This chapter provides a content analysis of the some of the most highly regarded adolescent and young adult books published during the past three years, from 2005 to 2007. We investigated the winning and honor books for the Newbery Award, the Coretta Scott King Award, and the Michael L. Printz Award. We chose these books because they are the ones most frequently selected by librarians, classroom teachers, and parents. We asked the following three questions about each of these texts: What family structures are represented in this book? How does the protagonist experience family in this book? What messages about family are embedded in this particular book? By focusing on these three questions, we were able to identify the explicit and implicit messages about family that are conveyed to young readers through these best books.