

# TRANS YA SPEC

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## A Kacen Callender Reading Challenge

Kacen Callender, winner of the 2020 National Book Award and several others for their exceptional stories for middle school through adult readers, gives us this fabulous reading challenge. This list of science fiction, fantasy, and speculative young adult (YA) books feature transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming characters who push past the imagined gender binary.

Mark them off as you read!



## Book Recommendations

- "Once & Future" by Cori McCarthy and A. R. Carpetta
- "Hell Followed with Us" and "The Spirit Bares Its Teeth" by Andrew Joseph White
- "Venom & Vow" by Anna-Marie McLemore and Elliott McLemore (and many more by Anna-Marie McLemore)
- "Cemetery Boys" and "Sunbearer Trials" by Aiden Thomas
- "The Brilliant Death" by A. R. Carpetta
- "The Wicked Bargain" by Gabe Cale Novoa
- "How to Get Over the End of the World" by Hal Schrieve
- "Victories Greater than Death" by Charlie Jane Anders
- "Dreadnought" by April Daniels
- "The Witch King" and "Godly Heathens" by H. E. Edgmon
- "A Hundred Vicious Turns" by Lee Paige O'Brien
- "Infinity Alchemist" by Kacen Callender



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### Reading Log

Color in a shape for every 30 minutes that you read.



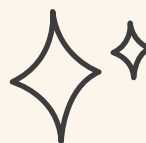
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60m



90m



120m



150m



180m



210m



240m



270m



300m



Kacen Callender was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where they shared about this challenge and about their journey to becoming a writer.

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