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2017 Carnegie Medal Winners

(This is a follow up to the article “2017 Carnegie Medals Short List Announced” which appeared in the January 2017 Issue)

On January 22, 2017, the American Library Association announced the winners of the 2017 Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead won for excellence in fiction and Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond won for excellence in nonfiction.

The Underground Railroad tells the story of smart and resilient Cora, a young third-generation slave on a Georgia plantation. Certain that the horror will only get worse, she flees with a young man who knows how to reach the Underground Railroad.

In Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, the author, a Harvard sociologist, examines the challenge of eviction as a formidable cause of poverty in America, revealing how millions of people are wrongly forced from their homes and reduced to cycles of extreme disadvantage that are reinforced by dysfunctional legal systems.

The awards winners will be honored at the American Library Association’s 2017 Annual Conference, which will be held this year in Chicago, Illinois from June 22-27. During the event, the winning authors will each receive a medal and $5,000.

The Carnegie Medals are made possible by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York in recognition of Andrew Carnegie’s deep belief in the power of books and learning to change the world. Congratulations to the winners!

*All book summaries are courtesy of the publisher.
**Underground Railroad is also available in large type and audio cd format. Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City is only available in regular type format at this time.

-Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian.

If your Book Club would like to recommend a book to our readers, please send us an email at Readersservices@syossetlibrary.org and we will share it in a future newsletter.
Academy Award Nominated...Books!

Many of this year’s Academy Award nominations for Best Picture are based on books. Nine movies are nominated in this category, four of which are based on books. The nominees based on books are:

- **Lion** based on the memoir *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley.
- **Arrival** based on *Story of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang.
  - *Fences* is based on the play by August Wilson.
- **Hidden Figures** is based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly.

A popular book club book, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman has been nominated for Foreign Language Film.

Many of the other nominations in different categories are also based on books. For a complete list of the nominations please go to [http://www.oscars.org/oscars/ceremonies/2017](http://www.oscars.org/oscars/ceremonies/2017). The Oscars will air on Sunday February 26, 2017 on ABC.

*(This article was compiled based on the Shelf Awareness post on Wednesday January 25, 2017. [http://www.shelf-awareness.com/issue.html?issue=2923#m35250](http://www.shelf-awareness.com/issue.html?issue=2923#m35250)*

-Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian

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“Books and movies are like apples and oranges. They both are fruit, but taste completely different.”
— Stephen King

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The 2017 Edgar Award Nominations Announced

On January 19, 2017, the Mystery Writers of America announced the nominees for the 2017 Edgar Allan Poe Awards. Since the awards will be presented on April 27, 2017, your book club has time to read a book before the winners are determined. If you are interested in the full list of nominees, in all categories, you can visit [http://www.theedgars.com/nominees.html](http://www.theedgars.com/nominees.html). I have provided the list of nominees in the category of Best Novel for your review below:

**Before the Fall** by Noah Hawley

The stories of ten wealthy victims of a plane crash intertwine with those of a down-on-his-luck painter and a four-year-old boy, the tragedy’s only survivors, as odd coincidences surrounding the crash point to a possible conspiracy.

**The Ex** by Alafair Burke

After agreeing to defend her ex-fiance when he is arrested for a triple homicide, top criminal lawyer, Olivia Randall begins to have doubts as the evidence mounts against him.

**Jane Steele** by Lyndsay Faye

Suffering at the hands of cruel family members and brutal school administrators, sensitive orphan Jane Steele murderously retaliates against her abusers and takes a job as a governess working with mysterious servants while falling in love with her employer, in a serial-killer reimagining of *Jane Eyre*.

**What Remains of Me** by Alison Gaylin

After serving time for the murder of an Oscar-nominated director when she was still a teen, Kelly Michelle Lund is suspected in another, similar murder, thirty-five years after being released, and must work to clear her name.

**Where It Hurts** by Reed Farrel Coleman

After losing everything in a single moment, former Suffolk County police officer Gus Murphy reluctantly agrees to help solve a murder.

All summaries are from the publishers. — Jean Simpson, Readers’ Services Librarian