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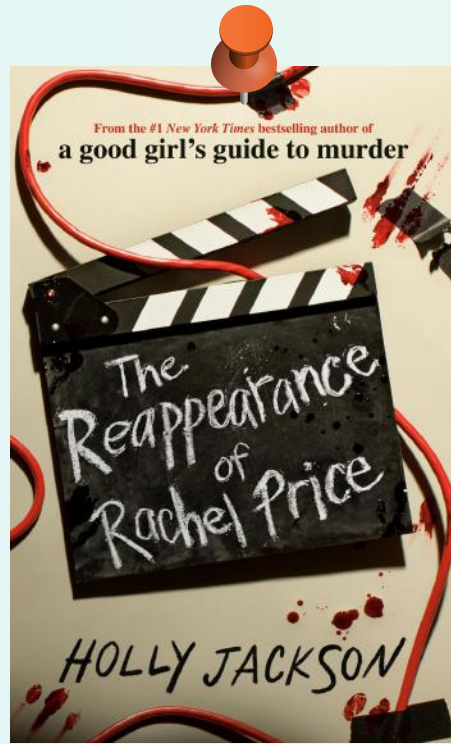
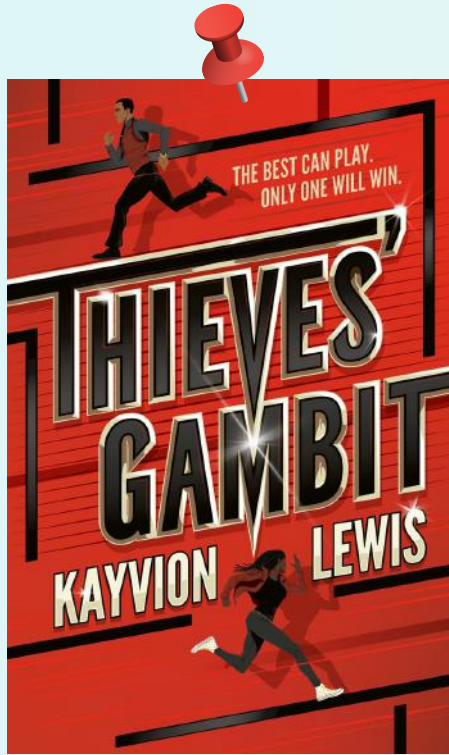
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At seventeen years old, Ross Quest is already an expert thief, especially adept at escapes—until her plan to run away from her legendary family of thieves takes an unexpected turn, leaving her mother's life hanging in the balance. In a desperate bid, she enters the Thieves' Gambit, a series of dangerous, international heists where killing the competition isn't exactly off limits, but the grand prize is a wish for anything in the world—a wish that could save her mom.

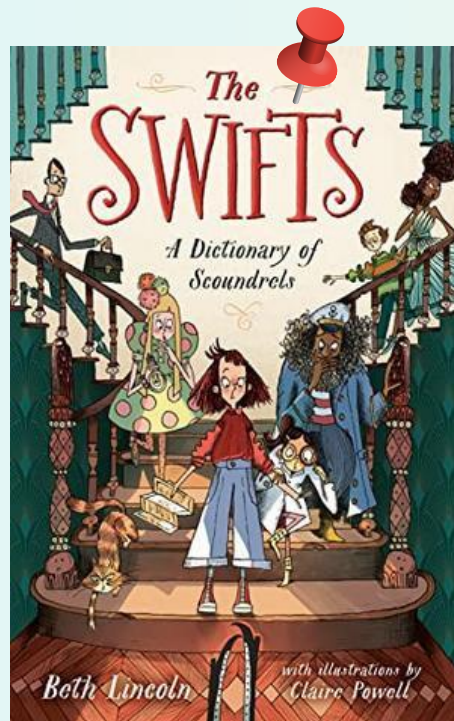
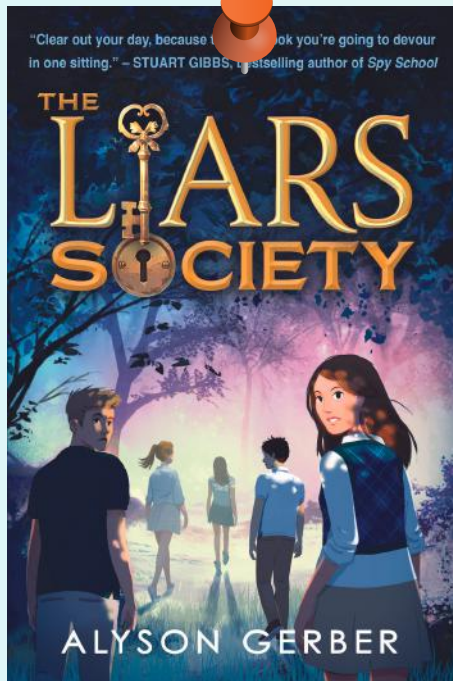


No spoilers! Start with an elite private school in Boston, a girl on scholarship desperate to fit in, and a boy from a wealthy society family hoping to distinguish himself. Add a secret society that claims to control the world, a mysterious island, and dangerous family secrets—and you have an absolute page-turner. 📱



The mother Annabel Price thought was dead returns with a story about where she's been—but 18-year-old Bel knows she's lying. A new true-crime fueled mystery thriller about a girl determined to uncover the shocking truth while filming a documentary on the unsolved case. Lights. Camera. Lies. From the author of *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*. 📱

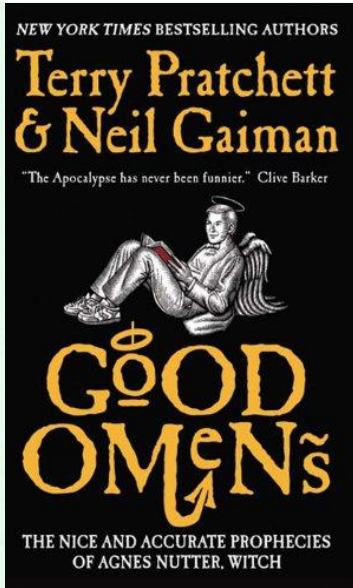
THESE ARE MYSTERIES



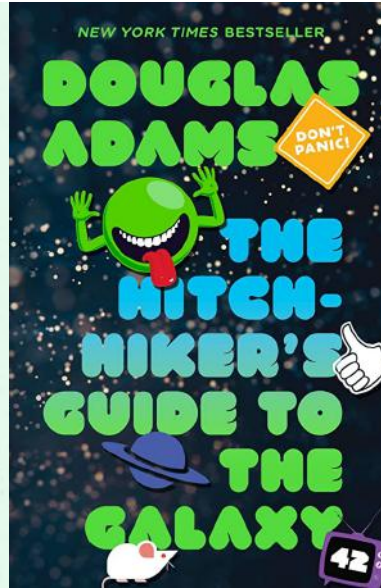
Every member of Shenanigan Swift's family is named from the sacred Family Dictionary... and expected to live up to their name. When someone gives Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly push down the stairs at the Family Reunion, Shenanigan decides to investigate. Puzzles, word play, and foul play, Lemony Snicket-style! The sequel comes out in August.



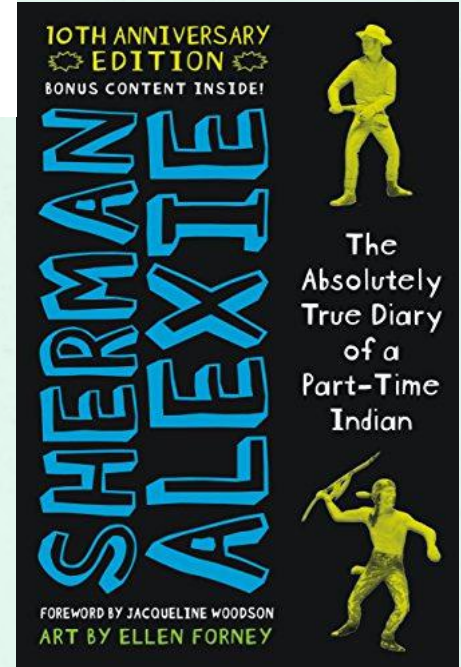
LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY



The world is going to end next Saturday, but there are a few problems—the Antichrist has been misplaced, the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse ride motorcycles, and the representatives from heaven and hell decide that they like the human race. 🎧📱

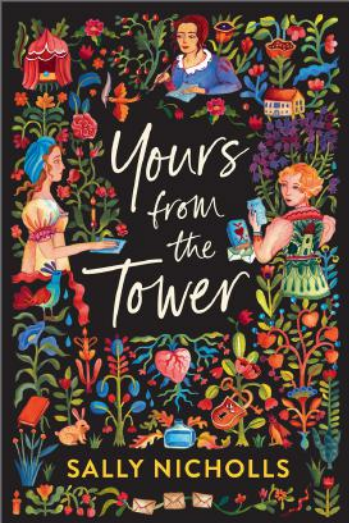


And now for something completely different: Arthur Dent is the last surviving human, rescued by Ford Prefect of the planet Betelgeuse. A zany intergalactic romp with British humor, a healthy dose of philosophy, and references you'll find everywhere. 🎧📱

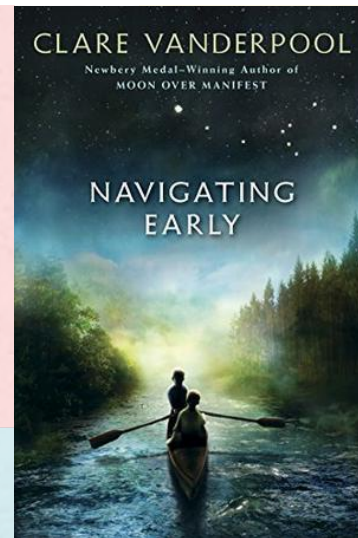


Goofy-looking Junior, a dorky cartoonist with a sardonic sense of humor and a decent jump shot, leaves his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white school, where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Dark humor, basketball, best friends. 📱

HISTORICAL FICTION

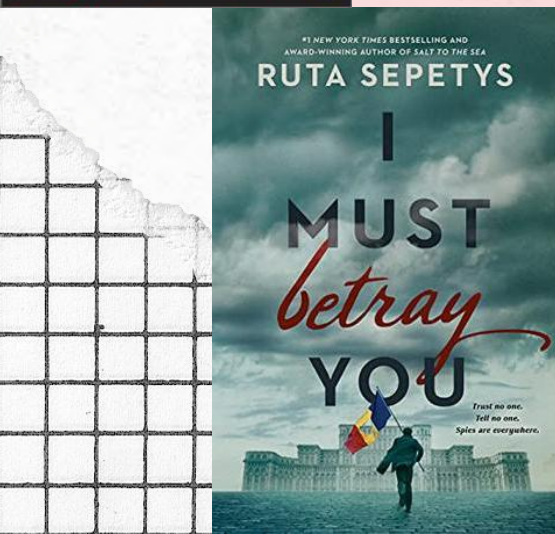


A novel-in-letters, set in 1896 Britain, that chronicles the friendship of Tirzah, Sophia, and Polly after they leave boarding school and embark on separate lives, striving to find their place in a world that doesn't have much to offer to women. Victorian wit, drama, and gossip, for the *Little Women* fans. 🎧



Thirteen-year-old Jack enters boarding school in Maine after his mother's death at the end of World War II. He befriends Early Auden, who is obsessed with the number pi and believes

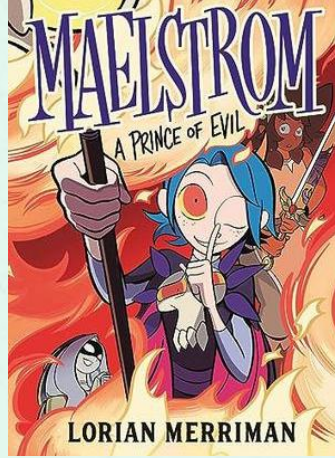
that Pi is a boy on an epic journey—and in danger. Jack agrees to accompany Early on his quest to rescue Pi, but as the boys head into the wilderness, their adventures start to take on an eerie resemblance to Early's stories.



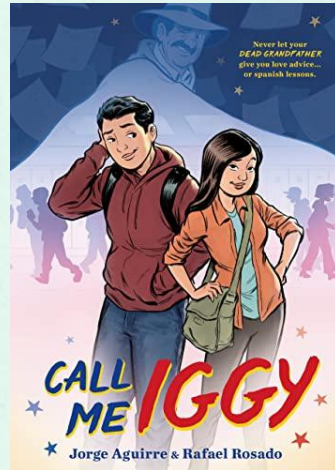
When Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, he's left with two choices: betray everyone and everything he loves—or use his position to creatively undermine the most notoriously evil dictator in Eastern Europe. A gut-wrenching, startling historical thriller about communist Romania and the citizen spy network that devastated a nation. 🎧📱

GRAPHIC NOVELS+

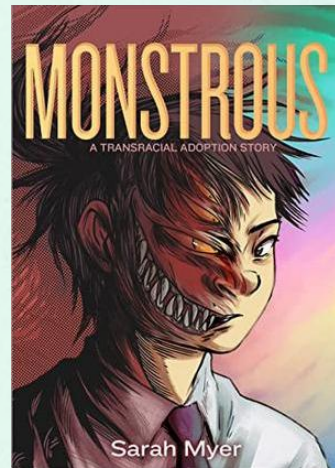
Maelstrom, the demon son of an evil tyrant, improbably teams up with the Hero of Virtue to take his mother down—that is, unless, Maelstrom decides to betray the Hero first. An action-packed, hilarious fantasy graphic novel perfect for fans of *Nimona* and *The Adventure Zone*. 📱



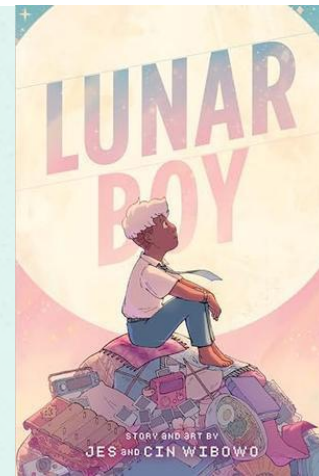
Crushing on a girl at school who doesn't know he exists, Iggy's freshman year starts to unravel when his abuelito shows up to share family history and meddle in his love life. The thing is, not only is his abuelito a ghost... but he also gives terrible dating advice. Set against the backdrop of the 2016 election. 📱



Sarah and their older sister Lizzy, who are South Korean and have different biological parents, were adopted at birth and raised in rural Maryland by the Myers, a white couple. While Lizzy gets along easily with her peers, Sarah struggles to fit in. As Sarah endures constant bullying and harsh racial harassment, they channel their rage into art and cosplay... until it threatens to explode. 📱



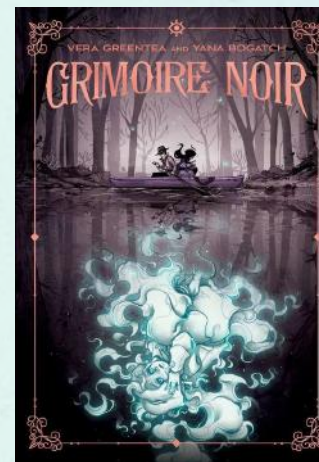
Are you team “Girlswhofallinlove” or team “GirlswhoNEVERfallinlove”? With best friends on opposite sides of the classroom war, Norwegian 7th grader Tuva finds herself struggling in the middle in this diary-format graphic novel. And there's an audiobook?! 🎧📱



Indu, a boy from the moon, doesn't belong. He hasn't since he and his adoptive mom disembarked from their spaceship—their home—to live on Earth with their new blended family. The kids at school think he's weird, he has a crush on his pen pal who might not like him back, and his stepfamily doesn't know what to do with him. When the moon offers to take him back at the end of the year, he accepts—but as the day draws near and he gets used to New Earth—he begins to regret his choice. 📱



Middle schooler Pia is dealing with grief and escaping from tough times at home as she sets out on her dream trip—a bus tour to an underground lake that the locals say has magical powers. Pia won't admit she believes, but she's holding on to hope that the waters may hold the answer to mending her broken family. 📱



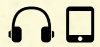
Set in Blackwell, a town established as a closed-off safe-haven for witches, this noir-inspired comic follows Bucky, the son of the town sheriff, as he secretly investigates the disappearance of his little sister Heidi. 📱



Ever since sixth grade, Ash and their best friend/enduring crush, Ivy, have spent their summers together at theater camp. With Ash as stage manager and Ivy as the lead in their last summer musical before high school, Ash is determined to end it on a high note... and maybe even ask Ivy out. 📱

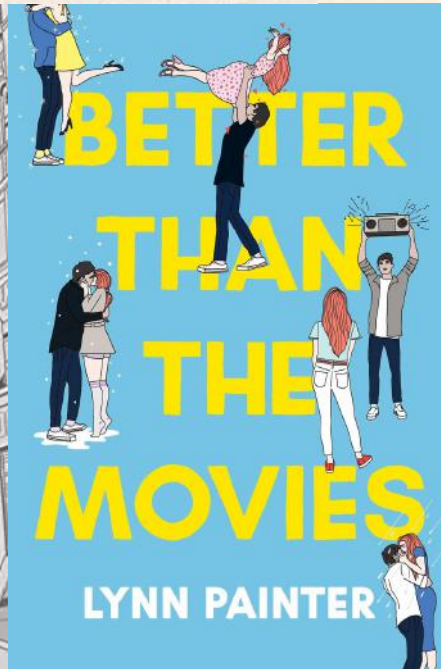
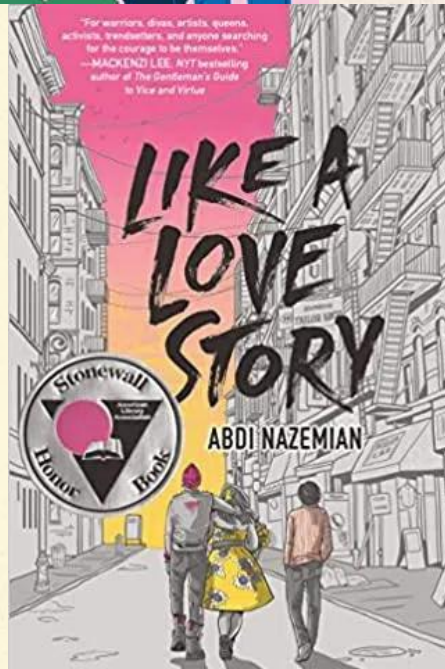
ROMANCE

To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past, bringing them closer together and sparking a whole new kind of relationship. Witty, swoon-worthy.



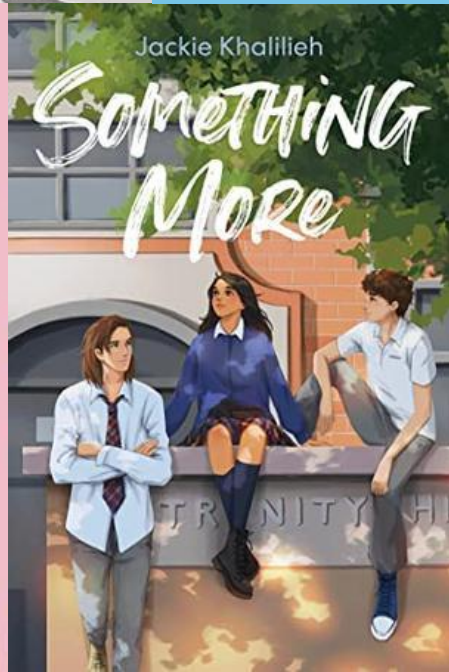
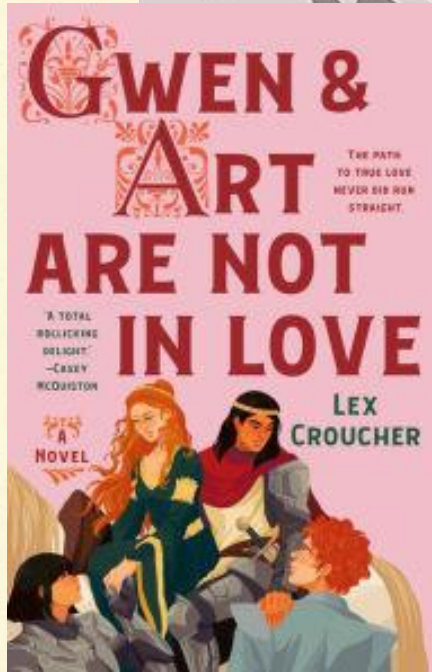
Lina's only spending the summer in Tuscany because it was her mother's dying wish that she get to know her father. But what kind of father isn't around for 16 years? Lina just wants to go home—until she's given a journal that her mom kept when she lived in Italy. As Lina gets to know her mother through new eyes, she uncovers a secret that's been kept for far too long... all while falling in love with a cute Italian boy. 📱

It's 1989, and New York City is the epicenter of the AIDS crisis. Closeted Iranian immigrant teen Reza knows he's gay, but is terrified. He starts dating Judy, an aspiring fashion designer who worships her uncle Stephen, a gay man with AIDS. As Reza develops feelings for Judy's out-and-proud best friend, Art, he tries to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart—and his closest friendship. 🎧 📱



In this rom-com about rom-coms, hopeless romantic Liz's aloof crush, Michael, never really saw her before he moved away. Now that he's back in town, Liz will do whatever it takes to snag him as a prom date—even befriend her annoying neighbor, Wes. 📱

Arthur, future Lord and descendant of the fabled King Arthur, is supposed to marry Gwendoline, princess of England. The only problem is they don't like each other. Arthur likes Gwen's brother and Gwen has a crush on the only female knight, Bridget Leclair. Sword fighting, jousting—a queer Arthurian rom-com. 📱



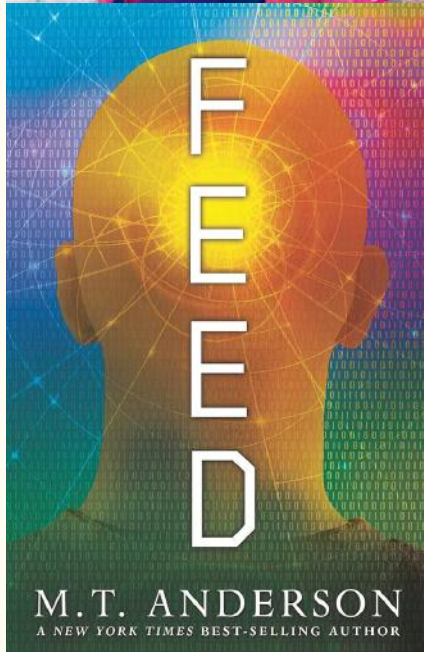
Trying to hide her autism diagnosis, 15-year-old Palestinian-Canadian Jessie creates a list of goals to help navigate her first year of high school—but is forced to go off script when two very different boys steal her heart. *Summer I Turned Pretty* fans, try this one.




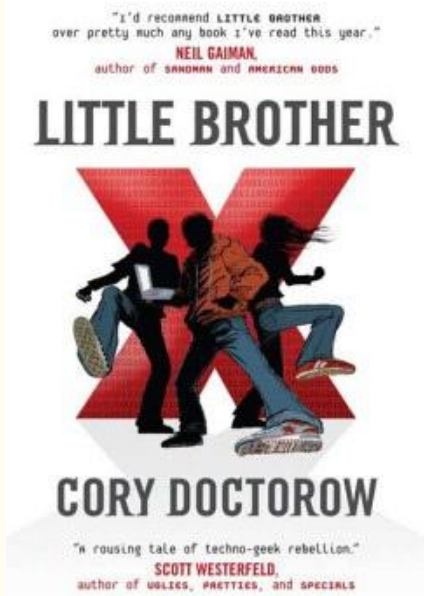
TECH WORLD




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. *Ready Player One* meets *The Hate U Give*.



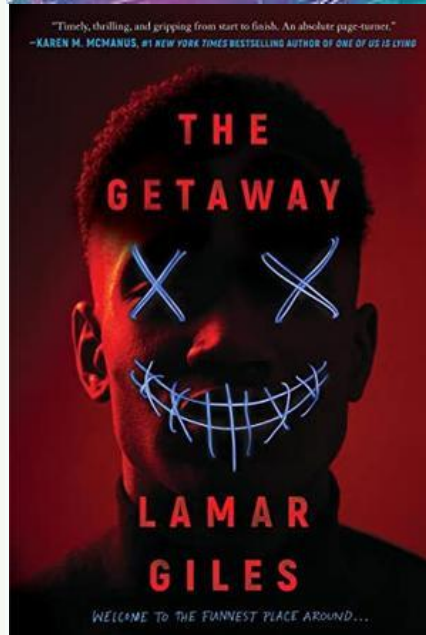
In a dystopian future where corporations rule, 73% of Americans have computer implants in their heads, with “feeds” to tell them everything they need to know (and purchase). The need to read, write, or even speak outloud is virtually eliminated. When thrill-seeking Titus’s feed gets hacked and he finds himself in the hospital, with his feed unavailable for the first time in his life, he begins to question everything. 




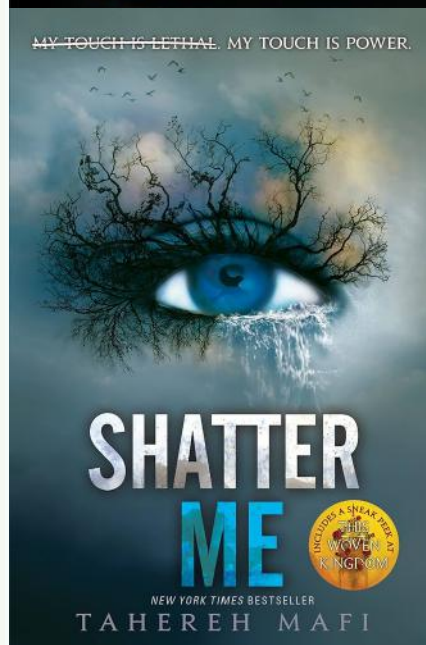
After being tortured by the Department of Homeland Security following a San Francisco terrorist attack, 17-year-old Marcus and his hacker friends band together to fight the surveillance state. A book for techies, anarchists, and lovers of dystopian thrillers set in the not-too-distant future. 



In a world of constant winter, only the citizens of the climate-controlled city of Snowglobe can escape the bitter cold—while their lives are broadcast as entertainment. Jeon Chobahm is shocked to learn that Goh Haeri, the reality TV star who happens to be her look-alike, just died—and that she’s being asked to become Haeri’s secret replacement and live in Snowglobe. Dream come true—or nightmare? Super popular book in Korea—now translated into English.



Jay discovers that the mountain resort where he lives and works with his friends and family is also a doomsday oasis for the rich and powerful, who expect top-notch customer service even as the world outside the resort's walls disintegrates. Absolutely gripping speculative horror. 



Juliette hasn't touched anyone in 264 days. The last time she did, it was an accident, but the Reestablishment locked her up for murder. Now, diseases are raging, food is scarce, the clouds are the wrong color, people are starting to rise up... and The Reestablishment thinks Juliette may be exactly what they need right now. She has to make a choice: Be a weapon. Or be a warrior. Book one in an unputdownable series.

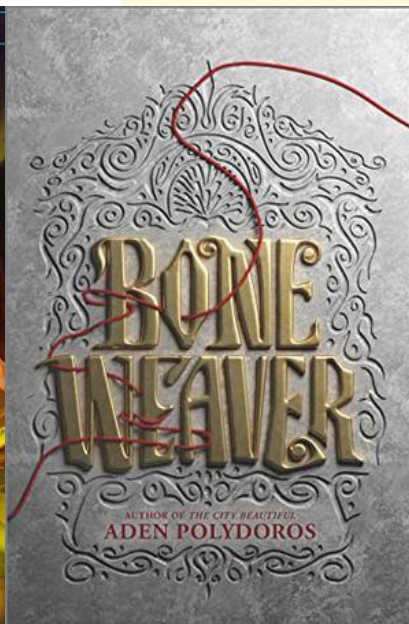


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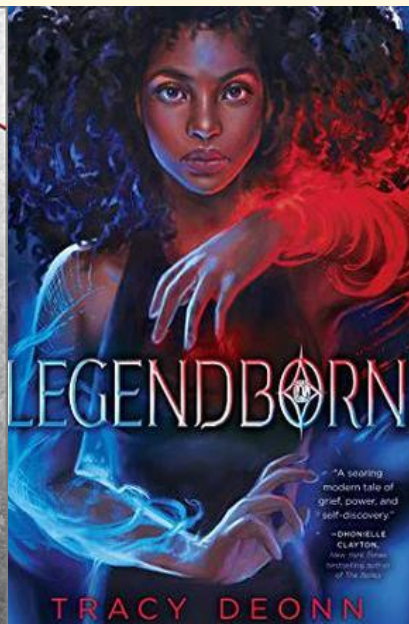
FANTASY



Percy Jackson fans, rejoice—Nico and Will have a book of their own! Demigods Nico di Angelo and Will Solace must endure the terrors of Tartarus to rescue an old friend in this standalone adventure. 🎧📱



Dwelling in the wilderness with her adoptive family, who are upyri (living dead), Toma has not seen another living human in years—until an airship crash brings civilization violently to her door. This Slavic-folklore-influenced fantasy follows Toma’s adventures as she makes her way across a civil war-torn continent to save her younger sister. 🎧📱

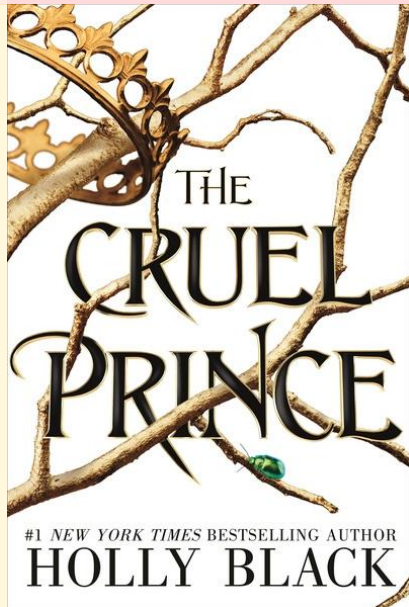


After witnessing a magical attack at a residential college program for gifted high schoolers, Bree discovers her own heretofore unseen magical abilities, and swears revenge against the secret society connected to her mother’s recent death. A retelling of the Legend of King Arthur. 📱

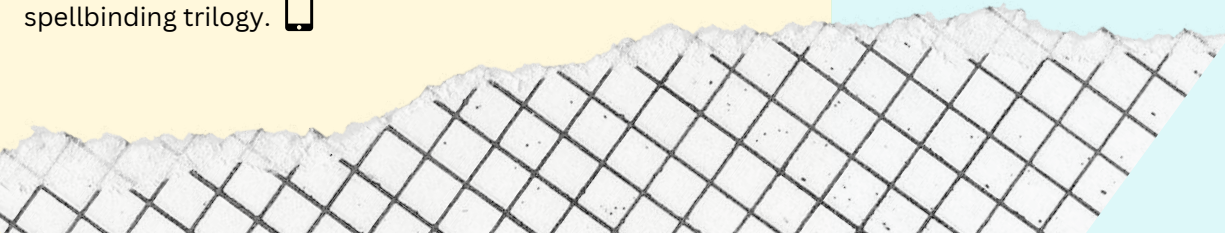


The trouble begins in the ancient fantasy realm of Auyasku when a stone marten unwittingly releases evil spirits from the Heavens, wreaking havoc on Earth. The fate of the world lands in the hands of Takuan—a young trickster. A rapidly expanding quest into Asian mythology, with a seemingly endless supply of mischief and surprises.

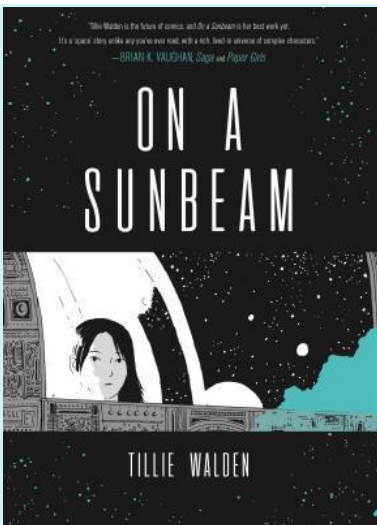
Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite many of the fey-despising mortals. When the opportunity arises to enter into the service of the Prince, she seizes it, inadvertently placing herself at the center of a bloody coup and endangering the lives of everyone she loves. First in a spellbinding trilogy. 📱



Linus Baker, a Case Worker at the Department in Charge Of Magical Youth, leads a quiet, solitary life, until the day he is unexpectedly summoned by Extremely Upper Management. His highly classified assignment is evaluating an island orphanage, where six dangerous children reside: a gnome, a sprite, a wyvern, an unidentifiable green blob, a were-Pomeranian, and the Antichrist. Linus must set aside his fears, and determine whether or not they’re likely to bring about the end of days. An enchanting story about unlikely chosen family. 📱



YOU NEED SPACE



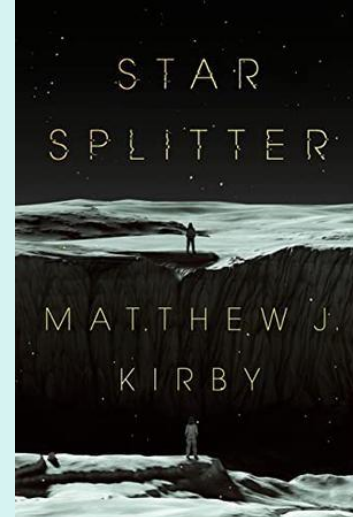
Mia falls in love with Grace at boarding school. Five years later, she's repairing structures throughout the galaxy. The timelines interweave as the crew of queer and nonbinary teens explores space, love, loss, and their own chosen family. An epic sci-fi romance graphic novel. 📱



When a bad storm cuts his team's Mars mission short, injured astronaut Mark Watley gets stranded. Now he's got to figure out how to survive on the harsh Martian landscape without air, shelter, food, or water until the next manned mission in four years. An edge-of-your seat thriller with laugh-out-loud dialogue mixed in. 📱

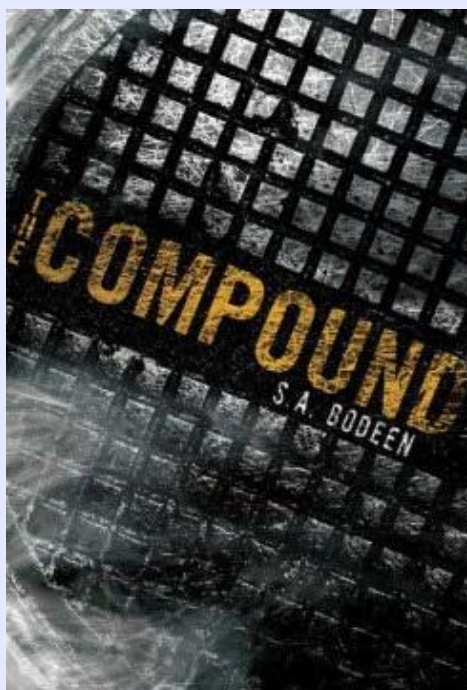


How do you defeat a galactic empire that can read your mind? The Majority always gets what it wants. Thomas Hill just wishes it didn't want him. Newscasters call him the next Einstein because he invented a medicine to halt the progress of his neuromuscular disease, but mere humans can't fathom his bioengineered processing capacity. But the Majority has other supergeniuses, some of whom are secretly plotting to become the masters of all living things. To end the tyranny, Thomas will need more than cunning. He'll need social skills. Oh, and power. An action-packed space-opera series opener, for hardcore sci-fi readers.



It's 2199, and Jessica is leaving her life and friends to join her parents on a research mission 14 light-years away. But when Jessica wakes up from teleportation—a process where you are scanned and then printed at your destination—she's not on the space station where she's meant to be. Instead, she's in an empty lander crashed on alien soil. Outside is a trail of blood, four freshly dug graves, and someone she could never have expected. 📱🎧

Eli and his family have lived in the underground Compound for six years. The world they knew is gone, and they've become accustomed to their new life. Accustomed, but not happy. No amount of luxury can stifle the dullness of living in the same place, doing the same thing day after day. As problems with their carefully planned existence threaten to destroy their sanctuary—and their sanity—Eli can't help but wonder if he'd rather take his chances outside. 📱

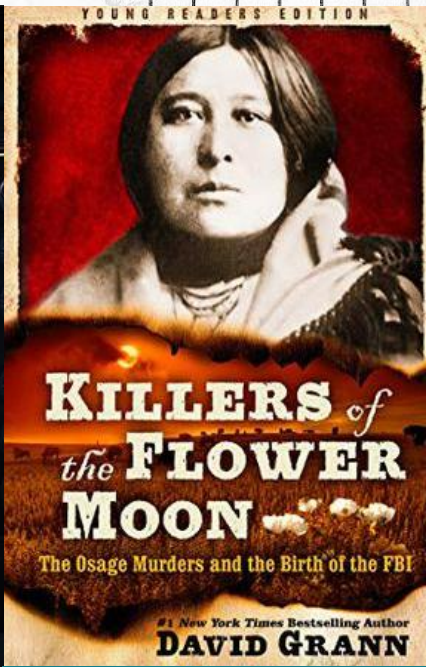
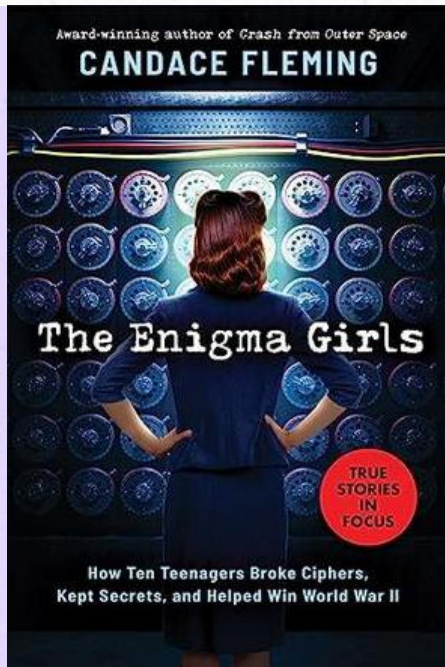


Maddie wakes up utterly alone in her evacuated Colorado town, with no power or internet, and only her Rottweiler, George, for company. As the months go by, can her stubborn will to survive carry her through the most frightening experience of her life? A novel-in-verse for fans of *Hatchet* and the *I Survived* series. Heads up, Dog Club! 📱

THIS IS A DISASTER

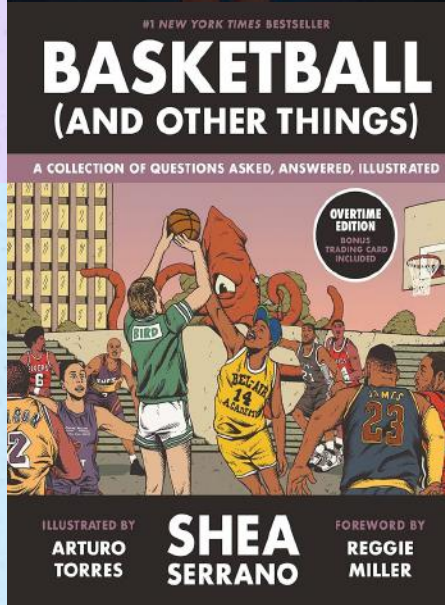
IT HAPPENED

"You are to report to Station X at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, in four days time....That is all you need to know." This was the terse telegram hundreds of young women throughout the British Isles received in the spring of 1941, as World War II raged. As they arrived at Station X, a sprawling mansion in a state of disrepair surrounded by Spartan-looking huts with little chimneys coughing out thick smoke—these young people had no idea what kind of work they were stepping into. Who had recommended them? Why had they been chosen? 📱



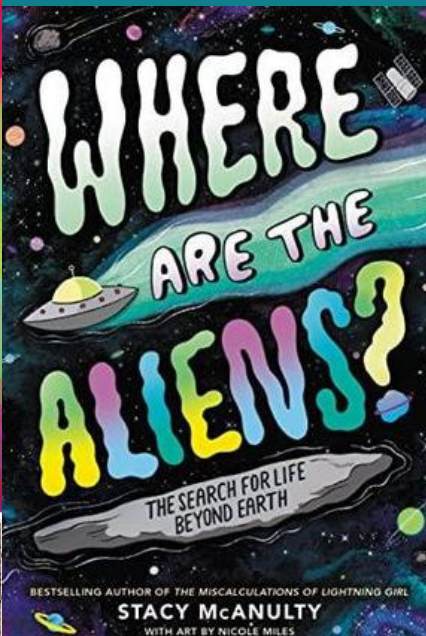
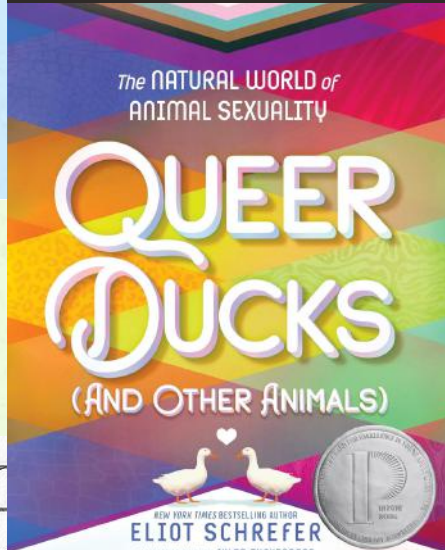
In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered on their land, they rode in chauffeured cars, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. As the death toll increased, the newly created F.B.I. got involved, working with the Osage to expose the chilling conspiracy. This is the YA adaptation. Martin Scorsese also made a movie based on the story! 📱🎧

Presents a set of pivotal and ridiculous questions from basketball history with wit and wisdom, and breaks down debates that NBA fans didn't even know they needed. A book for anyone who has ever stayed up late debating basketball's greatest moments, what-ifs, stories, and legends, or for those who are discovering the mythology of basketball for the first time. 📱🎧



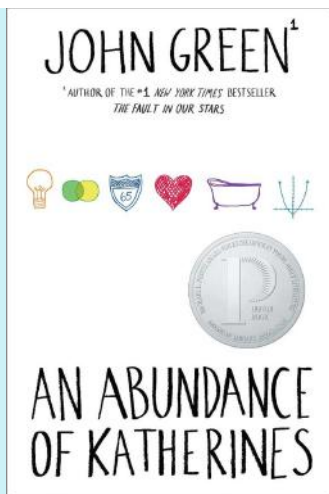
In 2017, a Korean American high school boy made a private Instagram account to share racist and sexist memes ("edgy humor") with a few friends, particularly targeting Black girls in their school. It inevitably spread, and so did the repercussions for the entire town. Narrative nonfiction with depth, and no right answers. 📱

An incredibly entertaining exploration of same-sex sexual behavior in the animal world. 📱🎧



If we aren't alone in the universe, where is everybody? What's the story with Area 51? Is there a secret government UFO report? What's the mathematical chance other life forms exist? How do scientists listen to and (possibly!) communicate with far-off exoplanets? Intrigued? If yes, you'll love this fun and information-packed book, which is dedicated to "You, reader, and future extraterrestrial visitors." 📱

ALL IN A SUMMER



On a summer road trip with his best friend Hassan, washed-up child prodigy and anagram aficionado Colin Singleton struggles to derive a mathematical 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. Sarcastic humor, lovable characters.



Yash is the best athlete at Robinette Middle School—he's already playing on the high school's JV teams. Imagine his shock when he learns that his JV practices have kept him from earning a state-mandated credit for 8th grade PE. To graduate, he has to take Physical Education Equivalency—PEE, or "Slugfest"—in summer school. Yash enjoys getting to know his fellow Slugs, but when one of them tries to blow the lid off a scandal that could make all their time in summer school a waste, he is forced to take drastic action. 📱



Seventeen-year-old Verónica has had many surgeries to manage her hip dysplasia. The best form of rehab is swimming, so she spends hours in the pool, but not just to build strength. Her Florida town is home to Mermaid Cove, a kitschy underwater attraction where professional mermaids perform in giant tanks—and Verónica wants to audition. But her conservative Peruvian parents would never go for it. She decides it's time to seize control of her life, but her plans come crashing down when she learns her parents have been hiding the truth from her—the truth about her own body. 📱



The year: 1983. The place: Ohio. The camp: Scary as heck. Camp Sweetwater is reopening, 30 years after it mysteriously shut down. Campers Corryn Quinn and Tez Jones have each had more than enough of their regular lives—they're ready to take their summer at Sweetwater by storm. But before they can so much as toast one marshmallow, strange happenings start... happening. Can they survive the summer? Or will Camp Sweetwater shut down for good this time—with them inside? 📱

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