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Unconventional Warfare
(Special Forces, Book 1) Chris Lynch 2018-11-27 Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life.

Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the

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Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

Beasts of Prey Ayana Gray
2021-09-28 In this blockbuster fantasy series, perfect for fans of *Firekeeper's Daughter* and *Iron Widow*, fate binds two Black teenagers together as they journey into a magical jungle to hunt down a vicious monster. "Rich in magic and mythos, *Beasts of Prey* is a feast for all the senses."
—Renée Ahdieh, New York

Times bestselling author of *The Beautiful An* Instant New York Times and Indie Bestseller
There's no such thing as magic in the broken city of Lkossa, especially for sixteen-year-old Koffi, who indentured to the notorious Night Zoo, knows the fearsome creatures in her care and paying off her family's debts to secure their eventual freedom can be her only focus. But the night those she loves are gravely threatened by the Zoo's cruel master, Koffi unleashes a power she doesn't fully understand, upending her life completely. As the second son of a decorated hero, Ekon is all but destined to become a Son of the Six—an elite warrior—and uphold a family legacy. But on the night of his final rite of passage, Ekon encounters not only the Shetani—a vicious monster that has plagued the city for nearly a century and stalks his nightmares—but Koffi who seems to have the power to ward off the beast. Koffi's power ultimately saves Ekon, but his choice to let her flee dooms his hopes of becoming a

warrior. Desperate to redeem himself, Ekon vows to hunt the Shetani and end its reign of terror, but he can't do it alone. Koffi and Ekon form a tentative alliance and together enter the Greater Jungle, a world steeped in wild, frightening magic and untold dangers. The hunt begins. But it quickly becomes unclear whether they are the hunters or the hunted. "The hunt for your next YA fantasy book trilogy obsession has ended." —Entertainment Weekly

The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod Heather Brewer 2011-01-06 If middle school sucked for Vladimir Tod, high school is a real drain. Besides being a punch bag for bullies, he's still going nowhere fast with dream girl Meredith. Needless to say, practicing his vampire skills hasn't exactly been a priority for Vlad until now. A monumental trip to Siberia with Uncle Otis, training alongside the most gifted vampires, is exactly what Vlad needs. And he'd better get it right, because the battle brewing back home with the vampire

who's been stalking him . . . could be Vlad's last.

Twelfth Grade Kills #5 Heather Brewer 2011-04-19 As a teenage vampire, Vlad has spent the last four years trying to handle the pressures of school while sidestepping a slayer out for his blood. Now he's a senior, and in this final, action-packed book in the series, Vlad must confront the secrets of the past, unravel the mystery of who he really is, make decisions about his future, and face his greatest enemy. It's a senior year that totally bites.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus Dusti Bowling 2020-02 New friends and a mystery help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

Flora & Ulysses Kate DiCamillo 2013-09-24 Winner of the 2014 Newbery Medal Holy unanticipated occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking new novel by master storyteller

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Kate DiCamillo. It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. From #1 New York Times best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell. Damsel Elana K. Arnold 2018-10-02 *A 2019 Michael L. Printz Award Honor Book* A

dark, twisted, unforgettable fairy tale from Elana K. Arnold, author of the National Book Award finalist *What Girls Are Made Of*. The rite has existed for as long as anyone can remember: When the king dies, his son the prince must venture out into the gray lands, slay a fierce dragon, and rescue a damsel to be his bride. This is the way things have always been. When Ama wakes in the arms of Prince Emory, she knows none of this. She has no memory of what came before she was captured by the dragon or what horrors she faced in its lair. She knows only this handsome young man, the story he tells of her rescue, and her destiny of sitting on a throne beside him. It's all like a dream, like something from a fairy tale. As Ama follows Emory to the kingdom of Harding, however, she discovers that not all is as it seems. There is more to the legends of the dragons and the damsels than anyone knows, and the greatest threats may not be behind her, but around her, now, and closing in.

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Born a Crime Trevor Noah
2016-11-15 #1 NEW YORK
TIMES BESTSELLER • More than
one million copies sold! A
“brilliant” (Lupita Nyong’o,
Time), “poignant”
(Entertainment Weekly), “soul-
nourishing” (USA Today)
memoir about coming of age
during the twilight of apartheid
“Noah’s childhood stories are
told with all the hilarity and
intellect that characterizes his
comedy, while illuminating a
dark and brutal period in South
Africa’s history that must never
be forgotten.”—Esquire Winner
of the Thurber Prize for
American Humor and an NAACP
Image Award • Named one of
the best books of the year by
The New York Time, USA Today,
San Francisco Chronicle, NPR,
Esquire, Newsday, and Booklist
Trevor Noah’s unlikely path
from apartheid South Africa to
the desk of The Daily Show
began with a criminal act: his
birth. Trevor was born to a
white Swiss father and a black
Xhosa mother at a time when
such a union was punishable by
five years in prison. Living proof
of his parents’ indiscretion,

Trevor was kept mostly indoors
for the earliest years of his life,
bound by the extreme and
often absurd measures his
mother took to hide him from a
government that could, at any
moment, steal him away.
Finally liberated by the end of
South Africa’s tyrannical white
rule, Trevor and his mother set
forth on a grand adventure,
living openly and freely and
embracing the opportunities
won by a centuries-long
struggle. *Born a Crime* is the
story of a mischievous young
boy who grows into a restless
young man as he struggles to
find himself in a world where he
was never supposed to exist. It
is also the story of that young
man’s relationship with his
fearless, rebellious, and
fervently religious mother—his
teammate, a woman
determined to save her son
from the cycle of poverty,
violence, and abuse that would
ultimately threaten her own
life. The stories collected here
are by turns hilarious, dramatic,
and deeply affecting. Whether
subsisting on caterpillars for
dinner during hard times, being

thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother's unconventional, unconditional love.

Touching Spirit Bear Ben Mikaelson 2010-04-20 In his Nautilus Award-winning classic *Touching Spirit Bear*, author Ben Mikaelson delivers a powerful coming-of-age story of a boy who must overcome the effects that violence has had on his life. After severely injuring Peter Driscoll in an empty parking lot, mischief-maker Cole Matthews is in major trouble. But instead of jail time, Cole is given another option: attend Circle Justice, an alternative program that sends juvenile offenders to a remote

Alaskan Island to focus on changing their ways. Desperate to avoid prison, Cole fakes humility and agrees to go. While there, Cole is mauled by a mysterious white bear and left for dead. Thoughts of his abusive parents, helpless Peter, and his own anger cause him to examine his actions and seek redemption—from the spirit bear that attacked him, from his victims, and, most importantly, from himself. Ben Mikaelson paints a vivid picture of a juvenile offender, examining the roots of his anger without absolving him of responsibility for his actions, and questioning a society in which angry people make victims of their peers and communities. *Touching Spirit Bear* is a poignant testimonial to the power of a pain that can destroy, or lead to healing. A strong choice for independent reading, sharing in the classroom, homeschooling, and book groups.

Heretics Anonymous Katie Henry 2018-08-07 A New York Public Library Best Book of the Year! Put an atheist in a strict

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Catholic school? Expect comedy, chaos, and an Inquisition. The Breakfast Club meets *Saved!* in debut author Katie Henry's hilarious novel about a band of misfits who set out to challenge their school, one nun at a time. Perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli and Robyn Schneider. When Michael walks through the doors of Catholic school, things can't get much worse. His dad has just made the family move again, and Michael needs a friend. When a girl challenges their teacher in class, Michael thinks he might have found one, and a fellow atheist at that. Only this girl, Lucy, isn't just Catholic . . . she wants to be a priest. Lucy introduces Michael to other St. Clare's outcasts, and he officially joins Heretics Anonymous, where he can be an atheist, Lucy can be an outspoken feminist, Avi can be Jewish and gay, Max can wear whatever he wants, and Eden can practice paganism. Michael encourages the Heretics to go from secret society to rebels intent on exposing the school's hypocrisies one stunt at a time.

But when Michael takes one mission too far—putting the other Heretics at risk—he must decide whether to fight for his own freedom or rely on faith, whatever that means, in God, his friends, or himself.

Never Always Sometimes Adi Alsaid 2016-07-26 "Utterly charming and thoughtful."

—Nicola Yoon, the New York Times bestselling author of *Everything, Everything* and *The Sun is Also a Star* "A refreshing novel about friendship and romance that defies cliché, *Never Always Sometimes* will win readers over with its hilarious musings and universal truths." -Adam Silvera, the New York Times bestselling author of *They Both Die at the End* and *What If It's Us* Rule #10: Never date your best friend. Well, some rules are meant to be broken. Best friends Dave and Julia have spent their high school years living by their carefully crafted Never List — a list of rules they created to make sure they never become high school clichés. But as graduation approaches, Dave is shocked when Julia decides that

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they should now do everything on the list, from skinny dipping (Rule #6) to road-tripping (Rule #9). But what happens when Julia finds out that Dave has been breaking Rule #8 (never pine silently for someone for the entirety of high school) for years? Can their friendship survive the ultimate cliché and turn into something...more?

From the acclaimed author of *Let's Get Lost* and *North of Happy*, comes a story of what can happen in those final days of high school, when you let go of who you are and take a chance on who you might be.

Eighth Grade Bites #1

Heather Brewer 2013-01-10
Vlad has to keep his vampire urges under control while dealing with the pressures of middle school. Thirteen-year-old Vladimir Tod really hates junior high. Bullies harass him, the principal is dogging him, and the girl he likes prefers his best friend. Oh, and Vlad has a secret: His mother was human, but his father was a vampire. With no idea of the extent of his powers, Vlad struggles daily with his blood cravings and his

enlarged fangs. When a substitute teacher begins to question him a little too closely, Vlad worries that his cover is about to be blown. But then he faces a much bigger problem: He's being hunted by a vampire killer. Watch a QuickTime trailer for this book.

Out of My Mind Sharon M.

Draper 2012-05 Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Hurt Go Happy Ginny Rorby
2016-01-12 "Inspired by the true story of a chimpanzee who learned sign language"--Front cover.

A Long Walk to Water Linda Sue Park 2010 When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a

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project to dig water wells in Sudan. By a Newbery Medal-winning author.

Lord of the Flies William Golding 2003-12-16 Golding's iconic 1954 novel, now with a new foreword by Lois Lowry, remains one of the greatest books ever written for young adults and an unforgettable classic for readers of any age. This edition includes a new *Suggestions for Further Reading* by Jennifer Buehler. At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued.

The Hate U Give Angie Thomas 2017-02-28 8 starred reviews · Goodreads Choice Awards Best of the Best · William C. Morris Award Winner

· National Book Award Longlist · Printz Honor Book · Coretta Scott King Honor Book · #1 New York Times Bestseller!

"Absolutely riveting!" —Jason Reynolds "Stunning." —John Green "This story is necessary. This story is important." —Kirkus (starred review) "Heartbreakingly topical." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "A marvel of verisimilitude." —Booklist (starred review) "A powerful, in-your-face novel." —Horn Book (starred review) Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local

drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life. Want more of Garden Heights? Catch Maverick and Seven's story in Concrete Rose, Angie Thomas's powerful prequel to The Hate U Give.

Tales of a Fourth Grade

Nothing Judy Blume

2011-12-01 Living with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing smashed potatoes on walls at Hamburger Heaven, or scribbling all over Peter's homework, he's never far from trouble. He's a two-year-old terror who gets away with everything—and Peter's had enough. When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge too long. How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a

change?

Get Those Guys Reading! Fiction and Series Books that Boys Will Love Kathleen A.

Baxter 2012-05-07 Want to identify fiction books that boys in grades three through nine will find irresistible? This guide reveals dozens of worthwhile recommendations in categories ranging from adventure stories and sports novels to horror, humorous, and science fiction books.

Encountering Enchantment: A Guide to Speculative Fiction for Teens, 2nd Edition Susan

Fichtelberg 2015-09-29 The most current and complete guide to a favorite teen genre, this book maps current releases along with perennial favorites, describing and categorizing fantasy, paranormal, and science fiction titles published since 2006. • Encompasses a wide selection of speculative fiction genres to suit a broad spectrum of readers in grades 6-12 • Identifies award-winning titles, grade levels, book club potential, and alternative media formats and provides complete bibliographic information for

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each title • Includes interviews with prominent authors that convey the perspectives of the creators of the worlds into which readers are drawn • Covers some children's literature and some adult novels that are popular with young adults • Offers a detailed subject index with an extensive number of access points

Tenth Grade Bleeds Heather Brewer 2010-08-25 It's another awful year at Bathory High for Vladimir Tod. The evil vampire D'Ablo is hunting for a ritual that could steal Vlad's powers. His best friend, Henry, doesn't want to be his drudge anymore and it's getting harder for Vlad to resist feeding on the people around him. With the threat of D'Ablo looming closer and nightmares haunting him each night, Vlad realises that having a normal high school year is the least of his concerns. He needs to act fast, and even his Pravus powers won't save him this time.

The Stand Stephen King 2011 A monumentally devastating plague leaves only a few survivors who, while

experiencing dreams of a battle between good and evil, move toward an actual confrontation as they migrate to Boulder, Colorado.

Mockingbird Kathryn Erskine 2018-01-01 Caitlin misses her brother every day. Since his death in a school shooting, she has no one to explain the world to her. And for Caitlin, the world is a confusing place. She hates it when colours get mixed up, prefers everything to be black-and-white, and needs to check her Facial Expressions Chart to understand emotions. So when Caitlin reads the definition of "closure", she decides that's what she needs. And as she struggles to find it, a world of colour begins to enter her black-and-white life...

Magic Bites Ilona Andrews 2012-12-31 #1 New York Times bestselling author Ilona Andrews invites you to experience the first novel in the "intriguing world" (Locus) of Kate Daniels with this special edition of Magic Bites... Kate Daniels is a down-on-her-luck mercenary who makes her living cleaning up magical

problems. But when Kate's guardian is murdered, her quest for justice draws her into a power struggle between two strong factions within Atlanta's magic circles. Pressured by both sides to find the killer, Kate realizes she's way out of her league—but she wouldn't want it any other way... This special edition includes in-depth information about the world of Kate Daniels, with descriptions of its characters and factions. Explore Kate's Atlanta like never before with answers to FAQ and a quiz to find your place there. And don't miss the prequel story "A Questionable Client," as well as scenes of events in Magic Bites from Curran's point of view.

The Black Kids Christina Hammonds Reed 2020-08-04 A New York Times bestseller A William C. Morris Award Finalist "Should be required reading in every classroom." —Nic Stone, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Dear Martin "A true love letter to Los Angeles." —Brandy Colbert, award-winning author of Little & Lion "A brilliantly poetic take on one

of the most defining moments in Black American history."

—Tiffany D. Jackson, author of Grown and Monday's Not Coming Perfect for fans of The Hate U Give, this unforgettable coming-of-age debut novel explores issues of race, class, and violence through the eyes of a wealthy black teenager whose family gets caught in the vortex of the 1992 Rodney King Riots. Los Angeles, 1992 Ashley Bennett and her friends are living the charmed life. It's the end of senior year and they're spending more time at the beach than in the classroom. They can already feel the sunny days and endless possibilities of summer. Everything changes one afternoon in April, when four LAPD officers are acquitted after beating a black man named Rodney King half to death. Suddenly, Ashley's not just one of the girls. She's one of the black kids. As violent protests engulf LA and the city burns, Ashley tries to continue on as if life were normal. Even as her self-destructive sister gets dangerously involved in the riots. Even as the model

black family façade her wealthy and prominent parents have built starts to crumble. Even as her best friends help spread a rumor that could completely derail the future of her classmate and fellow black kid, LaShawn Johnson. With her world splintering around her, Ashley, along with the rest of LA, is left to question who is the us? And who is the them?

Wonder R. J. Palacio 2017-09-26
Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates.

One of Us Is Next Karen M. McManus 2020-01-07 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The highly anticipated sequel to *One of Us Is Lying!* There's a new mystery to solve at Bayview High, and there's a whole new set of rules. Fans of the hit thriller that started it all can watch the secrets of the Bayview Four be revealed in the *One of Us is Lying* TV series now streaming on NBC's

Peacock! Come on, Bayview, you know you've missed this. A ton of copycat gossip apps have popped up since Simon died, but in the year since the Bayview four were cleared of his shocking death, no one's been able to fill the gossip void quite like he could. The problem is no one has the facts. Until now. This time it's not an app, though—it's a game. Truth or Dare. Phoebe's the first target. If you choose not to play, it's a truth. And hers is dark. Then comes Maeve and she should know better—always choose the dare. But by the time Knox is about to be tagged, things have gotten dangerous. The dares have become deadly, and if Maeve learned anything from Bronwyn last year, it's that they can't count on the police for help. Or protection. Simon's gone, but someone's determined to keep his legacy at Bayview High alive. And the rules have changed. “Few craft teen suspense like McManus.” -- Entertainment Weekly “A thriller from one of the best writers in the YA mystery

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genre, One of Us Is Next delivers more shocking surprises and twists you won't see coming." --PASTE

Eleventh Grade Burns #4

Heather Brewer 2010-02-09 Things have taken a darker turn for the half-human teenager with an appetite for blood. Joss, a vampire slayer and Vlad's former friend, has moved back to Bathory. A mysterious and powerful new vampire, Dorian, appears with a shocking secret and an overwhelming desire to drink Vlad's blood. And Vlad's arch enemy, D'Ablo, has a sinister plan to eliminate Vlad once and for all. With death threatening from every angle, Vlad will have to use every ounce of his skill and training to survive, but nothing can prepare him for what awaits him in the end. Watch a Video [Dear Martin](#) Nic Stone 2018-09-04 "Powerful, wrenching." -JOHN GREEN, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Turtles All the Way Down* "Raw and gripping." -JASON REYNOLDS, New York Times bestselling coauthor of *All American Boys* "A must-

read!" -ANGIE THOMAS, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Hate U Give* Raw, captivating, and undeniably real, Nic Stone joins industry giants Jason Reynolds and Walter Dean Myers as she boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning #1 New York Times bestselling debut, a William C. Morris Award Finalist. Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and

Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack. "Vivid and powerful." -Booklist, Starred Review "A visceral portrait of a young man reckoning with the ugly, persistent violence of social injustice." -Publishers Weekly

Stargirl Jerry Spinelli
2004-05-11 ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME • NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A modern-day classic from Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli, this beloved celebration of individuality is now an original movie on Disney+! And don't miss the author's highly anticipated new novel, *Dead Wednesday!* *Stargirl*. From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of "Stargirl, Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart with just one smile. She sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first. Then they turn on her. *Stargirl* is suddenly shunned for everything that

makes her different, and Leo, panicked and desperate with love, urges her to become the very thing that can destroy her: normal. In this celebration of nonconformity, Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli weaves a tense, emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the thrill and inspiration of first love. Don't miss the sequel, *Love, Stargirl*, as well as *The Warden's Daughter*, a novel about another girl who can't help but stand out. "Spinelli is a poet of the prepubescent. . . . No writer guides his young characters, and his readers, past these pitfalls and challenges and toward their futures with more compassion." —The New York Times

[The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) Sherman Alexie 2012-01-10 Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where

the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

Second Chance Heather Brewer 2014 Joss is summoned by Abraham to New York City and told he must prove his loyalty to the Slayer Society by successfully leading a team in hunting a murderous Manhattan vampire, or his life will be forfeit.

Suck It Up Brian Meehl 2008-05-13 ARE YOU UP to your neck in bloodsucking vampire stories? Tired of those tales

about dentally enhanced dark lords? Before I wrote this book I thought all vampires were night-stalking, fangpopping, bloodsucking fiends. Then I met Morning McCobb. He's a vegan vampire who drinks a soy-blood substitute called Blood Lite. He believes staking should be a hate crime. And someday he hopes to march in a Vampire Pride Parade. He was also the first vampire to out himself and try to show people of mortality, like you and me, that vampires are just another minority with special needs. Trust me—this is like no other vampire book you'll ever feed on. So, as my buddy Morning says, "Pop the lid, and suck it up."

5 to 1 Holly Bodger 2015-05-12 Part Homeless Bird and part Matched, this is a dark look at the near future told through the alternating perspectives of two teens who dare to challenge the system. In the year 2054, after decades of gender selection, India now has a ratio of five boys for every girl, making women an incredibly valuable commodity. Tired of marrying off their daughters to

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the highest bidder and determined to finally make marriage fair, the women who form the country of Koyanagar have instituted a series of tests so that every boy has the chance to win a wife. Sudasa, though, doesn't want to be a wife, and Kiran, a boy forced to compete in the test to become her husband, has other plans as well. As the tests advance, Sudasa and Kiran thwart each other at every turn until they slowly realize that they just might want the same thing. This beautiful, unique novel is told from alternating points of view—Sudasa's in verse and Kiran's in prose—allowing readers to experience both characters' pain and their brave struggle for hope.

Magic Bleeds Ilona Andrews 2010-05-25 The fourth Kate Daniels novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author who "defines urban fantasy" (Fresh Fiction). Kate Daniels works for the Order of the Knights of Merciful Aid, officially as a liaison with the mercenary guild. Unofficially, she cleans up the paranormal problems no

one else wants to handle—especially if they involve Atlanta's shapeshifting community. When she's called in to investigate a fight at the Steel Horse, a bar midway between the territories of the shapeshifters and the necromancers, Kate quickly discovers there's a new player in town. One who's been around for thousands of years—and rode to war at the side of Kate's father. This foe may be too much even for Kate and Curran, the Lord of the Beasts, to handle. Because this time, Kate will be taking on family...

Ninth Grade Slays #2 Heather Brewer 2014-05-29 The second graphic novel in the series of adaptations of Heather Brewer's New York Times best-selling series. Freshman year stinks for Vlad Tod. Bullies still harass him. The photographer from the school newspaper is tailing him. And failing his studies could be deadly. A trip to Siberia gives study abroad a whole new meaning as Vlad connects with other vampires and advances his mind control.

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abilities, but will he return home with the skills to recognize a vampire slayer when he sees one? In this thrilling sequel to Eighth Grade Bites, Vlad must confront the secrets of the past and battle forces that once again threaten his life.

Black Ships Before Troy

Rosemary Sutcliff 2005-12-13
For Greek myth fans, those who can't get enough of the D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths, and readers who have aged out of Rick Riordan, this classroom staple and mythology classic is perfect for learning about the ancient myths! As the gods and goddesses of Olympus scheme, the ancient world is thrown into turmoil when Helen, the most beautiful woman in all of Greece, is stolen away by her Trojan love. Inflamed by jealousy, the Greek king seeks lethal vengeance and sends his black war ships to descend on the city of Troy. In the siege that follows, history's greatest heroes, from Ajax to Achilles to Odysseus, are forged in combat, and the brutal costs of

passion, pride, and revenge must be paid. In the end, the whims of the gods, the cunning of the warriors, and a great wooden horse will decide who emerges victorious. Homer's epic poem, The Iliad, is one of the greatest adventure stories of all time and Rosemary Sutcliff's retelling of the classic saga embodies all of the astonishing drama, romance, and intrigue of ancient Greece. Don't miss The Wanderings of Odysseus, the companion to Black Ships Before Troy, and follow Odysseus on his adventure home. This book has been selected as a Common Core State Standards Text Exemplar (Grades 6-8, Stories) in Appendix B.

THE ILIAD Homer 2017-04-20
Sing, O goddess, the anger of Achilles son of Peleus, that brought countless ills upon the Achaeans. Many a brave soul did it send hurrying down to Hades, and many a hero did it yield a prey to dogs and vultures, for so were the counsels of Jove fulfilled from the day on which the son of Atreus, king of men, and great

Achilles, first fell out with one another. And which of the gods was it that set them on to quarrel? It was the son of Jove and Leto; for he was angry with the king and sent a pestilence upon the host to plague the people, because the son of Atreus had dishonoured Chryses his priest. Now Chryses had come to the ships of the Achaeans to free his daughter, and had brought with him a great ransom: moreover he bore in his hand the sceptre of Apollo wreathed with a suppliant's wreath and he besought the Achaeans, but most of all the two sons of Atreus, who were their chiefs.

Front Desk (Front Desk #1) (Scholastic Gold) Kelly Yang
2018-05-29 Inside Out and Back Again meets Millicent Min, Girl Genius in this timely, hopeful middle-grade novel with a contemporary Chinese twist. Winner of the Asian / Pacific American Award for Children's Literature!* "Many readers will recognize themselves or their neighbors in these pages." -- Kirkus Reviews, starred review Mia Tang has a lot of

secrets. Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language? It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams? Front Desk joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content!

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book of the Scholomance trilogy, the story of an unwilling dark sorceress who is destined to rewrite the rules of magic. FINALIST FOR THE LODESTAR AWARD • “The dark school of magic I’ve been waiting for.”—Katherine Arden, author of the Winternight Trilogy I decided that Orion Lake needed to die after the second time he saved my life. Everyone loves Orion Lake. Everyone else, that is. Far as I’m concerned, he can keep his flashy combat magic to himself. I’m not joining his pack of adoring fans. I don’t need help surviving the Scholomance, even if they do. Forget the hordes of monsters and cursed artifacts, I’m probably the most dangerous thing in the place. Just give me a chance and I’ll level mountains and kill untold millions, make myself the dark queen of the world. At least, that’s what the world expects. Most of the other students in here would be delighted if Orion killed me like one more evil thing that’s crawled out of the drains. Sometimes I think they want me to turn into the evil

witch they assume I am. The school certainly does. But the Scholomance isn’t getting what it wants from me. And neither is Orion Lake. I may not be anyone’s idea of the shining hero, but I’m going to make it out of this place alive, and I’m not going to slaughter thousands to do it, either. Although I’m giving serious consideration to just one. With flawless mastery, Naomi Novik creates a school bursting with magic like you’ve never seen before, and a heroine for the ages—a character so sharply realized and so richly nuanced that she will live on in hearts and minds for generations to come. The magic of the Scholomance trilogy continues in *The Last Graduate* “The can’t-miss fantasy of fall 2020, a brutal coming-of-power story steeped in the aesthetics of dark academia. . . . A Deadly Education will cement Naomi Novik’s place as one of the greatest and most versatile fantasy writers of our time.”—BookPage (starred review) “A must-read . . . Novik puts a refreshingly dark, adult

spin on the magical boarding school. . . . Readers will delight in the push-and-pull of El and Orion's relationship, the

fantastically detailed world, the clever magic system, and the matter-of-fact diversity of the student body."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)