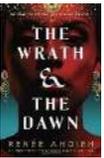


Saint Ann's Library Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 9th grade, 2018



Adeyemi, Tomi. **Children of Blood and Bone**

The king of Orïsha has banned magic and killed Zélie's Reaper mother. Now it is Zélie's last chance to defeat the crown prince, who wants to obliterate magic completely. Full of friendship, love, betrayal, and a strong sense of justice, this new epic fantasy is not to be missed. Warning: You might have a hard time waiting for the next one! Titles that are shaded, like this sentence, indicate that the book is available in the Saint Ann's Digital Library.



Ahdieh, Renée. **The Wrath & the Dawn**

Mystery, romance and magic! Riffing off of *The Arabian Nights*, in this version Shahrzad volunteers to marry the Caliph of Khorasan after her best friend is murdered. (The friend had the misfortune of being chosen as a virgin bride for the Caliph.) Yes, Shahrzad does use her storytelling skills to stay alive—but there's a lot more going on in this culturally rich Middle Eastern tale.



Ali, S. K. **Saints and Misfits**

Janna's Muslim faith is very important to her, as is the strong sense of community her mosque provides. Janna also goes to a secular school, has a non-Muslim best friend, and a serious crush on a white boy at school. Ever since a seemingly perfect boy at her mosque assaulted her, Janna's life has become decidedly more complicated to navigate.



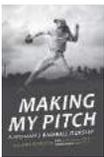
Bardugo, Leigh. **Six of Crows**

Six outcasts. One heist. Plenty of magic, action, and revenge. A brilliantly compelling YA novel with a cliffhanger ending—but don't worry, you can go straight to the sequel, *Crooked Kingdom*.



Benway, Robin. **Far From the Tree**

Pregnant in high school, Grace decides to put her daughter up for adoption. Adopted herself, Grace becomes curious about her biological family. She discovers that she has two siblings, Maya (adopted by a wealthy family) and Joaquin (still living in foster care). The siblings get to know each other and form a new kind of family. What happened to their mother?



Borders, Ila Jane and Jean Hastings Ardell. **Making My Pitch: A Woman's Baseball Odyssey** (memoir)

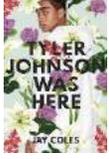
Borders played for four seasons on a men's professional baseball team. This is her incredible story—beginning with when she was a Little League prodigy. Find out what it was like for Borders to be the only woman on the bus, in the clubhouse, and on the field.

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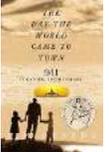
Coles, Jay. ***Tyler Johnson Was Here***

Tyler and Marvin are identical twins who have lately started to drift apart. Marvin decides to tag along with Tyler to a party one night and Tyler ends up dead—shot by the police. Marvin wants to clear his dead brother’s name; he wants justice. *The Hate U Give* meets *All American Boys*.



Cosgrove, Jennifer. ***A Boy Worth Knowing***

It’s senior year and Nate Shaw doesn’t have many friends—it could be because of his ability to talk to ghosts, something Nate would like to keep secret. When James moves to town, Nate gets a friend, and also a first love. The ghosts keep giving advice.



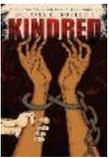
DeFede, Jim. ***The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland*** (nonfiction)

The residents of Gander, Newfoundland (population 10,000) hosted more 6,700 displaced travelers for several days while the United States airspace was closed after the events of September 11th, 2001. Residents opened their homes and their hearts to the unexpected guests; lifelong friendships were formed. This is the heartwarming story. (The Broadway musical *Come From Away* recounts this incredible time as well.)



Downham, Jenny. ***Unbecoming***

Kate’s got a secret—she likes girls. It turns out that her mother and grandmother have secrets too. Much becomes clear when her estranged grandmother (suffering from dementia), comes to live with the family.



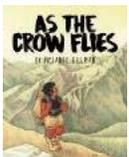
Duffy, Damian and Octavia E. Butler. ***Kindred*** (graphic novel)

This is an adaptation of Octavia Butler’s now classic sci-fi novel that tells the story of Dana, a young black woman who lives in 1970s California and is mysteriously transported to the pre–Civil War South. In one world she is a free woman while in the other she is entrenched in her familial history on a southern plantation. If you liked the adaptation, read the original, also called *Kindred*.



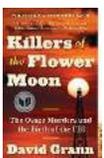
Fleming, Melissa. ***A Hope More Powerful than the Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival*** (nonfiction)

Fleming recounts the story of 19-year-old Doaa who fled war-torn Syria with her fiance to seek a better life in Europe. Just a few days into their journey their boat capsizes and Doaa ends up clinging to an inflatable tube with two babies in tow—entrusted to her by their drowning relatives. For days Doaa drifts, praying to be rescued. Doaa’s story, like that of so many refugees, is one of heartbreak, hope, and perseverance.



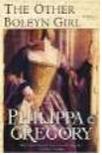
Gillman, Melanie. ***As the Crow Flies*** (graphic novel)

Charlie, who is black and queer, finds herself spending a week at a predominantly white Christian girl’s backpacking camp. Charlie is pretty clueless when it comes to being out in nature while the camp leaders and most of the girls are narrow-minded and manage to alienate Charlie with their own brand of white feminism. Awkward to say the least. Microaggressions, anyone?



Grann, David. ***Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*** (nonfiction)

The treatment of the Osage Indians by white Americans was cruel, inhumane, and simply mind-boggling. In the 1800s the Osage were relegated to land in Oklahoma that no white people wanted—well, not until oil was discovered. By the 1920s the Osage were incredibly wealthy. They drove fancy cars, built mansions, and traveled. Soon, however, various Osage started dying mysteriously. The bodies piled up before any proper investigation was carried out.



Gregory, Philippa. ***The Other Boleyn Girl***

Just what kind of a royal family is Meghan Markle marrying into? Find out by reading this racy historical fiction set during the reign of Henry VIII in England. Henry is the king famous for having so many wives and beheading a couple of them. Most people are familiar with Anne Boleyn, Henry's wife after he annulled his marriage with Katherine of Aragon. This novel features Anne's younger sister Mary, who was King Henry's mistress before Anne. There is a movie, but the book is better.



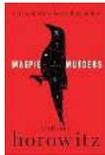
Gyasi, Yaa. ***Homegoing***

Effia and Esi are two half-sisters—born to the same Asante woman in the mid-1800s in what is now known as Ghana—who never actually meet. Effia marries an Englishman who participates in the Gold Coast slave trade. Esi is sold into slavery and sent to America. Every chapter focuses on a descendant of the original sisters, both in Ghana and in America. Masterful.



Hesse, Monica. ***Girl in the Blue Coat***

It is 1943, and Dutch teenager Hanneke supports her family by selling hard-to-find goods in the black market. Though her boyfriend was killed on the front lines when Germany invaded, she knows nothing of how the Nazi regime treats Jews. All that changes when a woman asks Hanneke to find not a product but a person, a Jewish person the woman has been harboring in her home who has suddenly disappeared. A page-turning historical mystery!



Horowitz, Anthony. ***The Magpie Murders***

If you are an Agatha Christie fan (maybe you once read *And Then There Were None?*), then this is the book for you. A literary agent receives a manuscript featuring an old-school detective (think Hercule Poirot) who investigates a series of murders. But the last chapter is missing and the agent decides to track down the pages. More mystery!



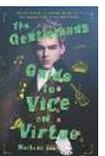
Kushner, David. ***Rise of the Dungeon Master: Gary Gygax and the Creation of D&D*** (graphic novel)

Gary Gygax was the co-creator of Dungeons & Dragons and this is the story of his life and the creation of the well-known game. The reader (you) gets to participate in the action as you take on the roles of different characters in the story—just like the game.



LaCour, Nina. ***We Are Okay***

It's winter break during Marin's freshman year of college. She decides to stay in upstate New York rather than go home to San Francisco and face painful memories. Her best friend, Mabel, comes to stay with her and the two sort out their shared past. Winner of this year's Printz Award (given to the best teen book of the year!).



Lee, Mackenzie. ***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue***

Henry Montague (aka Monty) was born and bred to be an English gentleman. Monty, however, has other ideas. On his yearlong grand tour of Europe (before he settles down), Monty plans on having as much fun as possible, which includes romantically pursuing his travelling companion, Percy. Things don't go exactly as planned. A racy 18th century adventure with a modern twist.



Lockhart, E. ***Genuine Fraud***

Jule is one tough cookie—quite adept at taking care of herself. A twisty, turny mystery (told in reverse) that will keep you on your toes. Lockhart always entertains and this latest is no exception.



Lu, Marie. **Warcross**

Warcross, a virtual reality video game, has become a global obsession. Emika works as a bounty hunter tracking down people who bet illegally on the game, but money is tight and Emika herself decides to game the system and ends up in over her head.



McManus, Karen M. **One of Us Is Lying**

Bronwyn, Addy, Nate, Cooper, and Simon all have detention on Monday afternoon. Simon, the creator of a notorious gossip app who is about to post some serious trash on his fellow classmates, doesn't make it out alive. Everyone has secrets, but who is desperate enough to kill to keep them secret?



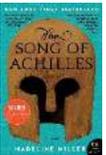
Medina, Meg. **Burn Baby Burn**

It's the summer of 1977 and Nora Lopez, who lives in the Bronx with her mother and brother, Hector, is looking forward to life after high school. Things have never been easy for Nora (her father left years ago and money is tight), but it only gets worse when Hector starts dealing drugs and physically abusing their mother. Add the Son of Sam into the mix (a serial killer who terrorized young couples) and you have a perfect storm.



Menon, Sandhya. **When Dimple Met Rishi**

The parents of Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel want to arrange a marriage between the two teens. Rishi is all in, but Dimple has others plans--she's going to Stanford in the fall after all. The two meet at a summer program for aspiring web developers and clash big time. Romance! Humor!



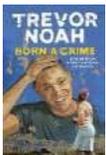
Miller, Madeline. **The Song of Achilles**

Love! Adventure! Action! This retelling of the legend of Achilles and the Trojan War has it all, including a lot of mature content. Next read Miller's latest, *Circe*, featuring the bewitching sorceress of *The Odyssey*.



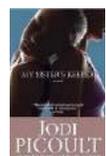
Murphy, Julie. **Ramona Blue**

Ramona lives in Eulogy, Mississippi in a trailer with her flaky parents and pregnant sister. She's pretty sure of a few things, the first being that she likes girls and the second being that she's not going to spend her entire life living in her family's trailer. When her childhood friend, a boy named Freddie, returns home and their friendship resumes, Ramona begins to question some of the things she was so sure about. Or maybe life is just a little more nuanced and fluid than she realized.



Noah, Trevor. **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood** (memoir)

As talented a writer as he is a comedian, Trevor Noah has written a memoir not to be missed. Noah writes about his experiences growing up under apartheid as the mixed-race son of a single mother—he has a lot of stories to tell.



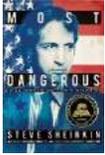
Picoult, Jodi. **My Sister's Keeper**

Anna was born to keep her older sister, Kate, alive. Engineered by her parents (with the help of a lab) to be a perfect genetic match for Kate, who was dying of leukemia, Anna began her life by donating stem cells from her umbilical cord. Each time Kate relapsed, Anna donated; first it was just platelets, then bone marrow. When, at the age of 13, it becomes clear that Anna's parents expect her to donate a kidney in order to save Kate's life, Anna sues for medical emancipation from her parents. Who's right? Anna? Her parents?

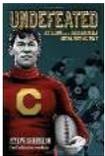


Saedi, Sara. **Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card** (memoir)

An honest, and at times hilarious, memoir describing growing up as an undocumented Iranian immigrant in the United States. With little money, no Social Security number, and lots of teenage angst—Sara's story is compelling.



Sheinkin, Steve. ***Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War*** (nonfiction)
This book will make you smarter. Guaranteed. The Vietnam War, The Pentagon Papers, deception, corruption, break-ins, impeachment. High entertainment value—and it’s all true.

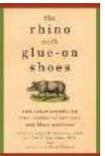


Sheinkin, Steve. ***Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team*** (nonfiction)
The odds were stacked against Jim Thorpe. Sent to a school designed to erase his Native American culture, Thorpe joined a football team that challenged—and often defeated—some of the best schools of the day. He went on to win two Olympic gold medals, and has often been called “the world’s greatest athlete.”



Silvera, Adam. ***They Both Die at the End***

Everyone has a death day. When Mateo and Rufus each learn that they are scheduled to die, they turn to an app that pairs a person with a new friend for their death day. The two teens spend their last day together. Adventure, romance, and heartbreak ensue.

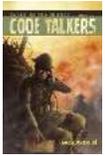


Spelman, Lucy H. ***The Rhino with Glue-On Shoes: And Other Surprising True Stories of Zoo Vets and Their Patients*** (nonfiction)

Why won’t the moray eel eat? How do you transport whale sharks across the world? Read about the wild animals who need medical help and the vets who care for them. Yes, there really is a rhino with glue-on shoes.



Slater, Dashka. ***The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives*** (nonfiction)
Sasha (middle-class, white, and agender) and Richard (poor, black, and cisgender) take the same bus. Their lives become forever intertwined when Richard lights Sasha’s skirt on fire. Sasha ends up severely burned and Richard is charged with two hate crimes. Here’s the story. It’s not what you might think.



Starr, Arigon. ***Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers*** (graphic novel)

Starr (member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma) compiled and edited nine original stories featuring the heroic tales of Code Talkers from World War I through the Korean War. Contributors are all Native American artists and writers.



Taylor, Laini. ***Strange the Dreamer***

Lazlo Strange has been obsessed with the distant mythical city of Weep his entire life. When the Godslayer (who liberated Weep) visits the Great Library of Zosma where Lazlo works, he seizes his chance to visit the distant land with the Godslayer and a group of warriors in order to learn about the legendary conflict between the mortal residents and the blue godlike creatures who were slain.



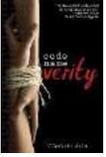
Thomas, Angie. ***The Hate U Give***

Starr’s friend Khalil is killed by a white cop when the two of them are driving home after a party. Starr has to testify before a grand jury that will decide whether or not to indict the cop. Navigating the horror of what has happened, plus the contrasting realities of the predominantly black and poor neighborhood where she lives and the mostly white and wealthy private school she attends, make for a compelling read.



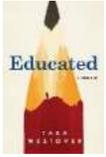
Watson, Renée. ***Piecing Me Together***

Jade has a full scholarship to a mostly white private school. Her mom wants her to take advantage of the “opportunities” the school provides. But Jade isn’t so sure she wants to be a part of Women to Women—a mentorship program for “at risk” girls. Just because Maxine, Jade’s mentor, is black doesn’t mean she knows anything about Jade’s life. In fact, Jade could probably teach her a thing or two.



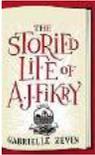
Wein, Elizabeth. **Code Name Verity**

When “Verity” is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a choice: reveal her mission or face execution. During her imprisonment Verity writes out her confession, describing how she got there and how everything went terribly awry. Read *Rose Under Fire* next or the stand-alone prequel *The Pearl Thief*.



Westover, Tara. **Educated** (memoir)

At age seventeen, Tara walked into a classroom for the first time. She grew up in the mountains of Idaho with her survivalist Mormon family, largely isolated from society. When an older brother made it out and went to college, Tara decided to break free and try living in the outside world herself. This is her story.



Zevin, Gabrielle. **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry**

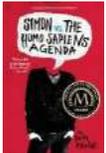
A.J. Fikry lives on a small island off the coast of Rhode Island and runs Island Books—but not particularly well. He has become an irritable drunk since his wife died in a car crash. One evening, when he is passed out from drinking, his beloved book of Edgar Allan Poe poetry gets stolen. Add a baby who gets abandoned in the bookstore, a pretty (but quirky) travelling salesperson, a crime-novel-reading detective friend, and a whole lot of references to books and literature, and you've got yourself a very entertaining novel.



Zoboi, Ibi. **American Street**

Fabiola and her mother have left Haiti and are travelling to the United States to live with relatives in Detroit. In New York, Fabiola's mother is detained at immigration and Fabiola is forced to go on to Detroit by herself. Navigating her new school, the surprisingly complicated lives of her American cousins, and a new romance—all without her mother—proves to be very difficult. Fabiola so desperately wants to be with her mother that she risks betraying her family and new friends.

Read the Book and then Watch the Movie or Series



Albertalli, Becky. **Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda**. Simon's life is forever changed when he steps away from his computer at school and his biggest secret is discovered. Drama, blackmail, and hilarity ensue in this coming-of-age, coming-out masterpiece. (Watch the recent movie, *Love, Simon*.)



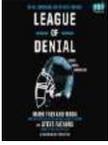
Atwood, Margaret. **The Handmaid's Tale**. In a warped, frightening, not-too-distant future, the women of the upper classes are sterile. All fertile women are treated as cattle with the sole purpose of breeding for the upper class. The narrator of this haunting story, the handmaid Offred, recalls her past life and how this horrific society came to be. (Watch the series on Hulu.)



Cline, Ernest. **Ready Player One**. It's 2044 and in order to escape his grim life, Wade spends most of his time jacked into a virtual utopia called the OASIS. Wade, along with everyone else, is searching for the hidden clues that James Halliday, creator of the OASIS, has concealed somewhere in the virtual world. The first to discover and unlock the clues will inherit Halliday's vast fortune. As Wade begins to unlock the clues, he realizes that there are many who would commit murder to solve the puzzle before he does. (Watch the recent movie.)



Dick, Philip K. **The Man in the High Castle**. It's 1962, but in this version of 1962, the Allied powers lost World War II. The United States is divided among the Axis powers—Japan rules the West Coast, Germany rules the East Coast, and there is a sliver of land near the Rockies that is neutral. Slavery is legal and Jews hide their identity if they want to survive. In this world Hitler is still alive, although suffering from an advanced case of syphilis. Just who IS the man in the high castle? (Watch the Amazon series.)



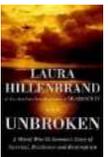
Fainaru-Wada, Mark and Steve Fainaru. **League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for Truth.** (nonfiction) A very readable account by two investigative reporters (who happen to be brothers), about the NFL's twenty-year attempt to cover up the connection between football and brain damage. (Watch the 2013 Frontline investigation.)



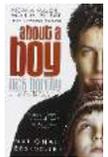
Galbraith, Robert. **The Cuckoo's Calling.** For those who like mysteries, this is a fantastic one. Features a perfectly appealing private eye—a one-legged Afghan War vet freshly jilted by his girlfriend and living (if you can call it that) in his office—and a clever plot that involves rock stars, supermodels, and London. Written under the Galbraith pseudonym by J.K. Rowling of Harry Potter fame. Two sequels include *The Silkworm* and *Career of Evil*. (Watch the mini-series premiering this June on Cinemax.)



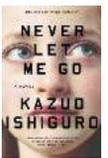
Hillenbrand, Laura. **Seabiscuit: An American Legend.** (nonfiction) Seabiscuit was an unlikely champion. He was an undersized horse with a sad little tail and knees that wouldn't straighten all the way. Competing during the cruelest years of the depression, he became a symbol of the underdog and went on to become one of the biggest newsmakers of 1938. A great story! (Watch the 2003 movie.)



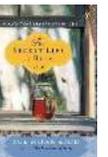
Hillenbrand, Laura. **Unbroken.** (nonfiction) After their Army Air Forces plane crashes during a routine mission in May of 1943, Louie and two pals find themselves on a life raft in the middle of the Pacific Ocean dodging bullets from an attacking aircraft. This is an incredible survival story—47 days on a raft in the open ocean only to be rescued and sent to a Japanese prison camp. Brutal. (Watch the 2014 movie directed by Angelina Jolie.)



Hornby, Nick. **About a Boy.** Will Freeman is a guy who will do anything to get a date—even lie about having a kid in order to gain membership into SPAT (Single Parents—Alone Together). But then he meets 12-year-old Marcus and his very hip, very single London lifestyle hits a roadblock. Hilarious. (Watch the 2002 movie starring Hugh Grant.)



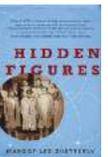
Ishiguro, Kazuo. **Never Let Me Go.** Kathy and friends attended Hailsham, an elite boarding school, where they were constantly told they were special. It is only as an adult, reflecting on her youth, that Kathy begins to understand just how special she and the other the residents of Hailsham really are. (Watch the 2010 movie starring Keira Knightley and Carey Mulligan.)



Kidd, Sue Monk. **The Secret Life of Bees.** It's 1964 and 14-year-old Lily has run away from her neglectful father with her nanny, Rosaleen. Lily has only fleeting memories of her mother, who she accidentally shot and killed when she was four years old. Looking for clues about her mother's life, Lily finds a picture of a black Virgin Mary with the words "Tiburon, SC" on the back. Off the two go to South Carolina. (Watch the 2008 movie starring Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys, and Jennifer Hudson.)



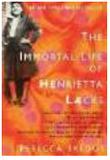
Krakauer, Jon. **Into the Wild.** (nonfiction) In 1992 Christopher Johnson McCandless, a privileged young man, gave up all his worldly possessions and went off to live in the wilderness of Alaska. His journey didn't end well. Krakauer brilliantly tells his story. (Watch the 2007 movie.)



Lee Shetterly, Margot. **Hidden Figures.** (nonfiction) We know about the white men who first orbited the earth and walked on the moon, but do we know about the black women who helped them get there? This book chronicles the lives and work of four African American women who worked as human computers during the height of the space race. Read the original or the young reader's edition. (Watch the 2016 movie starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, and Janelle Monáe.)



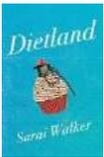
Levin, Ira. **Rosemary's Baby**. A horrifyingly creepy novel published 50 years ago! Newly married Rosemary Woodhouse and her husband, Guy, a struggling actor, decide to sign a lease on an apartment in a beautiful, old New York City building, despite the fact that the site has been the location of some decidedly horrible events in the past (like murder). Soon Rosemary gets pregnant and Guy gets a role on Broadway. Things are looking up—or are they? (Watch the 1968 Roman Polanski film or the 2014 mini-series starring Zoe Saldana.)



Skloot, Rebecca. **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**. (nonfiction) The story of Henrietta Lacks and her cervical cancer cells. Extracted from her tumor without her knowledge or consent, these cells gave rise to one of the most important cell lines ever grown, known as HeLa. Not only have they been instrumental in countless scientific breakthroughs, but a multi-billion-dollar industry emerged based on the sale of these cells to labs around the world. But who was Henrietta Lacks? (Watch the HBO movie starring Oprah Winfrey.)



Smith, Alexander McCall. **The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency**. Precious Ramotswe is a female detective in Botswana (highly unusual). Follow Ramotswe and her loyal assistant, Grace Makutsi, as they solve various cases. This is the first in a charming series. (Watch the 2008-2009 HBO series.)

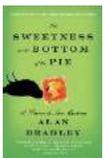


Walker, Sarai. **Dietland**. Plum is a very overweight young woman who desperately wants to be thin. She has a job at a fashion magazine as a ghost writer responding to emails from readers seeking advice—but she works from home and rarely goes into the magazine's fancy headquarters. The world shifts when Plum is befriended by a group of women who actively reject consumerist fashionista culture. Add a radical feminist group willing to go to any lengths to effect change and you've got an entertaining and totally subversive story! (Watch the series on AMC, premiering this June.)



Walls, Jeannette. **The Glass Castle**. (memoir) Walls had an unusual childhood. Dysfunctional yet brilliant, her parents encouraged their four children to "fly under the radar" to avoid attracting attention to their bizarre lifestyle. Virtual nomads, they often did the "skedaddle" rather than pay rent or deal with authority. Amazing story. (Watch the 2017 movie starring Brie Larson.)

Series



Bradley, Alan. **Flavia de Luce**

Flavia is an eleven-year-old eccentric science prodigy with a penchant for poison, who lives in an ancient English country house. Fearless and unflappable, she pursues clues and solves crimes. Totally fun. **Series:** *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, *The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag*, *A Red Herring Without Mustard*, *I am Half Sick of Shadows*, *Speaking from Among the Bones*, *The Dead in Their Vaulted Arches*, *The Curious Case of the Copper Corpse*, *As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust*, *Thrice the Brinded Cat Hath Mew'd*, and *The Grave's a Fine and Private Place*.



Brown, Pierce. **Red Rising**

Darrow is a Red, which means that he is the lowest of the low in his very class-conscious society. He is 16, happily married, and works as a miner in a mining colony on Mars. When his wife is executed in front of him and he gets recruited by a rebel group to infiltrate the government, his life takes a dramatic turn.

Series: *Red Rising*, *Golden Son*, and *Morning Star*.



Coates, Ta-Nehisi and Brian Stelfreeze. **Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet** (comic)

Coates, author of *Between the World and Me*, combines his passion for social justice with rocking superhero action. (Multiple Volumes)



Lewis, John, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. **March** (graphic memoir)

Beginning with his childhood spent on a sharecropper's farm in Alabama, John Lewis tells the extraordinary story of his life and the work he did during the civil rights era. Learn about sits-in, freedom rides, the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the Freedom Summer murders, and the Selma to Montgomery marches. It's all here. (Volumes 1-3)



Ness, Patrick. **Chaos Walking**

Todd Hewitt has to flee his settlement in haste after a wacko preacher chases him out. All of the women on his planet have been killed and the men have been infected with a sickness that broadcasts all of their thoughts. Expect suspense and tension in this dystopian nightmare. **Series:** *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, *The Ask and the Answer*, and *Monsters of Men*.



Novik, Naomi. **Temeraire**

Dragons and fantasy set against the backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars! Each country has its own special dragon breed and the British Captain, Will Laurence, is very fortunate to intercept a French ship carrying a special gift from the Chinese: a precious dragon egg. The Captain and the dragon form a special bond and join the Aerial Corps together. Lots of battle action! **Series:** *His Majesty's Dragon*, *Throne of Jade*, *Black Powder War*, *Empire of Ivory*, *Victory of Eagles*, *Tongues of Serpents*, *Crucible of Gold*, *Blood of Tyrants*, and *League of Dragons*.



O'Brien, Caragh M. **Birthmarked**

Gaia lives with her parents outside the wall. She has assisted her mother, a midwife, at countless births. Gaia continues to deliver babies even after her parents are arrested; she also continues to hand over the first three babies born every month to guards at the wall, just as her mother did. When it appears her parents are never returning, she sneaks through the wall in an effort to save them. **Series:** *Birthmarked*, *Prized* and *Promised*.



Schrefer, Eliot. **Rescued**

John and Raja grew up together. Raja was the family pet orangutan, but now he's too big and aggressive. Determined to save Raja from life in a low-budget roadside zoo, John decides to return Raja to an ape sanctuary in Sumatra. Like this? Try *Endangered* and *Threatened*, also by Schrefer.



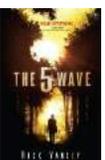
Schusterman, Neal. **Arc of a Scythe**

Citra and Rowan have been assigned a job they don't want. They are to be apprenticed to a scythe. In Citra and Rowan's world, a scythe is the only person who can take life (hunger, disease, and war have been eliminated). Scythes are tasked with population control—a grim responsibility. Recipient of a Printz Honor (for best YA fiction). **Series:** *Scythe*, *Thunderhead*.



Tahir, Sabaa. **An Ember in the Ashes**

In a brutal world ruled by an Empire that executes all who challenge it, two people must decide how much they are willing to risk for the cause of justice. Elias is a trained assassin for the Commandant and Laia is a slave recruited to spy for the rebellion. Both are fighting for their freedom. **Series:** *An Ember in the Ashes*, *A Torch Against the Night*, *A Reaper at the Gates*.



Yancey, Rick. **The 5th Wave**

Cassie is one of the few humans left on Earth. Heavily armed at all times, she is battling the invading aliens in what is now called the 5th Wave. Her family survived Waves 1 and 2, only to meet their downfall in later Waves. Ben, an old high school crush of Cassie's, also survived. A thriller with non-stop action, told from the viewpoints of both Cassie and Ben. **Series:** *The 5th Wave*, *The Infinite Sea*, and *The Last Star*.

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