morality and greed collide in this Reconstruction Era western. A whore without a heart of gold, Lucinda escapes from a Fort Worth brothel to begin a new life—and a new con. She and her lover are bound to cross paths with Texas Ranger Nate, who is chasing stone-cold killer McGill. Both Nate and Lucinda are unforgettable characters, driven by the need to survive.

Read-alikes

- deWitt, Patrick. *The Sisters Brothers.*

**HORROR**


Deep in debt, documentary filmmaker Kyle Freeman reluctantly accepts the financial backing of an enigmatic self-help guru to make a movie about infamous cult The Temple of the Last Days. Uniquely, atmospheric and deeply disturbing, Nevill delivers a visceral horror experience that will haunt readers long after they put the book down.

Read-alikes

- Danielssons, Mark Z. *House of Leaves.*
- Paranormal Activity. (Paramount Pictures, 2009)
Refbacks
There are currently no refbacks.

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Mystery

short story tip: use the relationship between characters to advance the plot. When will the suspense be released? How will the novel end? - John Sandford

Mystery Short List


Science Fiction

Cryogenics adds a darkly humorous twist on dating, love, and relationships in the twenty-second century. This multi-perspective story provides a thought-provoking and poignant social commentary on power dynamics, gender, class, and the ethical issues surrounding life after life after-death.

Science Fiction Short List


Women’s Fiction

Unemployed twenty-six-year-old Louisa takes the only job she can find: as a “care assistant” to thirty-five-year-old quadriplegic Will. When Louisa discovers the depth of Will’s unhappiness, she embarks on a mission to convince him that life is worth living and in the process begins to think about her own future. This bittersweet, quirky novel recounts an unlikely friendship while grappling with complex issues in a realistic and sensitive manner.

Women’s Fiction Short List


Reading List

London, 1854: The Artist of Death ratiocinally recreates the sensational Ratcliffe murders inspired by the writings of the notorious opium addict Thomas De Quincey. In this fast-paced mystery, filled with colorful characters and authentic period detail, Scotland Yard detectives, along with De Quincey and his daughter must find the Artist of Death before he executes another macabre masterpiece.

Reading List

* James, P. D. and T. A. Crichton.* The Maul and the Pear Tree: the Ratcliffe Highway Murders. 1811.
* Moore, Alan.* *From Hell.*
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