**Suggested SUMMER READING**
For rising 7th & 8th graders

**fiction • series • graphic novels • nonfiction • tv/movie adaptations**

**Fiction**

Abtahi, Olivia. *Perfectly Parvin*. Ninth grade is about to start, and Parvin just had her first kiss. But when her new boyfriend dumps her, she launches a plan to make him jealous. With characters who are Iranian, Mexican, Korean, gay, pan, bi, and more, this is not your run-of-the-mill girl-meets-boy story. Super fun! 🎧

Adeyemi, Tomi. *Children of Blood and Bone*. The king of Orisha has banned magic and killed Zélie’s Reaper mother. Now Zélie has one last chance to defeat the crown prince, who wants to obliterate magic. Full of friendship, love, betrayal, and a strong sense of justice, this epic fantasy is not to be missed. Sequel: *Children of Virtue and Vengeance*. 📚

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Junior leaves his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white school, and is surprised to find himself making friends. He continues to draw, starts playing basketball, and tries to define his complex identity. This semi-autobiographical novel is peppered with tragedy and laugh-out-loud humor. A must read. 📚

Alkaf, Hanna. *Queen of the Tiles*. A year after her friend—Instagram-famous Trina—died in the midst of an annual high-stakes Scrabble tournament, Najwa is still obsessed with Trina’s death and suffering from panic attacks. When she and her other Scrabble friends return to the tournament, Trina’s long-dormant Instagram account starts posting cryptic messages implying that her death was suspicious. An emotional, puzzle-filled mystery set in Malaysia. 📚

Anderson, M.T, & Eugene Yelchin. *The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge*. What happens when an elfin historian and a goblin archivist meet for the first time after more than a century of war between the two communities? Told from both perspectives (one in words, one in pictures, and one decidedly more biased than the other), this is a hilarious story about who gets to write history and how we all might be more similar than we think. 🎧

Boulley, Angeline. *Firekeeper’s Daughter*. Daunis has spent her life balancing between two identities; her father was Ojibwe and grew up on the reservation, and her mom is white, from a wealthy political clan. Because of a death in her family she puts off college for a year and finds herself embroiled in a mystery involving meth on the reservation, sexual assault, and the murder of her lifelong friend. An intense thriller featuring Ojibwe history and multiple twists and turns. 📚

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Chee, Traci. *We Are Not Free*. Imagine living your whole life in one neighborhood, and then suddenly being told you don’t belong and getting shipped off to a desert hundreds of miles away. From Japantown, San Francisco to Topaz Internment Camp and beyond, this is the gripping story of fourteen teenagers—told in fourteen voices—whose lives intertwine before, during, and after World War II. 🎧

Deonn, Tracy. *Legendborn*. After witnessing a magical attack at a residential college program for gifted high schoolers, Bree discovers her own heretofore unseen magical abilities, and swears revenge against the secret society connected to her mother’s recent death. A completely new retelling of the King Arthur legend, with plenty of Black Girl Magic. 🎧

Foody, Amanda & Christine Lynn Herman. *All of Us Villains*. Once in a generation, seven wicked families in a remote city select a competitor to fight to the death in a bloody tournament, for exclusive control over a wellspring of high magick that most of the world believes to be long depleted. But—the secret is out. Think *The Hunger Games*, with magick. 🎧

Green, John. *An Abundance of Katherines*. On a road trip with his best friend Hassan, washed-up child prodigy and anagram aficionado Colin Singleton struggles to derive a formula to explain why he has been dumped by 19 girls named Katherine, and finds more than he bargained for among the quirky inhabitants of the tiny town of Gutshot, Tennessee. Lots of laughs. 🎧

Ireland, Justina. *Dread Nation*. In this alternate universe, the Civil War has just ended because all of the dead began to rise up and attack both armies. A historical zombie thriller? Yes. Jane is forced to attend combat school, as are all the other Black and Indigenous children, in order to become zombie slayers to protect the whites. Jane and her friend have other plans. Sequel: *Deathless Divide*. 🎧

Khorram, Adib. *Darius the Great Is Not Okay*. Darius speaks too much Klingon to fit in at his high school in Oregon, and not enough Farsi to fit in with the Iranian side of his family. But when his family goes to Iran to visit his dying grandfather, Darius meets the boy next door, and can finally be his full self. Sequel: *Darius the Great Deserves Better*. 🎧

Kritzer, Naomi. *Catfishing on CatNet*. Steph and her mom never stay in one place for long; it’s too risky, with Steph’s abusive father always potentially on their tail. Steph’s most lasting relationships are on CatNet, a place to share cat pictures and much more. Alternately narrated by Steph and a sentient AI, this fun and heartfelt thriller explores power, personhood, technology, and identity without being preachy. It’s a book full of nerdy queer and queer-adjacent characters, a book you won’t be able to put down. Sequel: *Chaos on CatNet*. 🎧

Lee, Lyla. *I’ll Be the One*. Skye Shin is determined to be a K-Pop star. She enters an internationally televised competition searching for the next big star and actually acedes the audition. When she finds that the Korean pop entertainment industry is a *lot* less comfortable with her size-16 body than she is, she plans to break all the rules and shatter the stereotypes. A body-positive rom-com. 🎧

Lee, Stacey. *The Downstairs Girl*. Jo Kuan is a Chinese American maid for an important white family in 1890s Atlanta. She is also "Miss Sweetie,” author of the newspaper’s hottest advice column. When Miss Sweetie starts to subtly tackle racism and sexism, the backlash is intense, and she’s not sure how long she can keep her identity hidden. As people come closer to discovering who she is, she comes closer to secrets about her own family’s past. 🎧
Mejia, Tehlor Kay. *We Set the Dark on Fire*. At the elite Medio School for Girls, trainees are destined for one of two roles: Primeras run their husbands’ households, and Segundas raise their children. Dani, placed as a Primera for a powerful family’s son, is secretly from the other side of the border—where poverty and desperation rule. If caught, she will be sent back. When she is recruited to spy for the resistance, which is fighting to bring equality, she must make difficult choices. Mythology, danger, queer love, and a sequel (*We Unleash the Merciless Storm*).

Méndez, Yamile Saied. *Furia*. Camila lives in Argentina and leads a double life. At home she’s the perfect obedient daughter, but on the soccer field she’s a fierce and talented competitor nicknamed La Furia. When her team qualifies for the South American tournament, she gets a chance to fulfill her dreams—but will her family even acknowledge that she has dreams?

Morris, Brittney. *Slay*. Seventeen-year-old Kiera is a gamer who secretly develops an online roleplaying game called Slay. The game is meant to be a safe space for Black gamers—but things start to fall apart when someone gets killed in connection with the game.

Nayeri, Daniel. *Everything Sad is Untrue*. Khosrou/Daniel stands in front of a hostile middle school classroom in Oklahoma and begins to tell tales of Iran. An escape from secret police, a refugee camp in Italy, a toilet disaster in Oklahoma... As the story gets wilder and wilder, one may wonder: Are these true stories of his family? Ancient Persian folklore? A little of both?

Ness, Patrick. *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*. While the “Chosen Ones” at his high school are off saving the world from the latest round of killer zombies or vampire invasions or whatever, Mikey just wants to graduate, enjoy his friends, and work up the courage to ask out his crush. Pokes fun at all the YA tropes you love to hate.

Petrus, Junauda. *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them*. Two Black teens fall in love, as one finds her footing in the United States after a recent move from Trinidad, and one navigates the onset of her chronic illness. A lyrical love story in two voices, delivering magical realism and a tremendous emotional punch.

Picoult, Jodi. *My Sister’s Keeper*. Engineered to be a perfect genetic match for her older sister 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 platelets, then bone marrow. At age 13, Anna has had enough, and sues for medical emancipation from her parents. Who’s right? Anna? Her parents?

Pixley, Marcella. *Trowbridge Road*. It’s 1983. June Bug’s father recently died of AIDS, and her mother is now so afraid of germs that she bathes June Bug in bleach. When Ziggy comes to town after his own family tragedy, the two kids create a fantasy world to escape their difficult realities. Perfect for fans of *Bridge to Terabithia*.

Ribay, Randy. *After the Shot Drops*. When Nasir’s best friend Bunny is recruited to a mostly-white private school to play basketball, Nasir starts to hang out with his cousin Wallace—a dangerous decision. Told through both Nasir’s and Bunny’s perspectives, this is a fast-paced book about friendship and compassion, and everything that can go wrong when winning and losing become more important than how you play the game.

Schwab, V.E. *Gallant*. Olivia, who has the ability to see ghouls, lives in the Merilance School for Independent Girls, where the matrons are strict and the other girls torment her because she is nonverbal. When she learns she has an uncle with a huge estate, she arranges to move there imagining a large loving family. Things are not as she’d imagined —and she is drawn into a world of magic and mystery.
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.  

Spinelli, Jerry. Dead Wednesday. The town of Amber Springs has a strange tradition: once a year, every eighth grader is given the name of a dead teen who died in a reckless manner. They put on black shirts and get the silent treatment for the rest of the day. It’s supposed to give them perspective. Things turn weird fast for shy Robbie “Worm” Tarnauer, and he finds himself talking to an odd girl that only he can see. What?? Funny and meaningful.  

Thomas, Aiden. Cemetery Boys. Yadriel is trans, and feels left out of a very gendered family lineage of magic and healing. Becoming a brujo in secret, Yadriel sets out to prove his worth by uncovering more about his cousin’s death. But when he accidentally summons another spirit, mystery and romance ensue.  

Thomas, Leah. Wild and Crooked. Kalyn Spence prides herself on her toughness, but when she returns to her dad’s hometown and starts school, she uses a pseudonym. Kalyn’s dad, after all, is in jail for murder. Gus is known for two things: his cerebral palsy and the fact that his dad was murdered before he was born. Worlds collide in this delightfully offbeat and poignant novel.  

Watson, Renée and Ellen Hagan. Watch Us Rise. Best friends Chelsea (white) and Jasmine (Black) tackle feminism, racism, body-shaming and more at their progressive NYC high school. An inspiring story of friendship and activism featuring teenage girls who demand to be taken seriously.  

Wein, Elizabeth. Code Name Verity. “Verity” is a secret agent, captured by the Gestapo and forced to write out a confession. Hoping to gain more time, she describes her involvement in the resistance with great detail. But what is true and what isn’t? Where is her friend Maddie, and what else is happening while she sits in prison? A clever and thrilling read with a shocking end. Sequel: Rose Under Fire. Prequel (written last): The Pearl Thief.  

Wolkenstein, M. Evan. Turtle Boy. Will Levine has a rare medical condition that causes a receding chin, and the kids at school call him Turtle Boy as a result. He does actually love turtles and would rather hang out with them than prepare for his bar mitzvah, but when he meets dying teen RJ, he realizes he needs to do the things RJ wishes he could do, which are way out of his comfort zone. A story of friendship and self-discovery.  

**Series**

*Read an entire series this summer! Or, read two!*

Adams, Douglas. The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy Series. And now for something completely different: Arthur Dent is the last surviving human, rescued by Ford Prefect of the planet Betelgeuse. What follows is a whacky intergalactic romp with lots of British humor and a healthy dose of philosophy. **The Series:** The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; The Restaurant at the End of the Universe; Life, the Universe and Everything; So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish; Mostly Harmless.  

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn. The Inheritance Games Trilogy. Billionaire Tobias Hawthorne mysteriously leaves his vast fortune to Avery Grambs, a teen living out of her car who doesn’t even know who Tobias Hawthorne is—but not without conditions. In order to accept the inheritance, Avery has to move into the sprawling, mysterious Hawthorne House and solve the billionaire’s intricately-plotted puzzle… for her own survival. A fast-paced mystery. **The Series:** The Inheritance Games, The Hawthorne Legacy, The Final Gambit (out in August).
Clare, Cassandra. *The Mortal Instruments Series*. What do you do when you witness a murder, the body disappears into thin air, and nobody but you can see the murderers? You get to know the killers, of course. Clary discovers that the Shadowhunters are trying to kill demons, and when her mother is kidnapped, Clary is thrown into a world she didn’t know existed. **The Series: City of Bones, City of Ashes, City of Glass, City of Fallen Angels, City of Lost Souls, City of Heavenly Fire.**

Dabos, Christelle. *The Mirror Visitor Quartet*. “As long as Ophelia had scruples, as long as she acted according to her conscience, as long as she could face up to her reflection every morning, she would belong to no one else but herself.” A French bestseller, this dark, intriguing adventure-in-translation begins with Ophelia’s unexpected arranged engagement. Forced to leave everything she knows, she must follow her mysterious fiancé to the dangerous, icy ark known as Pole. Excellent for fans of *The Golden Compass*. **The Series: A Winter’s Promise, The Missing Clairdelune, The Memory of Babel, The Storm of Echoes.**

Lee, Mackenzi. *The Montague Siblings Series*. 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. **The Series: The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice & Virtue, The Lady’s Guide to Petticoats & Piracy, and The Nobleman’s Guide to Scandal & Shipwrecks.**

Reynolds, Jason. *Track series*. Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his track team, but it turns out it takes more than just speed to be part of a team. His is the first story in this series about a group of kids from different backgrounds who come together on an elite middle-school track team. Told in funny, compelling first-person narration. **The Series: Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and Lu.**

Shusterman, Neal. *The Unwind Dystology*. After the Second Civil War, Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies compromise: no pregnancy can be terminated—but when children turn 13, their parents can decide to “unwind” them, as long as all of their organs are repurposed for others. Connor, Risa and Lev are all slated for unwinding—but they have other plans. **The Series: Unwind, UnWholly, UnSouled, and UnDivided.**

**Graphic Books**

Andrews, Ryan. *This Was Our Pact*. Every year in Ben’s town, villagers cast lanterns down the river. He and his friends have always wondered where the lanterns go, and one year they make a pact to follow them. They set off, and one by one everyone drops out—except Ben and a strange kid he’s never been close with. Soon, they’re joined by a mystical fisherbear and they lose their way. Get ready for mystery, magic, and drawings.

Craft, Jerry. *Class Act*. Drew is in 8th grade, and as a Black student, he’s always had to work harder than everyone else to get the respect he deserves from both fellow students and teachers. His two closest friends, Jordan and Liam, get him in some ways and not in others. Can they all stay friends and get through the end of middle school together? A companion to *New Kid.*

Gillman, Melanie. *As the Crow Flies*. 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?
Ha, Robin. **Almost American Girl.** Robin lives in Seoul, Korea, with her single mom. After a vacation to Alabama, Robin learns that her mom is getting married and they are moving. She must deal with a new school, a new language, and a new family. Only comics can keep her going. A memoir.

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. **Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Death with Family Addiction.** Jarrett’s mother is an opioid addict; his father is not in the picture. He lives with his grandparents, who love him in their own imperfect way. This honest graphic memoir underscores how complicated life is and how kids are able to cope with so much more than they should have to.

Page, Nathan & Drew Shannon. **The Montague Twins: The Witch’s Hand.** Twin brothers Alastair and Peter Montague are planning to spend the summer doing odd jobs and hanging around—then they find a mysterious box that holds ancient secrets. What evil lurks in their town? And what powers do the brothers possess? Fans of Scooby Doo will love this. Sequel: **The Devil’s Music.**

Stephens, Olivia. **Artie and the Wolf Moon.** Artie spends most of her time taking photos with her late father’s camera and avoiding racist bullies in school. When she sneaks out late one night to shoot the full moon, she sees a wolf who transforms into...her mom!!?! There’s a whole world of which she knew nothing—the Black werewolf community, her father’s story, and more.

Tamaki, Jillian and Mariko Tamaki. **This One Summer.** Rose and Windy have spent summers together every year at Awago Beach, but things are different now. Rose is dealing with issues beyond her control—parents arguing, a local teen pregnancy—and she and Windy are drifting apart. This one-of-a-kind realistic graphic novel perfectly captures a particular moment in the growing-up process.

Walden, Tillie. **On a Sunbeam.** Mia falls in love with Grace at boarding school. Five years later she’s repairing structures throughout the galaxy. The timelines interweave as the diverse crew of queer and nonbinary folks explores space, love, loss, and their own chosen family. An epic sci-fi romance.

Wang, Jen. **The Prince and the Dressmaker.** Prince Sebastian’s parents think he needs a bride. He’d rather continue sneaking out at night as Lady Crystallia, the hottest fashion icon in Paris. His best friend Frances is his dressmaker, and she dreams of fame, something she must put off if she is to keep Sebastian’s identity secret. A modern fairy tale comic.

Yang, Gene Luen. **Dragon Hoops.** A graphic memoir by the author of *American Born Chinese* about the basketball team at the high school where he worked in California, weaving in the history of basketball, his own life as a Chinese American, drama and courage on the team, and more.

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**Nonfiction**

*From Serious to Fun*

Berns, Gregory. **What It’s Like to Be a Dog: And Other Adventures in Animal Neuroscience.** Want to get in the mind of a dog, an ape, a sea lion, or a bat? This book does just that, starting with training a dog to voluntarily enter an MRI scanner in order to observe the dog’s thoughts and feelings. The results are fascinating.

Colbert, Brandy. **Black Birds in the Sky.** Have you heard of America’s Black Wall Street? In the early hours of June 1, 1921, a white mob burned thirty-five blocks of the thriving, affluent, predominantly Black Greenwood District to the ground, leaving hundreds dead. This unflinching account tells the story of the Tulsa Race Massacre, one of the most deadly and destructive acts of racial violence in American history.
Greenfield, Amy Butler. **The Woman All Spies Fear: Code Breaker Elizabeth Smith Friedman and Her Hidden Life.** The incredible life story of codebreaker Elizabeth Smith Friedman, who worked for the allies to nab spies during World War I and II—and much more. Her pioneering work as a woman in the field is remarkable, but you’ll find her entire life story amazing. When they had free time between the wars, she and her husband, also a codebreaker, threw code parties for their friends! 🎧

Jarrow, Gail. **Ambushed! The Assassination Plot Against President Garfield.** In July of 1881, Charles Guiteau shot James Abram Garfield, 20th President of the United States... who didn’t die until 80 days later. A page-turning book that unspools the story of the fascinating relationship between the two, and the gruesome medical mishaps that culminated in Garfield’s agonizing demise. 📚

Miller, Sarah. **The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & The Trial of the Century.** Lizzie Borden took an axe / she gave her mother forty whacks / When she saw what she had done / she gave her father forty-one. Who was Lizzie Borden? Did she kill her parents? If so, why? Complete with pictures and documents from the scene, this masterful book reads like a true-crime novel. 📚

Noah, Trevor. **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood.** Born in South Africa in 1984 to a Black Xhosa mother and a white Swiss father, Trevor Noah was breaking the law just by existing. Trevor’s mother was his fierce protector, ensuring that her troublemaking son would survive apartheid. An honest, inspiring, and of course, funny memoir from the host of *The Daily Show*. Read the original adult version or the adapted young readers’ edition. 📚

Okamoto, Nadya. **Period Power: A Manifesto for the Menstrual Movement.** Stigma around periods contributes to discrimination, and Nadya Okamoto wants to end the silence by empowering teen activists! This book sheds light on topics like the tampon tax, sexist medical practices, and how periods impact those who are homeless. 📚

Reynolds, Jason & Ibram X. Kendi. **Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You.** The authors claim this isn’t a history book, but they do a damn good job of delving through the history of racist ideas. With Kendi’s ideas about separation, assimilation, and anti-racism, and Reynolds’ well-known ability to write relatable page-turners, you can’t go wrong. This is a “remix” (for teens) of *Stamped from the Beginning*. 📚

Saedi, Sara. **Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card.** When her older sister applies for a job and finds out she has no social security number, Sara discovers that her family is undocumented. Now she has to worry not only about finding a boyfriend and keeping her unibrow in check, but about the possibility of being deported to Iran, where she hasn’t lived since she was two years old. A poignant and hilarious memoir with some mature themes. 📚

Soontornvat, Christina. **All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of The Thai Boys' Soccer Team.** The dramatic story of the 18-day rescue mission to save 12 boys and their coach from the Cave of the Sleeping Lady in Northern Thailand, after it flooded. Amazing storytelling and photographs interwoven with information about everything from Buddhism to hydraulics to the plight of stateless people in Thailand. 📚
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**TV/Movie Adoptions**

*Read before you watch!*

**Bardugo, Leigh. Shadow and Bone.** This is the first book in what is now known as the Grishaverse (many interconnected books by Bardugo all taking place in the land of Grisha). Alina, a soldier, begins training with the Grisha, her country’s magical military elite when it becomes clear that she possesses powerful untamed magic. Can she destroy the Shadow Fold and reunite her war-ravaged country? Watch the 2021 Netflix series and soon-to-be-released Season 2! 🎧

**Blume, Judy. Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret.** Confronted with the complexities of puberty, moving, and picking out a religion, Margaret talks over all of her problems—family, friends, her secret crush—with her own personal God. The movie adaptation of this classic (and frequently banned!) book, originally published in 1970, premiers in September. 🎧

**Chainani, Soman. The School for Good and Evil.** Every four years, a mismatched pair of children are stolen away from the village of Gavaldon: one destined for greatness, the other for villainy. Best friends Sophie and Agatha are about to find themselves at the School for Good & Evil, and Sophie is certain she’s the one headed to the School for Good... but everything is not as it seems. This fairy tale series is great for fans of *A Tale Dark and Grimm* and *Rapunzel’s Revenge*. The series is coming to Netflix in late 2022. 🎧

**Collins, Suzanne. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.** Yes—there is another book in the Hunger Games series! This is a prequel featuring an 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow. This is all about the early days of the games; it was very different. Read before the movie comes out in November! 🎧

**Han, Jenny. The Summer I Turned Pretty.** For Belly, the important parts of life all happen in the summer. This book has it all: a beach house, summer love, and enduring friendship. Another great title by the author of *Shug*. Series premiers June 17th on Amazon Prime. 🎧

**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! The Netflix series is called *Mismatched*; Season Two set for release by the end of the year. 🎧

**Myers, Walter Dean. Monster.** Written in the dual form of journal entries and a movie script, this 2000 Printz Award winner is about a teenager on trial for murder. Author Myers has said that the story is an amalgamation of real experiences of teens he met in prisons. Watch the 2018 Netflix movie, or try the graphic novel. 🎧

**Oseman, Alice. Heartstopper.** Curious what the most popular middle school graphic novel series of the year is? Well, it’s *Heartstopper*. Charlie has a crush on Nick, the school’s popular rugby star. Nick likes him back. Friendship, angst, sweetness, life. Don’t miss it. First the graphic novels took the world by storm, and now the Netflix series starring Kit Connor, Joe Locke, Yasmin Finney, and William Gao. 🎧

**Stevenson, NB. Nimona.** Featuring Sir Goldenloin as hero, Lord Blackheart as villain, and spunky shape-shifting Nimona as sidekick, this subversive web-comic-turned-graphic-novel questions the traditional clarity of good and evil as found in your average superhero comic. Animated movie adaptation coming to Netflix in 2023. And have you ever wondered what an audiobook version of a graphic novel is like?! 🎧
Westerfeld, Scott. Uglies. Tally is about to turn 16 and is so excited to have the operation that will turn her from an Ugly into a Pretty. When her friend Shay decides she doesn’t want to become a Pretty and runs away, Tally has to betray her friend or remain an Ugly forever. Already read all 4 books? Westerfeld’s new series The Imposters takes place in The Uglies’ future. **The Series:** Uglies, Pretties, Specials, and Extras. Netflix release expected in late 2022.

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