

Saint Ann's Library

Suggested Summer Reading List

for Students Entering 9th Grade, 2026



Mysteries & Thrillers · Rom Com-ish Fun · Adaptations ·
Fantasy, Magic & Dystopian Worlds · Real Stuff ·
Realistic-ish Fiction · America at 250 · Graphic Novels

Top three not-to-be-missed books. So good!



Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal and the Lost Dream of Jonestown by Candace Flemming

Did you ever wonder where the phrase “Drink the Kool-Aid” came from? It originated with the horrifying and true events that occurred in 1978 when 900 members of the Peoples Temple movement died after drinking a cyanide-laced flavored drink, encouraged by their leader, Jim Jones. How does a cult start? Read all about it here. 📖🎧



Breakout by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk), and

Nicola Yoon

New kid Anthony Brooks desperately wants to fit in at his fancy, elite school, so he invites a tight-knit group of five friends to his dad’s luxurious resort on a remote island off the coast of Florida. A tropical storm hits, trapping them—that's when the bodies start falling. Will they make it off? 📖



The Escape Game by Marissa Meyer and Tamara Moss

Season four of The Escape Game television show ended with the murder of one of the contestants on set. It’s now season five and a new batch of contestants are playing the game. When they start uncovering clues that hint at the identity of the murderer, their own survival becomes uncertain. It turns out the game is not just about escape, it’s about survival. 📖🎧

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Most titles on this list are available on Sora as an **ebook, audiobook, or both.**

📖 means ebook, 🎧 means audiobook, 📖🎧 means both

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What types of books do owls like to read?
Whooo-dunnits!



MYSTERIES & THRILLERS



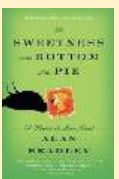
The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Cassie has an uncanny ability to read people. She, along with a bunch of other talented teens, is recruited by the FBI to solve cold cases. Turns out the cases aren't so cold and the teens are running for their lives. Romance, mystery, suspense! Check out two other series by Barnes: *The Inheritance Games* and *The Grandest Game*. **Series:** *The Naturals*, *Killer Instinct*, *All In*, *Bad Blood* 📖



Beth Is Dead by Katie Bernet

In this *Little Women* remix, Beth is murdered on New Year's Day. There is no shortage of suspects and the remaining March sisters are determined to find out who killed her—until they begin to suspect each other. Jo, an aspiring author with a huge following on social media, would do anything to hook readers. But kill her sister? Amy wants to study art in Europe, but she needs money from her aunt—money that's earmarked for Beth. And Meg wouldn't dream of hurting her sister...but her boyfriend might have, and she'll protect him at all costs. Who did it? 📖



Flavia de Luce series by Alan Bradley

Eleven-year-old Flavia, an eccentric science prodigy with a penchant for poison,

lives in an ancient English country house. Fearless and unflappable, she solves crimes. Totally fun. The series has 12 books, the first two are: *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* and *The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag*. 📖🎧



Promise Boys by Nick Brooks

When the principal of Urban Promise Prep school is murdered, the police focus on three students as the most likely suspects. The students have to work together to prove their innocence and find the real killer before it's too late. 📖



Only She Came Back by Margot Harrison

On July 28 at 6:30 p.m., Kiri Dunsmore walks out of the desert wearing her boyfriend's sweatshirt, covered in his blood. Dazed and on the verge of unconsciousness, she tells a cashier that he's still out there and likely dead. The disappearance of Callum Massey, a "survival guru" with hundreds of thousands of YouTube followers, rocks the nation. And Kiri is a prime suspect. True-crime fanatic Sam is determined to solve the case. 📖



We'll Never Tell by Wendy Hear

High school is almost over and the four friends who run a viral YouTube

channel want to do one last epic episode and film at the infamous Valentini "murder house," which has been left abandoned since a shocking murder/suicide occurred there in 1972. The teens break in and capture epic footage, but someone trips an alarm, and they scramble to get out before the police arrive. They soon realize only three of them escaped. 📖



Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson

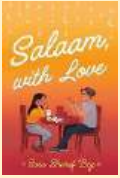
Ellingham Academy is infamous for the 1930s kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter. A mysterious riddle signed "Truly, Devious" was left behind, but the crime remained unsolved. Stevie Bell, a new student at the Vermont school, plans to solve the cold case, but Truly Devious seems to return to the school when a new murder takes place. There are two others in the series: *The Vanishing Stair* and *The Hand on the Wall*. 📖🎧



The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe

Nora O'Malley is the daughter of a con artist and grew up as her protégé—but left that all behind five years ago when she ran away. In her new normal life, Nora finds herself at a bank depositing fundraiser money with her girlfriend and her ex (awkward!) when the bank gets robbed and the three are taken hostage. Trouble ensues. 📖🎧

ROM COM-ISH FUN



Salaam, with Love by Sara Sharaf Beg

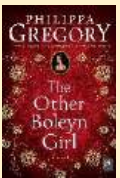
Spending the holy month of Ramadan in Queens with her more conservative extended family isn't exactly how Dua imagined visiting NYC (she's from Virginia). There's the fasting all day to contend with, as well as her rather reserved about-to-be-married cousin, Mahoor. Things start to look up when Hasaan, a cute drummer in a Muslim band, shows up. 📖🎧



Queerceañera by Alex Crespo

Joaquin Zoido is out and proud of it. His dad and sister support him, but his mom, not so much—so his dad and sis decide to throw him a party—a queerceañera. Felix, his mom's godson—also gay (why doesn't his mom have a problem with Felix?) agrees to pretend to be his fake boyfriend for the party, but Joaquin actually has feelings for him. Things are getting complicated.

Telenovela-level complicated. 📖🎧



The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory

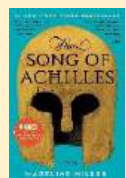
Racy historical fiction set during the reign of King Henry VIII in England. Henry is famous for beheading several of his wives. Most are familiar with Anne

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. Perhaps not a rom com. 📖🎧



The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee

Henry "Monty" Montague, a young bisexual British lord, embarks on a yearlong grand tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush. Since Monty's going to have to settle down and become respectable after the tour, he decides to make this escapade one last hedonistic hurrah. An 18th-century romantic adventure for the modern age. Sequels: *The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy* and *The Nobleman's Guide to Scandal and Shipwrecks* 📖🎧



The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

Love! Adventure! Action! This retelling of the legend of Achilles and the Trojan War has it all. After reading this page-turner read Miller's *Circe*, featuring the bewitching sorceress of The Odyssey. 📖🎧



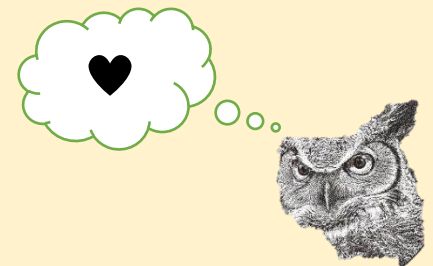
Better Than the Movies by Lynn Painter

Liz has always loved Michael and when he miraculously moves back to town after being away (yay!), Liz is determined to make him her prom date. How? With the help of her pain-in-the-butt next door neighbor, Wes, who has somehow befriended Michael. Wes is her in with Michael. As usual in a rom-com, things don't go as planned. Love is in the air. **Sequel:** *Nothing Like the Movies* 📖



Frankly in Love by David Yoon

Frank Li is in love with Brit, who is funny and goofy, just like Frank. Great, right? Wrong. Although Frank was born in California, his traditional Korean parents expect him to date only Korean girls. Brit is white. So, Joy Song, Frank's friend who has similarly traditional parents, offers to be his girlfriend. Great, right? Wrong again. 📖🎧



ADAPTATIONS



Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi.

The king of Orisha 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. Full of friendship, love, betrayal, and a strong sense of justice, now is your chance to read this if you missed it the first time around—before the movie comes out. 📖🔊



Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Romance and SO much more. Wit and keen observations steal the show in this classic featuring Elizabeth Bennet and the eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy. She thinks he’s arrogant and conceited. He is not impressed by her beauty and intelligence. Spoiler: They change their opinions about each other. Netflix is releasing a new series starring Emma Corrin, Jack Lowden, and Olivia Coleman this fall. 📖🔊



Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo

When soldier Alina Starkov’s regiment is attacked by monsters crossing the dark Shadow Fold, she is positive she won’t make it. But Alina survives by releasing a dormant magic she didn’t know she possessed. As a result, she begins training with the Grisha, her country’s magical military elite,

commanded by their leader known as Darkling. He has faith in Alina’s magical prowess...if she can harness it. There are three interconnected series, but each can stand alone. Netflix produced two seasons based on the first three books. Series: **Shadow and Bone: Shadow and Bone, Siege and Storm, Ruin and Rising; Six of Crows: Six of Crows, Crooked Kingdom; King of Scars: King of Scars and Rule of Wolves.** 📖🔊



The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Desiree and Stella are twins born in the 1950s. Although different, their relationship is intense—they even escape their small hometown together at the age of 16. So how does one end up back at home with her daughter while the other leaves the family behind to pass for white? Read to find out. HBO’s planned series will be produced by Issa Rae. 📖🔊



Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

Twenty-four years before he mentors Katniss and Peeta in The Hunger Games, 16-year-old Haymitch Abernathy is about to be reaped with 47 other tributes—double the usual amount—in honor of the second Quarter Quell. Devastation, rebellion, political intrigue, many tie-ins to the earlier books. Read the other books in the series first,

but don’t miss this one. Movie coming out this November. 📖🔊



Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

In the 1800s the Osage Indians were relegated to land 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, many Osage started dying mysteriously. The bodies piled up before any proper investigation was carried out. Watch Martin Scorsese’s film adaptation of the book. 📖🔊



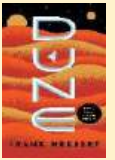
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

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. Sorry—no film yet, but there really should be! 📖🔊



The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah

During World War II in German-occupied, war-torn France, two sisters face the reality of war under vastly different circumstances. Vianne, whose house is requisitioned by a German captain while her husband is off fighting, is forced to live with the enemy while her sister, Isabelle, risks her life to join the resistance. Movie to be released eventually. Really. 📖



Dune by Frank Herbert

A sci-fi classic. Paul Atreides is heir to a noble throne, ruling over an inhospitable world where machines (like computers) have been rejected. The only valuable thing is something called the spice melange—it prolongs life, protects against disease, and enhances abilities. When the Atreides family is betrayed, the young heir embarks on an epic path. The third movie is coming out this December. The print series is vast. **Series:** *Dune*, *Dune Messiah*, *Children of Dune*, etc. 📖



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

Five years ago, Andie was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal, and then Sal died by suicide. Pip has always felt there was something more to the story, and now that she's a senior, she's decided to devote her senior project to discovering the truth. Someone, however, doesn't want the truth discovered. Watch the

series on Netflix. **Sequels:** *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, *Good Girl Bad Blood*, and *As Good as Dead*.



Carrie by Stephen King.

Carrie has a gift she's kept secret since she was a little girl: she can move things with her mind. Doors lock. Candles fall. When the teasing and taunts from her cruel classmates become too much, Carrie's gift becomes deadly. A mini-series is coming out later this year. 📖🎧



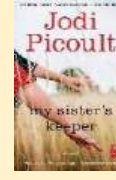
Whalefall by Daniel Kraus

Seventeen-year-old Jay Gardiner has decided to try to retrieve the remains of his father, who died off the coast of Monastery Bay in California. Jay, an experienced if out-of-practice scuba diver, gets swallowed by an eighty foot, sixty-ton sperm whale when he has only one hour of oxygen left in his tank. For science horror fans. Movie out in the fall. 📖



We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Cadence Sinclair and her close-knit circle of friends, known as The Liars, spend their summers on a private island. Wealthy, anyone? The summer Cadence is 15, a terrible accident occurs. It is now two years on and Cadence is still trying to figure out what really happened that fateful summer. Watch the series. **Sequels:** *Family of Liars* and *We Fell Apart*



My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult.

Anna's birth was engineered with a lab's help so she would be a perfect donor match for her older sister who has leukemia. Anna began her life by donating stem cells from her umbilical cord, then bone marrow. When it came time to donate a kidney she refused and filed for medical emancipation from her parents—she was 13. Who's right? Anna? Her parents? The movie adaptation (from many years ago) changed the ending and readers were IRATE! Read, then watch. 📖



Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

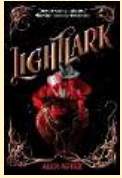
Ryland Grace wakes up from a coma to find that he's hurtling through space on a tiny ship. He has no idea why. Slowly he figures it out: He's supposed to save Earth. Yikes. Lots of science, intrigue, and page-turning suspense. And Rocky? Too cute. 📖



The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

In this futuristic society when you turn 16 you get an operation that turns you into a "pretty." Pretties live together and party. Just before she turns sixteen, Tally meets Shay who introduces her to a world where people live free and she learns the truth about the pretty world— and it's not that pretty! Watch the 2024 Netflix movie. **Series:** *Uglies*, *Pretties*, *Specials*, and *Extras* 📖

FANTASY, MAGIC, & DYSTOPIAN WORLDS



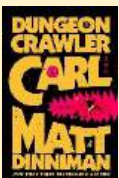
Lightlark by Alex Aster

Every 100 years Lightlark hosts a deadly game where the rulers of the six realms are invited to play for a chance to break the wicked curses that have plagued their realms for centuries. To destroy the curses, one ruler must die. Isla Crown is ruler of Wildling—a realm of temptresses cursed to kill anyone they fall in love with, who are counting on Isla to end their suffering. To survive, Isla must lie, cheat, and betray... but love complicates things. **Series:** *Nightbane* and *Skyshade* 📖🎧



Red Rising by Pierce Brown

Darrow is a Red—the lowest of the low in his class-conscious society. He is 16, married, and works in a mining colony on Mars. When his wife is executed, he gets recruited by a rebel group to infiltrate the government (Golds); life will never be the same. **Series:** *Red Rising*, *Golden Son*, *Morning Star*, *Iron Gold*, *Dark Age*, and *Light Bringer* 📖🎧



Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman

Carl is living with his ex-girlfriend's cat, Princess Donut, when the world is flattened and he and the cat (and a couple million other humans) have to go underground in order to compete

in an elaborate galaxy-wide video game-like television program. Yes, Earth has been destroyed for the sake of a galactic television game. Read the 2nd book in the seven-book series: *Carl's Doomsday Scenario*. 📖



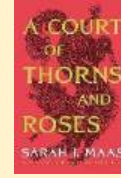
Six Crimson Cranes by Elizabeth Lim

Shiori'anma, the only princess of Kiata, has a secret—*forbidden magic* runs through her veins. On the morning of her wedding, she temporarily loses control and catches the attention of her sorceress stepmother who banishes her, turns her six brothers into cranes and plots to seize the throne. Can Shiori use her magic to save her brothers and the kingdom? **Sequel:** *The Dragon's Promise* 📖🎧



The Verdant Cage by Jess Lourey

Rose, a gifted apothecary, has always viewed the immense stone wall that surrounds the valley she calls home, as a form of protection. But when her mother is murdered and her twin brother is accused, she is left searching for the real killer and wonders if the wall is, in fact, keeping something in rather than out. 🎧



A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

Feyre kills a wolf and seals her fate—not in a good way. She must spend the rest of her life in the treacherous world of the Fae as the captive of the immortal faerie, Tamlin. Intrigue, drama, and romance. **The ACOTAR Series:** *A Court of Thorns and Roses*, *A Court of Mist and Fury*, *A Court of Wings and Ruin*, *A Court of Frost and Starlight*, and *A Court of Silver Flames* 📖🎧



Unwind by Neal Shusterman

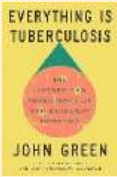
The warring Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies compromised after the second Civil War—no pregnancy can be terminated. But when children turn 13, they can be unwound so that their organs can be repurposed—so technically not dead. Connor, Risa, and Lev are slated for unwinding. **Series:** *Unwind*, *UnWholly*, *UnSouled*, and *UnDivided* 📖



Heir by Sabaa Tahir

Heir inhabits the same world as Tahir's earlier *Ember in the Ashes* series, but you don't have to have read it. This features three young people: an orphan, an outcast, and a prince whose lives become intertwined as they grapple with power, treachery, love, unchecked greed, and a ruthless killer. **Sequel:** *Empire* out in the fall. 📖🎧

REAL STUFF



Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of our Deadliest Infection by John Green

Tuberculosis germs have been found in the skeletons of early man, dating back 9,000 years. Now, about 10,000 people are diagnosed with TB every year. We could have eradicated TB forever—what happened? Green (of YA fame) tells the story of Henry from Sierra Leone with drug-resistant tuberculosis, placing his story within a global framework rife with corporate greed and racism. 📖🎧



Coming Home by Brittany Griner and Michelle Burford

This is Brittany Griner's first-hand account of her ten-month ordeal as a prisoner in a Russian penal colony. Her sentence was nine years, but she was ultimately freed after Russia and the U.S. agreed to a prisoner swap. 📖🎧



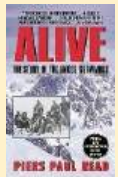
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

In 1992, Christopher Johnson McCandless, a privileged young man, gave up all his worldly possessions and went to live in the wilderness of Alaska. His journey didn't end well. 📖🎧



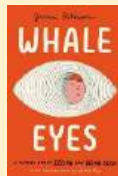
I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy

Have you ever seen the Nickelodeon series iCarly? This is the memoir of Jennette, who played Sam on the show. Her mom pushed her into acting, dominated every aspect of her life (i.e., restricted her eating and even showered her until she was sixteen), and expected Jennette to financially support the entire family. Bizarre stuff. 📖



Alive by Piers Paul Read

In October of 1972, a Uruguayan plane carrying a team of rugby players crashed in the remote snowy peaks of the Andes. Only 16 of the original 45 passengers survived when their ordeal ended ten weeks later. This is an incredible story of survival (yes, there is some cannibalism involved). Gripping. Watch the movie: *Society of the Snow*. 📖🎧



Whale Eyes: A Memoir About Seeing and Being Seen by James Robinson and Brian Rea

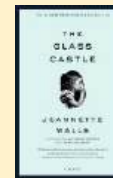
James has misaligned eyes which makes it difficult for him to focus (strabismus). Learning to read was challenging—one eye would focus on a word, then the other would focus, causing the words to jump around on the page. He's now a

film maker, but wrote a memoir about his experiences growing up. It's unique in that it gets the reader to engage in different ways—like folding the page in a certain way to experience how the author sees.



The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

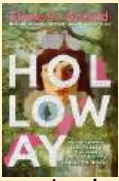
The story of Henrietta Lacks and her cervical cancer cells. Extracted from her tumor without her knowledge or consent, these cells gave rise to one of the most important cell lines, known as HeLa, ever grown. Not only have they been instrumental in countless scientific breakthroughs, but a multi-billion-dollar industry emerged based on the sale of these cells to labs around the world. But who was Henrietta Lacks? 📖🎧



The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. (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. 📖

REALISTIC-ISH FICTION



Holloway by Elana K. Arnold

Nora travels to Paris intending to scatter her mother's ashes (she died during the COVID-19 pandemic). While backpacking on her journey, Nora is attacked and flees through an ancient forest, slipping back in time to 1946 France. Anti-vaxxers, asylums, time travel, don't miss this one. 📖👂



Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

History and fiction merge in this novel about Vermeer, the famous 17th century Dutch artist from Delft. The story imagines what life was like for the model who posed for one of his most famous paintings. 📖👂



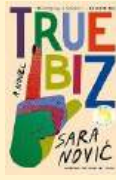
Biology Lessons by Melissa Kantor

Grace is planning to go to college and tutoring Jack in biology was **meant** to be just another activity on her college application. Whoops! Grace gets pregnant and it appears her future is over before it's begun...unless she can get an abortion. In a state where abortion is illegal, with parents who would expect her to keep the baby, this is not so easy. When Grace finds a phone number on a bathroom stall offering help, she and her two best friends embark on a journey across state lines in search of an abortion. 📖👂



Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez

Camila lives in Argentina and leads a double life. At home she's a perfect obedient daughter, but on the soccer field she's a fierce and talented player, aka La Furia. When her team qualifies for a big tournament, she gets a chance to fulfill her dreams...but will her family acknowledge that she even has dreams? 📖👂



True Biz by Sara Nović

Charlie, who is deaf and wears cochlear implants, doesn't know much ASL because her hearing parents were told that she would be less likely to learn to speak English if she learned ASL. But now she is finally going to go to school with other deaf kids. Charlie begins to learn ASL, meets heartthrob Austin, and learns about Deaf activists and the struggle for disability rights. 📖👂



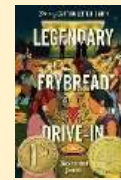
The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe

Norris is clever, cynical, and too smart for his own good. A Black French Canadian, he knows from watching sitcoms that none of those things bode well when you're moving to Texas. Sweating a ridiculous amount, he finds himself cataloging everyone he meets. Witty, hilarious. 📖👂



Golden Boys Guide to Bipolar by Sonora Reyes

Cesar is starting over—he's going to win back his ex-boyfriend Jamal, he's going to take his meds and go to therapy—he's going to be comfortable with his bisexuality. He explains this to Father John, sure he'll understand. He doesn't. Negative thoughts intrude and Cesar spirals. Things don't go as planned. 📖👂



Legendary Frybread Drive-In: Intertribal Stories by Cynthia Leitich Smith

A bunch of stories by various Native authors featuring Sandy June's Legendary Frybread Drive-In that manages to magically appear in every rez and urban Native hangout. Serving more than just frybread, it hosts live music, movie nights, family reunions, and romantic trysts. This book won a gazillion awards this year. 📖👂



Honeysuckle and Bone by Trisha Tobias

Carina has a gig as an au pair for the wealthy and powerful Hall family in Jamaica. The timing is perfect because Carina is dying to leave her past behind and reinvent herself. Soon creepy things start to happen and Carina realizes that someone, or something, is out to get her. Is it the Halls? The house itself? Or is her own past catching up with her? 📖👂

AMERICA TURNS 250



White Lies: How the South Lost the Civil War, Then Rewrote History by Ann Bausum

After the Civil War, the Confederates surrendered, but not gracefully—over the years they created an alternate history now known as the Lost Cause. (The idea that the war was fought over states' right and not slavery). Learn the true history of the Civil War and its complex and far-reaching aftermath. 📖



Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre by Brandy Colbert

The Tulsa Race Massacre was one of the most brutal acts of racial violence in US history. Why are the events unknown to so many today? Maybe it's time to learn about it. 📖🎧



Civic Minded: What Everyone Should Know about the US Government by Jeff Fleischer

Do you have questions? This book has answers. Where does federal spending go, and who decides on the budget? What's Medicare? Social Security? Sound boring? With Fleischer at the helm, it's not. 📖



Loudmouth: Emma Goldman vs America (A Love Story) by Deborah Heiligman

Emma Goldman was an anarchist, a freethinker, and spoke up loudly for the right of workers and democratic ideas. She was against capitalism, patriarchy, and in favor of free love, a bold stance in late 19th century America when she came of age. A page-turning biography. 📖



White House Secrets: Medical Lies and Cover-Ups by Gail Jarrow

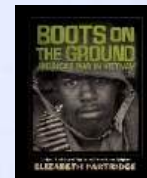
The public never knew that Woodrow Wilson's wife took over his presidential duties after he suffered a stroke! Little was known about Kennedy's massive pill popping regime to manage chronic pain and Addison's disease. Read about nine former presidents whose serious health problems—some life-threatening—were covered up. 📖🎧



Atomic Women: The Untold Stories of the Scientists Who Helped Create the Nuclear Bomb by Roseanne Montillo

Meet the little-known group of female scientists who were invited into the secret sites of the Manhattan Project and served as both developers of the atomic

bomb—and the first line of criticism against it. 📖



Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam by Elizabeth Partridge

Over ten years of war, 58,000 American lives lost, millions of Vietnamese lives lost, and for what? Learn about the war through the stories of eight people: six soldiers, one military nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee. 📖🎧



American Wings: Chicago's Pioneering Black Aviators and the Race for Equality in the Sky by Sherri L. Smith and Elizabeth Wein

Aviation fever was rampant between the World Wars. But flying was virtually impossible for Black Americans due to prejudice. A group of determined Black aviators built their own airfield south of Chicago and established a school to train new pilots, both Black and white together, at a time when the U.S. military was still segregated. 📖🎧



Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask (Young Readers Edition) by Anton Treuer

Organized in a Q and A format with questions ranging from “What’s the real deal with Columbus?” to “Did Natives scalp?” 📖🎧

GRAPHIC NOVELS



Kirby's Lessons for Falling (in Love)
by Laura Gao

Kirby Tan is her school's top rock climber, but an injury has sidelined her for the season. Forced to join the school newspaper for extra credit, she's recruited by crystal-wearing, tarot-reading Bex Santos for her astrology-based love advice column. It's a match made in heaven—but Kirby's family and church don't agree. 📖



Ichiro by Ryan Inzana

After Ichiro's father dies in Iraq, his mother moves them back to Japan. His grandfather takes him to temples and the Hiroshima Peace Park where he begins to question the nature of war. A supernatural encounter with the gods and creatures of Japanese mythology serves as an enlightening experience.



The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater, Stephanie Williams, and Sas Milledge

A graphic novel adaptation worthy of the original. Blue Sargent comes from a family of psychics—but she doesn't have any clairvoyant abilities. That doesn't stop her from joining Gansey, a rich student from the town's all-boys private school, as they search for a long-forgotten Welsh king rumored to be sleeping beneath the mountains of their quiet Virginia town. Blue is thrilled to finally be a part of something full of magic. *The Dream Thieves* (book 2) out in August. 📖



The Worst Ronin by Maggie Tokuda-Hall and Faith Schaffer

An unlikely pair of female samurai join forces and an ordinary, run-of-the-mill quest for glory and revenge

evolves into something much more complicated. Turns out fighting actual demons doesn't mean you're not running from your own internal ones. *Nimona* meets *Attack on Titan*. Edgy and hilarious. 📖



The Black Panther Party by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson

Just who were the Black Panthers? Read about their social, educational, and healthcare programs; their battle against police brutality; and the relentless harassment they received from the FBI. 📖



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