**SD Teen Choice List 2019-20**  
**High School**

**Chasing King’s Killer** by James Swanson  
Profiles the life and times of James Earl Ray—the man who assassinated Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. Examines the politics of the time that influenced Ray, the crime itself, and the massive manhunt that ensued. Includes a number of black-and-white photographs.

**Check, Please! #Hockey** by Ngozi Ukazu  
A hockey player and amateur vlogger Eric Bittle chronicles his freshman and sophomore year at Samwell University, where he joins the school hockey team and falls for its very attractive but moody captain, Jack Zimmerman.

**Dear Martin** by Nic Stone  
African American teen Justyce McAllister is bound for the Ivy League; top of his class, set for the future. None of that matters to his private school classmates who think he has been given unfair advantages just because he is black. Conversely, none of it matters to his former friends with whom he grew up in his rough neighborhood, who think he has assimilated to “white culture,” especially since he is dating a biracial girl and also feels attracted to his white debate partner. Everything comes to a head when Justyce and his friend Manny are cruising together with their music too loud and they draw the fury of an off-duty white cop.

**Devils Within** by S.F. Henson  
Nate was raised to be violent against people of other ethnicities. At the age of fourteen, in self-defense, he kills his father, the leader of a white supremacist compound known as The Fort. Now he lives under an alias with an uncle who wants nothing to do with him, trying his best to fit into a world with people of different ethnicities living side-by-side without hostility. Befriended by a boy he was raised to hate, Nate faces difficult decisions about the kind of person he wants to be.

**Dry** by Neal Shusterman  
A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa’s quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.

**Hazel Wood** by Melissa Albert  
When the scary, magical world in her grandmother's book of dark feminist fairy tales becomes real, seventeen-year-old Alice, partnered with Ellery, an obsessed fan of the fairy tales, must enter the world to rescue Alice’s kidnapped mother.
Here Lies Daniel Tate by Cristin Terrill
A young runaway is welcomed into the arms of an affluent family after he takes on the identity of the family's missing son, Daniel, only to slowly realize that the family knows more about Daniel's disappearance than they are letting on.

Hooper by Geoff Herbach
Adam Reed, a boy who moved from Poland to the United States and has lost both his father and his mother, living with his adoptive mom in Minnesota, finds basketball to be his passport to everything--fun, a life, his crush Carlie Anderson, and a chance to join a select AAU team with stars like Devin Mitchell and Khalil Williams. However, Adam's new great life comes with a lot of complications, and he sees first-hand how easy it is to lose the things he loves.

I Am Still Alive by Kate Marshall
After a car crash kills her mother, Jess goes to live with her survivalist, off-the-grid father--whom she hasn't seen in a decade--in the Canadian wilderness. But just as the two begin to reconnect, a secret from his past arrives leaving him dead and the cabin burned to the ground. Suddenly, Jess finds herself abandoned in the cold Canadian wilderness. With only her dog for company, Jess must find a way to survive the harsh environment if she is to seek revenge on the person who killed her father.

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

This Heart of Mine by C.C. Hunter
Seventeen-year-old Leah MacKenzie uses an artificial heart to stay alive, and due to a rare blood type, finding a donor heart is difficult. But when she does get a transplant, she learns that the heart is from a boy at her school who supposedly committed suicide. She begins having vivid dreams, which may hold clues to what actually happened, and that the boy may not have committed suicide at all.

What If It's Us by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera
When Ben meets Arthur, Ben's on the heels of breaking up with his boyfriend and not terribly optimistic about the universe's greater plan for his life. Arthur, on the other hand, is hopeful that the universe has the potential to deliver love when he least expects it. When the two happen upon one another at the post office one afternoon, a spark is ignited. But life could get in the way of love even if it seems the universe might have brought them together for a reason.