

Summer Reading List

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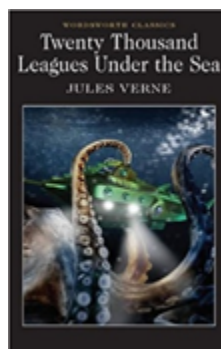
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Fantasy & Science Fiction

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey - Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.



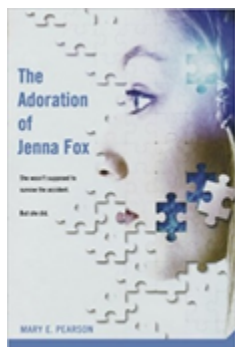
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne Scientist Pierre Aronnax and his trusty servant set sail to hunt a monster. With help from Ned Land, the world's greatest harpooner, the men soon discover that the creature is really a high-tech submarine. To keep this secret from



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being revealed, the sub's leader, Captain Nemo, takes the men hostage.

***The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson**



- In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling

secret about her existence.*

***After the Snow* by S.D. Crockett**



- Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows created a new ice age, searches for his family, who mysteriously disappeared from their frozen mountain home, and encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl along the

way.

***Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel**



- Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

***The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* by Michael Scott**



- While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old

struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

***Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix**



- Government regulations limit families to two children each, so Luke, an illegal third-born, must live his life in secret, hidden in his family's farmhouse. Then he joins Jen, another "shadow child," for a chance to come out into the light.

***Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer**



- When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

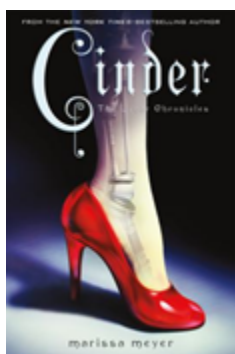
***The Bone Witch* by Rin Chupeco** - Tea has



been ostracized from the other witches because her powers to raise the dead make her feared by all. Now she trains underground with an older bone witch, learning to control her great abilities because the others will need her soon--though they don't

know it yet.

***Cinder* by Marissa Meyer** - As plague ravages the



overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the

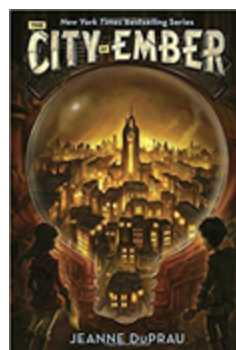
Cinderella story.

***City of Bones* (The Mortal Instruments series) by Cassandra Clare** - Suddenly able to see demons and the



Shadowhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clay Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clay herself is almost killed by a monster.

***City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau** - In the



city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

***Coraline* by Neil**

Gaiman - Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the



souls of three others.

***The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper** - On



the Midwinter Day that is his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers a special gift -- that he is the last of the Old Ones, immortals dedicated to keeping the world from domination by the forces of evil, the Dark. At once, he is plunged into a quest for the six

magical Signs that will one day aid the Old Ones in the final battle between the Dark and the Light. And for the twelve days of Christmas, while the Dark is rising, life for Will is full of wonder, terror, and delight.

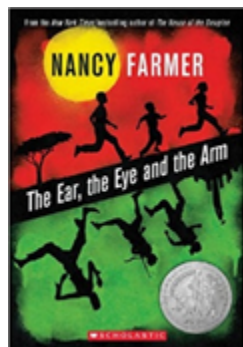
Dark Life by **Kat Falls** - When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat.



Delirium by **Lauren Oliver** - Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment when she falls in love.*



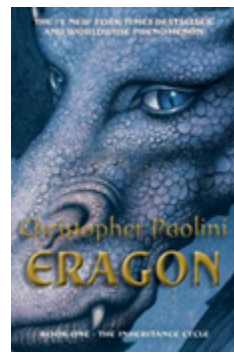
The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm by **Nancy Farmer** - In a world where everyone has an Alt -- an identical twin -- only one of the pair is allowed to live to adulthood. West Grayer has just received a notice to kill her Alt, and must carry out this task before her Alt eliminates her first.*



Ender's Game - **Orson Scott Card** - Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.*



Eragon by **Christopher Paolini** - In Agaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.



Faerie Wars - **Herbie Brennan** - Troubled by family problems, Henry finds his life taking a whole new dimension when he and his friend, old Mr. Fogarty, become involved with Prince Pyrgus Malvae who has been sent from the faerie world in order to escape the treacherous Faeries of the Night.*



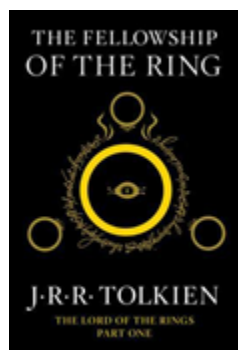
***Fever Crumb* by Philip Reeve** - Foundling



Fever Crumb has been raised as an engineer although females in the future London, England, are not believed capable of rational thought, but at age fourteen she leaves her sheltered world and begins to learn startling truths about her past while facing danger in the

present.

***The Fellowship of the Ring: Being the First Part of the Lord of the Rings* - J.R.R. Tolkien** - Frodo



Baggins, bearer of the Ring of Power that would enable the evil Sauron to destroy all that is good in Middle-earth, takes on the task of carrying the Ring to Mount Doom to oversee

its destruction.

***The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill** - Every year,

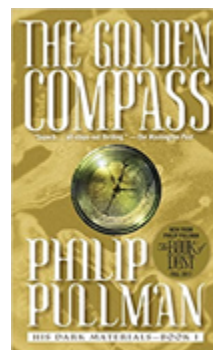


the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. She shares her home with a wise

Swamp Monster and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the children and

delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey. One year, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the ordinary child with extraordinary magic. Xan decides she must raise this girl, whom she calls Luna, as her own. As Luna's thirteenth birthday approaches, her magic begins to emerge with dangerous consequences. Meanwhile, a young man from the Protectorate is determined to free his people by killing the witch. Deadly birds with uncertain intentions flock nearby. A volcano, quiet for centuries, rumbles just beneath the earth's surface. And the woman with the Tiger's heart is on the prowl.

***The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials series)* by Phillip Pullman** - Lyra Belacqua is content



to run wild among the scholars of Jordan College. But when her uncle, Lord Asriel, returns from the North with tales of mystery and danger, it sets off a chain of events that draws Lyra into the heart of a terrible struggle.

***Graceling* by Kristin Cashore** - In a world



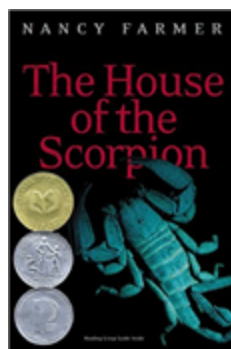
where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

***A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray**



Bray - After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.*

***The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer**



Farmer - In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. *

***Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins**



- When Gregor falls through a grate in his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, and cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war and Gregor's arrival is no

accident.

***Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher**



To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape.

***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* - J.K. Rowling**



J.K. Rowling - Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

***The Iron Trial* by Holly Black**



Holly Black - Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial, but Callum's father warned of the danger of magic, so Callum tries to fail but ends up enrolled at the Magisterium anyway.

***Kingdom Keepers* - Ridley Pearson**



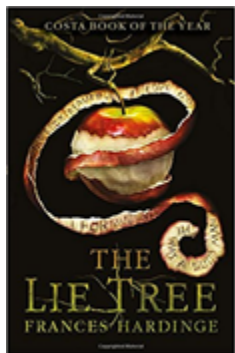
Five young teens hired as models for theme park guides find themselves pitted against Disney villains and witches that threaten both the future of Walt Disney World and the stability of the world as a whole.

***The Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor**



- When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne.

***The Lie Tree* by Frances Hardinge**



To most people, she is reliable, dull, trustworthy; a proper young lady who knows her place as inferior to men. But inside, Faith is full of questions and curiosity, and she cannot resist mysteries: an unattended envelope, an unlocked door. She

knows secrets no one suspects her of knowing. She knows that her family moved to the close-knit island of Vane because her famous scientist father was fleeing a reputation-destroying scandal. And she knows when her father is discovered dead shortly thereafter, that he was murdered. In pursuit of justice and revenge, Faith hunts through her father's possessions and discovers a strange tree. The tree bears fruit only when she whispers a lie to it. The fruit of the tree, when eaten, delivers a hidden truth. The tree might hold the key to her father's murder, or it may lure the murderer directly to Faith herself.

***Legend* by Marie Lu**



Fifteen-year-old June, a prodigy being groomed for success in the Republic's highest military circles, and fifteen-year-old Day, born into the slums, are brought together when June's brother, Metias, is murdered, and Day becomes the prime suspect. June seeks to avenge Metias' death,

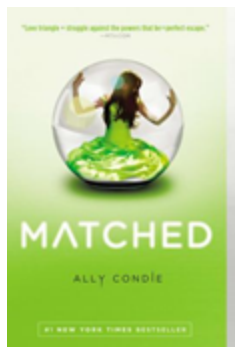
but she soon uncovers the truth about her country and the lengths it will go to keep its secrets.*

***Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer**

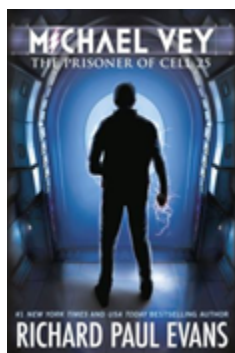


Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Matched - Ally Condie - All her life, Cassia has never had a choice. The Society dictates everything: when and how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die, and most importantly to Cassia as she turns 17, whom to marry. When she is Matched with her best friend Xander, things couldn't be more perfect. But why did her neighbor Ky's face show up on her match disk as well?*



Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans - Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them and, after Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.



Princess Academy by Shannon Hale - While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.



Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan -



They have always scared him in the past; the Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing. The exiled Morgarath, Lord of the Mountains of Rain and Night, is gathering his forces for an attack on the kingdom. This time, he will not be denied.

The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater -



Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix.*

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard - In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman

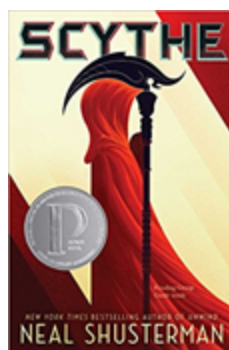


abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction.*

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater - Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.*



Scythe by Neal Shusterman - In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.*



The Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer - After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.



Seraphina by Rachel Hartman - In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.



***So You Want To Be A Wizard* by Diane Duane**



Thirteen-year-old Nita, tormented by a gang of bullies because she won't fight back, finds the help she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

***The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau**



Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.*

***Texting the Underworld* by Ellen Booraem**



- Conor O'Neill faces his cowardice and visits the underworld to bargain with the Lady who can prevent the imminent death of a family member, but first Ashling, the banshee who brought the news, wants to visit his middle school.

***The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner**



bragging thief Gen is sprung from prison by the king in order to carry out a mission-steal the precious stone Hamiathes's Gift from an impossible hiding place. If he succeeds, he'll be rewarded. If he fails, he will be killed. If he runs away, he will be hunted down. Half

prisoner, half outlaw legend, Gen goes along with the king's assistant in the risky plan.

***Three Dark Crowns* by Kendare Blake**



On an island where a set of triplets are born in every generation, three sisters, all equal heirs to the crown and possessor of magic, must now fight for the title in a game of life or death.*

***Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Maas**



After she has served a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, Crown Prince Dorian offers eighteen-year-old assassin Celaena Sardothien her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a

new royal assassin.*

Warcross by Marie Lu - When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross



Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.*

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle -



Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

The Warrior Heir by Cinda Williams Chima - An Ohio



teenager discovers that he is a part of an underground society of magical people living among the normal. What's more is that he finds that he is one of the society's last warriors and the feuding houses of the society are

scouting for players for a magical tournament.

The Young Elites by Marie Lu - Adelina



Amouteru survived the blood fever, a deadly illness that killed many, but left others with strange markings and supernatural powers. Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities.*

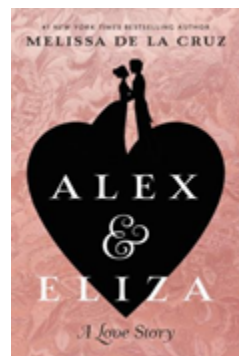
Historical Fiction



VIII by H.M. Castor - Hal, a young man of extraordinary talents, skill on the battlefield, sharp intelligence, and virtue, believes he is destined for greatness but, haunted by his family's violent past, he embarks on a journey that leads to absolute

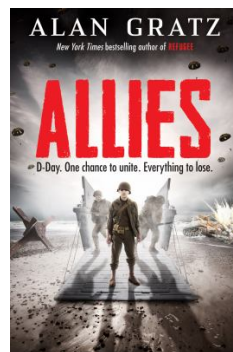
power and brings him face to face with his demons as he grows to become Henry VIII.

Alex & Eliza: A Love Story by Melissa de la Cruz - Presents a fictionalized love story involving Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, one of America's first political power couples. When Alex meets Eliza, the American Revolution is in full-swing. And these two lovebirds will not only embrace the



passions they feel for one another, but also for their country.

Allies by Alan Gratz - It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter (true name Dietrich Zimmermann), an underage private in the United States Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle, who was arrested by Nazis when Dee was a little boy; meanwhile, Samira



Zidano, an eleven-year old French-Algerian girl is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother--this is the most important day of the twentieth century, and both children want to fight, and survive.

Ashes by Kathryn Lasky - In 1932 Berlin, thirteen-year-old Gaby Schramm witnesses the beginning of Hitler's rise to power, as soldiers become ubiquitous, her beloved literature teacher starts wearing a jewelled swastika pin, and the family's dear friend, Albert Einstein, leaves the country while Gaby's parents secretly



bury his books and papers in their small yard.

***The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert**



Sharenow - In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.*

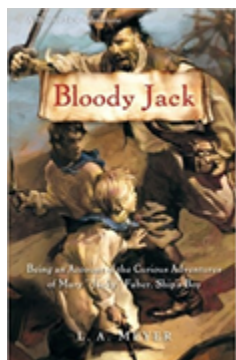
***Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetyas**



- In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her

family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

***Bloody Jack* by L.M. Meyer**

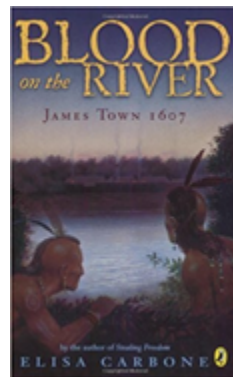


- Life as a ship's boy aboard HMS Dolphin is a dream come true for Jacky Faber. Gone are the days of scavenging for food and fighting for survival on the streets of eighteenth-century London. Instead, Jacky is becoming a skilled and respected sailor as the crew pursues pirates

on the high seas. There's only one problem:

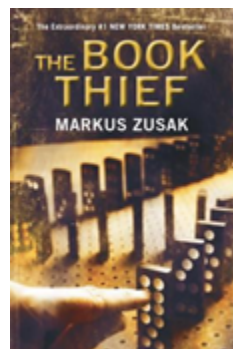
Jacky is a girl. And she will have to use every bit of her spirit, wit, and courage to keep the crew from discovering her secret.

***Blood on the River: James Town 1607* by**



Elisa Carbone - Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

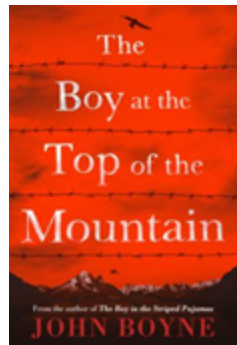
***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**



- Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. Liesel

Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

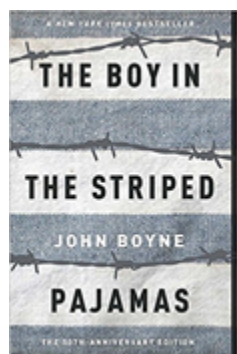
***The Boy at the Top of the Mountain* by John Boyne**



When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy Austrian household. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is

no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler. Pierrot is quickly taken under Hitler's wing and thrown into an increasingly dangerous new world: a world of terror, secrets, and betrayal from which he may never be able to escape.

***The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable* by John Boyne**



Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

***The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti**



In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring

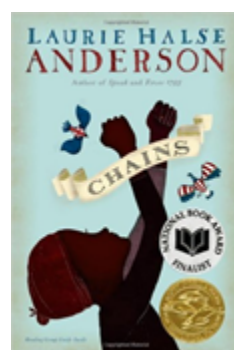
the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

***Cast Two Shadows* by Ann Rinaldi**



In South Carolina in 1780, fourteen-year-old Caroline sees the Revolutionary War take a terrible toll among her family and friends and comes to understand the true nature of war.

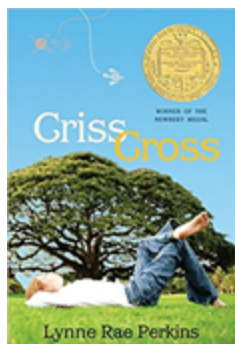
***Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson**



As the Revolutionary War gets underway, thirteen-year-old Isabel and her sister Ruth become the slaves of a New York City couple, despite being promised freedom upon the death of their old owner. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, however, he

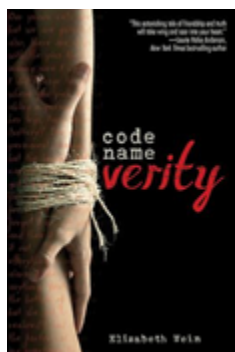
persuades her to spy on her new owners, who have ties to the British and may know when and how the British are planning to invade.

Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins



Debbie is wishing something would happen. Something good. To her. Soon. In the meantime, Debbie loses a necklace and finds a necklace (and boy does the necklace have a story to tell), she goes jeans shopping with her mother (an accomplishment in diplomacy), she learns to drive shift in a truck (illegally), she saves a life (directly connected to being able to drive, thus proving something), she takes a bus ride to another town (in order to understand what it feels like to be from "elsewhere"), she meets a boy (who truly is from "elsewhere"), but mostly she hangs out with her friends: Patty, Hector, Lenny, and Phil. Their paths cross. Their stories crisscross.

Code Named Verity by Elizabeth E. Wein



In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.*

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines During World War II by Joseph Bruchac



After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper



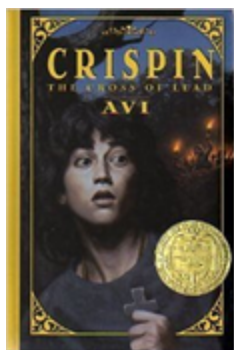
When slave traders invade Amari's village, she is dragged to a slave ship bound for the Carolinas. Bought by a plantation owner, Amari befriends a white indentured servant named Polly and struggles to hold on to her memories in the face of hopeless and despair.*

Cracker by Cynthia Kadohata



A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

***Crispin: Cross of Lead* by Avi** - In



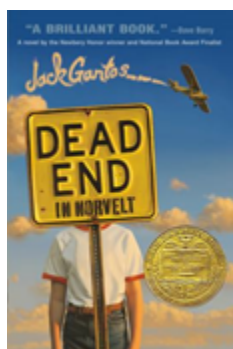
fourteenth-century England a nameless thirteen-year-old peasant boy, who thought he had little to lose, finds himself with even less. Accused of a crime he did not commit, he has been declared a "wolf's head," meaning that anyone can kill him on sight. To remain alive the boy must flee his tiny village, taking with him only his newly revealed name -- Crispin -- and his mother's cross of lead.

***Countdown* by Deborah Wiles** - As



eleven-year-old Franny Chapman deals with drama at home and with her best friend in 1962, she tries to understand the larger problems in the world after President Kennedy announces that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba.

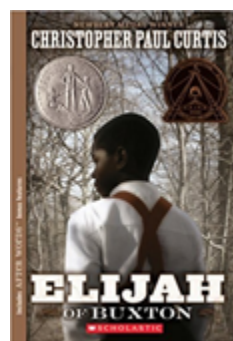
***Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos** - In



the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl

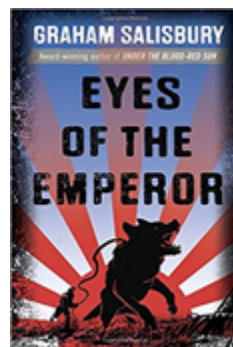
Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.

***Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Curtis** -



In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

***Eyes of the Emperor* by Graham Salisbury**



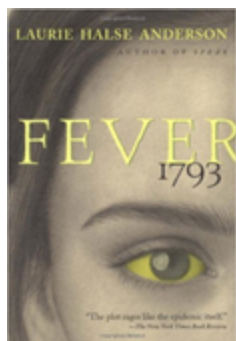
- Eddy Okana lies about his age and joins the Army in his hometown of Honolulu only weeks before the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor. Then the Army sends Eddy and a small band of Japanese-American soldiers on a secret mission--a special job that only they can do.

***Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers** -



Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.*

***Fever, 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson** - In



1793, the Cook Coffeehouse outside Philadelphia is a haven for those fleeing from the fever sweeping across the mosquito-infested city. Fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook has just lost her childhood playmate to the fever and struggles

to keep her family and her family's business alive.

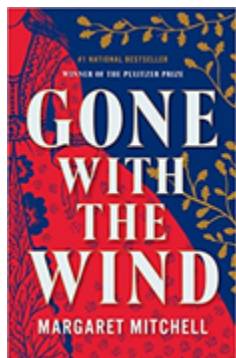
***Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse** - In



1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and is pulled into a web of resistance activities and

secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl.*

***Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell**



- After the Civil War sweeps away the genteel life to which she has been accustomed, Scarlett O'Hara sets about to salvage her plantation home. *This is one of Miss Thornbery's all-time favorite books. *

***Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes** - After



injurying his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

***Kent State* by Deborah Wiles** - Told from



different points of view--protesters, students, National Guardsmen, and "townies"--recounts the story of what happened at Kent State in May 1970, when four college students were killed by National Guardsmen, and a student protest was turned into a bloody

battlefield.*

***Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt** - In



1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the

town father's--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.

***Loving Will Shakespeare* by Carolyn Meyer** - Anne Hathaway



has always dreamed of leaving the small cottage where she and her siblings live with their critical stepmother, and when Will Shakespeare returns home and begins showing a serious interest in her, Anne must decide whether to

follow her heart or play by the rules.

***Milkweed: A Novel* by Jerry Spinelli** - He's



a boy called Jew. Gypsy. Stop thief. Runt. Happy. Fast. Filthy son of Abraham. He's a boy who lives in the streets of Warsaw. He's a boy who steals food for himself and the other orphans. He's a boy who believes in bread, and mothers, and angels.

He's a boy who wants to be a Nazi someday, with tall shiny jackboots and a gleaming Eagle hat of his own. Until the day that suddenly makes him change his mind. And when the trains come to empty the Jews from the ghetto of the damned, he's a boy who realizes it's safest of all to be nobody.

***Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe** -



At first Hiram is excited to visit his hometown in Mississippi. But soon after he arrives, he crosses paths with Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago who is also visiting for the summer, and Hiram sees firsthand how the local whites mistreat blacks who refuse to "know their place." When Emmett's tortured dead body is found floating in a river, Hiram is determined to find out who could do such a thing. But what will it cost him to know?

***Moon Over Manifest* by Claire Vanderpool** -



Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

***Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse** - In a



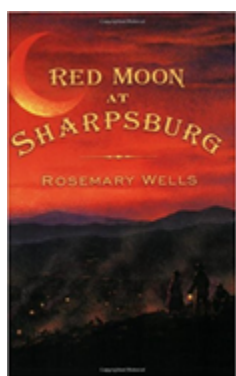
series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the depression.

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier - A



young woman struggles to understand the passionate feelings and mystery surrounding her husband's beautiful first wife, now dead, but still a presence in their home. *One of Miss Thornbery's all-time favorite books.

Red Moon at Sharpsburg by Rosemary Wells - Even though the



odds are against her and the Civil War has ruined her home and given her a view of the darker side of humanity, thirteen-year-old India Moody continues to aspire to become a scientist and attend Oberlin College.

Refugee by Alan Gratz - Although



separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark

on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen - In 1942



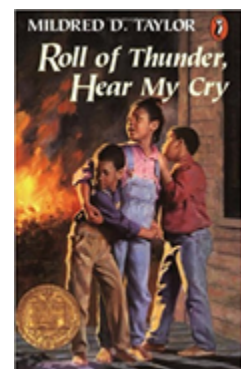
sixteen-year-old Chaya Lindner is a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland, a courier who smuggles food and documents to the isolated Jewish ghettos in southern Poland, depending on her forged papers and "Aryan" features--but when a mission goes wrong and many of her colleagues are arrested she finds herself on a journey to Warsaw, where an uprising is in the works.

Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick -



Fourteen-year-old Sig finds the frozen body of his father in the Arctic wilderness. Then a stranger arrives demanding that Sig tell him where his father put their stolen gold. Sig knows nothing about the gold but he considers using a hidden revolver if needed.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor - An



African-American family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

***Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys** - Did you know that there was a ship sinking far more devastating than the Titanic? In this novel, four young people band together as they join thousands of others in Prussia fleeing as the Russians overtake the retreating German troops. These refugees have one hope: the

Wilhelm Gustloff, a cruise ship which will take them across the Baltic. Built to hold just 1500 people, over 9400 struggle aboard. Will these four survive when a Russian torpedo tears the ship apart on January 30th, 1945?*

***Soldier X* by Don L. Wulffson** - In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front.*

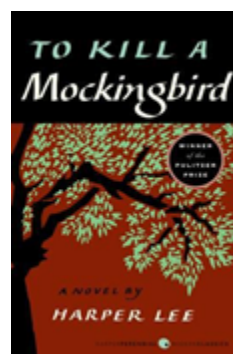


***Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper** - When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand



change in her segregated town.

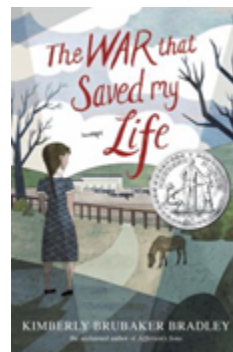
***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee** - Presents a fortieth-anniversary edition of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel in which Scout Finch, the young daughter of a local attorney in the Deep South during the 1930s, tells of her father's defense of an African-American man charged with the rape of a white girl.



***War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo** - Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.



***The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley** - A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. - This is one of Miss Thornbery's



favorite books.

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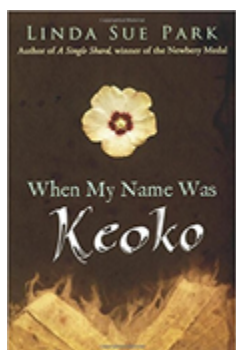
***Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata**



After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors,

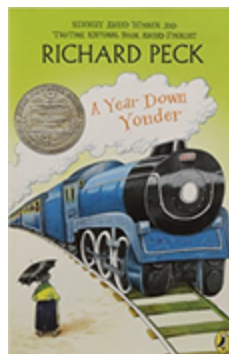
becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.

***When My Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park**



With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

***A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck**



During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

Horror Fiction

***The Accident* by Diane Hoh** - A wispy, shadowy figure appears in Megan's mirror one day begging to trade places with her for just one week. The young girl begs her to let her live again. Gradually Megan comes to realize that she must grant this request.

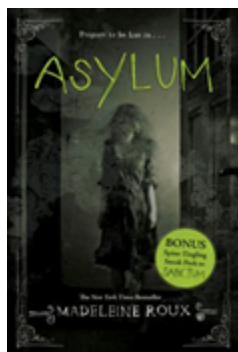


flesh-eating monsters get to her or her friends.

***Bloodline: A Novel* by Katie Alender** - In this story told primarily through journal entries, a British soldier in World War I makes the horrifying discovery that his regiment commander is descended from Count Dracula.



***As Dead as It Gets* by Katie Alender** - After witnessing the death of Lydia Small, Alexis begins seeing images of death as well as Lydia's ghost. Although Alexis becomes convinced Lydia is out for revenge, it soon becomes apparent that Lydia is targeting more than just Alexis, and that her true foe is much more sinister than she imagined.



***The Chronicles of Vladimir Todd: Eighth Grade Bites* by Heather Brewer** - For thirteen years Vlad has kept secret that he is half-vampire, but when his missing teacher is replaced by a sinister substitute, he learns that there is more to being a vampire than he could have guessed.



***Bad Taste in Boys* by Carrie Harris** - Future physician Kate Grable is horrified when her high school's football coach gives team members steroids, but the drugs turn players into zombies and Kate must find an antidote before the



***Cirque du Freak* by Darren Shan** - Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.*



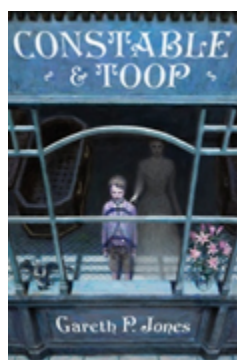
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***City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare**



Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.*

***Constable & Toop* by Gareth P. Jones**



Sam Toop has the ability to speak to ghosts, and is often asked by them to settle their unsettled affairs in the living world. His usual task is to give a loved one a message, or to change a will or two--but this time Sam is tasked with something more urgent:

find out where the Black Rot came from, how and why it only affects ghosts, and stop it from wiping out the ghostly realm from all of London.

***Conversion* by Katherine Howe**



When girls start experiencing strange tics and other mysterious symptoms at Colleen's high school, her small town of Danvers, Massachusetts, falls victim to rumors that lead to full-blown panic, and only Colleen connects their fate to the ill-fated Salem Village,

where another group of girls suffered from a

similarly bizarre epidemic three centuries ago.*

***Doll Bones* by Holly Black**



Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

***Dracula* by Bram Stoker**



After escaping the fortress of Count Dracula, Englishman Jonathan Harker returns to England where his fiancée's friend is suffering from a strange disease that suggests there are vampires here as well.*

***The Enemy* by Charlie Higson**



A group of young survivors is offered safety from the roaming packs of zombie-like adults in Buckingham Palace, but, even after they survive their perilous journey through London, the teens arrive only to find their fight is far from over.*

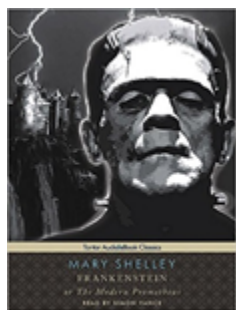
***Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal** - Jeremy Johnson Johnson is a shy boy who likes to study; he will never, ever admit in public that he hears the voice of one particular ghost--Jacob Grimm. When the wild girl Ginger Boultinghouse enters Jeremy's life, she plans on including him in her next wild adventure--breaking and entering. Jacob Grimm decides to help the two kids find what they are really seeking: a place far, far away from their troubles.



***First Kill* by Heather Brewer** - The summer before ninth grade, when Joss sets off to meet his uncle and hunt down the beast that murdered his younger sister three years earlier, he learns he is destined to join the Slayer Society.*



***Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly** - A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.



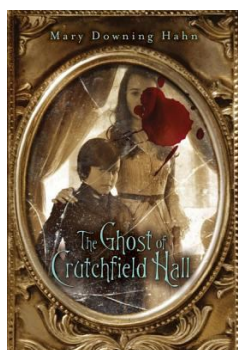
***Frozen Charlotte* by Alex Bell** - The haunting starts even before Sophie arrives on the Isle of Skye to spend the summer with her cousins, but when she arrives she finds a house haunted by the ghost of a girl who attended school there a hundred years ago, as well as cousin Rebecca who died young and is never mentioned by her family--and she must somehow solve the mystery of the frozen Charlotte dolls before the whole family is destroyed.



***The Gathering (Shadow House series)* by Dan Poblocki** - Poppy Caldwell is an orphan who keeps seeing a figure standing behind her in the mirror at the group home where she lives, but she does not associate this ghost with the letter that mysteriously appears in her file, claiming to be from a long-lost aunt, and inviting her to Larkspur House--and she is just one of five children who find themselves gathered in this strange house with a deadly past, and apparently no intention of letting the children escape.



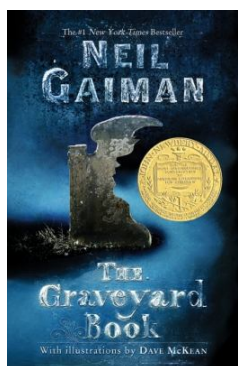
***The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall* by Mary**



Downing Hahn - In the nineteenth century, ten-year-old Florence Crutchfield leaves a London orphanage to live with her great-uncle, great-aunt, and sickly cousin James, but she soon realizes the home has another resident, who means to

do her and James harm.

***The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman** -



Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are

dangers and adventures in the graveyard for a boy, but if Bod leaves, then he will come under attack from the man Jack -- who has already killed Bod's family.

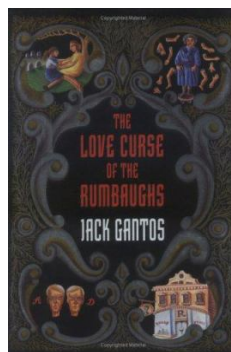
***The Killing Jar* by Jennifer Bosworth** -



When she was ten years old Kenna discovered that she had the ability to drain the life from another human being, and ever since she has been afraid to touch anyone--but when she uses that power to save her mother and twin sister from an attacker,

her mother finally reveals the secret origin of her power, and she is forced to choose between the Kalyptra and a human life.

***Love Curse of the Rumbauchs* by Jack**



Gantos - A young woman named Ivy, who made a shocking discovery in her small western Pennsylvania town when she was seven years old and learned a surprising secret nine years later, questions whether she has inherited the

Rumbaugh curse of having excessive love for one's mother.

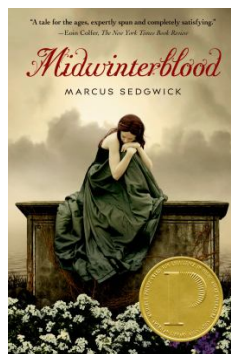
***A Madness So Discreet* by Mindy**



McGinnis - Near the turn of the nineteenth century, Dr. Thornhollow helps teenaged Grace Mae escape from the Boston asylum where she was sent after becoming pregnant by rape, and takes her to Ohio where they put her intelligence

and remarkable memory to use in trying to catch murderers. *

***Midwinterblood* by Marcus Sedgwick** -



When a stranger arrives on the island known only as Blessed, where people are rumored to never age and no children are born, he sets off a chain of events that involves the stories of

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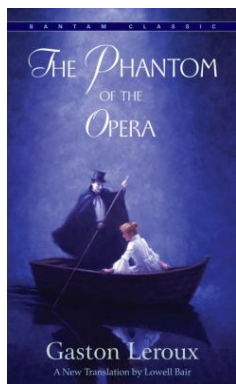
***Of Monsters and Madness* by Jessica Verday** - In 1820s



Philadelphia, seventeen-year-old Annabel Lee goes to live with her mysterious scientist father after the death of her mother. There she finds herself in the midst of a rash of gruesome murders in the city in which her father

and his alluring assistant, Allan Poe, might be implicated.

***The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux** - A viscount



seeks to unravel the mystery of the Paris Opera House and rescue the woman he loves from the threat of the phantom of the opera.

***The Reformed Vampire Support Group* by Catherine Jinks** -



Fifteen-year-old vampire Nina has been stuck for fifty-one years in a boring support group for vampires, and nothing exciting has ever happened to them--until one of them is murdered and the others must try to solve the crime.

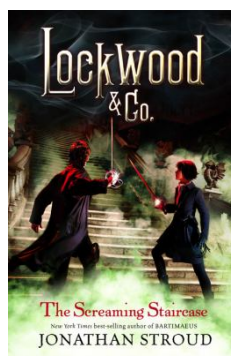
***Revenge of the Witch* - Joseph Delaney** -



After the death or disappearances of twenty-nine ghost apprentices, only twelve-year-old Thomas Ward is left to fill the position. He goes off with old Spook to learn the trade of ridding the village of evil such as

witches and creepy things. Thomas is unaware that soon he must destroy the most terrifying witch of all, Mother Malkin.

***The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood & Co. series)* by Jonathan Stroud** - A sinister

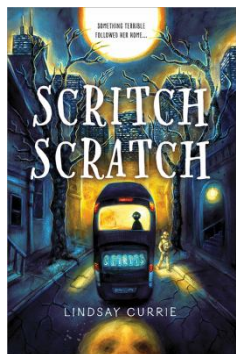


Problem has occurred in London: all nature of ghosts, haunts, spirits, and specters are appearing throughout the city, and they aren't exactly friendly. Only young people have the psychic abilities required

to see-and eradicate-these supernatural foes. Many different Psychic Detection Agencies have cropped up to handle the dangerous work, and they are in fierce competition for business. In *The Screaming Staircase*, the plucky and talented Lucy Carlyle teams up with Anthony Lockwood, the charismatic leader of Lockwood & Co, a small agency that runs independent of any adult supervision. After an assignment leads to both a grisly discovery and a disastrous end, Lucy, Anthony, and their sarcastic colleague, George, are forced to take part in the perilous investigation of Combe Carey Hall, one of the most haunted houses in England. Will Lockwood & Co. survive the Hall's

legendary Screaming Staircase and Red Room to see another day?

***Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie** - Claire



has absolutely no interest in the paranormal. She's a scientist, which is why she can't think of anything worse than having to help out her dad on one of his ghost-themed Chicago bus tours. She thinks she's made it through when she sees a boy with a sad face and dark eyes at the back of the bus. There's something off about his presence, especially because when she checks at the end of the tour...he's gone. Claire tries to brush it off, she must be imagining things, letting her dad's ghost stories get the best of her. But then the scratching starts. Voices whisper to her in the dark. The number 396 appears everywhere she turns. And the boy with the dark eyes starts following her. Claire is being haunted. The boy from the bus wants something...and Claire needs to find out what before it's too late.

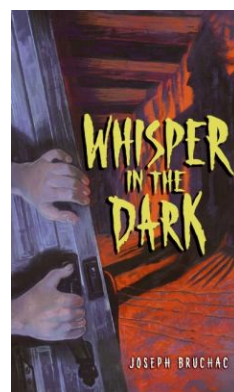
***Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden** - When



eleven-year-old Ollie lost her mother in a plane crash, she sought solace in her books. So when she stumbles upon a distraught woman standing on the banks of the river intent on throwing a book into the water, Ollie stops her, steals the book and rides away on her bike. Upon reading, Ollie discovers a chilling ghost story about a girl,

Elizabeth Morrison, who is being chased through cornfields filled with scarecrows by two brothers with deadly intent. When she finds the graves of Elizabeth Morrison and her tormentors, Jonathan and Caleb, on a farm during a school trip, on a day already full of odd occurrences, Ollie starts to think this book is more than just a book. On the ride home, the school bus breaks down along the side of the road and none of the kids or their teacher can get service on their cell phones to call for help. And then Ollie's digital wristwatch starts a mysterious countdown, with the word RUN spelled out on the face. She and two unlikely new friends are the only ones to heed its warning. As night begins to fall, they head out into the woods, bracketed by fearsome scarecrows. The bus driver gives them a word of advice. In order to survive whatever is coming, they'll need to keep to small spaces.

***Whisper in the Dark* - Joseph Bruchac** -



An ancient and terrifying Narragansett native-American legend begins to come true for a teenage long-distance runner, whose recovery from the accident that killed her parents has stunned everyone, including her guardian aunt in Providence, Rhode Island.

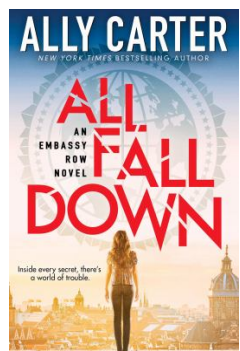
Mystery Fiction

13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher - When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's

voice recounting the events leading up to her death.*

All Fall Down by Ally Carter - It was hard enough losing her mother three years ago, but 16-year-old Grace's pain is exacerbated by the fact that everyone insists her mother's death was accidental, when Grace herself witnessed a man deliberately shoot her mother. Now that Grace is finally out of the

hospital where she was confined following the shooting, she is determined to unmask her mother's murderer. The only problem is, Grace's grandfather, a powerful ambassador, and Alexei, her watchful Russian neighbor on Embassy Row, both suspect what she is up to—and are determined to stop her from uncovering the truth.



Blood Will Tell by April Henry - When a woman's body is found in a Portland park, suspicion falls on an awkward kid who lives only a few blocks away, a teen who collects knives, loves first-person shooter video games, and obsessively doodles violent scenes in his school notebooks. Nick

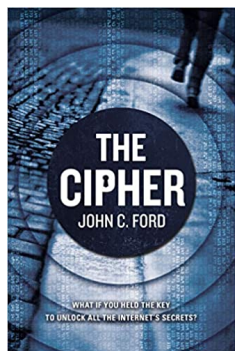
Walker goes from being a member of Portland's Search and Rescue team to the prime suspect in a murder, his very interest in SAR seen as proof of his fascination with violence. How is this even possible? And can Alexis and Ruby find a way to help clear Nick's name before it's too late?

The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle by Janet S. Fox - In 1940, during the Blitz, Katherine, Robbie and Amelie Bateson are sent north to a private school in Rookskill Castle in Scotland, a brooding place, haunted by dark magic from the past—but when some of their classmates disappear



Katherine has to find out if the cause is hidden in the past or very much in the present.

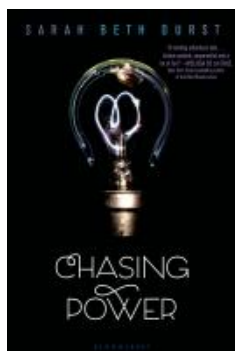
***The Cipher* by John Ford** -



When his math genius neighbor Ben manages to uncover the key to modern data encryption systems, Robert "Smiles" Smylie comes up with an idea to protect Ben from government agents out to steal the key. But while carrying out his plan, Smiles discovers that his own past may

prove the greatest danger to both himself and Ben.*

***Chasing Power* by Sarah Beth Durst** -



Kayla is blackmailed into using her telekinetic abilities to steal enough money to help a boy named Daniel, who mysteriously knows about her ability, rescue his kidnapped mother and pay her ransom.*

***The Deadly Sister* by Elliot Schrefer** -



Abby is used to protecting her younger sister, Maya, and covering up her many wrongdoings - even when she was abusing drugs and running away from home. This protective instinct still stays true when Abby finds the body of Maya's

boyfriend in the river and locates Maya's cell phone close by. Not wanting to believe her sister is responsible, Abby does some

investigating of her own, quickly learning that Maya's boyfriend was far from perfect and that there are many people who would want him dead. Most shocking, however, is Abby's sudden realization that she can't even trust those closest to her.*

***The Death Collector* by Justin Richards** -



What starts as an ordinary pickpocketing incident in Victorian London unites three teens against a madman. Eddie is the pickpocket, George is an assistant at the British Museum, Elizabeth has a nose for trouble--and all of them are being hunted by sinister factory owner

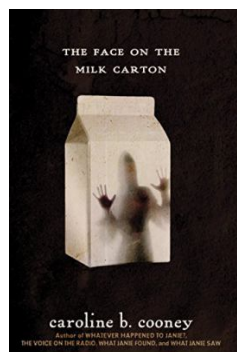
Augustus Lorimore.

***Don't Look behind You* by Lois Duncan** -



Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threats to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer.

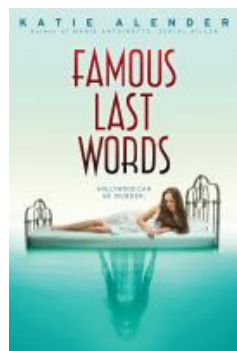
***The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney**



B. Cooney - No one ever really paid close attention to the faces of the missing children on the milk cartons. But as Janie Johnson glanced at the face of the ordinary little girl with her hair in tight pigtails, wearing a dress with a narrow white collar--a three-year-old who had

been kidnapped twelve years before from a shopping mall in New Jersey--she felt overcome with shock. She recognized that little girl--it was she. How could it possibly be true? Janie can't believe that her loving parents kidnapped her, but as she begins to piece things together, nothing makes sense. Something is terribly wrong. Are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson really her parents? And if not, who is Janie Johnson, and what really happened?

***Famous Last Words* by Katie Alender**

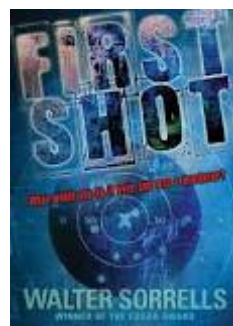


Willa looks forward to moving to Hollywood with her mother and movie director stepfather, viewing it as a chance to start over after the unexpected death of her father two years ago. But even as Willa begins making friends at her new school

and adjusting to life in Tinseltown, she starts witnessing disturbing visions of corpses and cryptic messages, which appear to be linked to a series of local murders that reenact scenes from movies. Prompted by the frightful hauntings she is experiencing, Willa begins investigating the killings, and

discovers that the perpetrator is much closer to home than she imagined.*

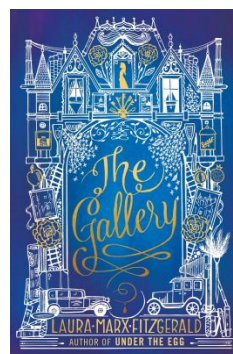
***First Shot* by Walter Sorrells**



Two years ago, David Crandall's mother was murdered and with little evidence, no witnesses, and no motive, the crime was left unsolved. Now a high school senior, David is unable to shake the sense that someone knows more than they're letting on. His suspicion

deepens as he uncovers clues to a scandalous family secret involving embezzlement. But when he spies his father burying an old rifle in a deserted lot during a rainstorm, suspicion turns to fear. Is his own father the killer?

***The Gallery* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald**



In bustling New York City during the 1920s, 12-year-old Martha O'Doyle is kicked out of class and forced to take a job working as a maid alongside her mother at the mysterious Sewell mansion. Martha finds herself curious about the reclusive

lady-of-the-house, Rose

Sewell, who is rumored to be mad and remains locked away in her room. Rose's only interactions with the outside world involve the artwork she sends down to the gallery—Martha becomes convinced that Rose is trying to relay a message through the paintings.

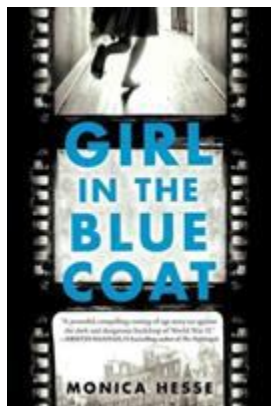
***The Girl I Used to Be* by April Henry -**



When Ariel's mother is murdered when Ariel is just three years old, everyone suspects her father is guilty, but he disappears before it can be proven. Fourteen years later, after going through the foster care system and having her name changed to Olivia Reinhart,

newly uncovered evidence proves her father was actually murdered on the same day as her mother. Which means, Olivia thinks, the killer is still on the loose. She takes it upon herself to find out who that might be, and heads to her former home in a small Oregon town to start investigating. However, on the way there, Olivia is followed. Could Olivia be next on the killer's list?

***The Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse -**



In 1943 Amsterdam, things are not as bad for Hanneke as they could be. An "Aryan poster girl," her appearance allows her to move freely throughout the Nazi-occupied city. She uses that freedom to get back at the Germans for what

they've done to her country and to her, killing her boyfriend on the Dutch front lines. Hanneke, under cover of night, finds and delivers black market goods to paying customers. One night, Hanneke is asked to find not an item but a person, a Jewish teen one of her customers had been hiding who

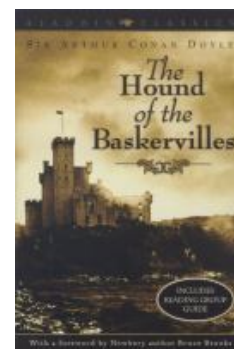
has now disappeared. Investigating, Hanneke finds herself drawn into the Danish resistance and risking her own life.*

***The Girl is Murder* by Kathryn Miller**



Haynes - In 1942 New York City, fifteen-year-old Iris grieves for her mother who committed suicide and for the loss of her life of privilege, and secretly helps her father with his detective business since he, having lost a leg at Pearl

Harbor, struggles to make ends meet.*

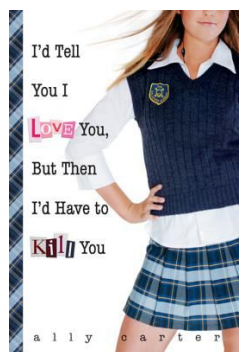


***The Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir**

Arthur Conan Doyle - Accompany the brilliant detective Sherlock Holmes on one of his most intriguing cases! When Sir Charles Baskerville is found mysteriously dead in the grounds of Baskerville Hall, everyone

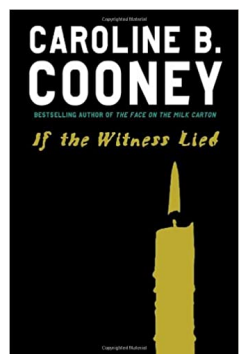
remembers the ancient legend of the monstrous creature that haunts the moor. The great detective Sherlock Holmes knows that there must be a more rational explanation, but the difficulty is to find it before the hellhound finds him.

***I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I Would Have To Kill You* by Ally Carter**



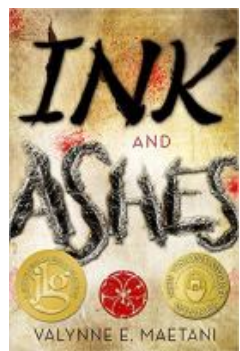
- As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

***If the Witness Lied* by Caroline B. Cooney**



- Torn apart by tragedies and the publicity they brought, siblings Smithy, Jack, and Madison, aged fourteen to sixteen, tap into their parent's courage to pull together and protect their brother Tris, nearly three, from further media exploitation and a much more sinister threat.

***Ink and Ashes* by Valynne E. Maetani**



- When 16-year-old Claire Takata comes across a letter from her deceased father to her stepfather, she is puzzled because she thought the two men had never met. This prompts her to begin investigating her family's hidden history. It is through her search

that Claire makes the astonishing discovery that her father was a member of the yakuza, a Japanese organized crime cartel. This revelation transforms Claire's understanding

of her family, her own identity, and the threatening messages she's been receiving.

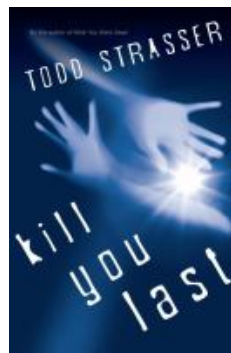


***Jackaby* by William Ritter**

- Abigail Rook arrives in New Fiddleham, New England, in 1892 with a suitcase of unladylike clothing, no money, and in need of a job. She meets the eccentric and egotistical R.F. Jackaby, an investigator unlike any other. He is more

interested in Abigail's "kobold" follower than with her suitcase—he can see the supernatural. Abigail, on the other hand, notices even the smallest detail in the natural world. It seems the two could work well together, especially since Jackaby's last assistant has been for the moment transformed into a type of fowl. Abigail has arrived just in time to help Jackaby investigate a series of murders in New Fiddleham, and a murderer who is anything but natural.

***Kill You Last* by Todd Strasser**



- After three teenage clients of Shelby's fashion photographer father disappear, he becomes the prime suspect in the investigation and her life becomes a living nightmare. Shelby's own questions need to be answered and as one shocking revelation

follows another, she must face the truth.*

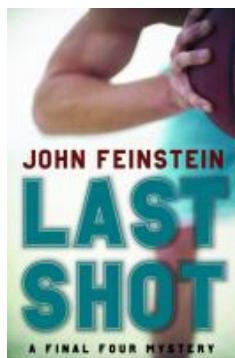
***Knightley & Son* by Rohan Gavin** - When



his father Alan Knightley, the great detective, fell into a coma four years ago, Darkus immersed himself in his father's case files, intent on solving the unfinished cases as a way of coming to terms with his father's inaccessibility.

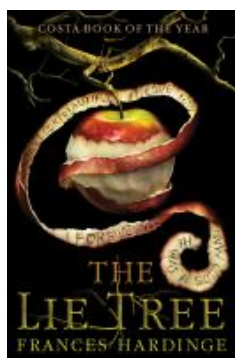
But when Alan suddenly wakes and is ready to solve a new series of crimes related to a best-selling book called "The Code," Darkus and his stepsister Tilly immediately attach themselves to the investigation, pursuing leads alongside their father with wit and gusto.

***Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery* by John**



Feinstein - After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

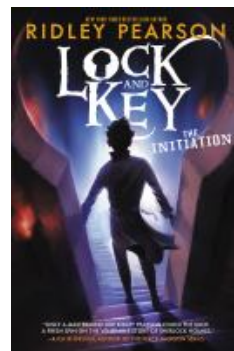
***The Lie Tree* by Frances Hardinge** - On



the outside, 14-year-old Faith Sunderly seems to fit the mold of a properly obedient young lady. But inside, she possesses a sharp, scientific mind filled with curiosity. When her father abruptly moves the family from England

to a small island and then winds up dead, Faith seems to be the only one to suspect he's been murdered. Faith finds the truth she's searching for in a small tree that, when fed, produces truth-bearing fruit.

***Lock & Key: The Initiation* by Ridley Pearson** -



Moria Moriarty narrates about her life growing up with her older brother, James Moriarty, before he became the genius criminal, rival to Sherlock Holmes. Moria and James are sent to Baskerville, an elite private boarding school,

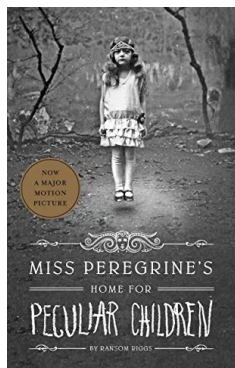
where James' roommate was the insufferable Sherlock Holmes--from the beginning they are at each other's throats, but a missing heirloom Bible, a mystery that ends in blood spilled and friendship destroyed, and sets James on the path to evil.

***The London Eye Mystery* - Siobhan Dowd**



- When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

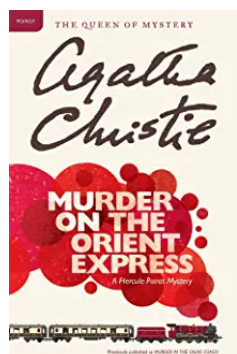
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Ransom Riggs



Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may

also still be alive.

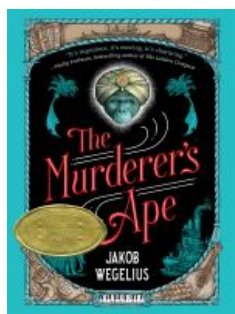
Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie



En route to Paris, Belgian detective Hercule Poirot has booked winter passage on the fabled Orient Express. Among the curious assortment of fellow passengers, one wealthy American holds a unique distinction: He has been found dead of

multiple stab wounds in the night compartment of the Calais coach. By dawn, thirteen travelers, each bearing a secret, will find themselves suspect in the most ingenious crime Poirot has ever solved.

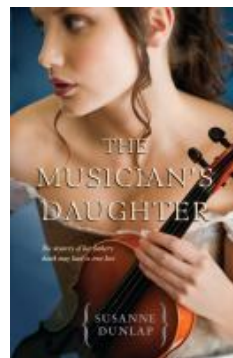
The Murderer's Ape by Jakob Wegelius



When her best friend, the sailor Henry Koskela, is falsely accused of murder, a gorilla named Sally Jones visits the run-down docks of Lisbon, embarks on a dizzying journey across the seven seas, and calls

on the Maharaja of Bhapur's magnificent court--all in an attempt to clear Henry's name.

The Musician's Daughter by Susanne Emily Dunlap



In eighteenth-century Vienna, Austria, fifteen-year-old Theresa seeks a way to help her mother and brother financially while investigating the murder of her father, a renowned violinist in Haydn's orchestra at the court of Prince Esterhazy, after

his body is found near a gypsy camp.

One of Us Is Lying by Karen McManus



"Pretty Little Liars meets The Breakfast Club" (EW.com) in this "flat-out addictive" (RT Book Reviews) story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive. Pay close attention and you might solve this. On Monday

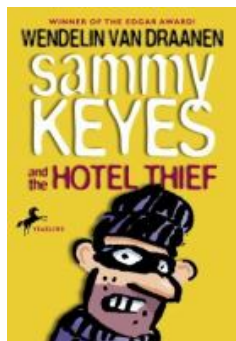
afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But

on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose? Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.*

Runner by Carl Deuker - Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.



Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen - Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.

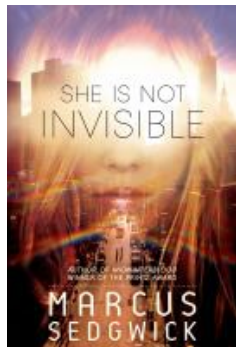


Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty - "Never go into the deep parts of the forest, for there are many dangers there, and they will ensnare your soul." Serafina has never had a reason to disobey her pa and venture beyond the grounds of the Biltmore estate.



There's plenty to explore in her grand home, although she must take care to never be seen. None of the rich folk upstairs know that Serafina exists; she and her pa, the estate's maintenance man, have secretly lived in the basement for as long as Serafina can remember. But when children at the estate start disappearing, only Serafina knows who the culprit is: a terrifying man in a black cloak who stalks Biltmore's corridors at night. Following her own harrowing escape, Serafina risks everything by joining forces with Braeden Vanderbilt, the young nephew of the Biltmore's owners. Braeden and Serafina must uncover the Man in the Black Cloak's true identity...before all of the children vanish one by one. Serafina's hunt leads her into the very forest that she has been taught to fear. There she discovers a forgotten legacy of magic, one that is bound to her own identity. In order to save the children of Biltmore, Serafina must seek the answers that will unlock the puzzle of her past.

***She Is Not Invisible* by Marcus Sedgwick -**



Why would 16-year-old Laureth Peak seemingly kidnap her seven-year-old brother Benjamin and take him on a plane trip from England to New York City using their mother's credit card? Because Laureth is blind and Benjamin is her eyes. Together Laureth and

Benjamin search for their missing father, whose mysterious notebook has surfaced in NYC. Her father taught Laureth to look for coincidences and patterns in events and numbers; and as Laureth and Benjamin follow clues in the notebook, they see connections and coincidences that they can't ignore.*

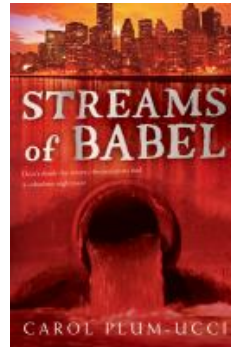
***SilverFin: A James Bond Mystery* by**



Charlie Higson - Young James Bond attends school at the prestigious Eton boarding school, and teams up with Red to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of a boy, Alfie Kelly, Red's cousin, allegedly linked to a madman with a plot

for global domination.

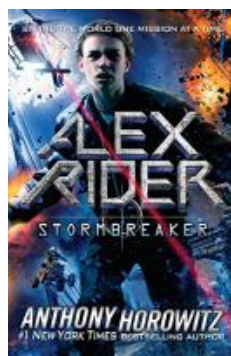
***Streams of Babel* by Carol Plum-Ucci-**



Six teens face a bioterrorist attack on American soil as four are infected with a mysterious disease affecting their small New Jersey neighborhood and two others, both brilliant computer hackers, assist the United States Intelligence Coalition in tracking the

perpetrators. *

***Stormbreaker* (Alex Rider series) by**



Anthony Horowitz - After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

***This is Our Story* by Ashley Elston -**

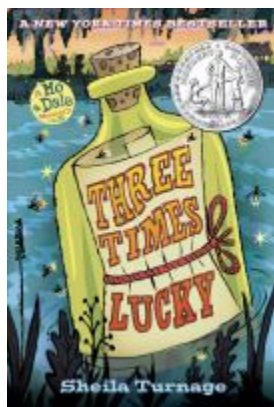


One morning at River Point, five boys go out hunting, only four come back, and none of the survivors will say which of them it was who killed their friend, Grant. High school senior Kate Marino, interning at the district attorney's office just for something to put on her college

application, finds herself roped into the investigation when her boss asks for her

help in sweeping the case under the rug to protect the affluent River Point Boys. Kate won't let that happen, and decides to dig up secrets about each of the four boys, and she discovers that the hunting accident may have been no accident at all. *

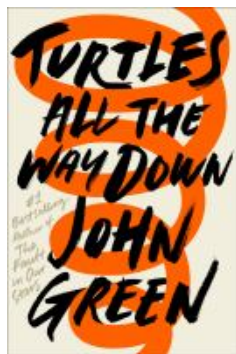
***Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage -**



Eleven-year-old Mo LoBeau lives in the small yet active town of Tupelo Landing, N.C., where she washed ashore during a hurricane as a newborn. Curious about her origins, Mo resolves to locate her “upstream mother” even as she grows ever-closer to “the

Colonel,” a man with a forgotten past who took her in, and Miss Lana, a hostess at a local café. It is this connection that drives her to act when a strange man shows up in town claiming to be looking for a murderer. Eager to protect those she holds dear, Mo puts her personal quest to discover her own past on hold to search for the killer herself – a journey that allows her to dig up more of the town's unusual past than she ever thought possible.

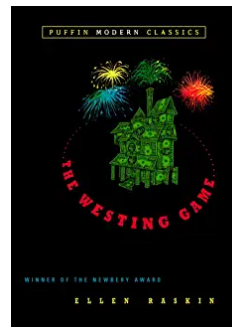
***Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green -**



Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together,

they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. *

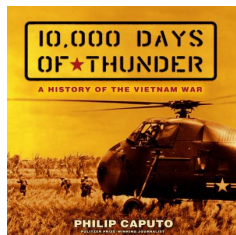
***The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin -**



The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

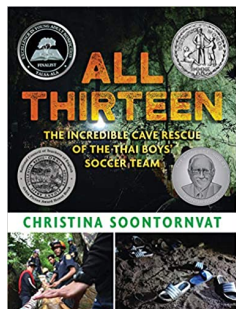
Nonfiction, Biography, & Memoir

***10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War* by Phillip Caputo**



Presents a collection of illustrated photographs and maps depicting the war in Vietnam from its beginning under French control to the fall of Saigon in 1975, and contains accounts from soldiers and civilians, profiles of those involved, and a look at the role of women on the battlefield.

***All Thirteen : The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat**

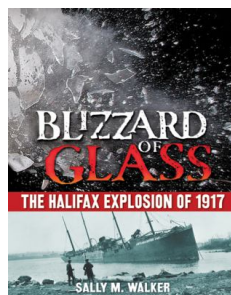


- On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure.

But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped. Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe. As the world sits vigil, people begin to wonder: how long can a group of ordinary kids survive in complete darkness, with no food or clean water? Luckily, the Wild Boars are a very extraordinary 'ordinary' group. Combining firsthand interviews of rescue workers with in-depth science and details of the region's culture and religion, author Christina Soontornvat--who was visiting

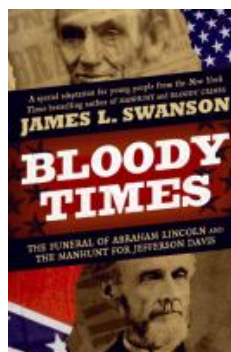
family in Northern Thailand when the Wild Boars went missing--masterfully shows how both the complex engineering operation above ground and the mental struggles of the thirteen young people below proved critical in the life-or-death mission.

***Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917* - Sally M. Walker**



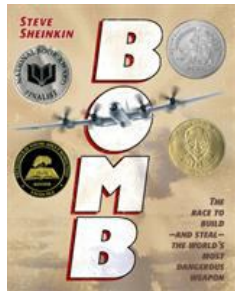
Provides an account of the disaster that occurred on December 6, 1917, when two ships carrying munitions and relief supplies to Europe collided, causing an explosion that leveled the towns of Halifax and Dartmouth and resulted in the deaths of nearly two thousand people.

***Bloody Times: The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Manhunt for Jefferson Davis* - James L. Swanson**



Discusses how Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederate States of America, was blamed for the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, and describes how the hunt for Davis continued even after Lincoln's body was put in its final resting place.

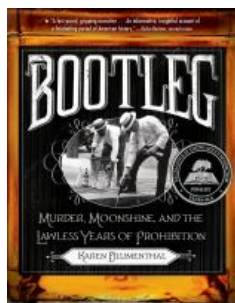
Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon



by Steve Sheinkin - In December of 1938, almost by accident, German chemist Otto Hahn experimented with uranium and found that its atoms split when put next to radioactive

material. When word got out, physicists and chemists across the United States, Great Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union raced to find a way to make a bomb by splitting the atom. The KGB installed their spies; physicists were hidden away in secret laboratories in deserts like Los Alamos; and the Allies began searching for and destroying German heavy-water manufacturing plants. Beginning with the tale of Harry Gold, a spy working for the Soviets, and bringing to life all the characters in the race to build the first atomic bomb.

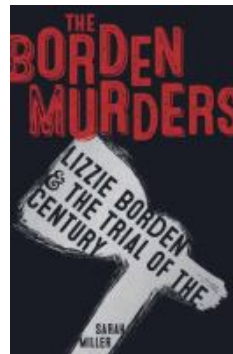
Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition



by Karen Blumenthal - Chronicles the era of Prohibition, revealing how the ban on the production and sale of alcohol sparked one of the most crime-filled eras in American history.

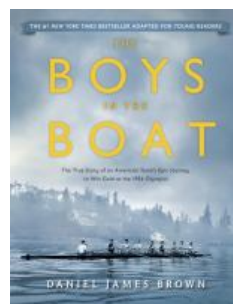
Spotlights some of the individuals whose lawlessness rose them to stardom in the eyes of many Americans and includes black-and-white photographs.

Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & the Trial of the Century



by Sarah Miller - Investigates the 1892 murders of Andrew Borden and his wife Abby, and the role their daughter, Lizzie, played in the deaths. Draws on period photographs, newspaper clippings, and an image from the crime scene.

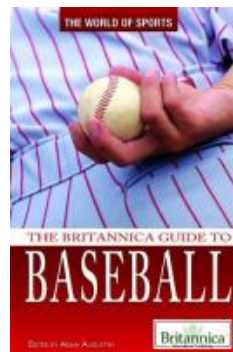
Boys on the Boat



by Gregory Mone - Explores the history of the American eight-man rowing team that went to the Berlin Olympics in 1936--a group of west coast boys with little to no experience in rowing--discussing the great odds they faced in becoming chosen to

represent their country over east coast teams, and the personal challenges each one of them faced during the Great Depression.

The Britannica Guide to Baseball



by Adam Augustyn - Traces the history of baseball, explores various aspects of the game, discusses both the American League and the National League, and profiles selected players.

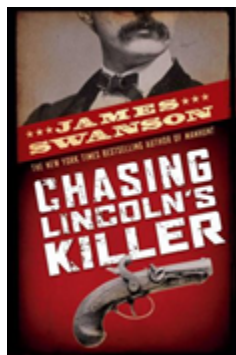
***Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson** - In his



meteoric, thirteen-year rise to fame, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a mass movement for Civil Rights -- with his relentless peaceful, non-violent protests, public demonstrations,

and eloquent speeches. But as violent threats cast a dark shadow over Dr. King's life, Swanson hones in on James Earl Ray, a bizarre, racist, prison escapee who tragically ends King's life.

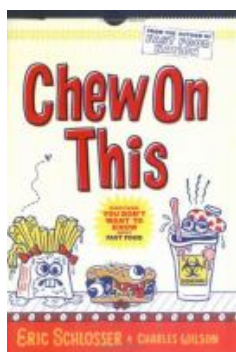
***Chasing Lincoln's Killer* - James L. Swanson** - Recounts the



twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on

those close to him.

***Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know about Fast Food* - Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson** - Kids love fast food. And the fast food industry definitely loves kids. It couldn't survive without them. Did you know that the biggest toy company in the world is



McDonald's? It's true. In fact, one out of every three toys given to a child in the United States each year is from a fast food restaurant. Not only has fast food reached into the toy industry, it's moving into our schools. One out of every five public schools in the United States now serves brand name fast food. But do kids know what they're eating? Where do fast food hamburgers come from? And what makes those fries taste so good?

***Dear Bully: 70 Authors Share Their Story* edited by Megan Kelly Hall** - Seventy authors describe their experiences with bullying, either as observers, victims, or perpetrators, and reveal how their experiences with bullying helped shape their literary careers and lives in



general.*

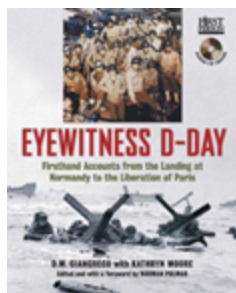
***A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968* - Diane McWhorter** - Examines the rise of the Civil Rights movement in America, the men and women whose lives made an impact in the



pursuit of social and political equality, and landmark Supreme Court cases that changed the fabric of American society in the mid-to-late twentieth century.

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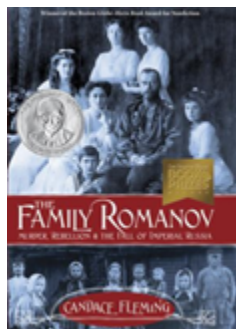
***Eyewitness D-Day: Firsthand Accounts from the Landing at Normandy to the Liberation of Paris* -**



D.M. Giangreco with Kathryn Moore - Eyewitness D-Day tells the epic tale of the invasion of Normandy by documenting the experiences of men and

women who were there, presenting their stories against the backdrop of World War II-era Europe.

***The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperialist Russia* by**



Candace Fleming - Here is the story of the last imperial family of Russia, the family of Tsar Nicholas II. The last tsar came to power in 1894 and was unprepared for it. Even with the German-born

Tsarina Alexandra by his side, Nicholas II could not prevent the rise of Lenin and the Russian Revolution. Author Fleming offers an in-depth look at the family life of the Romanovs, profiling Anastasia and their three other daughters, as well as their hemophiliac son and other key figures of the time, like Lenin and Rasputin.

***Farewell to Manzanar* - Jeanne Wakatsuki**



Houston & James D. Houston - Presents the author's first-person account of growing up in Manzanar, a World War II internment camp that was established in California whose purpose was to separate Japanese Americans from the general public.

Describes her fear and confusion as a child as well as the dignity and resourcefulness of her people in oppressive circumstances.

Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle



Fire and Its Legacy - Albert Marrin -

Provides a detailed account of the disastrous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, which

claimed the lives of 146 garment workers in 1911, and examines the impact of this event on the nation's working conditions and labor laws.

Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in



Mississippi by Susan Goldman Rubin - In the heat of the summer of 1964, racial tensions ran high as student volunteers from around the country recruited by Mississippi civil rights groups arrived in

communities to register voters, open Freedom schools, and stand up to segregation. During the first week of their efforts, three of the young civil rights

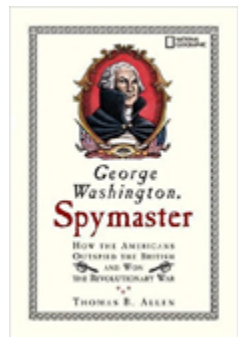
workers were viciously murdered by Klansmen, underscoring the horror and brutality that accompanied the pervasive racism broiling in the South.

***The Freedom Summer Murders* by Don Mitchell**



- Describes the 1964 murders of three young men by the Ku Klux Klan for helping black Americans vote in Mississippi, the FBI's investigation, and its aftermath. Includes black-and-white photographs and quotes.*

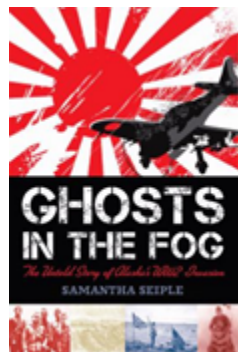
***George Washington, Spymaster: How the American Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War* - Thomas B. Allen**



- Examines how George Washington used espionage during the American Revolutionary War, discussing the Culper Ring, the Sons of Liberty, codes, ciphers,

and more.

***Ghosts in the Fog: The Untold Story of Alaska's WWII Invasion* - Samantha Seiple**



- A narrative, nonfiction account of the Japanese invasion and occupation of the Aleutian Islands during World War II, told from the perspectives of an American civilian and

soldiers from both sides of the conflict.

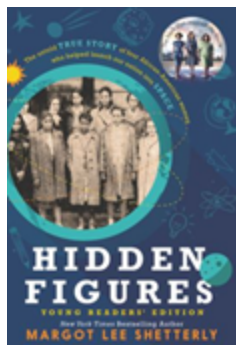
***Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union during the Civil War* - Thomas B. Allen**



- It's 1863. Harriet Tubman is facing one of the biggest--and most dangerous-- challenges of her life. She has survived her master's

lash, escaped from slavery, and risked her life countless times to lead runaway slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. Now she has a new role--that of Union spy! The outcome of a secret night raid deep into Confederate territory depends on the accuracy of the intelligence she and other black spies have gathered. Success will mean freedom for hundreds of slaves. Failure will mean death by hanging. You are about to enter the undercover world of African-American spies--enslaved and free--risking everything in the name of freedom. How were the Underground Railroad and slave songs used to pass secret messages? What were "contrabands" and "Black Dispatches?" What did Harriet have in common with the Secret Six and a maidservant in the home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis? You'll discover these answers and more as the action unfolds.

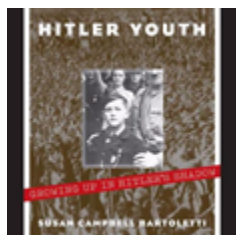
Hidden figures: the untold true story of four African-American women who helped launch our nation into space by Margot Lee Shetterly -



Explores the true story of four African American female mathematicians recruited by the U.S. government during World War II to work at the Langley Memorial

Aeronautical Laboratory. Their job involved being "human computers," using pencils, slide rulers, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would allow rockets and astronauts to be launched out of the atmosphere.

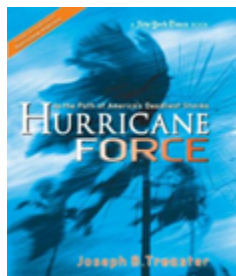
Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow - Susan Campbell Bartoletti -



By the time Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933, 3.5 million children belonged to the Hitler Youth. It would become

the largest youth group in history. Susan Campbell Bartoletti explores how Hitler gained the loyalty, trust, and passion of so many of Germany's young people. Her research includes telling interviews with surviving Hitler Youth members.

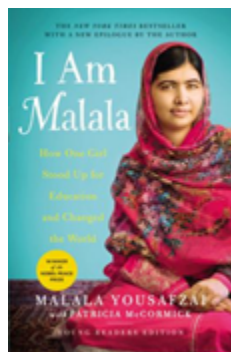
Hurricane Force: In the Path of America's Deadliest Storms -



Joseph B. Treaster - Describes how violent storms and hurricanes are formed and notes some of history's greatest storms to hit the

U.S. such as Hurricane Katrina.

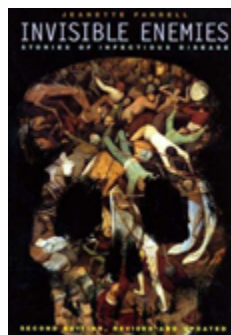
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition) by



Malala Yousafzai & Patricia McCormick - Describes the life of the young Pakistani student who advocated for women's rights and education in the Taliban-controlled Swat Valley, survived an

assassination attempt, and became the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

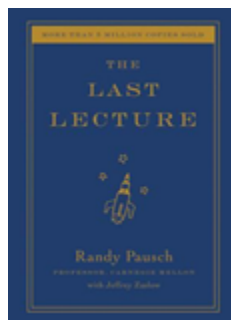
Invisible Enemies: Stories of Infectious Disease by Jeannette



Farrell - Farrell dives into the stories of smallpox, plague, tuberculosis, cholera, malaria and AIDS. A combination of storytelling and scientific explanation makes this a fascinating read for those curious

about the impact of the most deadly diseases in history.

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch -

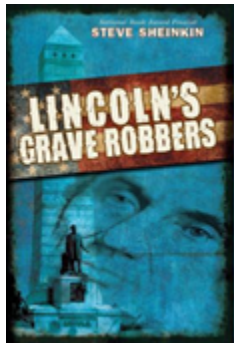


The author, a computer science professor diagnosed with terminal cancer, explores his life, the lessons that he has learned, how he has worked to achieve his childhood dreams, and the effect of his

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diagnosis on him and his family.

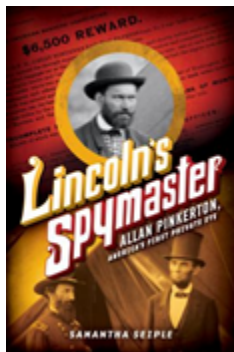
***Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve**



Sheinkin - In 1876, the body of Abraham Lincoln was almost stolen from the Lincoln Monument outside of Springfield, Illinois. Author Sheinkin illuminates this nearly disastrous moment in American history, creating a suspenseful

tale that will capture readers' attention from beginning to end. James Kennally, leader of a large Midwestern counterfeiting ring, plotted to steal the president's corpse and hold it for ransom - not only for easy cash, but in order to secure the release of a jailed engraver that would ensure the continued success of his counterfeit production.

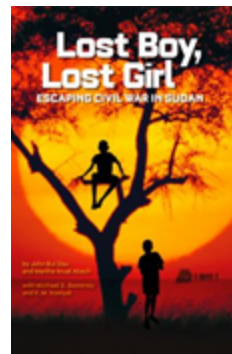
***Lincoln's Spymaster: Allan Pinkerton, America's First Private Eye* by Samantha Seiple**



Allan Pinkerton was working as a barrel maker in Illinois when he took on his first case as a private eye. Before long, he had opened the first ever private detective agency and had his own assembly of undercover agents. Soon

the team was fighting outlaws and uncovering plots to assassinate President Lincoln. Pinkerton's work laid the groundwork for America's future Secret Service.

***Lost Boy, Lost Girl: Escaping Civil War in Sudan* - John Bul Dau**



& Martha Arual Akech - In alternating chapters John Bul Dau and his wife Martha Arual Akech tell of their African Childhoods and show African life and values at their best, at the same time providing searing accounts of the hardship, famine, and war they and their people faced during civil war in Sudan.

***March: Volume I* by John Lewis**



- Presents a graphic novel featuring the true story of Congressman John Lewis, who was a founder of the Nashville Student Movement and participated in the 1960s with the march on Washington in the civil rights movement.*

***Music Was IT: Young Leonard Bernstein* - Susan Goldman Rubin**



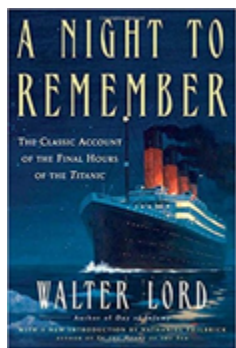
- Beginning with Lenny's childhood in Boston and ending with his triumphant conducting debut at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic when he was just twenty-five, *Music Was IT* draws readers into the energetic, passionate, challenging music-filled life of young Leonard Bernstein.

***The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi* by Neal Bascomb**



Recounts how, sixteen years after the end of World War II, a team of undercover Israeli agents captured the Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, in a remote area of Argentina and brought him to trial in Israel for crimes committed during the Holocaust.

***A Night to Remember* - Walter Lord**



Provides an account of the sinking of the "Titanic," a reputedly unsinkable ship that went down in the Atlantic on April 10, 1912 after hitting an iceberg, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people.

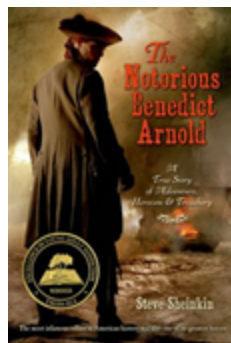
***No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* by Jordan Romero & Linda Leblanc**



Presents the story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of thirteen became the youngest person to reach the summit of Mount Everest, and at age fifteen, had reached the summits of the world's seven highest mountains.

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***The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery* - Steve Sheinkin**



Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest war heroes. This accessible biography introduces

young readers to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale.

***Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek* by Maya Van Wagenen**



Maya Van Wagenen is not popular—in fact, her biggest aspiration is to be invisible to other students, in the hope of avoiding their relentless teasing. But just before Maya starts eighth grade, she finds a 1950s

popularity guide written by a former teen model and decides to follow it in an effort to raise her social status. Thinking it will be an interesting writing experiment, if nothing else, Maya devotes a month to each chapter, humorously chronicling her successes and mishaps as she familiarizes herself with Vaseline eye treatments, girdles, and clique-defying lunchroom behavior.

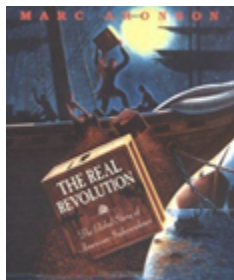
***The President Has Been Shot!: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy* by James L. Swanson**



- Exploring the days prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and its immediate aftermath, Swanson surveys a period of American history that would transform the nation forever. The book begins

with a brief discussion of Kennedy's early political career and election to the presidency before diving into that fateful day on November 22, 1963, when he was fatally shot. Swanson presents both Oswald's and Kennedy's points of view as the pages lead up to the last moments of Kennedy's life. Throughout, commentary on this event and its fallout reveal not only how the assassination was investigated, but how Kennedy's death transformed the American political landscape.

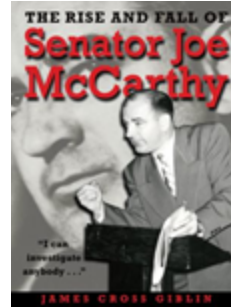
The Real Revolution: The Global Story of American



Independence by Marc Aronson - Why did the American Revolution take place? It was about more than the dates and details we all know: war elephants charging a fort in India and high-stakes gambles of bankers in

Scotland, among other events, also played a part in the "real revolution" in the minds of the entire population of what would become the United States.

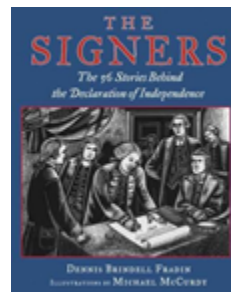
***The Rise and Fall of Senator Joe McCarthy* by James Cross Giblin**



- In this "masterful chronicle of one of 20th-century America's most catastrophically influential figures" (KIRK), readers are able to explore the life of Joe McCarthy, who

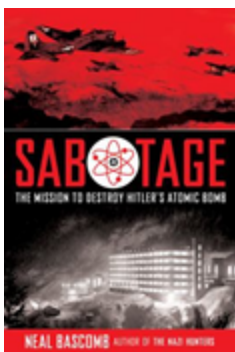
conducted an anti-Communist crusade that was endorsed by millions of Americans during the Cold War. Highlighting his use of unfair and unconstitutional methods, the text exposes McCarthy as a man whose priorities centered on power and media attention and who stopped at nothing to obtain both. Unstoppable due to the fact that most were too fearful to oppose him, McCarthy was able to usher in an era of needless fear and paranoia still felt in America today.

***The Signers: The 56 Stories behind the Declaration of Independence* by Dennis Brindell Fradin**



- Profiles each of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence, giving historical information about the colonies they represented.

Sabotage: The Mission to Destroy Hitler's

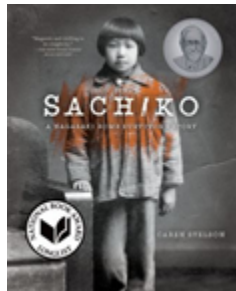


***Atomic Bomb: Young Adult Edition* by Neal Bascomb** - Details the mission of young Norwegian

commandos to destroy Vemork, an industrial fortress that was occupied by German troops during World War II through which

they gained access to an essential ingredient for the weapon that could end the war: Hitler's very own nuclear bomb. Armed with little more than skis, explosives, and great courage, the commandos will survive months in the snowy wilderness, elude a huge manhunt, and execute two dangerous missions. The result? The greatest act of sabotage in all of World War II.

Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's

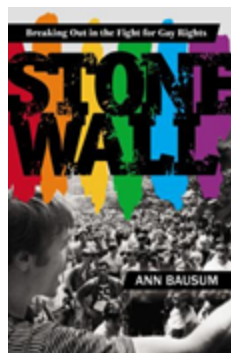


***Story* by Careen Stelson** - Through

extensive personal interviews with Sachiko Yasui, who was six-years-old when an atomic bomb struck her hometown of Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945, author Stelson

shares a narrative nonfiction account of the heartbreaking aftermath of that day. From the horrific effects of radiation sickness suffered by all who survived, to Yasui's dedication to education and peace, Stelson captures the plight of Yasui's family and other survivors as they resolve to carry on despite the terrible loss and trauma that followed them for the rest of their lives.

Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight for



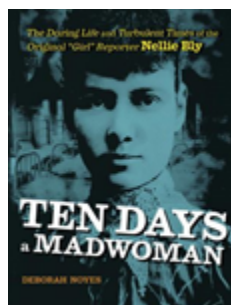
***Gay Rights* by Ann Bausam** - In the late

1960s, when being gay was a crime in the United States,

homosexual men sought haven at the Stonewall Inn, a bar in Greenwich Village run by the Mafia that was one of the few safe places for gays to openly socialize. By

1969, frequent raids on gay bars followed a predictable pattern—cops would show up, roust the customers, and everyone would go home, except for a few unlucky arrestees. But one hot June night, the crowd at Stonewall refused to leave, resulting in a riot that gained national attention and served as an important catalyst in the fight for gay rights in America.*

Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of



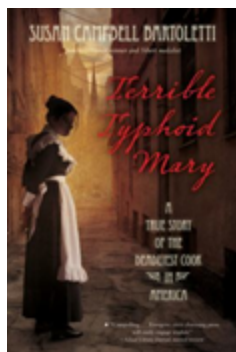
***the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly* by**

Deborah Noyes - In an era when women

journalists were typically assigned stories about household duties, Nellie Bly was a pioneer of investigative journalism. Author

Noyes combines passages from newspaper articles and archival photographs with narrative to highlight Bly's accomplishments and journalistic capers, including the 10 days she spent as a patient at the New York City Lunatic Asylum and the exposé she wrote as a result of her time there.

***Terrible Typhoid Mary* by Susan Campbell**



Bartoletti - Little did young Irish immigrant Mary Mallon know when she set foot on American soil in 1883 at the age of 15, she would become one of the most dangerous women in the nation's history. The woman who would become known as

Typhoid Mary is alleged to have infected over 50 people with the deadly disease in the course of her career as a cook. Previous biographies have emphasized Mallon's ignorance of her role as a carrier and her refusal to stop working despite being repeatedly quarantined, but author Bartoletti's well-researched biography plumbs new depths in Mallon's life, considering what her experiences reveal about human rights, the science of pathology, and the immigrant experience.

This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration

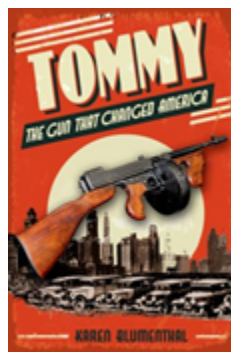


by Linda Barrett Osborne - It is true that America would not exist as it is today without immigrants, but that fact doesn't prevent there from being varied and often opposing attitudes towards immigration

among U.S. citizens. Depending on prevailing economic conditions, feelings about ethnicity, and agitation toward foreign political and labor influences, some American generations can be actively against immigration. With this title, author Osborne explores the history of U.S. government policy and popular responses to

different groups of immigrants, specifically between 1800 and 1965. She also offers a summary of events leading up to the present day, with illegal immigration being a hot-button issue.

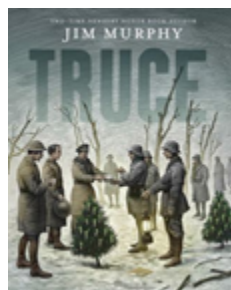
***Tommy: The Gun That Changed America* by Karen Blumenthal**



When John Taliaferro Thompson set out to invent a fast-firing, easy-to-carry submachine gun, he was hoping to equip the U.S. military with a weapon that would aid them on the battlefield. Instead, Thompson's creation

empowered a generation of dangerous outlaws and became a fearsome icon of American violence. This engrossing book by critically acclaimed author Blumenthal traces the history of this famous and controversial weapon, chronicling its origins, the lives it changed, and the debates it continues to raise.

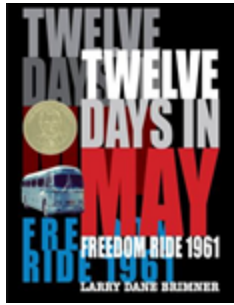
***Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting* by Jim**



Murphy - Depicts the first-hand experience by officers and soldiers on both sides during World War I when a ceasefire was declared on Christmas Day in No Man's Land on the Western front. Describes

the camaraderie, the shared songs, gifts, and celebrations and the realization by both the Germans and the Allies that it was an extraordinary event. Includes amateur photos of the soldiers in the field, a time line, and an index.

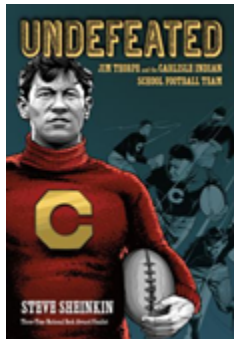
Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961



by **Larry Dane Brimner** - The story of the Freedom Riders, who boarded buses in Washington, D.C., for New Orleans, Louisiana, as a way to draw attention to the lack of enforcement of the laws prohibiting segregation

on buses crossing state lines and at bus stations.

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by **Steve Sheinkin**



Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team is an astonishing underdog sports story—and more. It's an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of

Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures. Expertly told by three-time National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin, it's the story of a group of young men who came together at that school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

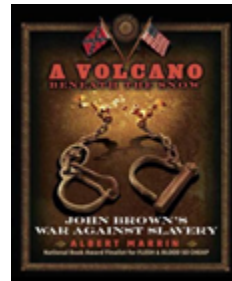
Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers



by The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend; Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything,

swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions. Meticulously researched, drawing on the 658 letters Vincent wrote to Theo during his lifetime, Deborah Heiligman weaves a tale of two lives intertwined and the extraordinary love of the Van Gogh brothers.* (Miss Thornbery's note: This book is phenomenal).

A Volcano Beneath the Snow: John Brown's War against Slavery by **Albert Marrin**

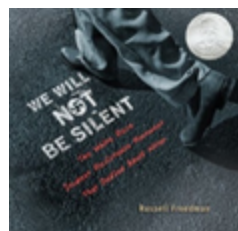


- Describes John Brown's life and controversial efforts to abolish slavery. Discusses his family, his radical work with abolitionists, the uprising at Harper's

Ferry, and his trial and hanging. Also examines other events through the eyes of John Brown such as the civil rights movement and September 11th. Includes excerpts from writings, and archival photographs, maps, and documents.

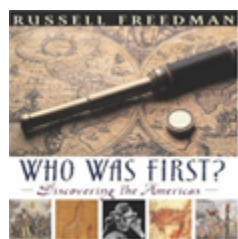
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***We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler* by Russell Freedman**



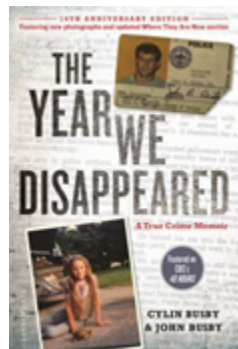
The White Rose was a group of students in Nazi Germany, appalled by Adolf Hitler's mass slaughter of German citizens and determined to resist his regime at any cost. They formed the White Rose to spread the message of resistance all across Germany, and wrote and distributed leaflets at the risk of their own lives.

***Who Was First?: Discovering the Americas* by Russell Freedman**



Was Christopher Columbus the first person to discover the Americas? This expertly researched book traces the history of human presence in the Americas, touching on Columbus, Zheng He, Leif Eriksson, the Aztecs, the Incas and the Mayas. Freedman engages young readers with color photographs, full-page maps, and reproductions of engravings and artifacts. A fascinating look at critical history.

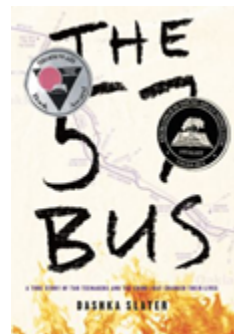
***The Year We Disappeared: A Father - Daughter Memoir* by Cylin & John Busby**



Massachusetts police officer John Busby and his daughter Cylin describe the night John was shot and the circumstances surrounding the family's secret relocation. In alternating voices, the

pair explains the effect the shooting had on everyone in the family.*

***The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater**



If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.*

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Realistic Fiction

13 Gifts by Wendy Mass - Shortly before her thirteenth birthday, shy and withdrawn Tara is sent to stay with her aunt, uncle, and cousin in her parents' hometown of Willow Falls, where she makes friends and becomes involved with an elderly buyer and seller of collectibles, who seems

to be trying to give Tara some kind of mysterious message.

After by Amy Efaw - Laying on her living room sofa, lost in the world of daytime TV, 15-year-old Devon Davenport has no idea that her world is about to implode on itself. While investigating a case of a baby left in a dumpster, the police find Devon at home sick from school.

It quickly becomes apparent that the baby is Devon's, landing her a label as an attempted murderer. From there, Devon becomes caught in a world of courtroom proceedings and discussions with her attorney, during which she overcomes her deep-seated denial and realizes that she was pregnant and did in fact give birth to a child.*



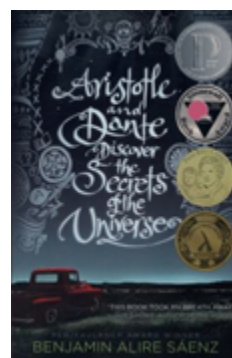
Angus, Thongs, & Full-Frontal Snoggings by Louise Rennison -



Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of

handsome hunk Robbie.

Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz - Fifteen-year-old



Aristotle "Ari" Mendoza, a loner with a chip on his shoulder, unexpectedly finds a friend in artistic Dante Quintana, a local teen from a different school who helps Ari learn to swim and open up about

his life. As the boys spend their summer exploring El Paso, swimming, laughing and sharing secrets, Ari begins to think differently about his own family, including his incarcerated older brother. Meanwhile, Dante's feelings for Ari soon develop into something more. Just as the summer comes to an end, an accident occurs, Ari is injured and questions need answers.*

***The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier -**



A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.*

their dad's footsteps and go pro, but with their father's deteriorating health, and the presence of a polarizing new girl at school, the future is anything but certain.

***Cut* by Patricia McCormick -**



While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation, and gradually starts to get better.*

***Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer -**



Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they make there.

***Dairy Queen* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock -**



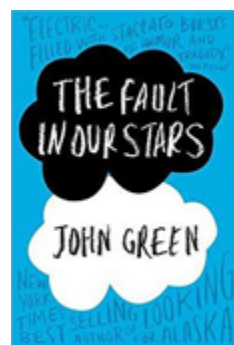
After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.*

***The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander -**



Josh Bell and his twin brother Jordan are stars on their high school basketball team, taught by their father, a professional player in Europe before his health forced him to quit. Josh is better known by his nickname, Filthy McNasty, because he has mad ball skills and mad beats, too, making up rhymes even while he is dribbling past some unsuspecting guard. Josh has always assumed that he and Jordan would follow in

***The Fault in Our Stars* by John Greene -**



Having been diagnosed as a terminal cancer patient, 16-year-old Hazel Lancaster is living on borrowed time. While attending a group therapy session for teens living with cancer, Hazel spies Augustus "Gus" Waters looking at her from across the room;

when he asks her over, the two form an immediate connection that gives new meaning to their ever-shortening lives. From an overseas trip to Amsterdam to learning about the other's favorite type of novel, Hazel and Gus embark on a journey of self-discovery that allows them to come to terms with the nature of their illness and the inevitability of death – together.*

***Finding Mr. Brightside* by Jay Clark** - All their lives, Abram and Juliette have lived down the street from each other, but that doesn't mean they have ever really known each other. When Juliette's mom and Abram's dad have an affair that ends in a car crash, Abram and Juliette separately decide they will never talk to each other. Then one day a year later, Abram runs into Juliette at the local CVS--and their own love story begins.*

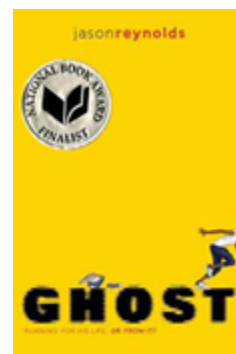


***Fish in a Tree* by Linda Mullaly Hunt** - Sixth-grader Ally Nickerson has managed to keep her inability to read a secret from her teachers and classmates at seven different schools in seven years. But keeping her secret takes a big toll on Ally's reputation, requiring her to constantly create disruptions in the classroom to distract her teachers from her debilitating dyslexia. It is not until a new teacher, Mr. Daniels, realizes that the bright but disruptive Ally is unable to read that Ally is offered a chance to



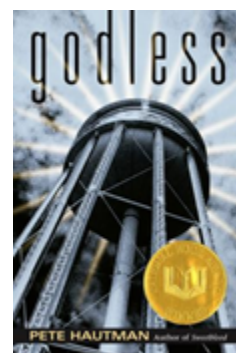
finally realize her potential. Slowly, her confidence grows as she begins to learn to read with Mr. Daniel's help, and new possibilities open in her life.

***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds** - If they can get their acts together, Ghost, Lu, Patina, and Sunny—four kids with widely different backgrounds and explosive personalities—could potentially become their middle school track team's elite squad, and maybe even qualify for the Junior Olympics.



Ghost has outstanding natural talent, but no formal training, and his discipline is lacking ever since his father chased him and his mother out of the house. He will have to do everything he can to stay on track, physically and figuratively, to be the best sprinter in the city.

***Godless* by Pete Hautman** - When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.



***The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson -**



Emotionally crippled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew Corbin rarely leaves his room on a cul-de-sac in London, and he passes the day observing and writing down his neighbors' doings from his window--but when a

toddler staying next door disappears Matt is the key to solving a mystery and possibly saving a child's life...if he can manage to expose himself, and his secret guilt to the outside world.

***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas -**



Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal

shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does-or does not-say

could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.*

***Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly -**



When Chet "the Bull" Bullens pulls an unthinkable prank on shy, misunderstood Virgil, which also affects Gulliver--Virgil's pet hamster--Valencia Somerset and Kaori Tanaka find their lives and Virgil's and Chet's colliding in surprising ways.

***Hold Me Like a Breath* by Tiffany Schmidt -**



Penny Landlow, seventeen, the overprotected daughter of a powerful crime family, has rarely left the family estate due to a blood disorder, but when tragedy strikes and she is left alone in New York City, she must prove she is not as fragile as everyone believes.*

***Hope Was Here* – Joan Bauer -**



When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

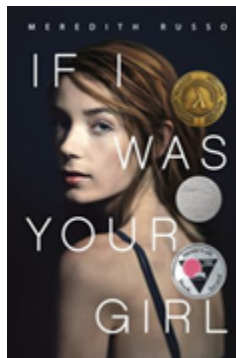
***I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President* by Josh Lieb**



- Oliver Watson, an overweight 12-year-old, fools everyone into thinking that he is a dumb middle schooler when really he is an evil genius and a billionaire. He secretly overthrows foreign dictators (in order to rule the world)

and runs a successful corporation from a secret lair beneath his bedroom. Oliver is aided by spies, bodyguards, and a token adult to run his company and the best in technological gadgets. He is content to use his wealth and IQ to torture teachers and classmates, until the day his dad mentions the upcoming class election, and Oliver takes it as a personal challenge. How can an evil genius get kids to like him? (One of Miss Thornbery's favorites)

***If I Was Your Girl* by Meredith Russo**



Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.*

***If You're Reading This* by Trent Reedy**



High school student Mike Wilson has been struggling to be the man of the family for his mother and his younger sister Mary ever since Mike's father, a soldier, was killed in mysterious circumstances in Afghanistan when Mike was seven. But when Mike turns sixteen, he

begins receiving letters from his father, written while his father was still alive and arranged to be sent to Mike when he turned sixteen. The letters provide wisdom and encouragement, and prompt Mike to begin living fully, as well as to discover who is sending the letters and how his father actually died.

***The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson**



- Seventeen-year-old Hayley Kincaid has been through a lot in her young life. Her mother died when she was little, and her father, Andy, is an Iraq War veteran with severe PTSD. They have moved from place to place in an old 18-wheeler for their

home, but now they have come back to Andy's hometown so Hayley can go to school, and maybe have a normal life. When Finn, a hot guy in town, begins showing her attention, Hayley wonders what dating him would be like--but her father's unpredictable behavior may keep any relationship from beginning.*

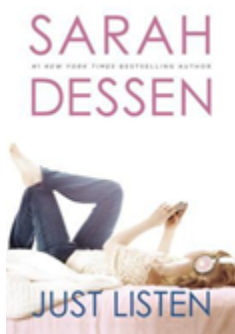
***In the Shadow of the Sun* by Anne Sibley O'Brien**



North Korea is known as the most repressive country on Earth, with a dictatorial leader, a starving population, and harsh punishment for rebellion. Not the best place for a family vacation. Yet that's exactly where Mia Andrews finds herself,

on a tour with her aid-worker father and fractious older brother, Simon. Mia was adopted from South Korea as a baby, and the trip raises tough questions about where she really belongs. Then her dad is arrested for spying, just as forbidden photographs of North Korean slave-labor camps fall into Mia's hands. The only way to save Dad: get the pictures out of the country. Thus Mia and Simon set off on a harrowing journey to the border, without food, money, or shelter, in a land where anyone who sees them might turn them in, and getting caught could mean prison -- or worse.

***Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen**



Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old

Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the

end-of-the-year party that changed her life.*

***Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart**



Lily is a young transgender girl, in the body of a boy, who is in the eighth grade. Dunkin is a young boy in her class with bipolar disorder. Both know what it is like to be different, but for Dunkin, who has just moved to Lily's school, things are a bit more painful because Dunkin

harbors deep secrets that even he can't face. When Lily and Dunkin meet, they slowly become friends, even though Dunkin at first tries to fit in with a popular but bullying crowd, and Lily faces challenges of her own from her friends and family when she "comes out."*

***Lock and Key* by Sarah Dessen**



When Ruby's mother abandons her, she is forced to live with her sister, Cora, whom she has not spoken to for a decade. Ruby, 17, attempts to run away the first night, but then decides to wait until she is 18 and can live on her own. Ruby struggles with the

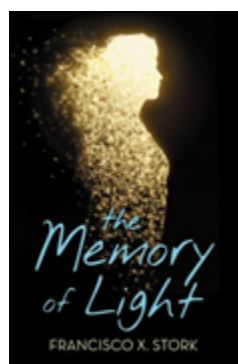
transition from a farmhouse to a gated community, where her new school is full of rich kids. Eventually, she makes friends, enjoys a relationship with the next-door neighbor, Nate, and realizes her sister is more loyal than her mother made it seem. Readers will enjoy the natural dialogue between Cora and Ruby and relate to Ruby's struggles with change. *

***Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds**

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.*

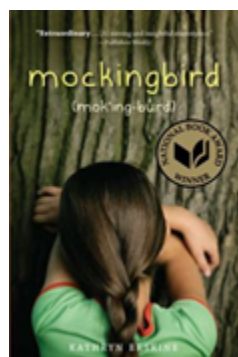
***Monster* by Walter Dean Myers**

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.*

***The Memory of Light* by Francisco D. Stork**

After attempting suicide, Vicky joins Mona, Gabriel, E.M., and their therapist at Lakeview Hospital. There, she develops deep friendships, works to understand her depression, and discovers unrealized strengths. Will the moments of hope and

light be enough to help her through her return home and the crises her friends face?*

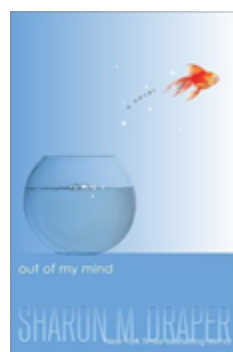
***Mockingbird* by Katherine Erskine**

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

***Need* by Joelle Charbonneau**

When her classmates begin using a new social network that promises to give them the things they think they need in exchange for seemingly harmless tasks, 16-year-old Kaylee Dunham is suspicious of the site. Eventually Kaylee's best friend Nate convinces

her to join, and she soon realizes that the kidney she requested for her little brother comes at a greater cost than she ever imagined. And when students begin turning up dead, Kaylee sets out to uncover the sinister forces behind the site.*

***Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper**

Draper's daughter Wendy has cerebral palsy, and from that experience Draper crafted the story of fifth-grader Melody who cannot speak, walk, or care for herself because of her cerebral palsy. However, Melody's

brain is sharp and trapped in a body that will not respond to her mental commands. Melody narrates how frustrating it is to be unable to communicate and what it's like to endure bathroom issues, unattractive clothes and the thoughtlessness of children and adults alike. But despite all of her challenges, it is Melody's spirit and intelligence that readers will remember.

***Payback Time* by Carl Deuker** - Upset with



his most recent assignment as a sports reporter, Mitch True decides to make the most of it and keeps a watchful eye on his high school's football team. Things get interesting when Mitch quickly notices that the team's coach keeps a new student named Angel, whose skills on the field are nearly unmatched, on the bench until late in each game. Curious as to why (and hoping he has uncovered a real cheating scandal to lock onto), Mitch begins digging into Angel's past and uncovers far more than he hoped to, launching a series of events that place him in a very precarious position. *

***Pax* by Sara Pennypacker** - When Pax the



fox was an orphaned kit, the human boy Peter found him on the same day of his mother's funeral. Ever since then, the two have been inseparable. Now the two must part: An ever nearing war forces Peter's father to enlist in the army, and Peter must

move hundreds of miles away to live with his grandfather, leaving Pax behind. Eventually, Peter can't take it anymore. He strikes out on his own, walking to the spot where he left Pax. Meanwhile, Pax embarks on a journey of his own.

***Peak* by Roland Smith** - When 14-year-old



Peak Marcello is caught climbing the Woolworth Building in New York City, his famous mountaineer father negotiates his sentence with the judge, pledging to whisk the boy out of the country long enough to forget the incident. However, Peak soon discovers that his dad, driven by selfish motives, has brought him to Thailand to climb Mt. Everest. Confronted with the relationship with his dad and an opportunity to be the youngest person to climb the mountain, Peak opts to climb despite the obstacles he faces.

***Peeled* by Joan Bauer** - High school



student Hildy Biddle considers herself a competent journalist following in the footsteps of her recently deceased father, a newspaperman. Working for her school newspaper, The Core, Hildy is assigned to investigate spooky happenings at the abandoned Ludlow place in town. When a dead body turns up on the property, the town's newspaper editor sensationalizes the story, causing widespread panic. Hildy,

determined to uncover the truth, discovers a plot by developers to turn the quiet, apple-growing town into a gaudy tourist trap. Soon the principal shuts down the school's paper, so Hildy and her friends create their own underground press called The Peel to get the truth out and save their beloved town.

Posted by John David Anderson - In middle school, words aren't just words. They can be weapons. They can be gifts. The right words can win you friends or make you enemies. They can come back to haunt you. Sometimes they can change things forever.



When cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, Frost and his friends Deedee, Wolf, and Bench come up with a new way to communicate: leaving sticky notes for each other all around the school. It catches on, and soon all the kids in school are leaving notes; though for every kind and friendly one, there is a cutting and cruel one as well. In the middle of this, a new girl named Rose arrives at school and sits at Frost's lunch table. Rose is not like anyone else at Branton Middle School, and it's clear that the close circle of friends Frost has made for himself won't easily hold another. As the sticky-note war escalates, and the pressure to choose sides mounts, Frost soon realizes that after this year, nothing will ever be the same.

Purple Heart – **Patricia McCormick** -

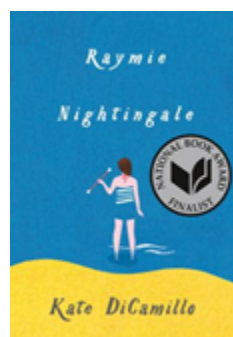


While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, eighteen-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten-year-old friend, Ali.*

QB 1 by Mike Lupica - Jake Cullen, fourteen, lives in the shadows of his father and older brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team and finally has his chance to shine.*



Raymie Nightingale by **Kate DiCamillo** -



After her father runs off with a dental hygienist, Raymie Clarke decides it is up to her to repair her family. She plans to win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, get her picture in the paper, and wait for her father to see it and come running

home. However, Raymie has competition at the competition—there is fiery Beverly Tapinski, who seems to want to sabotage the contest, and Louisiana Elefante, who claims to be from the famous Flying Elefante family. All of the girls want to win the

pageant for different reasons, and none ever imagined they would become friends.

***Silence Is Goldfish* by Annabel Pitcher -**



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After learning the truth about her family—that the man she thought was her father is really her stepfather—15-year-old Tess is so shocked and angry that she loses the ability to speak. Needing to figure out who her true father is, for the sake of her sanity and in the hopes of shocking her brain out of its psychological muteness, Tess begins her search. But what will happen if she finds her biological father? Could the secret ruin other people's lives, too? Can Tess do that to someone else?

***Shark Girl* by Kelly Bingham -**



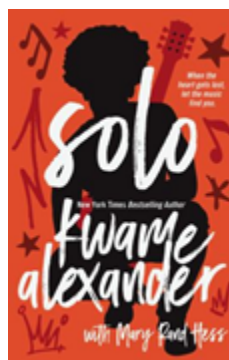
Jane's normal teenage life comes to an end after she loses her arm in a shark attack in this realistic story that Publishers Weekly calls “powerful without being maudlin or preachy.” After the brutal attack, Jane is the subject of whispered conversations in the school hallways, and the looks sent her way are a mixture of pity and curiosity. The phone calls from the media seem never-ending. Even more distressing than the physical and social impact is the sense that she's lost her identity. Jane, a character that will resonate with teen readers, handles the challenges of her disability with admirable determination.

***Sold* by Patricia McCormick -**



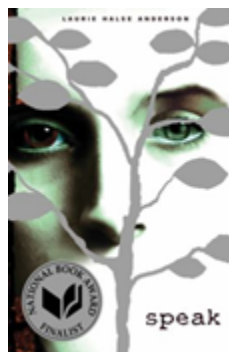
Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.*

***Solo* by Kwame Alexander -**



Seventeen-year-old Blade, who endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past to navigate the challenges of his former rock star father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.

***Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson -**



A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.*

***Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon Draper** - The



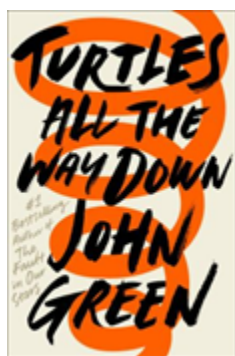
death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

***The Thing about Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin**



- Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

***Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green** -

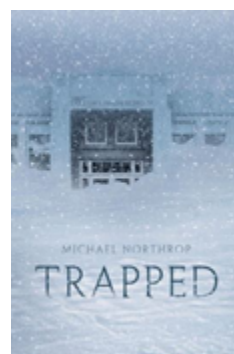


Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad

divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend,

a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.*

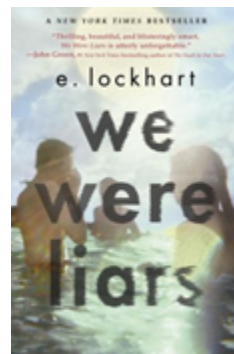
***Trapped* by Michael Northrup** - At first,



Scotty, Pete, Jason, and the four other high schoolers last to leave the building on the day of the blizzard think that spending the night trapped in school might not be so bad. Scotty and his friends particularly like the idea of sleeping relatively near the hot girls Krista and Julie.

However, the blizzard is stronger than any of them expect, and as power and heat fail one by one and the days lengthen on, the teens will have to make some hard decisions to stay alive.

***We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart** - Cadence



Sinclair Eastman, along with her cousins Mirren and Johnny, and her aunt's longtime boyfriend's nephew Gat Patil, are the Liars. They are the third generation growing up in the privileged family of Harris Sinclair, the grandfather from whom all the wealth comes,

including Beechwood Island off the coast of Cape Cod. It is Cadence's 17th summer on the isle, and she has just returned after two years of recovering from an accident which left her with chronic migraines and memory loss. Which is just as well, because her family refuses to talk about her accident, and the secret that Cadence slowly remembers

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throughout the course of “summer 17” on Beechwood is horrific. *

***Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson -**



This novel provides a sobering and honest look at anorexia through the eyes of Lia and her best friend, Cassie, who competitively struggled for years to be the "thinnest." When Cassie dies because of her eating disorder, Lia's physical and mental condition gradually worsen until she almost dies herself. Frequently haunted by Cassie's ghost (who tries to get her to succumb to anorexia), Lia becomes trapped between life and death and refuses to see that others are trying to help her. "Wintergirls" is a must-read because of its accurate portrayal of this difficult-to-treat disorder.*

***Wonder* by R.J. Palacio -**



Born with facial defects, Auggie Pullman has had 27 surgeries to correct the problems but still looks vastly different from other children. As such, his parents have homeschooled him his entire life; now, Auggie is ready to begin fifth grade at Beecher Prep. Although Auggie's

father feels that sending him out into the real world is tantamount to bringing “a lamb to the slaughter,” Auggie holds his head up high and allows his smart, funny, and brave personality to lead the way. By dividing the narrative among Auggie, his parents, and his peers, author Palacio provides additional perspective on the story, revealing how this transition affects not only Auggie but those around him as well.