

## West Des Moines Public Library

YA Not Club Read

Thursday, January 14, 2021

### BOOKS:

- January Book: The Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
  - Links below for articles discussed
- What We're Reading Right Now – books mentioned during the meeting:  
<https://library.booksite.com/6242/nl/?list=CNL7>
- Katie's book journal is unavailable for purchase, she did find this <http://www.thenoveljournal.com/>

### NEXT MONTH:

- February 11, 2021 Meeting Signup: <https://www.wdmlibrary.org/events/ya-not-club-read-5>
  - Includes links to February books and a print list
- February Books: Choose any book from the Winter Reading Challenge: Books Like Us:  
<https://library.booksite.com/6242/nl/?list=CNL1&group=EB174>
  - Sign up for the Winter Reading Challenge through Beanstack (optional):  
<https://www.wdmlibrary.org/events/reading-challenges>

### LIBRARY UPDATES & MISC INFO:

- Renovation Updates: <https://www.wdmlibrary.org/about/renovation>
- COVID Closures: <https://www.wdmlibrary.org/about/covid-19>
- YA Not Club Read page (on our new website!): <https://www.wdmlibrary.org/events/book-clubs>
- Add YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS FROM 2020 and I'll add to the website!:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUkhQ02EQOagOU5Hr3Zx2kMnWpl0-KgSZ4v525MYpdMPA4yg/viewform>

### ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION:

Author Website, 2019 speech

<https://randyribay.wordpress.com/2019/11/26/critical-lit-theory-as-preparation-for-the-world-2019-alan-workshop-speech/>

On why he wrote about such a dark topic.

“I heard Jason Reynolds say once, that as people who write for or work with children, ‘we’re not here to protect kids from the world, but to prepare them for it.’ This is the world. The Drug War in the Philippines is real, as are numerous other violations of human rights occurring all over the globe. It’s our responsibility to teach reality but also to equip them with both the intellectual and emotional capacity to process, respond, and repair the world. Because if we, as writers or educators, don’t examine challenging issues because they’re too controversial or too sad, then we’re turning our students into adults who turn a blind eye to

injustice because it's too controversial or too sad. And, in my opinion, there are far too many of those adults already."

### **Cemetery slums in Manila**

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/mar/21/cemetery-slums-life-manilas-graveyard-settlements-philippines>

### **More Filipino authors**

<https://www.chevaliersbooks.com/single-post/2019/10/06/Filipino-American-authors-you-should-be-reading#:~:text=Filipino%20American%20Literature%20has%20been,discussions%20on%20Asian%20American%20Literature>