

YOUNG ADULT FICTION CORE COLLECTION

THIRD EDITION

50 Cent (Musician), 1975-

Playground; with Aura Moser. Razorbill 2011
314p \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Bullies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59514-434-8; 1-59514-434-X

Thirteen-year-old Butterball doesn't have much going for him. He's teased about his weight. He hates the Long Island suburb his mom moved them to so she could go to nursing school and start her life over. He wishes he still lived with his dad in New York City where there's always something happening, even if his dad doesn't have much time for him. Still, that's not why he beat up Maurice on the playground.

"Readers who were ever confused about having a gay parent, or being overweight, or going through a parental breakup, or just wanting to fit in and be accepted by their peers, will relate to Butterball. 50 Cent's debut young adult novel is a quick read that will be great for discussions on a variety of important and timely topics." Voice Youth Advocates

Abawi, Atia

★ **A land** of permanent goodbyes. Atia Abawi. Philomel Books 2018 279 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. IS (Organization) -- Fiction; 2. Bombings -- Fiction; 3. Family life -- Syria -- Fiction; 4. Muslims -- Fiction; 5. Refugees -- Fiction; 6. Syria -- Fiction

9780399546839, \$17.99; 9780399546846

LC 2017021847

In this novel, by Atia Abawi, "in a country ripped apart by war, Tareq lives with his...family...until the bombs strike. His city is in ruins. His life is destroyed.... In the wake of destruction, he's threatened by Daesh fighters and witnesses a public beheading.... As they travel as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn, Tareq must find the resilience and courage to complete his harrowing journey." (Publisher's note)

"A heartbreaking, haunting, and necessary story that offers hope while laying bare the bleakness of the world Tareq leaves and the new one he seeks to join." Kirkus

Abdel-Fattah, Randa

★ **Does** my head look big in this? Orchard Books 2007 360p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. School stories 2. Muslims -- Fiction 3. Australia -- Fiction 4. Clothing and dress -- Fiction

ISBN 0-439-91947-9; 978-0-439-91947-0

LC 2006-29117

Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith—without losing her identity or sense of style. "Grades seven to ten." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"While the novel deals with a number of serious issues, it is extremely funny and entertaining." SLJ

The **lines** we cross. Randa Abdel-Fattah. Scholastic Press 2017 393 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Emigration and immigration -- Fiction; 2. Ethnic relations -- Fiction; 3. Families -- Australia -- Fiction; 4. Family life -- Australia -- Fiction; 5. Interpersonal attraction -- Fiction; 6. Love -- Fiction; 7. Muslim families -- Australia -- Fiction; 8. Muslims -- Australia -- Fiction; 9. Refugees -- Australia -- Fiction; 10. Refugees -- Fiction; 11. Australia -- Ethnic relations -- Fiction; 12. Australia -- Fiction; 13. Australia -- Politics and government -- 21st century -- Juvenile literature; 14. Immigration and emigration -- Fiction

9781338118667, \$18.99; 9781338118674

LC 2016040576

In this book, by Randa Abdel-Fattah, "Michael likes to hang out with his friends and play with the latest graphic design software. His parents drag him to rallies held by their anti-immigrant group, which rails against the tide of refugees flooding the country. And it all makes sense to Michael. Until Mina, a beautiful girl from the other side of the protest lines, shows up at his school, and turns out to be funny, smart -- and a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan." (Publisher's note)

"An engaging romance within a compelling exploration of the sharply opposing beliefs that tear people apart, and how those beliefs can be transformed through human relationships." Pub Wkly

First published 2016 in Pan by Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd... Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Abrahams, Peter

Reality check. HarperTeen 2009 330p \$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89; pa \$8.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. School stories 2. Gambling -- Fiction 3. Social classes -- Fiction 4. Missing persons -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-122766-0; 0-06-122766-8; 978-0-06-122767-7 lib bdg; 0-06-122767-6 lib bdg; 978-0-06-122768-4 pa; 0-06-122768-4 pa

LC 2008-22593

After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his

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small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.

"Abrahams writes a fine thriller that is pitched to attract everyone from reluctant readers to sports fans to romantic idealists." Voice Youth Advocates

Acevedo, Elizabeth, ca. 1988-

★ **The poet X:** a novel. Elizabeth Acevedo. HarperTeen 2018 361 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Adolescence -- Fiction; 2. Dominican Americans -- Fiction; 3. High school students -- Fiction; 4. Interpersonal relations -- Fiction; 5. Poetry slams -- Fiction; 6. Poets -- Fiction; 7. Schools -- Fiction; 8. Self-esteem -- Fiction; 9. Teenage girls -- Fiction; 10. Harlem (New York, N.Y.) -- Fiction; 11. Teenage girls -- Fiction; 12. Bildungsromans

ISBN 9780062662828; 9780062662804, \$17.99

LC 2017943585

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award: Fiction and Poetry (2018); National Book Award: Young People's Literature (2018); Kirkus Prize Finalist: Young Readers' Literature (2018)

In this novel, by Elizabeth Acevedo, "Xiomara...feels unheard and unable to hide...Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.... With Mami's determination to force her...to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out." (Publisher's note)

"Themes as diverse as growing up first-generation American, Latinx culture, sizeism, music, burgeoning sexuality, and the power of the written and spoken word are all explored with nuance. Poignant and real, beautiful and intense, this story of a girl struggling to define herself is as powerful as Xiomara's name: 'one who is ready for war.'" Kirkus

Aceves, Fred

The **closest** I've come. Fred Aceves. HarperTeen 2017 310 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Friendship -- Fiction; 2. High schools -- Fiction; 3. Hispanic Americans -- Fiction; 4. Schools -- Fiction; 5. Single-parent families -- Fiction; 6. Tampa (Fla.) -- Fiction; 7. Hispanic Americans -- Fiction; 8. Prejudices -- Fiction

9780062488534, \$17.99; 9780062489876

In this book, by Fred Aceves, "Marcos Rivas yearns for love, a working cell phone, and maybe a pair of sneakers that aren't falling apart. But more than anything, Marcos wants to get out of Maesta.... When Marcos is placed in a new after-school program, he meets Zach and Amy, whose friendship inspires Marcos to open up to his Maesta crew, too, and starts to think more about his future and what he has to fight for." (Publisher's note)

"It's a memorable, hard-hitting portrait of a teenager trying to shape his own destiny after being dealt a difficult hand." Pub Wkly

Adams, Richard

Watership Down; Scribner classics ed.; Scribner 1996 429p \$30; pa \$15

Grades: 6 7 8 9 10

1. Allegories 2. Rabbits -- Fiction

ISBN 0-684-83605-X; 0-7432-7770-8 pa

First published 1972 in the United Kingdom; first United States edition 1974 by Macmillan

"Faced with the annihilation of its warren, a small group of male rabbits sets out across the English downs in search of a new home. Internal struggles for power surface in this intricately woven, realistically told adult adventure when the protagonists must coordinate tactics in order to defeat an enemy rabbit fortress. It is clear that the author has done research on rabbit behavior, for this tale is truly authentic." Shapiro Fic for Youth. 3d edition

Adeyemi, Tomi

★ **Children** of blood and bone. By Tomi Adeyemi. Henry Holt & Co. 2018 531 p. Map (Legacy of Orisha)

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Brothers and sisters -- Fiction; 2. Government, Resistance to -- Fiction; 3. Magic -- Fiction; 4. Prejudices -- Fiction

9781250170989; 9781250170972, \$18.99

LC 2017021080

Kirkus Prize Finalist: Young Readers' Literature (2018)

In this book in the Legacy of Orisha series, by Tomi Adeyemi, "Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic.... [But] under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good." (Publisher's note)

"Well-drawn characters, an intense plot, and deft writing make this a strong story. That it is also a timely study on race, colorism, power, and injustice makes it great." Kirkus
Includes bibliographical references (page 527).

Adlington, L. J.

★ **The diary** of Pelly D. Greenwillow Books 2005 282p hardcover o.p. pa \$8.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Science fiction

ISBN 0-06-076615-8; 0-06-076617-4 pa

LC 2004-52258

"On the planet Home From Home, Toni V is a brute laborer, a barely educated member of the Demolition Crew that is busy pulverizing the bombed-out remains of City Five's central plaza. Pelly D is a hip member of the swank elite who used to live in an exclusive apartment fronting the plaza. Their stories come together when Toni V uncovers Pelly D's diary in the debris. . . . Middle school, high school." (Horn Book)

"Adlington has crafted an original and disturbing dystopian fantasy told in a smart and sympathetic teen voice." Booklist

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Agard, John

The **young** inferno; written by John Agard; illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura. Frances Lincoln Children's 2009 un il \$19.95

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Novels in verse 2. Hell -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-84507-769-3; 1-84507-769-3

"The narrative poems in this short book are accessible and have important things to say about the state of the human race. . . . The hoodie-wearing protagonist . . . awakens in a strange and frightening forest. A dark man appears and introduces himself as the tale-teller Aesop: he is to be the teen's escort through Hell. . . . As the pair travels through the Circles of Hell, they see the sins of mankind. . . . The scribbled, heavy-lined black ink and watercolor illustrations convey exactly the right mood for a book about a modern-day expedition into Hell. This will be a great book to pair with a discussion about Dante's *Inferno* and/or poetic structure." SLJ

Ahdieh, Renée

Flame in the mist. Renee Ahdieh. G.P. Putnam's Sons 2017 392 p. (Flame in the Mist)

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Arranged marriage -- Fiction; 2. Samurai -- Fiction; 3. Alchemy -- Fiction; 4. Adventure fiction

9780399171635, \$17.99

LC 2016057273

In this book, by Renee Ahdieh, "the daughter of a prominent samurai, Mariko has long known her place -- she may be an accomplished alchemist, . . . but because she is not a boy, her future has always been out of her hands. At just seventeen years old, Mariko is promised to Minamoto Raiden, the son of the emperor's favorite consort -- a political marriage that will elevate her family's standing. But en route to the imperial city of Inako, Mariko narrowly escapes a bloody ambush." (Publisher's note)

"Ahdieh delivers an elaborate fantasy set in feudal Japan, where a resilient young woman defies class conventions and gender roles in a quest for vengeance and autonomy." Pub Wkly

Another title in this series is: *Smoke in the sun* (2018)

The **rose** and the dagger. Renée Ahdieh. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers 2016 432 p. Map

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Romance fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Blessing and cursing -- Fiction

9780399171628, \$17.99; 9780698185906, \$53.97

LC 2015049227

In this novel, by Renée Ahdieh, a sequel to "The Wrath and the Dawn," "Shahzad has been torn from the love of her husband Khalid, the Caliph of Khorasan. She once believed him a monster, but his secrets revealed a man tormented by guilt and a powerful curse. . . . Reunited with her family, who have taken refuge with enemies of Khalid, and Tariq, her childhood sweetheart, she should be happy. But Tariq now commands forces set on destroying Khalid's empire." (Publisher's note)

"Shahzad's brazen ingenuity and fiery devotion, and every other character's overflowing shame, rage, compas-

sion, pain, loyalty, frustration, desire, loneliness, guilt, grief, and oily ambition. Above all there is the shattering, triumphant catharsis of love-between man and woman, parent and child, teacher and student, sisters and cousins, friends old and new." Kirkus

Sequel to: *The wrath and the dawn*

Smoke in the sun. Ahdieh, Renée. G.P. Putnam's Sons 2018 432 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Brothers and sisters -- Fiction; 2. Conduct of life -- Fiction; 3. Courts and courtiers -- Fiction; 4. Samurai -- Fiction; 5. Sex role -- Fiction; 6. Weddings -- Fiction; 7. Japan -- History -- Tokugawa period, 1600-1868 -- Fiction; 8. Siblings -- Fiction

9781524738143, \$18.99

LC 2018007928

In this novel in the *Flame in the Mist* series, by Renée Ahdieh, "after Okami is captured in the Jukai forest, Mariko has no choice -- to rescue him, she must return to Inako and face the dangers that have been waiting for her in the Heian Castle. She tricks her brother, Kenshin, and betrothed, Raiden, into thinking she was being held by the Black Clan against her will, playing the part of the dutiful bride-to-be to infiltrate the emperor's ranks." (Publisher's note)

Sequel to: *Flame in the mist*

The **wrath** and the dawn. Renée Ahdieh. Putnam-Juvenile 2015 416 p. Illustration; Map

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fairy tales 2. Love -- Fiction 3. Murder -- Fiction 4. Kings and rulers -- Fiction 5. Magic -- Fiction 0399171614; 9780399171611, \$17.99

LC 2014046249

In this book, by Renée Ahdieh, "the brave Shahzad volunteers to marry the Caliph of Khorasan after her best friend is chosen as one of his virgin brides and is summarily murdered the next morning. She uses her storytelling skills, along with well-placed cliff-hangers, to keep herself alive while trying to discover a way to exact revenge on the Caliph. However, the longer she stays in the palace, the more she realizes there's more going on than just a murderous prince." (School Library Journal)

"It's not a completely faultless debut-the prose very occasionally turns purple, but that's a minor offense; the characters are redeemingly nuanced and well crafted. Even more impressive, Ahdieh is in complete control of her plot, tightly spooling out threads of the richly layered story just as surely as Shahzad herself. The result is that the reader can't help but be absorbed by the time the crescendoing conclusion come-and in true Arabian Nights fashion, it's a cliff-hanger. Like the caliph, we will just have to wait for the rest."Booklist

Ahmed, Samira

★ Love, hate & other filters. Samira Ahmed. Soho Teen 2018 281 p. Illustration

Grades: 8 9 10 11

1. Dating (Social customs) -- Fiction; 2. East Indian Americans -- Fiction; 3. Family life -- Illinois -- Chicago -- Fiction; 4. High schools -- Fiction; 5. Muslims -- Fiction; 6. Schools -- Fiction; 7. Terrorism -- Fiction; 8.

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Chicago (Ill.) -- Fiction
9781616958473, \$18.99; 9781616958480

LC 2017021616

In this book, by Samira Ahmed, “American-born seven-teen-year-old Maya Aziz is torn between worlds. There’s the proper one her parents expect for their good Indian daughter: attending a college close to their suburban Chicago home, and being paired off with an older Muslim boy her mom deems ‘suitable.’ And then there is the world of her dreams: going to film school and living in New York City -- and maybe (just maybe) pursuing a boy she’s known from afar since grade.” (Publisher’s note)

“A well-crafted plot with interesting revelations about living as a secular Muslim teen in today’s climate.” Kirkus

Albert, Melissa

★ **The Hazel Wood:** a novel. Melissa Albert. Flatiron Books 2018 359 p. Illustration
Grades: 10 11 12

1. Fairy tales -- Fiction; 2. Imaginary places -- Fiction; 3. Inheritance and succession -- Fiction; 4. Magic -- Fiction; 5. Mothers and daughters -- Fiction; 6. Fairy tales

9781250147912; 9781250147905, \$18.99

LC 2017041749

In this book, by Melissa Albert, “Alice and her mother have spent most of Alice’s life on the road.... But when Alice’s grandmother, the reclusive author of a cult-classic book of pitch-dark fairy tales, dies alone on her estate, the Hazel Wood, Alice learns how bad her luck can really get: Her mother is stolen away -- by a figure who claims to come from the Hinterland, the cruel supernatural world where her grandmother’s stories are set.” (Publisher’s note)

“Highly literary, occasionally surreal, and grounded by Alice’s clipped, matter-of-fact voice, it’s a dark story that readers will have trouble leaving behind.” Booklist

Albertalli, Becky

★ **Leah** on the offbeat. Becky Albertalli, edited by Donna Bray. Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers 2018 368 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Friendship -- Fiction; 2. Identity (Psychology) -- Fiction; 3. High school students -- Fiction; 4. Bisexuals -- Fiction

9780062643803, \$17.99

LC 2017934758

In this novel, by Becky Albertalli, edited by Donna Bray, “we follow Simon’s BFF Leah as she grapples with changing friendships, first love, and senior year angst. When it comes to drumming, Leah Burke is usually on beat -- but real life isn’t always so rhythmic.... She loves to draw but is too self-conscious to show it. And even though her mom knows she’s bisexual, she hasn’t mustered the courage to tell her friends -- not even her openly gay BFF, Simon.” (Publisher’s note)

★ **Simon** vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda. Becky Albertalli. Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 2015 320 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Gays -- Fiction 3. High

schools -- Fiction 4. Pen pals -- Fiction 5. Schools -- Fiction 6. Secrets -- Fiction 7. Gay teenagers -- Fiction 8. School stories

0062348671; 9780062348678, \$17.99

LC 2014022536

Morris Award (2016)

In this novel by Becky Albertalli, “sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he’s pushed out—without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness.” (Publisher’s note)

“While Simon is focused on Blue, other characters go on journeys of their own, and the author is careful not only to wrap up Simon’s story, but to draw attention to the stories the romance plot might overshadow in lesser hands. Funny, moving and emotionally wise.” Kirkus

★ **The upside** of unrequited. Becky Albertalli. Balzer + Bray 2017 340 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Twins -- Fiction; 2. Romance fiction; 3. Lesbian teenagers -- Fiction

9780062348708, \$17.99; 9780062348722

LC 2016938957

This novel, by Becky Albertalli, is “about sisterhood, love, and identity. Seventeen-year-old Molly Peskin-Suso knows all about unrequited love. No matter how many times her twin sister, Cassie, tells her to woman up, Molly can’t stomach the idea of rejection. So she’s careful. Fat girls always have to be careful.” (Publisher’s note)

“Albertalli’s keen ear for authentic teen voices will instantly make readers feel that they are a part of Cassie and Molly’s world, filled with rich diversity..., love, support, and a little heartache.” SLJ

★ **What** if it’s us. Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera. HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers 2018 448 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Dating (Social customs) -- Fiction; 2. Fate and fatalism -- Fiction; 3. Gays -- Fiction; 4. New York (N.Y.) -- Fiction

9780062795250, \$18.99

LC 2018013361

This book, by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera, is “about...two boys who can’t decide if the universe is pushing them together -- or pulling them apart. ARTHUR is only in New York for the summer, but if Broadway has taught him anything, it’s that the universe can deliver a showstopping romance when you least expect it. BEN thinks the universe needs to mind its business.... But when Arthur and Ben meet..., what exactly does the universe have in store for them...?” (Publisher’s note)

“In the coauthors’ capable hands, Arthur and Ben are distinct, empathetic heroes; Broadway-loving Arthur, who has Ivy League aspirations, adapts to the ways his recent coming out changed his friendships, while Ben struggles in school but dreams of writing, and sometimes isn’t sure how to connect with his Puerto Rican heritage when he passes as white.” Booklist

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Alban, Andrea

Anya's war. Feiwei and Friends 2011 188p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Jews -- China -- Fiction
2. Jewish refugees -- Fiction
3. Abandoned children -- Fiction
4. Sino-Japanese Conflict, 1937-1945 -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-312-37093-0; 0-312-37093-8

LC 2010-37089

In 1937, the privileged and relatively carefree life of a fourteen-year-old Jewish girl, whose family emigrated from Odessa, Ukraine, to Shanghai, China, comes to an end when she finds an abandoned baby, her hero, Amelia Earhart, goes missing, and war breaks out with Japan. Based on the author's family history.

"Most moving are the scenes with the full cast of family characters, who are irritating, irritable, funny, surprising, mean, and prejudiced. Alban also explores the complexities of Anya's Jewish community. . . . An important addition to literature about WWII refugees." Booklist

Aldredge, Betsy

Sasquatch, love, and other imaginary things. Betsy Aldredge and Carrie DuBois-Shaw. Simon Pulse 2017 272 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Competition (Psychology) -- Fiction; 2. Family life -- Fiction; 3. Jews -- United States -- Fiction; 4. Reality television programs -- Fiction; 5. Social classes -- Fiction; 6. Television -- Production and direction -- Fiction; 7. Yeti -- Fiction

9781507202814; 1507202806; 9781507202807, \$19.99

LC 2017009581

This book, by Betsy Aldredge and Carrie DuBois-Shaw, is "about a loving, quirky family on the hunt for the mythical Sasquatch.... It's bad enough that Samantha's parents...have dragged their daughter... hunting for yetis. But now they're doing it on national TV, and worse, in front of an aristocratic prep-school crew including a boy who disdains Samantha's family. But when he scorns her humble Ohio roots, she becomes determined to take him down." (Publisher's note)

"Samantha's first-person narration is marked by her sarcastic, wry, and delightfully snarky humor. 'Squatching' doesn't get any funnier than this." Kirkus

Alegria, Malin

Estrella's quinceanera. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2006 272p \$14.95

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Mexican Americans -- Fiction
2. Quinceañera (Social custom) -- Fiction

ISBN 0-689-87809-5

Estrella's mother and aunt are planning a gaudy, traditional quinceañera for her, even though it is the last thing she wants.

"Alegria writes about Mexican American culture, first love, family, and of moving between worlds with poignant, sharp-sighted humor and authentic dialogue." Booklist

Alender, Katie

Bad girls don't die. Hyperion Books 2009 352p \$15.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. School stories
2. Sisters -- Fiction
3. Demoniac possession -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4231-0876-4; 1-4231-0876-0

LC 2008-46179

When fifteen-year-old Lexi's younger sister Kasey begins behaving strangely and their old Victorian house seems to take on a life of its own, Lexi investigates and discovers some frightening facts about previous occupants of the house, leading her to believe that many lives are in danger.

This "novel is both a mystery and a trip into the paranormal. . . . With just enough violence, suspense, and romance to keep readers turning pages, this . . . will be a popular addition to any YA collection." Booklist

Followed by: From bad to cursed (2011)

The **dead** girls of Hysteria Hall. Point, an imprint of Scholastic Inc. 2015 336 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Asylums -- fiction
2. Families -- Pennsylvania -- fiction
3. Family life -- Fiction
4. Ghost stories
5. Ghosts -- Fiction
6. Haunted houses -- Fiction
7. Horror stories
8. Horror tales
9. Psychiatric hospitals -- Fiction
10. Secrecy -- fiction
11. Secrets -- Fiction
12. Sisters -- Fiction
13. Horror fiction
14. Pennsylvania -- Fiction

9780545639996, \$18.99

LC 2014046681

In this book, by Katie Alender, "Delia's new house isn't just a house. Long ago, it was the Piven Institute for the Care and Correction of Troubled Females—an insane asylum. . . . However, many of the inmates were not insane, just defiant and strong willed. Kind of like Delia herself. But the house still wants to keep "troubled" girls locked away. So, in the most horrifying way, Delia becomes trapped. And that's when she learns that the house is also haunted." (Publisher's note)

"Alender creates a fascinating, eerie world that turns on a nicely original use of time and features constantly interesting characters. Delia is likable and sympathetic even as she strikes out, and the house itself becomes a character, as readers wonder who or what is at the root of the evil that lurks there. The final confrontation will have readers curling their toes. A really scary and original ghost story, well told. Read it with the lights on." Kirkus

Alexander, Kwame

★ **Booked.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 320 p.

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9

1. Soccer -- Fiction
2. Books and reading -- Fiction
3. Friendship -- Fiction

9780544570986, \$16.99; 0544570987

LC 2015033312

In this novel by Kwame Alexander "soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read." (Publisher's note)

"Alexander scores again with this sports-themed verse novel, a companion to his Newbery Medal-winning The

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Crossover. Eighth grader Nick, a devoted soccer player and fan, enjoys some friendly competition with his best friend, Coby. What Nick doesn't like is words--neither the ones in the dictionary that his linguistics professor father wrote (and is making him read) nor the ones he learns in his honors English class. But the school's quirky rapping librarian, Mr. Mac, helps Nick discover both a love of reading and a way to connect with the girl of his dreams. . . . Emotionally resonant and with a pace like a player on a breakaway, Nick's story will have readers agreeing: "The poems/ were cool./ The best ones were/ like bombs,/ and when all the right words/ came together/ it was like an explosion./ So good, I/ didn't want it to end." PW

★ **The crossover**; a basketball novel. by Kwame Alexander. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2014 240 p. \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Rap music
2. Novels in verse
3. Twins -- Fiction
4. Brothers -- Fiction
5. Basketball -- Fiction
6. Fathers and sons -- Fiction
7. African Americans -- Fiction

ISBN 0544107713; 9780544107717

LC 2013013810

Newbery Medal (2015)

Coretta Scott King Author Award Honor Book (2015)

In this novel, by Kwame Alexander, "12-year old Josh Bell . . . and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse. . . . Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's . . . climax proves a game-changer for the entire family." (Publisher's note)

"Twins Josh and Jordan are junior high basketball stars, thanks in large part to the coaching of their dad, a former professional baller who was forced to quit playing for health reasons, and the firm, but loving support of their assistant-principal mom...Despite his immaturity, Josh is a likable, funny, and authentic character. Underscoring the sports and the fraternal tension is a portrait of a family that truly loves and supports one another. Alexander has crafted a story that vibrates with energy and heart and begs to be read aloud. A slam dunk." (School Library Journal)

He said, she said; by Kwame Alexander. Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers 2013 336 p. (hardcover bdg.) \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. High school students -- Fiction
2. Man-woman relationship -- Fiction
3. Love -- Fiction
4. Schools -- Fiction
5. High schools -- Fiction
6. African Americans -- Fiction
7. Protest movements -- Fiction

ISBN 006211896X; 9780062118967; 9780062118974

LC 2012043496

"Claudia Clarke--sharp, opinionated, and Harvard-bound--is the only girl who isn't impressed by quarterback Omar "T-Diddy" Smalls. Omar takes a bet that he can win Claudia over, and when his usual seduction tactics fail, he applies his social clout to Claudia's cause du jour. His burgeoning social awareness and transformation from carefree

jock to true campus leader are satisfying and convincing." (Horn Book)

Solo. Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess. Blink 2017 458 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Children of drug addicts -- Fiction
2. Family secrets -- Fiction
3. Fathers and sons -- Fiction
4. Reconciliation -- Fiction
5. Father-son relationship -- Fiction

9780310761839, \$17.99; 9780310761907; 0310761832

LC 2016435234

In this book, by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess, "Blade never asked for a life of the rich and famous. In fact, he'd give anything not to be the son of Rutherford Morrison, a washed-up rock star and drug addict with delusions of a comeback. Or to no longer be part of a family known most for lost potential, failure, and tragedy, including the loss of his mother. The one true light is his girlfriend, Chapel, but her parents have forbidden their relationship." (Publisher's note)

"A contemporary hero's journey, brilliantly told." Kirkus

Swing. Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess. Blink 2018 448 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. African Americans -- Fiction
2. Baseball -- Fiction
3. Best friends -- Fiction
4. Friendship -- Fiction
5. Letters -- Fiction
6. Novels in verse

0310761913; 9780310761914, \$18.99; 9780310761938;

9780310761945

LC 2018030417

This book in the Blink series, by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess, presents a "story about hope, courage, and love that speaks to anyone who's struggled to find their voice.... When America is not so beautiful, or right, or just, it can be hard to know what to do. Best friends Walt and Noah decide to use their voices to grow more good in the world, but first they've got to find cool." (Publisher's note)

Alexander, Shannon Lee

Love and other unknown variables. Shannon Lee Alexander. Entangled Teen 2014 329 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Chemistry
2. Love stories
3. Physics
4. Terminally ill -- Fiction
5. Love -- Fiction

1622664671; 9781622664672, \$16.99

This book by Shannon Lee Alexander "is told from the perspective of Charlie Hanson, a senior at Brighton School of Mathematics and Science. His life is planned out for him until he meets Charlotte Finch. She is ill, but this is a secret she does not immediately share. At Charlotte's urging and without knowing why, Charlie begins a prank campaign at Brighton in spite of the consequences to his future." (Library Media Connection)

"The characters' quirky affinities--Charlie's for math, Charlotte's for drawing, Ms. Finch's for literature--paint a world of passion and personality. A heartwarming YA story of love and entering the unknown territories of adulthood." Kirkus

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Alexie, Sherman, 1966-

★ The **absolutely** true diary of a part-time Indian; art by Ellen Forney. Little, Brown 2007 229p il \$18.99

Grades: 8 9 10

1. School stories
 2. Friendship -- Fiction
 3. Family life -- Fiction
 4. Native Americans -- Fiction
- ISBN 0316013684; 9780316013680

LC 2007-22799

National Book Award for Young People's Literature (2007)

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award: Fiction and Poetry (2008)

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. "Grades seven to ten." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"The many characters, on and off the rez, with whom he has dealings are portrayed with compassion and verve. . . . Forney's simple pencil cartoons fit perfectly within the story and reflect the burgeoning artist within Junior." Booklist

Ali, S. K.

★ **Saints** and misfits: a novel. S.K. Ali. Salaam Reads 2017 336 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Divorce -- Fiction; 2. Identity -- Fiction; 3. Muslims -- United States -- Fiction; 4. Sexual abuse -- Fiction; 5. Muslims -- Fiction
- 9781481499248, \$18.99; 9781481499255

LC 2016041455

William C. Morris Honor Book

This book, by S.K. Ali, is a "debut novel...starring a Muslim teen. There are three kinds of people in my world: 1. Saints, those special people moving the world forward.... 2. Misfits, people who don't belong. Like me -- the way I don't fit into Dad's brand-new family or in the leftover one composed of Mom and my older brother, Mama's-Boy-Muhammad. Also, there's Jeremy and me. Misfits. Because although...., Janna and Jeremy sound good together, we don't go together." (Publisher's note)

"Ali pens a touching exposition of a girl's evolution from terrified victim to someone who knows she's worthy of support and is brave enough to get it. Set in a multicultural Muslim family, this book is long overdue, a delight for readers who will recognize the culture and essential for those unfamiliar with Muslim experiences." (Booklist)

Almond, David, 1951-

★ **Clay**. Delacorte Press 2006 247p hardcover o.p. pa \$8.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Horror fiction
 2. Supernatural -- Fiction
- ISBN 0-385-73171-X; 0-440-42013-X pa

LC 2005-22681

The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.

"Rooted in the ordinariness of a community and in one boy's chance to play God, this story will grab readers with its gripping action and its important ideas." Booklist

Half a creature from the sea: A Life in Stories. David Almond; illustrated by Eleanor Taylor. Candlewick Press 2015 222 p. Illustration

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. England -- Fiction
 3. Short stories -- Collections
- 0763678775; 9780763678777, \$16.99

LC 2015931431

In this book, author David Almond "presents a beautiful collection of short fiction, interwoven with pieces that illuminate the inspiration behind the stories. May Malone is said to have a monster in her house, but what Norman finds there may just be the angel he needs. Joe Quinn's house is noisy with poltergeists, or could it be Davie's raging causing the disturbance? Fragile Annie learns the truth about herself in a photograph taken by a traveling man near the sea." (Publisher's note)

"Taylor's illustrations help add depth, as do the interstitial author's notes offering glimpses into each story's autobiographical roots and other inspirations. Likely to appeal to aspiring writers and fans of *The Tightrope Walkers*." Horn Book

★ **Kit's** wilderness; 10th-anniversary edition; Delacorte Press 2009 229p \$16.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9 10

1. Ghost stories
 2. Great Britain -- Fiction
 3. Coal mines and mining -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-385-32665-0; 0-385-32665-3

First published 1999

Michael L. Printz Award, 2001

Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stoneygate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past

The author "explores the power of friendship and family, the importance of memory, and the role of magic in our lives. This is a highly satisfying literary experience." SLJ

★ **Skellig**; 10th anniversary ed.; Delacorte Press 2009 182p \$16.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. Fantasy fiction
- ISBN 978-0-385-32653-7; 0-385-32653-X; 978-0-440-41602-9 pa; 0-440-41602-7 pa

First published 1998 in the United Kingdom; first United States edition 1999

Michael L. Printz Award honor book

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

"The plot is beautifully paced and the characters are drawn with a graceful, careful hand. . . . A lovingly done, thought-provoking novel." SLJ

★ **A song** for Ella Grey. David Almond. Delacorte Press 2015 272 p.

1. Friendship -- Fiction
2. Love -- Fiction
3. Mythology, Greek -- Fiction
4. Eurydice (Greek mythological character) -- Fiction
5. Orpheus (Greek mythological character) -- Fiction
6. England -- Fiction
7. Romance

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fiction 8. England -- Fiction 9780553533590, \$16.99; 9780553533606

LC 2014040181

This young adult novel, by David Almond, retells the story of Orpheus and Eurydice in contemporary England. It "is a tale of the joys, troubles, and desires of modern teens. It takes place in the ordinary streets of Tyneside and on the beautiful beaches of Northumberland. It's a story of first love, a love song that draws on ancient mythical forces. A love that leads Ella, Orpheus, and Claire to the gates of Death and beyond." (Publisher's note)

"Patient readers will likely be transfixed by this rhapsodic modern retelling of a classic tragedy." Booklist

Originally published in hardcover by Hodder Children's Books, London, in 2014.

★ The **tightrope** walkers. David Almond. Candlewick Press 2015 336 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Bullying -- Fiction 2. Love stories 3. Shipbuilding -- Fiction 4. Teenagers -- Fiction 5. Bildungsromans 6. England -- Fiction
0763673102; 9780763673109, \$17.99

LC 2014944915

In this book by David Almond, "Dominic Hall is the son of a shipbuilder, living in modest conditions in mid-20th century England. As he grows up, he finds himself torn between two influences—the dreamy intellectual artist girl next door and the brutal outcast boy who seems to cultivate a darker side of Dominic's nature. His coming-of-age is marked by the ramifications of his choices between the two." (School Library Journal)

"This brilliant novel follows Dom, a working-class boy in 1960s northern England, from ages five to seventeen. Dom forges his own values; succumbs to the lure of thug Vincent; falls in love with childhood pal Holly; discovers himself as a writer; and learns to walk a tightrope both literal and figurative. It's all unsettling emotion as Almond limns the nature of joy and rage." Horn Book

The **true** tale of the monster Billy Dean; David Almond. Viking 2011 255 p. \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Dystopian fiction 2. Children and war -- Fiction 3. Parent-child relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 0763663093; 9780763663094

LC 2012358384

This novel, by David Almond, is "about a hidden-away child who emerges into a broken world. Billy Dean is a secret child. . . . His father fills his mind and his dreams with mysterious tales and memories and dreadful warnings. But then his father disappears, and Billy's mother brings him out into the world at last. He learns the horrifying story of what was saved and what was destroyed on the day he was born, the day the bombers came to Blinkbonny." (Publisher's note)

"The opening scenes of this postapocalyptic, psychological novel describing the protagonist's confinement in a small, locked room is strongly reminiscent of Emma Donoghue's adult title *Room* (Little, Brown, 2010). Billy Dean's mother was seduced by an unethical priest, and young Billy is forced to suffer the consequences of their affair by being kept hidden. The compelling story is told from Billy's point of view and with the language and phonetic spelling of a

child whose development has been stunted by his lifelong imprisonment... This challenging title demands to be read more than once, and even then it will leave questions unanswered." (School Library Journal)

Alsaid, Adi

Let's Get Lost. Adi Alsaid. Harlequin Books 2014 352 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Adolescence 2. Bildungsromans 3. Friendship 4. Grief 5. Automobile travel -- Fiction 6. Teenagers -- Fiction 7. Interpersonal relations
0373211244; 9780373211241, \$17.99

In this novel by Adi Alsaid "four teens across the country have only one thing in common: a girl named Leila. She crashes into their lives in her absurdly red car at the moment they need someone the most. Hudson, Bree, Elliot and Sonia find a friend in Leila. And when Leila leaves them, their lives are forever changed. But it is during Leila's own 4,268-mile journey that she discovers the most important truth—sometimes, what you need most is right where you started." (Publisher's note)

"With romantic interludes, witty banter, some exhilarating minor law breaking, occasional drinking, an empowering message, and satisfying conclusions for everyone involved, this will likely be a popular summer hit, especially for older teens about to embark on their own journeys of self-discovery." Booklist

Never Always Sometimes. Adi Alsaid. Harlequin Books 2015 352 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. High school students -- Fiction 2. Romance fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction
0373211546; 9780373211548, \$17.99

In this book by Adi Alsaid, "before beginning high school, best friends Dave and Julia create a list of clichés they plan to avoid: never run for prom king, never hook up with a teacher, etc. But after they get accepted to college, a slump sets in, and they decide to mix things up by tackling items on the list." (Booklist)

"There is a kernel of truth in every cliché, and Alsaid cracks the teen-lit trope of friends becoming lovers wide open, exposing a beautiful truth inside. He also perfectly captures the golden glow of senioritis, a period when teens are bored and excited and wistful and nostalgic all at once. Everything is possible in this handful of weeks, including making up for squandered time. A good romance is hard to come by. This is a great one." Kirkus

North of happy. By Adi Alsaid. Harlequin Teen 2017 296 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Brothers -- Death -- Fiction; 2. Celebrity chefs -- Fiction; 3. Cooking -- Fiction; 4. Interpersonal relations -- Fiction; 5. Mexicans -- United States -- Fiction; 6. Father-son relationship -- Fiction; 7. Death -- Fiction; 8. Bildungsromans
9781488015359; 9780373212286, \$18.99; 0373212283

In this book, by Adi Alsaid, "Carlos Portillo has always led a privileged and sheltered life. A dual citizen of Mexico and the United States, he lives in Mexico City with

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his wealthy family, where he attends an elite international school.... When his older brother, Felix -- who has dropped out of college to live a life of travel -- is tragically killed, Carlos begins hearing his brother's voice, giving him advice and pushing him to rebel against his father's plan for him." (Publisher's note)

"An exceptional tale of grief, ambition, love, and maturity." Kirkus

Alsenas, Linas

Beyond clueless. Linas Alsenas. Amulet Books 2015 256 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Catholic schools -- Fiction
2. Coming out (Sexual orientation) -- Fiction
3. Gays -- Fiction
4. High schools -- Fiction
5. Interpersonal relations -- Fiction
6. Musicals -- Fiction
7. Schools -- Fiction
8. Theater -- Fiction
9. College and school drama
10. High school students -- Fiction
11. Friendship -- Fiction

9781419714962, \$16.95; 1419714961

LC 2015005780

In this novel, by Linas Alsenas, "Marty Sullivan's life ends, basically, when her parents enroll her [in a] . . . private, Catholic, girls-only high school. Meanwhile, at their local public school, her best friend, Jimmy, comes out of the closet and finds himself a boyfriend and a new group of friends. Marty feels left out and alone, until she gets a part in the school musical . . . and Jimmy and his new crew are in it. Things start looking even better when Marty falls for foxy fellow cast member Felix Peroni. And Felix seems to like her back. But the drama is just beginning." (Publisher's note)

"Alsenas's title offers practical, kid-appropriate advice on the value of friendship and the importance of self-knowledge... A pleasing, humorous tale of relationship angst." SLJ

Altebrando, Tara

The Leaving. Tara Altebrando. Bloomsbury 2016 432 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Identity -- Fiction
2. Kidnapping -- Fiction
3. Memory -- Fiction
4. Missing children -- Fiction
5. Mystery and detective stories
6. Mystery fiction

9781619638044, \$42; 9781619638037, \$17.99

LC 2015037730

In this novel, by Tara Altebrando, "eleven years ago, six kindergartners went missing without a trace. . . . Until . . . five of those kids return. They're sixteen, and they are . . . fine . . . , except they're entirely unable to recall where they've been or what happened to them. Neither of them remember the sixth victim, Max—the only one who hasn't come back." (Publisher's note)

"It's engrossing, both as a thriller and a meditation on memory—its limits, its loss, and the ways it deceives and constructs identity." Pub Wkly

Alvarez, Julia

★ **Before** we were free. Knopf 2002 167p \$15.95; lib bdg \$17.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Family life -- Fiction
2. Dominican Republic --

History -- 1930-1961

ISBN 0-375-81544-9; 0-375-91544-3 lib bdg; 0-440-23784-X pa

LC 2001-50520

In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo

This "is a realistic and compelling account of a girl growing up too quickly while coming to terms with the cost of freedom." Horn Book

Amateau, Gigi

A **certain** strain of peculiar. Candlewick Press 2009 261p \$16.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. Ranch life -- Fiction
2. Grandmothers -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-7636-3009-6; 0-7636-3009-8

Tired of the miserable life she lives, Mary Harold leaves her mother behind and moves back to Alabama and her grandmother, where she receives support and love and starts to gain confidence in herself and her abilities.

"Mary Harold is a wonderfully complex and honest character. . . . [Her] narrative is heartfelt and poignant, and the message that being 'different' is nothing to be ashamed of will resonate with readers." Voice Youth Advocates

Amato, Mary

Get happy. Egmont USA 2014 256 p.

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. Families -- Fiction
2. Fathers and daughters -- Fiction
3. Friendship -- Fiction
4. Musicians -- Fiction
5. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction
6. Family -- Fiction

1606845225; 9781606845226, \$16.99

LC 2014008736

"Minerva has been raised by her single mother after her father left them both. On her 17th birthday, she is shocked to discover that he has been trying to keep in touch, but her mother has been sabotaging his attempts. Furious at her mom, she begins to investigate her dad, a famous marine biologist, only to discover that he has a new family, including a beloved, and perfect, stepdaughter—a girl Minerva already knows and despises." (Publisher's note)

"Though the book explores a heavy, fraught situation, the prose is light and the ending optimistic. Some readers may be frustrated with the lack of closure, as quite a bit is left unresolved. Overall, however, this is a moving, charged tale of family and identity." SLJ

Anderson, Jodi Lynn

★ **Midnight** at the Electric. Jodi Lynn Anderson. HarperTeen 2017 257 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Friendship -- Fiction; 2. Interplanetary voyages -- Fiction; 3. Life change events -- Fiction; 4. Teenage girls -- Fiction

9780062393562; 9780062393548, \$17.99

LC 2017932844

This novel, by Jodi Lynn Anderson, begins in "Kansas, 2065: Adri has been handpicked to live on Mars.... Oklahoma, 1934: Amid the...Dust Bowl, Catherine's family's situ-

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ation is growing dire.... England, 1919:...Following World War I, Lenore tries to come to terms with her grief for her brother.... While their stories span thousands of miles and multiple generations, Lenore, Catherine, and Adri's fates are entwined." (Publisher's note)

"Anderson deftly tackles love, friendship, and grief in this touching exploration of resilience and hope." SLJ

★ **Tiger Lily**; Jodi Lynn Anderson. HarperTeen 2012 304 p. (trade bdg.) \$17.99
Grades: 8 9 10 11

1. Love stories
2. Jealousy -- Fiction
3. Fairy tales
4. Peter Pan (Fictional character)
5. Love -- Fiction
6. Magic -- Fiction
7. Fairies -- Fiction

ISBN 0062003259; 9780062003256

LC 2011032659

This is the story of Tiger Lily, the girl Peter Pan spurned for Wendy. "Told from the perspective of Tinker Bell, the novel explores how Tiger Lily meets and falls in love with Peter, despite being betrothed to another villager, a man Tiger Lily despises. Tiger Lily and Peter's complicated inner conflicts emerge as they sort out their feelings about freedom, power, loyalty, and responsibility. When a girl from England arrives, Tiger Lily" feels jealous for the first time. (Publishers Weekly)

The **vanishing** season. Jodi Lynn Anderson; [edited by] Kari Sutherland. HarperTeen 2014 272 p.
Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Detective and mystery stories
2. Murder -- Investigation -- Fiction
3. Door County (Wis.) -- Fiction
4. Teenage girls -- Fiction
5. Homicide -- Fiction

0062003275; 9780062003270, \$17.99

LC 2014934799

In this teen novel, by Jodi Lynn Anderson, edited by Kari Sutherland, "for Maggie Larsen . . . what starts as an uneventful year suddenly changes. Someone is killing teen-aged girls, and the town reels from the tragedy. As Maggie's and Pauline's worlds collide and change around them, they will both experience love and loss. And by the end of the book, only one of them will survive." (Publisher's note)

"For all the mythic overtones of Maggie and Pauline's friendship, Anderson still manages to give her characters authentic teen voices, striking an uneasy balance between naïveté and worldliness. The pace might be slow for some, but readers who like their romances tragic and dreamy should dive in." Booklist

Anderson, Katie D.

Kiss & Make Up. Amazon Childrens Pub 2012 307 p. (hardcover) \$16.99
Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Occult fiction
2. School stories

ISBN 076146316X; 9780761463160

This book focuses on Emerson Taylor, who "has a gift—or a curse. She can read a person's mind with the lightest of kisses. When her financially strapped aunt announces that Emerson will not be attending private school the following year if her grades don't improve, Emerson initializes Operation Liplock. She will begin study sessions with the geeky Ivys—those destined to attend Ivy League colleges—where

she will kiss them, allowing their knowledge to transfer to her mind." (School Library Journal)

Anderson, Laurie Halse, 1961-

★ **Chains**; seeds of America. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2008 316p \$17.99
Grades: 6 7 8 9 10

1. Spies -- Fiction
2. Slavery -- Fiction
3. New York (N.Y.) -- Fiction
4. African Americans -- Fiction
5. United States -- History -- 1775-1783, Revolution -- Fiction

ISBN 1-4169-0585-5; 1-4169-0586-3 pa; 978-1-4169-0585-1; 978-1-4169-0586-8 pa

LC 2007-52139

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. "Grades seven to ten." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"This gripping novel offers readers a startlingly provocative view of the Revolutionary War. . . . [Anderson's] solidly researched exploration of British and Patriot treatment of slaves during a war for freedom is nuanced and evenhanded, presented in service of a fast-moving, emotionally involving plot." Publ Wkly

Followed by: *Forge* (2010)

Fever, 1793. Simon & Schuster Bks. for Young Readers 2000 251p \$17.99; pa \$6.99
Grades: 5 6 7 8 9

1. Epidemics -- Fiction
2. Yellow fever -- Fiction
3. Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-689-83858-3; 0-689-83858-1; 978-0-689-84891-9 pa; 0-689-84891-9 pa

LC 00-32238

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic. "Age ten and up." (N Y Times Book Rev)

"A vivid work, rich with well-drawn and believable characters. Unexpected events pepper the top-flight novel that combines accurate historical detail with a spellbinding story line." Voice Youth Advocates

Forge. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2010 297p (Seeds of America) \$16.99
Grades: 6 7 8 9 10

1. Slavery -- Fiction
2. Soldiers -- Fiction
3. Pennsylvania -- Fiction
4. African Americans -- Fiction
5. United States -- History -- 1775-1783, Revolution -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-4169-6144-4; 1-4169-6144-5

LC 2010-15971

Sequel to: *Chains* (2008)

Separated from his friend Isabel after their daring escape from slavery, fifteen-year-old Curzon serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel are thrown together again, as slaves once more.

"Weaving a huge amount of historical detail seamlessly into the story, Anderson creates a vivid setting, believable characters both good and despicable and a clear portrayal of the moral ambiguity of the Revolutionary age. Not only can

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this sequel stand alone, for many readers it will be one of the best novels they have ever read." Kirkus

★ **The impossible** knife of memory; Laurie Halse Anderson. Viking, published by Penguin Group 2014 400 p. (hardback) \$18.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction
2. Iraq War, 2003-2011 -- Veterans -- Fiction
3. Post-traumatic stress disorder -- Fiction
4. Veterans -- Fiction
5. Family problems -- Fiction

ISBN 0670012092; 9780670012091

LC 2013031267

In this book, by Laurie Halse Anderson, "Hayley Kincaid and her father, Andy, have been on the road, never staying long in one place as he struggles to escape the demons that have tortured him since his return from Iraq. Now they are back in the town where he grew up so Hayley can attend school. Perhaps, for the first time, Hayley can have a normal life. . . . Will being back home help Andy's PTSD, or will his terrible memories drag him to the edge of hell, and drugs push him over?" (Publisher's note)

"With powerful themes of loyalty and forgiveness, this tightly woven story is a forthright examination of the realities of war and its aftermath on soldiers and their families." SLJ

★ **Speak**; 10th anniversary ed.; Speak 2009 197p pa \$11.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. School stories
2. Rape -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-14-241473-6

LC 2009-502164

First published 1999

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

The novel is "keenly aware of the corrosive details of outsiderhood and the gap between home and daily life at high school; kids whose exclusion may have less concrete cause than Melinda's will nonetheless find the picture recognizable. This is a gripping account of personal wounding and recovery." Bull Cent Child Books

Twisted. Viking 2007 250p \$16.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. School stories
2. Ohio -- Fiction
3. Family life -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-670-06101-3

LC 2006-31297

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

"This is a gripping exploration of what it takes to grow up, really grow up, against the wishes of people and circumstances conspiring to keep you the victim they need you to be." Bull Cent Child Books

★ **Wintergirls**. Viking 2009 288p \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Death -- Fiction
2. Friendship -- Fiction
3. Self-

mutilation -- Fiction

4. Anorexia nervosa -- Fiction

ISBN 0-670-01110-X; 978-0-670-01110-0

LC 2008-37452

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

"As events play out, Lia's guilt, her need to be thin, and her fight for acceptance unravel in an almost poetic stream of consciousness in this startlingly crisp and pitch-perfect first-person narrative." SLJ

Anderson, M. T., 1968-

★ **The astonishing** life of Octavian Nothing, traitor to the nation; the pox party. taken from accounts by his own hand and other sundry sources; collected by M.T. Anderson of Boston. Candlewick Press 2006 351p \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Slavery -- Fiction
2. African Americans -- Fiction
3. United States -- History -- 1775-1783, Revolution -- Fiction

ISBN 0763624020; 9780763624026

LC 2006043170

Michael L. Printz Award honor book (2007), National Book Award for Young People's Literature (2006), Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards: Fiction and Poetry (2007)

This is the first of two volumes in *The astonishing life of Octavian Nothing, traitor to the nation* series. Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

"Teens looking for a challenge will find plenty to sink into here. The questions raised about race and freedom are well developed and leave a different perspective on the Revolutionary War than most novels." Voice Youth Advocates

Followed by: *The kingdom on the waves* (2008)

The astonishing life of Octavian Nothing, traitor to the nation; v. #2 *The kingdom on the waves*. taken from accounts by his own hand and other sundry sources; collected by M.T. Anderson of Boston. Candlewick Press 2008 561p 2 maps (hardcover: alk. paper) \$11.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Freedom -- Fiction
2. African Americans -- Fiction
3. Slavery -- United States -- Fiction
4. United States -- History -- 1775-1783, Revolution -- Fiction
5. Slavery -- Fiction
6. Virginia -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Fiction
7. United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Naval operations, British -- Fiction

ISBN 0763646261; 9780763646264; 0763629502;

9780763629502

LC 2008929919

Sequel to: *The astonishing life of Octavian Nothing, traitor to the nation: the pox party* (2006)

In this book, a Michael L. Printz Honor Book of 2009, "[f]earing a death sentence, Octavian and his tutor, Dr. Trefusis, escape through rising tides and pouring rain to find shelter in British-occupied Boston. Sundered from all he knows -- the College of Lucidity, the rebel cause -- Octavian hopes to find safe harbor. Instead, he is soon to learn

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of Lord Dunmore's proclamation offering freedom to slaves who join the counterrevolutionary forces. . . . [Author] M. T. Anderson recounts Octavian's experiences as the Revolutionary War explodes around him, thrusting him into intense battles and tantalizing him with elusive visions of liberty." (Publisher's note)

"Elegantly crafted writing in an 18th-century voice, sensitive portrayals of primary and secondary characters and a fascinating author's note make this one of the few volumes to fully comprehend the paradoxes of the struggle for liberty in America." Kirkus

★ **Feed.** Candlewick Press 2002 237p hard-cover o.p. pa \$7.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Satire 2. Science fiction

ISBN 0-7636-1726-1; 0-7636-2259-1 pa

LC 2002-23738

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble

"An ingenious satire of corporate America and our present-day value system." Horn Book Guide

★ **Landscape** with invisible hand. M.T. Anderson. Candlewick Press 2017 149 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Survival -- Fiction; 2. Science fiction; 3. Extraterrestrial beings -- Fiction

0763687898; 9780763697235; 9780763687892, \$16.99

In this book, by M.T. Anderson, "when the vuvv first landed, it came as a surprise to aspiring artist Adam and the rest of planet Earth.... Can it really be called an invasion when the vuvv generously offered free advanced technology and cures for every illness imaginable? As it turns out, yes.... Soon enough, Adam must decide how far he's willing to go -- and what he's willing to sacrifice -- to give the vuvv what they want." (Publisher's note)

"Anderson takes issues of colonialism, ethnocentrism, inequality, and poverty and explodes them on a global, even galactic, scale. A remarkable exploration of economic and power structures in which virtually all of humanity winds up the losers." Pub Wkly

Anderson, Natalie C.

★ **City of Saints & Thieves.** Natalie C. Anderson. Penguin Group USA 2017 432 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Gangs -- Fiction 2. Sisters -- Fiction 3. Orphans -- Fiction 4. Refugees -- Fiction 5. Murder -- Fiction 0399547584; 9780399547584, \$18.99

LC 2016027799

In this novel, by Natalie C. Anderson, "after fleeing the Congo as refugees, Tina and her mother arrived in Kenya . . . to build a new life and home. Her mother quickly found work as a maid for a prominent family, headed by Roland Greyhill, . . . [whose] fortune was made from a life of corruption and crime. So when her mother is found shot to death in Mr. Greyhill's personal study, she knows exactly who's behind it." (Publisher's note)

"The novel is peppered with Swahili words and phrases, and Anderson makes an effort to paint a picture of the coun-

try. A story full of twists and turns, proving nothing is ever as black and white as it may seem." Kirkus

Andreu, Maria E.

The **secret** side of empty; by Maria E. Andreu. Running Press Teens 2014 336p \$16.95

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Emigration and immigration-- Fiction 2. High school students-- Fiction 3. Teenage girls -- Fiction 4. United States --Immigration and emigration -- Fiction

ISBN: 0762451920; 9780762451920

LC 2013950819

This book asks "what's it like to be undocumented? High school senior M.T. knows all too well. . . . M.T. was born in Argentina and brought to America as a baby without any official papers. And as questions of college, work, and the future arise, M.T. will have to decide what exactly she wants for herself, knowing someone she loves will unavoidably pay the price for it." (Publisher's note)

"An illegal immigrant, Monserrat Thalia has kept her status a secret for years. Despite her achievements in high school, now that she's a senior her future is uncertain and she's fighting for survival. Andreu draws from personal experience, and M.T.'s struggles with first love, depression, an abusive father, and the constant fear of deportation feel wholly real. A compelling and timely story." Horn Book

Andrews, Jesse

The **Haters**: a book about being in a band. Jesse Andrews. Amulet Books 2016 336 p.

Grades: 10 11 12

1. Bands (Music) -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Musicians -- Fiction 4. Humorous fiction

9781419720789, \$18.95

LC 2015030408

In this book, by Jesse Andrews, "for Wes and his best friend, Corey, jazz camp turns out to be lame. It's pretty much all dudes talking in Jazz Voice. But then they jam with Ash, a charismatic girl with an unusual sound, and the three just click. It's three and a half hours of pure musical magic, and Ash makes a decision: They need to hit the road. Because the road, not summer camp, is where bands get good." (Publisher's note)

"At a jazz camp of 'mostly dudes,' bass player Wes and his drummer best friend Corey meet Ash, who has her own unique musical style and refuses to play with the condescending guys. Frustrated, she leaves—and Wes and Corey go with her. What follows is both a classic road-trip novel and an inventive teen adventure that subtly addresses race, family, and socioeconomics." Horn Book

Me & Earl & the dying girl; by Jesse Andrews. Amulet Books 2012 295 p. \$16.95

Grades: 8 9 10

1. Leukemia -- Fiction 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Pittsburgh (Pa.) -- Fiction 5. High school students -- Fiction 6. Humorous stories 7. Schools -- Fiction 8. High schools -- Fiction 9. Jews -- United States -- Fiction 10. Family life -- Pennsylvania -- Fiction

ISBN 9781419701764

LC 2011031796

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This book is a “confessional from a teen narrator who won’t be able to convince readers he’s as unlikable as he wants them to believe.” It covers “[h]is filmmaking ambitions . . . his unlikely friendship with the . . . Earl of the title. And his unlikelier friendship with Rachel, the titular ‘dying girl’ . . . He chronicles his senior year, in which his mother guilt-trips him into hanging out with Rachel, who has acute myelogenous leukemia.” (Kirkus Reviews)

Munmun. Jesse Andrews. Amulet Books 2018
404 p. Illustration

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

1. Brothers and sisters -- Fiction; 2. Social classes -- Fiction; 3. Size -- Fiction; 4. Siblings -- Fiction
9781683352617; 9781419728716, \$18.99

LC 2017043773

In this book, by Jesse Andrews, “Warner and his sister Prayer are destitute -- and tiny. Their size is not just demeaning, but dangerous: day and night they face mortal dangers that bigger richer people don’t ever have to think about, from being mauled by cats to their house getting stepped on. There are no cars or phones built small enough for them, or schools or hospitals, for that matter.... [H]ow can two littlepoors survive in a world built against them?” (Publisher’s note)

“Brilliant, savage, hilarious, a riveting journey through a harsh world that mirrors our own.” Kirkus

Anstey, Cindy

Carols and chaos. By Cindy Anstey. Swoon Reads 2018 336 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Christmas -- Fiction; 2. Counterfeits and counterfeiting -- Fiction; 3. Household employees -- Fiction; 4. Love -- Fiction; 5. Great Britain -- History -- George III, 1760-1820 -- Fiction; 6. Romance fiction
9781250174871, \$10.99

LC 2018003012

In this book, by Cindy Anstey, “1817. The happy chaos of the Yuletide season has descended upon the country estate of Shackleford Park in full force, but lady’s maid Kate Darby barely has the time to notice.... Matt Harlow is also rather busy.... Falling in love would be a disaster for either of them. But...when a devious counterfeiting scheme reaches the gates of Shackleford Park,...Kate and Matt are unwittingly swept up in the intrigue.” (Publisher’s note)

Sequel to: *Suitors and sabotage*

Love, lies and spies. Cindy Anstey. Swoon Reads 2016 368 p.

Grades: 8 9 10 11

1. Love -- Fiction 2. Spies -- Fiction 3. Great Britain -- History -- 1789-1820 -- Fiction 4. London (England) -- History -- 19th century -- Fiction 5. Romance fiction
9781250084033, \$10.99; 9781250084064

LC 2015026917

In this novel, by Cindy Anstey, “in spite of the trappings of her time, Juliana is a lady of education and scientific interests thanks to her father. In London for her first season, she meets a young man who at first thinks she may be mixed up in some shady dealings that he’s in town to investigate. No

new ground is covered in this tale: it follows the general formula of most Regency romances.” (School Library Journal)

“A cute premise and cover make this a solid purchase for budding historical romance readers.” SLJ

Anthony, Jessica

Chopsticks; Jessica Anthony, Rodrigo Corral. Penguin/Razorbill 2012 304 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Mystery fiction 2. Musicians -- Fiction 3. Piano music -- Fiction 4. Mental illness -- Fiction 5. Missing children -- Fiction
ISBN 9781595144355

This “mystery [book] reveals the events leading up to the disappearance of Glory, a teenaged piano prodigy who goes missing after her struggle with mental illness that causes her to play the children’s waltz ‘Chopsticks’ obsessively. Photographs, ephemera, and instant-message screenshots weave together the details of a forbidden romance with Francisco, the boy next door. . . . The story requires . . . visual literacy. . . . An example of the emerging trend of transmedia storytelling, this book will also be available in a ‘fully interactive electronic version.’ The inclusion of links to online media requires Internet access and a willingness to type . . . URLs, but the content of the links can be gleaned from context.” (School Libr J)

Antieau, Kim

Broken moon. Margaret K. McElderry Books 2007 183p \$15.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Pakistan -- Fiction 2. Siblings -- Fiction 3. Kidnapping -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-1767-0; 1-4169-1767-5

LC 2006-03780

When her little brother is kidnapped and taken from Pakistan to race camels in the desert, eighteen-year-old Nadira overcomes her own past abuse and, dressed as a boy and armed with knowledge of the powerful storytelling of the legendary Scheherazade, is determined to find and rescue him.

The author “presents important issues without letting them overtake the narrative, and the classic plot and sympathetic characters add up to an absorbing read.” Horn Book

Arbuthnott, Gill

The Keepers’ tattoo. Chicken House 2010 425p \$17.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Dreams -- Fiction 3. Uncles -- Fiction 4. Tattooing -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-545-17166-3; 0-545-17166-0

LC 2009-26327

Months before her fifteenth birthday, Nyssa learns that she is a special member of a legendary clan, the Keepers of Knowledge, as she and her uncle try to escape from Alaric, the White Wolf, who wants to use lines tattooed on her to destroy the rest of her people.

Arbuthnott “writes with restraint and thoughtfulness, never condescending to her readers. Nyssa is a convincing mixture of ignorance, courage, and resourcefulness.” Publ Wkly

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THIRD EDITION

Arcos, Carrie

★ **Out** of reach; Carrie Arcos. Simon Pulse 2012 250 p. (alk. paper) \$16.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Siblings -- Fiction 2. Drug abuse -- Fiction 3. Families of drug addicts -- Fiction 4. Runaways -- Fiction 5. Methamphetamine -- Fiction 6. California, Southern -- Fiction

ISBN 1442440538; 9781442440531; 9781442440555

LC 2011044501

In this book by Carrie Arcos, "Rachel's older brother Micah is using crystal meth, and he is lying, stealing, and hurting those who love him in order to feed his addiction. . . . An anonymous e-mail warns Rachel that Micah is in serious trouble. So Rachel teams up with Micah's fellow band member . . . Tyler, to find her brother. . . . But, despite the heartache of the search, Rachel begins to see that her life isn't destroyed -- and that Tyler is surprisingly kind and caring." (Booklist)

There will come a time. Carrie Arcos. Simon Pulse 2014 315 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Brothers and sisters -- Fiction 2. Death -- Fiction 3. Diaries -- Fiction 4. Family life -- California -- Los Angeles -- Fiction 5. Filipino Americans -- Fiction 6. Grief -- Fiction 7. Twins -- Fiction 8. Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Fiction 9. Suicide -- Fiction

1442495855; 9781442495852, \$17.99

LC 2014002771

In this young adult novel by Carrie Arcos, "Mark knows grief. Ever since the accident that killed his twin sister, Grace, the only time he feels at peace is when he visits the bridge on which she died. Comfort is fleeting, but it's almost within reach when he's standing on the wrong side of the suicide bars. Almost. Grace's best friend, Hanna, says she understands what he's going through. . . . Hanna convinces Mark to complete Grace's bucket list from her journal." (Publisher's note)

"This nuanced story presents a close study on how different people react to loss while posing many thorny questions about relationships. Mark is Filipino American, and another character is Korean American, offering diversity for those wishing to widen their lists. Give this book to anyone who wants a rock-solid, character-driven story of finding one's footing after a life-changing event." Booklist

Armentrout, Jennifer L.

White Hot Kiss. By Jennifer L. Armentrout. Harlequin Books Teen 2014 400 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Demonology -- Fiction 2. Supernatural -- Fiction 3. Gargoyles -- Fiction 4. Romance fiction

0373211104; 9780373211104, \$9.99

In this book, "seventeen-year-old Layla just wants to be normal. But with a kiss that kills anything with a soul, she's anything but normal. Half demon, half gargoyle, Layla has abilities no one else possesses. Layla tries to fit in, but that means hiding her own dark side from those she loves the most. Especially Zayne, the . . . completely off-limits Warden she's crushed on since forever. Then she meets Roth—a

tattooed, sinfully hot demon who claims to know all her secrets." (Publisher's note)

"With this first title in her new Dark Elements series, powerhouse author Armentrout delivers another action-packed, believably narrated ride through a paranormal world as seen by a teen. . . . Intense, well plotted, and very readable, this title should fly into the hands of every paranormal reader out there." Booklist

Armistead, Cal

Being Henry David; by Cal Armistead. Albert Whitman 2013 312 p. (hardcover) \$16.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Mystery fiction 2. Amnesia -- Fiction 3. Guilt -- Fiction 4. Runaways -- Fiction 5. Concord (Mass.) -- Fiction 6. Family problems -- Fiction 7. New York (N.Y.) -- Fiction 8. Street children -- Fiction

ISBN 080750615X; 9780807506158

LC 2012017377

In this book, a "boy wakes up in Penn Station, remembering nothing. He guesses that he's about 17, he has a head injury, and he is carrying only 10 dollars. Near at hand is a copy of *Walden*, so for want of anything better he calls himself Henry David (Hank). He heads to Concord, Massachusetts, to find, he hopes, some clues at Walden Pond. As his memories slowly return, he remembers who he was; as he copes with the memories, he discovers who he is and can be." (School Library Journal)

Armstrong, Kelley

Aftermath. Kelley Armstrong. Crown 2018 371 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Best friends -- Fiction; 2. Brothers -- Death -- Fiction; 3. High school students -- Fiction; 4. Mass murder investigation -- Fiction; 5. School shootings -- Fiction; 6. Teenagers -- Fiction; 7. Brothers -- Fiction

0399550364; 9780399550362, \$17.99; 9780399550386

In this book, by Kelley Armstrong, "three years after losing her brother Luka in a school shooting, Skye Gilchrist is moving home. But there's no sympathy for Skye and her family because Luka wasn't a victim; he was a shooter. Jesse Mandal knows all too well that the scars of the past don't heal easily. The shooting cost Jesse his brother and his best friend -- Skye. Ripped apart by tragedy, Jesse and Skye can't resist reopening the mysteries of their past." (Publisher's note)

The summoning. HarperCollinsPublishers 2008 390p (Darkest powers) \$17.99; lib bdg \$18.89

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Ghost stories 2. Supernatural -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-166269-0; 0-06-166269-0; 978-0-06-166272-0 lib bdg; 0-06-166272-0 lib bdg

LC 2008-14221

After fifteen-year-old Chloe starts seeing ghosts and is sent to Lyle House, a mysterious group home for mentally disturbed teenagers, she soon discovers that neither Lyle House nor its inhabitants are exactly what they seem, and that she and her new friends are in danger.

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"Suspenseful, well-written, and engaging, this page-turning . . . [novel] will be a hit." Voice Youth Advocates

Other titles in this series are:

The awakening (2009)

The reckoning (2010)

Armstrong, William Howard

★ **Souder**; [by] William H. Armstrong; illustrations by James Barkley. Harper & Row 1969 116p il \$15.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

1. Dogs -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. African Americans -- Fiction

ISBN 0-06-020143-6; 0-06-440020-4 pa

Awarded the Newbery Medal, 1970

"Set in the South in the era of sharecropping and segregation, this succinctly told tale poignantly describes the courage of a father who steals a ham in order to feed his undernourished family; the determination of the eldest son, who searches for his father despite the apathy of prison authorities; and the devotion of a coon dog named Souder." Shapiro. Fic for Youth. 3d edition

Arnett, Mindee

Avalon. Balzer + Bray. 2014 432p \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Science fiction 2. Mercenary troops--Fiction

ISBN: 0062235591; 9780062235596

LC 2013005155

This novel is "about a group of teenage mercenaries who stumble upon a conspiracy that threatens the entire galaxy. Jeth Seagrave and his crew have made their name stealing metatech: the devices that allow people to travel great distances faster than the speed of light. . . . When he finds himself in possession of information that both government and the crime bosses are willing to kill for, he's going to find there's no escaping his past anymore." (Publisher's note)

"Jeth has one last job to complete before he can buy back his parents' spaceship from a crime boss. But the ship he was sent to find carries a deadly cargo that everyone in the galaxy wants. The strong bond between Jeth and his humorously motley crew of teenage mercenaries outshines the predictable plot and will appeal to Firefly-esque space-opera fans." Horn Book

Arnold, Alexandra

Love & other train wrecks. Leah Konen. Katherine Tegen Books 2018 359 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11

1. Amtrak -- Fiction; 2. Children of divorced parents -- Fiction; 3. College students -- Fiction; 4. Interpersonal relations -- Fiction; 5. Railroad travel -- Fiction; 6. Strangers -- Fiction; 7. Winter storms -- Fiction; 8. New York (State) -- Fiction

9780062402509, \$17.99; 9780062402523

LC 2017938600

In this book, author Leah Konen "spins a charming tale of two people who are meant to be, despite terrible first impressions. Alternating between Ammy and Noah's perspectives, Konen provides rich backstories for both characters while laying groundwork for a realistic love story that, like life, isn't always easy or perfect." (Publishers Weekly)

"An absurdly charming, funny, and romantic odyssey." Kirkus

Arnold, Elana K.

Infamous. By Elana K. Arnold. Carolrhoda Lab 2015 189 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Mothers and daughters -- Fiction 2. Sculptors -- Fiction 3. Secrets -- Fiction 4. Sex -- Fiction 5. Single-parent families -- Fiction 6. Venice (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Fiction 7. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction 1467738492; 9781467738491, \$18.99; 9781467761802; 9781467776738; 9781467776745; 9781467776752

LC 2014008998

In this novel, by Elana K. Arnold, "Sephora Golding lives in the shadow of her unbelievably beautiful mother. Even though they scrape by in the seedier part of Venice Beach, she's always felt lucky. . . . But now, at sixteen, the fairy tale is less Disney and more Grimm. And she wants the story to be her own. Then she meets Felix, and the fairy tale takes a turn she never imagined. Sometimes, a story is just a way to hide the unspeakable in plain sight." (Publisher's note)

"Clocking in at just 200 pages, this is a story that packs no less of a punch for its brevity. Sephora's grim reimaginings of fairy tales are anti-Disney in the extreme (making this best suited for more mature readers). The strands are worked so surely into the narrative that they feel powerful instead of tired. Sephora herself is a narrator who defies convention, and her story, harsh and spare, is unforgettable." Booklist

What girls are made of. By Elana K. Arnold. Carolrhoda Lab 2017 200 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Dating (Social customs) -- Fiction; 2. Family problems -- Fiction; 3. Girls -- Fiction; 4. Sex -- Fiction 9781512410242, \$18.99; 9781512426946

LC 2016006372

National Book Award Finalist: Young People's Literature (2017)

In this book, by Elana K. Arnold, "when Nina Faye was fourteen, her mother told her there was no such thing as unconditional love. Nina believed her. Now she'll do anything for the boy she loves, to prove she's worthy of him. But when he breaks up with her, Nina is lost. What is she if not a girlfriend? What is she made of? Broken-hearted, Nina tries to figure out what the conditions of love are." (Publisher's note)

"Smart, true, and devastating, this is brutally, necessarily forthcoming about the crags of teen courtship." Booklist

Arnold, David

★ **Mosquitoland**. David Arnold. Viking, published by Penguin Group 2015 352 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Mental illness -- Fiction 2. Mothers and daughters -- Fiction 3. Runaways -- Fiction 4. Stepfamilies -- Fiction 5. Voyages and travels -- Fiction 6. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction 7. Runaway teenagers

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THIRD EDITION

-- Fiction

045147077X; 9780451470775, \$17.99

LC 2014009137

In this book, by David Arnold, "[a]fter the sudden collapse of her family, Mim Malone is dragged from her home in northern Ohio to . . . Mississippi, where she lives in a medicated milieu with her dad and new stepmom. Before the dust has a chance to settle, she learns her mother is sick back in Cleveland. So she ditches her new life and hops aboard a northbound Greyhound bus to her real home and her real mother, meeting a quirky cast of fellow travelers along the way." (Publisher's note)

Asher, Jay

The **future** of us; [by] Jay Asher and Carolyn Mackler. Razorbill 2011 356p \$18.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. School stories 2. Computers -- Fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59514-491-1; 1-59514-491-9

In this book by Jay Asher and Carolyn Mackler, "it's 1996, before Facebook's been invented. Yet Emma's first computer leads her to her Facebook page from fifteen years in the future. She tells only her friend and would-be boyfriend Josh, and they contemplate their futures with concern. Can their current actions change who they become?" (Voice of Youth Advocates)

"It's 1996, and Emma Nelson has just received her first computer. . . . When Emma powers up the computer, she discovers her own Facebook page (even though Facebook doesn't exist yet) and herself in an unhappy marriage—15 years in the future. Alternating chapters from Josh and Emma over the course of five days propel this riveting read, as Emma discovers she can alter her future by adjusting her present actions and intentions." Booklist

Thirteen reasons why; a novel. Razorbill 2007 288p \$16.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. School stories 2. Suicide -- Fiction

ISBN 9781595141712

LC 2007-03097

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.

"Clay's pain is palpable and exquisitely drawn in gripping casually poetic prose. The complex and soulful characters expose astoundingly rich and singularly teenage inner lives." SLJ

What light. Jay Asher. Penguin Group USA 2016 272 p.

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Christmas -- Fiction 2. Love -- Fiction 3. Teenagers -- Fiction

1595145516; 9781595145512, \$18.99; 9780448493657, \$56.97

LC 2016038795

In this book, by Jay Asher, "Sierra's family runs a Christmas tree farm in Oregon—it's a bucolic setting for a girl to grow up in, except that every year, they pack up and move to California to set up their Christmas tree lot for the season. So Sierra lives two lives: her life in Oregon and her life at Christmas. And leaving one always means missing the other. Until this particular Christmas, when Sierra meets Caleb, and one life eclipses the other." (Publisher's note)

"Sierra's story provides an interesting window into alternative schooling and living arrangements facing some teens whose families work in agriculture. Certain to please readers seeking an escapist, feel-good holiday read." Booklist

Ashton, Brodi

Everbound; an Everneath novel. Brodi Ashton. Balzer + Bray 2013 368 p. (Everneath) (hardcover bdg; alk. paper) \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Love stories 2. Occult fiction 3. Future life -- Fiction 4. Hell -- Fiction 5. Love -- Fiction 6. Supernatural -- Fiction

ISBN 0062071165; 9780062071163

LC 2012028327

This young adult paranormal story, by Brodi Ashton, is the sequel to "Everneath." "Nikki Beckett could only watch as . . . Jack . . . sacrificed himself to save her, taking her place in the Tunnels of the Everneath for eternity. . . . Desperate for answers, Nikki turns to Cole, the immortal bad boy who wants to make her his queen. . . . But his heart has been touched by everything about Nikki, and he agrees to help in the only way he can: by taking her to the Everneath himself." (Publisher's note)

Everneath; Brodi Ashton. 1st ed; Balzer + Bray 2012 370p. \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Love stories 2. Occult fiction 3. Fantasy fiction

ISBN 9780062071132 (trade bdg.)

LC 2011022892

This book tells the story of "Nikki Beckett [who] vanished, sucked into an underworld known as the Everneath. Now she's returned—to her old life, her family, her boyfriend—before she's banished back to the underworld . . . this time forever. She has six months before the Everneath comes to claim her, six months for good-byes she can't find the words for, six months to find redemption, if it exists. Nikki longs to spend these precious months forgetting the Everneath and trying to reconnect with her boyfriend, Jack, the person most devastated by her disappearance—and the one person she loves more than anything. But there's just one problem: Cole, the smoldering immortal who enticed her to the Everneath in the first place, has followed Nikki home. Cole wants to take over the throne in the underworld and is convinced Nikki is the key to making it happen." (Publisher's note)

Atkins, Catherine

The **file** on Angelyn Stark; by Catherine Atkins. 1st ed; Alfred A. Knopf 2011 250p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Young women -- Fiction 2. Child sexual abuse --

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Fiction 3. Teacher-student relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 9780375869068; 9780375969065 (lib. bdg.);
9780375899898 (ebook)

LC 2011016681

This book tells the story of "[f]ifteen-year-old Angelyn Stark [who] seems to relish her position as the head of a pack of bad girls, but her tough exterior covers a terrible secret. The summer she was 12, her stepfather, Danny, sexually molested her. The abuse stopped after a neighbor called police, but when her mom didn't believe her, Angelyn told investigators it never happened. . . . Angelyn's boyfriend, Steve, keeps pressuring her for sex, but she's only interested in her teacher, Mr. Rossi, the single adult in her life who encourages her. But Mr. Rossi is fighting demons of his own and rightly fears that a relationship with Angelyn will jeopardize his reputation." (Kirkus)

Atkins, Jeannine

★ **Stone** mirrors: the sculpture and silence of Edmonia Lewis. Jeannine Atkins. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2017 172 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Novels in verse; 2. Sculptors -- Fiction; 3. Women sculptors -- Fiction; 4. Lewis, Edmonia -- Fiction; 5. Biographical fiction
9781481459075; 9781481459051, \$17.99;
9781481459068

LC 2016003598

This biographical verse novel, by Jeannine Atkins, is "about a half Native American, half African American sculptor working in the years following the Civil War.... Edmonia Lewis was...a sculptor, but she never spoke or wrote much about her past, and the stories that have come down through time are often vague or contradictory. Some facts are known...but the historical record is very thin." (Publisher's note)

"How this brave, driven young woman overcame prejudice and trauma to pursue her artistic calling to the highest level -- her work, once dismissed as *démodé* for its neoclassicism, now resides in top museums -- is a story that warrants such artful retelling." Booklist

Includes bibliographical references and index

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia

Persistence of memory. Delacorte Press 2008 212p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99; pa \$8.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Witches -- Fiction 2. Vampires -- Fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction 4. Schizophrenia -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-73437-0; 0-385-73437-9; 978-0-385-90443-8 lib bdg; 0-385-90443-6 lib bdg; 978-0-440-24004-4 pa; 0-440-24004-2 pa

LC 2008-16062

Diagnosed with schizophrenia as a child, sixteen-year-old Erin has spent half of her life in therapy and on drugs, but now must face the possibility of weird things in the real world, including shapeshifting friends and her "alter," a centuries-old vampire.

"What sets this novel apart . . . are the two narrators—Erin, grown used to, and even comfortable with, the idea that she is mentally ill; and Shevaun, willing to do anything to protect the family she's cobbled together. Secondary char-

acters are equally compelling, and the world that Atwater-Rhodes has created is believable and intriguing." SLJ

Auch, Mary Jane

Guitar boy. Henry Holt 2010 260p \$16.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. Guitars -- Fiction 2. Musicians -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-8050-9112-0; 0-8050-9112-2

LC 2009-50782

After his mother is severely injured in an accident and his father kicks him out of the house, thirteen-year-old Travis attempts to survive on his own until he meets a guitar maker and some musicians who take him in and help him regain his confidence so that he can try to patch his family back together.

"Budding musicians will be fascinated by the details, but all readers will find their heartstrings plucked by this story." Booklist

Avasthi, Swati

Chasing Shadows; by Swati Avasthi and illustrated by Craig Phillips. Random House Childrens Books 2013 320 p. \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Death -- Fiction 2. Teenage girls -- Fiction

ISBN 0375863427; 9780375863424

The book offers a "portrait of two girls teetering on the edge of grief and insanity. Two girls who will find out just how many ways there are to lose a friend . . . and how many ways to be lost. Holly and Savitri cope with the death of their friend Corey as they look for Corey's killer." (Publisher's note)

"Savitri's boyfriend Corey is killed and her best friend, Holly (Corey's sister), is injured by a seemingly senseless shooting. With the killer at large, Holly teeters on the brink of sanity. The narrative alternates among Savitri's voice; a second-person narrator; and Holly's perspective, told through first-person text and dramatic graphic novel style interludes. Avasthi delves deeply into the psyche of both girls." (Horn Book)

★ **Split.** Alfred A. Knopf 2010 282p \$16.99; lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 10 11 12

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Child abuse -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86340-0; 0-375-86340-0; 978-0-375-96340-7 lib bdg; 0-375-96340-5 lib bdg

LC 2009-22615

A teenaged boy thrown out of his house by his abusive father goes to live with his older brother, who ran away from home years ago to escape the abuse.

"Readers seeking sensational violence should look elsewhere; this taut, complex family drama depicts abuse unflinchingly but focuses on healing, growth and learning to take responsibility for one's own anger." Kirkus

Avery, Lara

The memory book. Lara Avery. Little, Brown & Co. 2016 368 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Genetic disorders -- Fiction

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3. Love -- Fiction 4. Memory -- Fiction 5. Terminally ill -- Fiction
9780316283748

LC 2015029157

"Resolving to graduate at the top of her class and leave her small town in spite of a rare genetic disorder that will eventually steal her memories and health, Sammie writes a journal to her future self so that she will recall her feelings of friendship, love and laughter. By the author of *A Million Miles Away*." (Publisher's note)

"When Sammie gets the diagnosis her senior year—that a genetic condition will rob her of her mind, the one thing she valued over everything else—it's just one more thing for her to overcome, with the help of her memory book, a diary that will remind her future self of the Sammie she once was. But as the realities of her condition become more glaring, Sammie has to reevaluate everything she thought made her who she is. . . . Though there are moments recorded in Sammie's book that seem like they were captured at a very unlikely time to journal, each entry adds to a story of self-discovery that's hard to put down." Booklist

Aveyard, Victoria

King's cage. Victoria Aveyard. HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 2017 512 p. (Red queen)

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Ability -- Fiction; 2. Blood -- Fiction; 3. Courts and courtiers -- Fiction; 4. Government, Resistance to -- Fiction; 5. Princesses -- Fiction; 6. Social classes -- Fiction; 7. Resistance to government -- Fiction
9780062310712; 9780062310699, \$19.99

LC 2016478470

"In this breathless third installment to Victoria Aveyard's...Red Queen series, rebellion is rising and allegiances will be tested on every side. Mare Barrow is a prisoner.... She lives at the mercy of a boy she once loved.... Now a king, Maven Calore...attempt[s] to maintain control over his country -- and his prisoner. As Mare bears the weight of Silent Stone in the palace, her...band of newbloods and Reds continue organizing, training, and expanding." (Publisher's note)

Red queen. Victoria Aveyard. HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 2015 388 p. (Red queen trilogy)

Grades: 8 9 10 11

1. Blood -- Fiction 2. Resistance to government -- Fiction 3. Ability -- Fiction 4. Kings and rulers -- Fiction 5. Princesses -- Fiction 6. Teenage girls -- Fiction
0062310631; 9780062310637, \$17.99

LC 2014952542

This book, by Victoria Aveyard, is the "sweeping tale of seventeen-year-old Mare, a common girl whose once-latent magical power draws her into the dangerous intrigue of the king's palace. Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court." (Publisher's note)

"First-time author Aveyard has created a volatile world with a dynamic heroine, and while there are moments of romance, they refreshingly take a backseat to the action. Anticipation is already high for this debut, and with the movie rights already acquired and two sequels to come, it will likely only grow." Booklist

Avi, 1937-

★ **City** of orphans; with illustrations by Greg Ruth. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2011 350p il \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

1. Mystery fiction 2. Gangs -- Fiction 3. Immigrants -- Fiction 4. Family life -- Fiction 5. Homeless persons -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4169-7102-3; 1-4169-7102-5

LC 2010049229

In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works. Includes historical notes.

"Avi's vivid recreation of the sights and sounds of that time and place is spot on, masterfully weaving accurate historical details with Maks' experiences." Kirkus

Includes bibliographical references

★ **Crispin:** the cross of lead. Hyperion Bks. for Children 2002 \$15.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

1. Orphans -- Fiction 2. Middle Ages -- Fiction
ISBN 0-7868-0828-4; 0-7868-1658-9 pa

LC 2001-51829

Awarded the Newbery Medal, 2001

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret

This "book is a page-turner from beginning to end. . . . A meticulously crafted story, full of adventure, mystery, and action." SLJ

Other titles in this series are:

Crispin at the edge of the world (2006)

Crispin: the end of time (2010)

★ **Nothing** but the truth; a documentary novel. Scholastic Inc. 2010 177p pa \$6.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. School stories
ISBN 978-0-545-17415-2
First published 1991 by Orchard Bks.
A Newbery Medal honor book, 1992

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

"The book is effectively set entirely in monologue or dialogue; conversations, memos, letters, diary entries, talk-radio transcripts, and newspaper articles are all interwoven to present an uninterrupted plot. The construction is nearly flawless; the characters seem painfully human and typically ordinary. . . . A powerful, explosive novel that involves the reader from start to finish." Horn Book

LIST OF FICTIONAL WORKS

THIRD EDITION

★ **Traitor's** gate. Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2007 351p \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

1. Spies -- Fiction 2. Poverty -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction

ISBN 0-689-85335-1

When his father is arrested as a debtor in 1849 London, fourteen-year-old John Huffman must take on unexpected responsibilities, from asking a distant relative for help to determining why people are spying on him and his family.

"With plenty of period detail, this action-packed narrative of twists, turns, and treachery is another winner from a master craftsman." SLJ

Axelrod, Kate

The **law** of loving others: a novel. By Kate Axelrod. Razorbill 2015 240 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Coming of age -- Fiction 2. Love -- Fiction 3. Mental illness -- Fiction 4. Mothers and daughters -- Fiction 5. Schizophrenia -- Fiction 6. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction 7. Romance fiction 8. Bildungsromans

1595147896; 9781595147899, \$17.99

LC 2014032004

In this novel, by Kate Axelrod, "hours after Emma returns home from boarding school, she realizes that her mom is suffering from a schizophrenic break. Suddenly, Emma's entire childhood and identity is called into question. . . . In the span of just one winter break, Emma's relationships alter forever and she is forced to see the wisdom in a line from Anna Karenina: 'The law of loving others could not be discovered by reason, because it is unreasonable.'" (Publisher's note)

"In this candid, affecting portrait of a girl in crisis, debut author Axelrod nonjudgmentally and realistically captures the swirling ups and downs of anxiety, and the frantic, impotent grasp for control in the face of unpredictable, catastrophic change." Booklist

Ayarbe, Heidi

Compulsion. Balzer + Bray 2011 297p lib bdg \$16.99

Grades: 10 11 12

1. School stories 2. Soccer -- Fiction 3. Obsessive-compulsive disorder -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-199386-2

LC 2010027826

Poised to lead his high school soccer team to its third straight state championship, seventeen-year-old star player Jake Martin struggles to keep hidden his nearly debilitating obsessive-compulsive disorder.

"Ayarbe exercises both enormous skill and restraint getting to the root of just how debilitating OCD can become, juxtaposing descriptions of the ways the mind's compulsions can trip a trap of mental and physical anguish against a complex, credibly casted portrayal of teen social dynamics, which are treacherous enough on their own. A gripping, claustrophobic read." Booklist

Ayres, Katherine

North by night; a story of the Underground Railroad. Delacorte Press 1998 176p hardcover o.p. pa \$4.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. Diaries -- Fiction 2. Slavery -- Fiction 3. Fugitive slaves -- Fiction 4. Underground railroad -- Fiction

ISBN 0-385-32564-9; 0-440-22747-x pa

LC 98-10039

Presents the journal of Lucinda, a sixteen-year-old girl whose family operates a stop on the Underground Railroad

This "is an absorbing tale. Ayres slips in a lot of evocative detail about the hard work of running a farm and a household before the Civil War, as well as some rather charming musing about kissing and its myriad effects on the psyche." Booklist

Bacigalupi, Paolo

The **doubt** factory: a novel. Little, Brown & Co. 2014 484p

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Corporations -- Corrupt practices -- Fiction 2. Fathers and daughters -- Fiction 3. Whistle blowing--Fiction 4. Adventure fiction

ISBN: 0316220752; 9780316220750

LC 2014002543

This suspense novel "explores the . . . issue of how public information is distorted for monetary gain, and how those who exploit it must be stopped. Everything Alix knows about her life is a lie. At least that's what a mysterious young man who's stalking her keeps saying. But then she begins investigating the disturbing claims he makes against her father." (Publisher's note)

"This openly didactic novel asks challenging questions about the immorality of the profit motive and capitalism, but does so within the context of a highly believable plot . . . and well-developed, multifaceted characters." Pub Wkly

★ The **drowned** cities; by Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown and Company 2012 448p. paperback \$11.00

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Science fiction 2. Apocalyptic fiction 3. Refugees -- Fiction 4. War -- Fiction 5. Orphans -- Fiction 6. Soldiers -- Fiction 7. Survival -- Fiction 8. Conduct of life -- Fiction 9. Genetic engineering -- Fiction

ISBN 9780316056243; 9780316056229 paperback

LC 2011031762

This book takes place "[i]n a dark future America where violence, terror, and grief touch everyone, young refugees Mahlia and Mouse have managed to leave behind the war-torn lands of the Drowned Cities by escaping into the jungle outskirts. But when they discover a wounded half-man--a bioengineered war beast named Tool--who is being hunted by a vengeful band of soldiers, their fragile existence quickly collapses." (Publisher's note)

★ **Ship** Breaker; Bacigalupi, Paolo. Little, Brown and Co. 2010 326p \$17.99

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Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Science fiction 2. Recycling -- Fiction
ISBN 0316056219; 9780316056212

LC 2009-34424

Michael L. Printz Award, 2011

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

"Bacigalupi's cast is ethnically and morally diverse, and the book's message never overshadows the storytelling, action-packed pacing, or intricate world-building. At its core, the novel is an exploration of Nailer's discovery of the nature of the world around him and his ability to transcend that world's expectations." Publ Wkly

Tool of war. Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown & Co. 2017 377 p. (Ship breaker)

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

1. Genetic engineering -- Fiction; 2. Obedience -- Fiction; 3. Science fiction; 4. Soldiers -- Fiction; 5. Survival -- Fiction
9780316220835, \$17.99; 9780316364775

LC 2016051846

In this book in the Ship Breaker series, by Paolo Bacigalupi, "Tool, a half-man/half-beast designed for combat, is capable of so much more than his creators had ever dreamed.... But he is hunted relentlessly by someone determined to destroy him, who knows an alarming secret: Tool has found the way to resist his genetically ingrained impulses of submission and loyalty toward his masters..." (Publisher's note)

"Tool is at center stage at last as readers move through Bacigalupi's exploration of the intricate relationships connecting hunter and prey, master and enslaved, human and monster. Masterful." Kirkus

Other titles in this series include:

Ship breaker (2010);

The Drowned Cities (2012)

Backes, M. Molly

The **princesses** of Iowa; M. Molly Backes. Candlewick Press 2012 442 p. \$16.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Iowa -- Fiction 2. Schools -- Fiction 3. Popularity -- Fiction 4. High schools -- Fiction 5. Conduct of life -- Fiction

ISBN 0763653128; 9780763653125

LC 2011018622

This young adult novel follows "Paige Sheridan . . . she's pretty, rich, and popular, and her spot on the homecoming court is practically guaranteed. But when a night of partying ends in an it-could-have-been-so-much worse crash, everything changes. Her best friends start ignoring her, her boyfriend grows cold and distant. . . . A charismatic new teacher . . . encourages students to be true to themselves. But who is Paige, if not the homecoming princess everyone expects her to be?" (Publisher's note)

"Backes addresses guilt, deceit, homophobia, loyalty, and the burden of keeping up appearances in a brutally believable high school setting." Pub Wkly

Badoe, Adwoa

Between sisters. Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press 2010 205p \$16.95

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. School stories 2. Poor -- Fiction 3. Ghana -- Fiction 4. Family life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-88899-996-2

"When sixteen-year-old Gloria fails thirteen out of fifteen subjects on her final exams, her future looks bleak indeed. Her family's resources are meager so the entire family is thrilled when a distant relative, Christine, offers to move Gloria north to Kumasi to look after her toddler son, Sam. In exchange, after two years, Christine will pay for Gloria to go to dressmaking school. Life in Kumasi is more grand than anything Gloria has ever experienced. . . . [But] Kumasi is also full of temptations." Publisher's note

Bailey, Kristin

Legacy of the clockwork key; by Kristin Bailey. Simon Pulse 2013 416 p. (alk. paper) \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

1. Inventions -- Fiction 2. Secret societies 3. Love -- Fiction 4. Science fiction 5. Orphans -- Fiction 6. Secret societies -- Fiction 7. London (England) -- History -- 19th century -- Fiction 8. Great Britain -- History -- Victoria, 1837-1901 -- Fiction
ISBN 1442440260; 9781442440265

LC 2011049871

In this book, "a teen girl unravels the mysteries of a secret society and their most dangerous invention. . . . When a fire consumes Meg's home, killing her parents . . . all she has left is the tarnished pocket watch she rescued from the ashes. But this is no ordinary timepiece. The clock turns out to be a mechanical key--a key that only Meg can use--which unlocks a series of deadly secrets and intricate clues that Meg has no choice but to follow." (Publisher's note)

Baldwin, Kathleen

A School for Unusual Girls: A Stranje House Novel. Kathleen Baldwin. St. Martin's Press 2015 352 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

1. Spy stories 2. School stories 3. Historical fiction
0765376008; 9780765376008, \$17.99

LC 2015012225

In this young adult novel by Kathleen Baldwin, "It's 1814. Napoleon is exiled on Elba. Europe is in shambles. Britain is at war on four fronts. And Stranje House, a School for Unusual Girls, has become one of Regency England's dark little secrets. The daughters of the beau monde who don't fit high society's constrictive mold are banished to Stranje House to be reformed into marriageable young ladies. Or so their parents think." (Publisher's note)

"The spunky, naive, and passionate protagonist will resonate with readers, who will appreciate the lively, fast-paced narrative of personal discovery, maturing realizations, and understanding." SLJ

Bancks, Tristan

Mac Slater hunts the cool. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2010 203p \$15.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

1. School stories 2. Beaches -- Fiction 3. Weblogs