LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE MARYLAND STATE FINALISTS 2019

Level One (Grades 4-6)

**Benjamin Tasker Middle School, Bowie**
Shabad Singh – *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*

**Francis Scott Key Elementary/ Middle School**
Malena Lopresto – *The Girl with the Brave Heart: A Tale from Tehran*

**Individual Entry, Bethesda**
My Linh Bui – *Every Soul a Star*
Olivier Bui – *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

**Individual Entry, Clarksburg**
Joseph Mathew – *A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story*

**Individual Entry, Federalsburg**
Chloe Carpenter – *11 Before 12*

**Individual Entry, Oakland**
Lily Corby – “I Have a Dream”

**The Key School, Annapolis**
Vivien Kaplan – *Wolf Hollow*
Christian Loftus – *Old Yeller*
Aurelia Mapp – *Maximum Ride: The Manga Vols. 1–7*
Noah Moore – *The Hate U Give*
Olivia Smit – *Up From the Sea*

**Northern Middle School - Accident**
Kambria Kyle – *Wolf Hollow*
Taylor Hummel – *Warriors Series*

**Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson**
Olivia Merrick – *The Kissing Hand*
Maggie Pedone – *Every Last Word*
Katherine Phelan – *Make Magic! Do Good!*
Caitlyn Polun – *Wonder*
Shannon Polun – *Out of My Mind*
Riley Reinhardt – *Wonder*
Ellie Rutzebeck – *El Deafo*

**Salisbury Middle School, Salisbury**
Turner Greenhalgh – *Laugh Out Loud*
Austin Loar – *Ready Player One*
Millicent Muriuki – *Wonder*
Gregory Nichols – *The BFG*
Jordan Scott – *The Hunger Games*

**Sparks Elementary School, Sparks Glencoe**
Ellie Carr – *The Hunger Games Series*

**St. Annes School of Annapolis, Annapolis**
Grayson Lillibridge – *Holes*

**Swan Meadow School, Oakland**
Nathan Jenkins – *Amee-nah: Zuni Boy Runs the Race of His Life*

**Walker Mill Middle School, Capitol Heights**
Oluwapelumi Bukoye – "The Average Black Girl"
Anthony Charles – *Maniac Magee*
Kadin Holland – *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*
Blu Woods – *Middle School: Ultimate Showdown*

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Level Two (Grades 7-8)

Boonsboro Middle School, Boonsboro
Dane Klinder – “All Summer in a Day”

The Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore
Cara Chow – Return to Sender

Individual Entry, Annapolis
Storrie Kulynych-Irvin – Jane Austen, the Secret Radical

Individual Entry, North Bethesda
Inci Alemdaroglu – Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series and The Heroes of Olympus Series

Kent County Middle School, Chestertown
Cy Karlik – Crispin: The Cross of Lead

The Key School, Annapolis
Marco Welch – Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food

Leonardtown Middle School
Timothy Berman – Born a Crime
Sarah Bubb – The Hate U Give
Henry Churilla – 1984
Caitlyn George – Kalahari
Kayleen Lawver – Summer of Sloane
Elise Lyons – Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone
Maddie Mulford – The Thing About Jellyfish
Abby Townsend – Kingdom Of Ash
Clara Winkel – “Autobiography in Five Short Chapters”
Ian Wood – Pax

Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson
Maggie Beach – Laugh Out Loud
Meg Bowen – Green Eggs and Ham
Katelyn Colonell – Soul Surfer
Samantha Farley – Harry Potter Series
Madison Feracci – The Giver
Rose Glennon – The Giver
Kennedy Pearce – Wonder
Lily O’Reilly – Every Last Word
Maya Reynolds – Harry Potter Series
Logan Walsh – I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban
Morgan Watsic – The Giving Tree
Katie Wehberg – Out of My Mind

St. Annes School of Annapolis, Annapolis
Ari Triandos – The Thing About Jellyfish

Washington Episcopal School, Bethesda
Ore Adedeji – The Hate U Give
John Carney – Fahrenheit 451
Mariam Grigorian – Salt to the Sea

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