

5TH ANNUAL ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

IMAGINE *your*
STORY



SUMMER 2020

THE WESTWOOD ADULT SUMMER READING GUIDE

New Books, Virtual Events, Prizes & the
10,000 HOUR COMMUNITY READING GOAL.



DOWNLOAD THE **BEANSTACK** APP TO GET STARTED!

QUESTIONS? ASK A LIBRARIAN FOR DETAILS.

This Summer, Imagine Your Story!

READ & TRACK YOUR BOOKS, PARTICIPATE IN LEARNING ACTIVITIES, WRITE "PATRON PICK" BOOK REVIEWS, AND EARN PRIZES- ALL ON OUR NEW BEANSTACK WEBSITE + APP!

The Westwood Public Library Summer Reading Program runs June 1- August 28

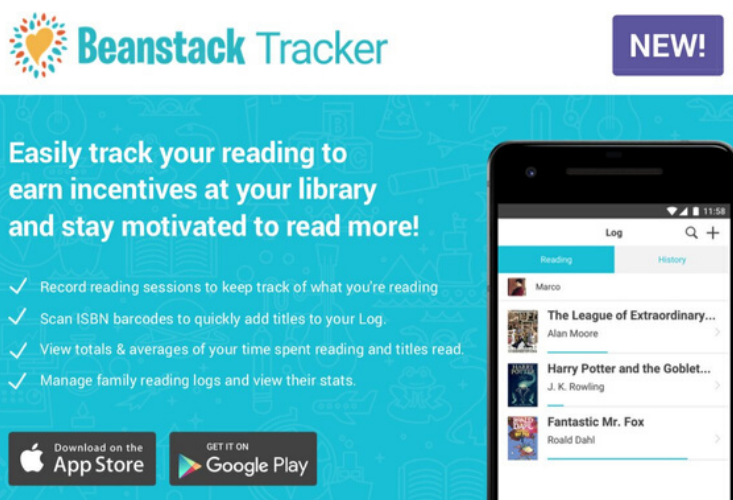
This year, all the reading programs are through Beanstack's app and website – a virtual space where babies, kids, teens, and adults can all participate to win prizes by completing reading requirements for their category. It also includes book and activity logging, badges and registration for all members of the family under one account.

As you read books and engage in the activities, you are eligible to win badges and prizes. Beginning June 1, 2020, you can view the available activities, enter the books you have read, write book reviews & more. You can track your progress & be entered into drawings at the end of the summer.

To register, [visit the Beanstack website](#) or get the app to create your account.

Adults can visit the Library's website to

download the Library's list of recommended reads for Summer 2020- or you can look for printed copies around town! All programs, including the Summer Reading Program, are free and open to all, thanks to the generosity of [The Friends of Westwood Library](#).



The 10,000 Hour Community Reading Goal

This summer we want to challenge ALL (adults, teens, and kids) of Westwood to a community-wide reading goal! **Can we all together read 10,000 hours this summer?** The first step is to sign up and get reading! [Download the Beanstack app-](#) available for iOS and Android- [to get started!](#)

How to Use This Guide: -CLICK ON A BOOK COVER TO PLACE A HOLD-

Multiple formats are available for most titles! More Recommendations will be added over the summer- so check back or follow us online **@WestwoodPLMA**.

Note: The books in this guide have been, or are ready to be, ordered. Due to the municipal fiscal year closeout, titles with a publication date beyond July 2020 may not be reservable until mid-July. If you have concerns about a particular title, email Molly Riportella, Head of Adult Services, at mriportella@minilib.net.

Friends and Strangers

a novel

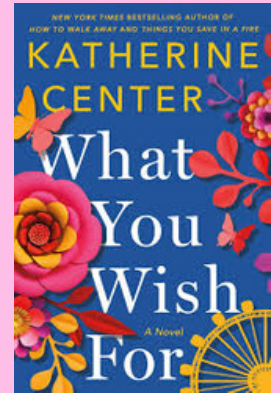
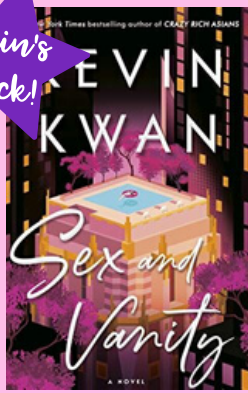
J. Courtney Sullivan

Best-selling author of *Maine*

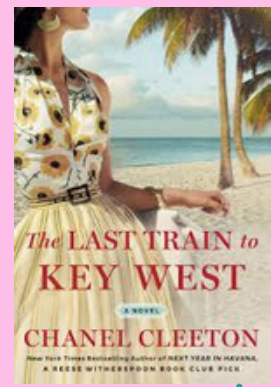
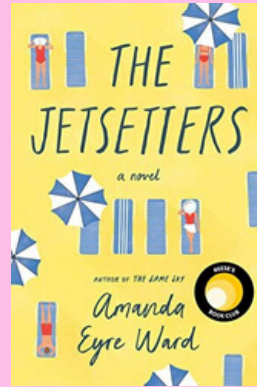
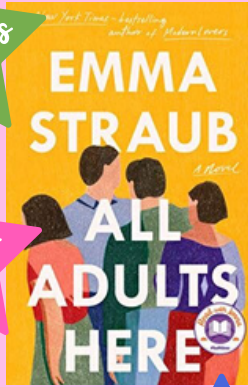
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Erin's Pick!



Jenny's Pick!



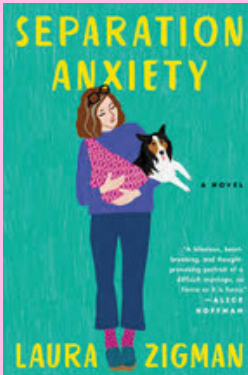
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Tina's Pick!

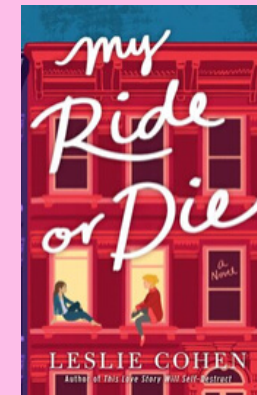


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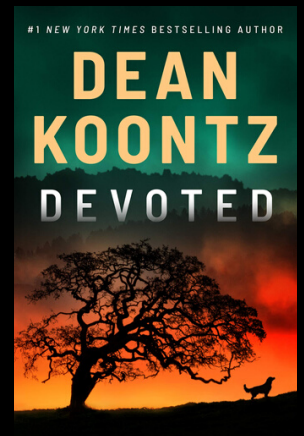
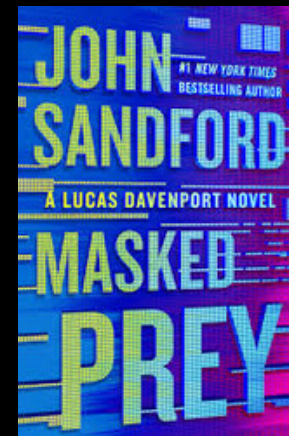
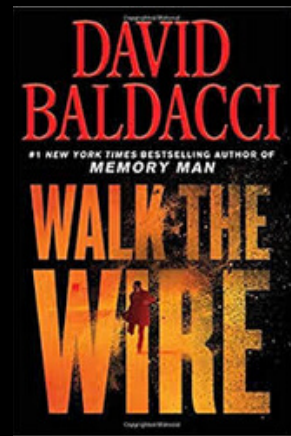
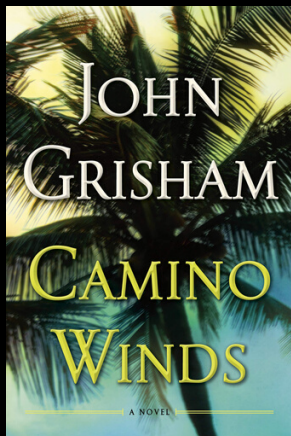
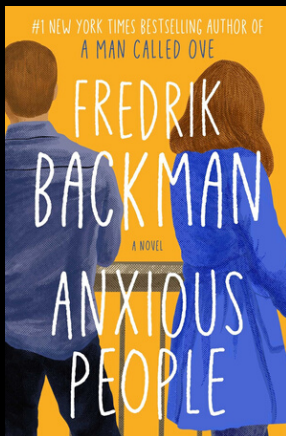
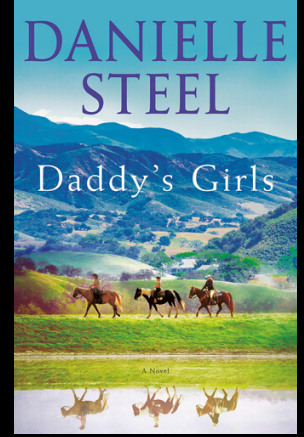
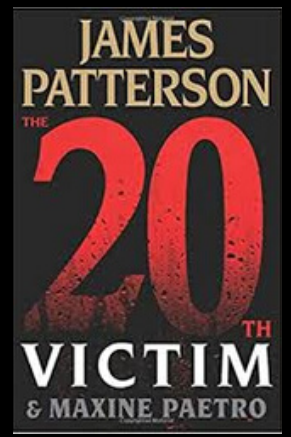
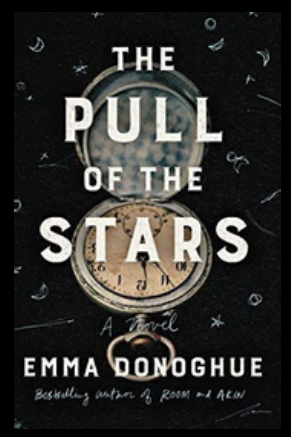
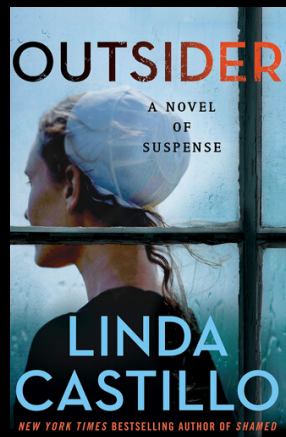
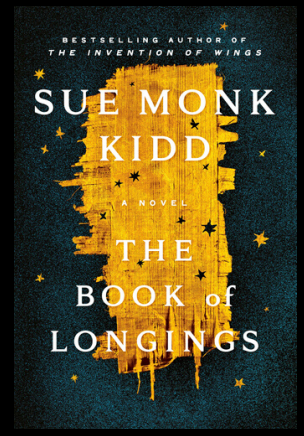
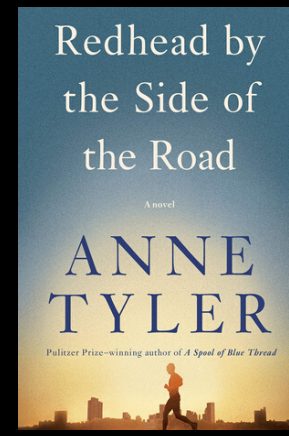
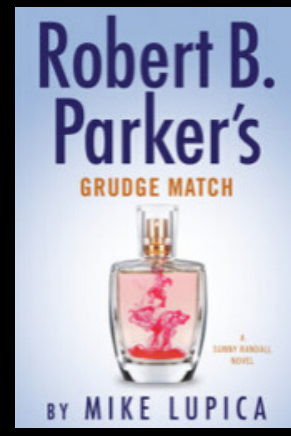
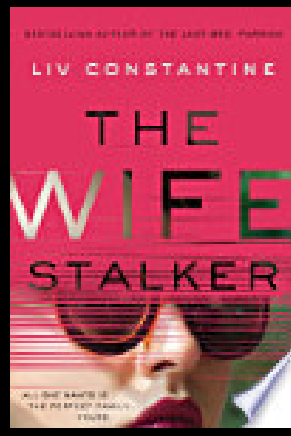
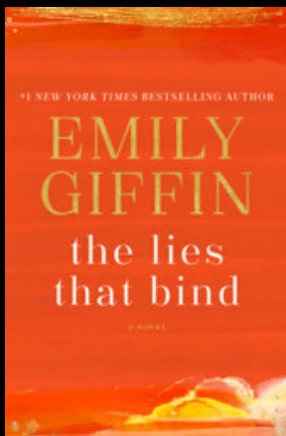
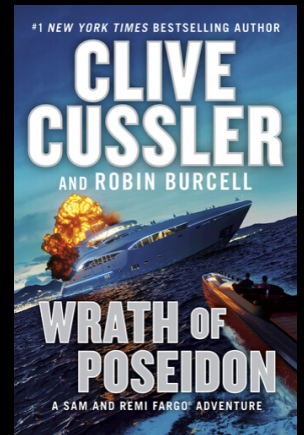
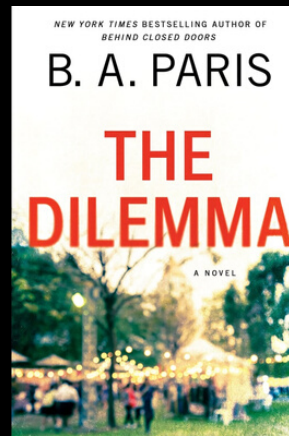
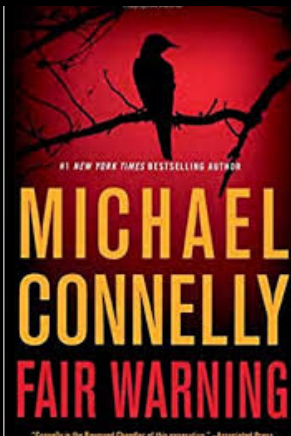
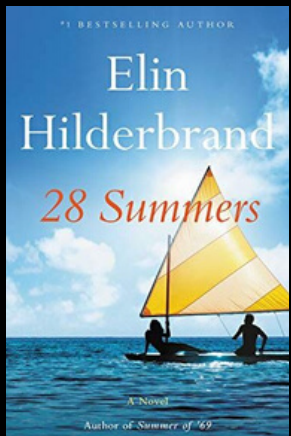
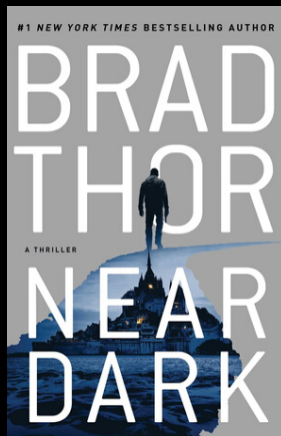
Books for your Beach Bag



Caroline's Pick!



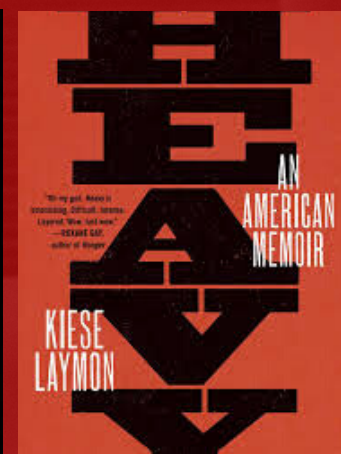
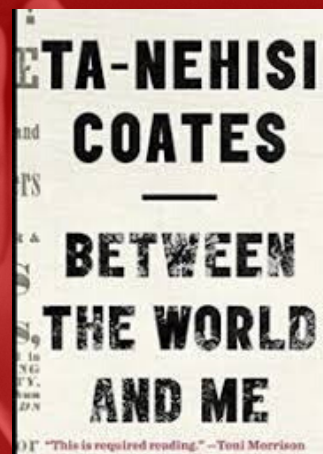
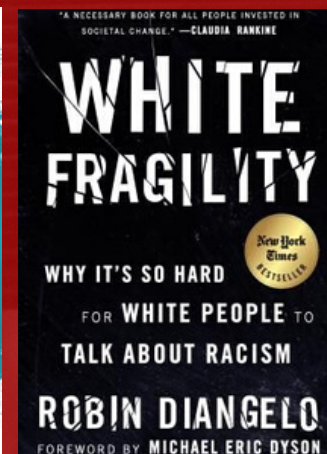
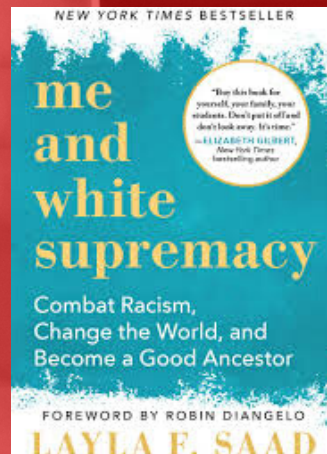
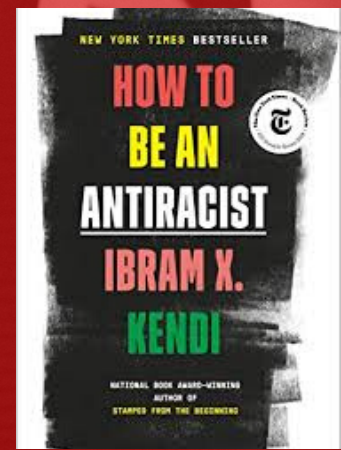
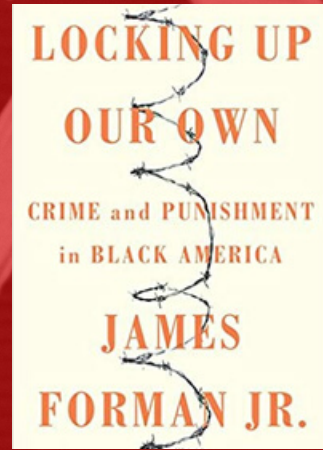
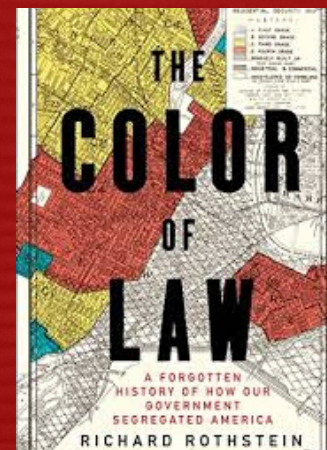
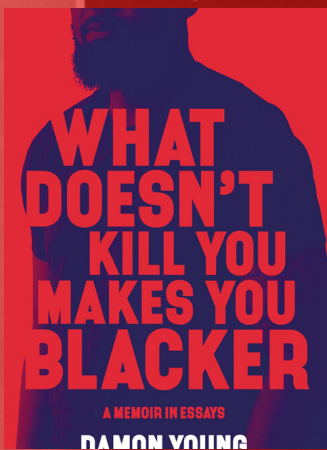
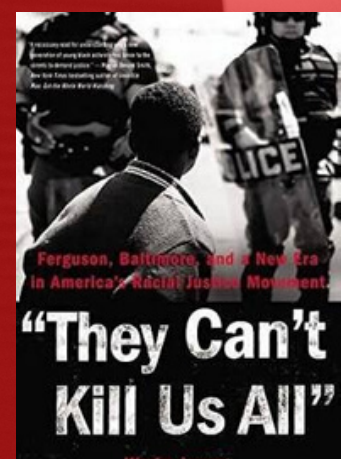
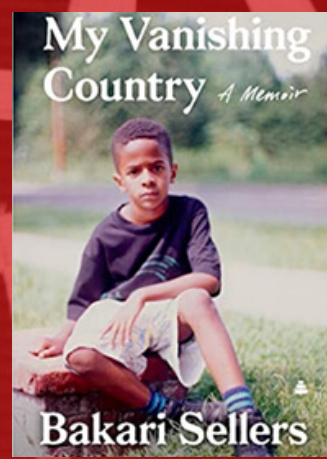
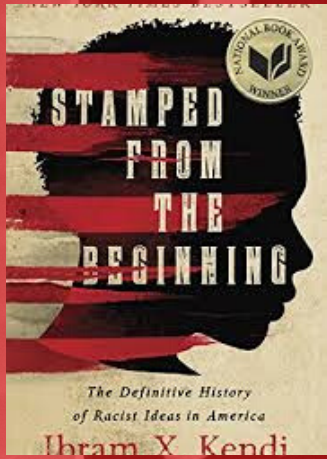
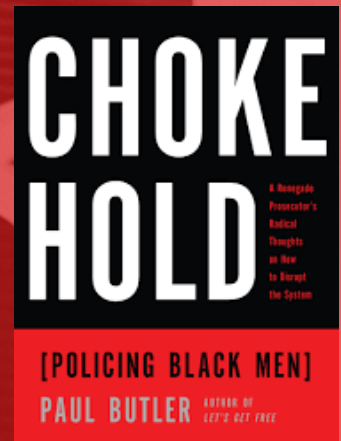
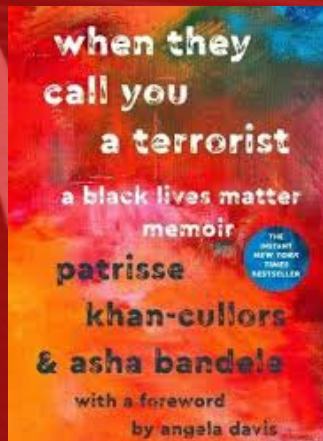
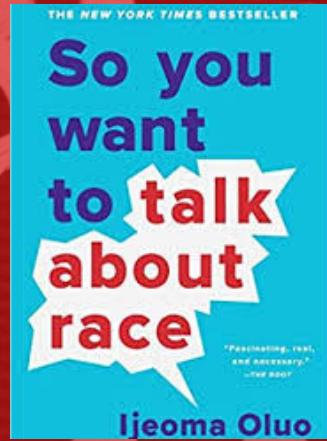
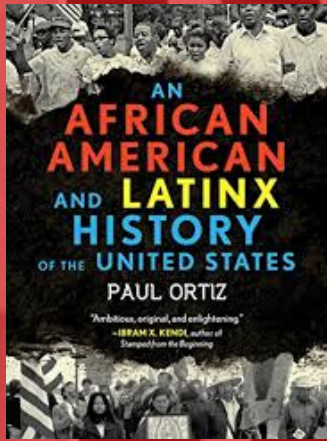
Bestselling Authors



Required Reading: Books on

ANTI-RACISM

Recommendations from Black Scholars, Authors & Booksellers.



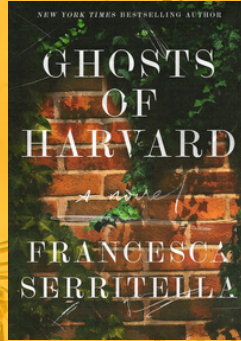
MYSTERIES, THRILLERS & SUSPENSE

Molly's Pick!



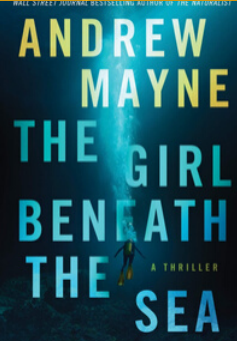
THE BOY IN THE FIELD Margot Livesey

The NYT bestselling author of **THE FLIGHT OF GEMMA HARDY** delivers another poignant and probing psychological drama that follows the lives of three siblings in the wake of a violent crime.



GHOSTS OF HARVARD Francesca Serritella

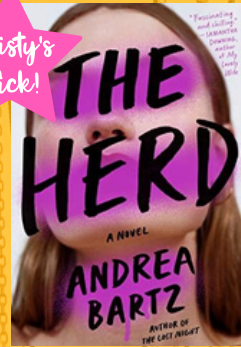
A Harvard freshman becomes obsessed with her schizophrenic brother's suicide. Using his journal, she stumbles across truths that she may irrevocably change the course of her life. Serritella's first novel, though she co-wrote nine essay collections with her mother, Lisa Scottoline.



THE GIRL BENEATH THE SEA Andrew Mayne

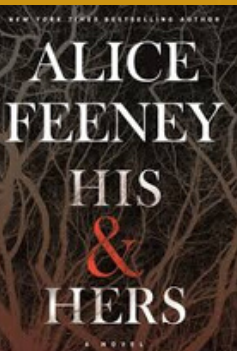
For a Florida police diver, one dive to retrieve a body kickoffs this adventurous thriller by the Wall Street Journal bestselling author of **THE NATURALIST**

Kristy's Pick!



THE HERD Andrea Bartz

Why did the founder of a glamorous coworking space for women disappear? Her best friends will risk everything to uncover the truth. From the author of **THE LOST NIGHT**.



HIS & HERS Alice Feeney

A reporter and detective both have personal ties to an investigation in which they begin to suspect each other. H&H is a fast-paced, complex, and dark puzzle that will keep readers guessing until the very end.

Jenny's Pick!

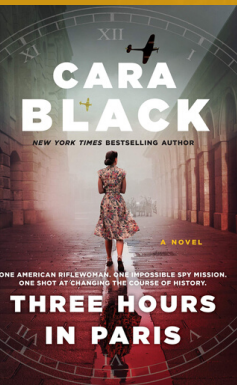
Liz's Pick!

Karen's Pick!



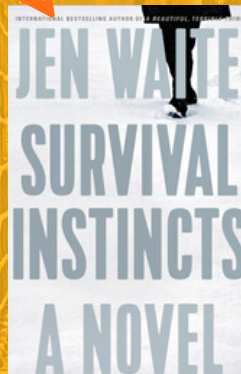
THE GUEST LIST Lisa Foley

A wedding celebration turns dark and deadly in this deliciously wicked and atmospheric thriller reminiscent of Agatha Christie from the NYT bestselling author of **THE HUNTING PARTY**.



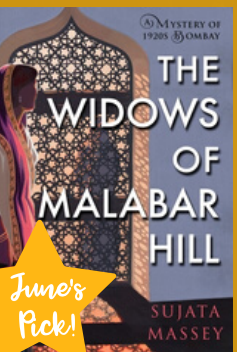
THREE HOURS IN PARIS Cara Black

A haunting thriller about a mother and daughter who must draw strength from each other when they find themselves trapped, at gun point, by a strange man in an isolated cabin.



SURVIVAL INSTINCTS Jen Waite

A haunting thriller about a mother and daughter who must draw strength from each other when they find themselves trapped, at gun point, by a strange man in an isolated cabin.



THE WIDOWS OF MALABAR HILL Sujata Massey

The first book of a new, traditional detective series (*Mystery of 1920s Bombay*) featuring lady sleuth Perveen Mistry.

Liz's Pick!

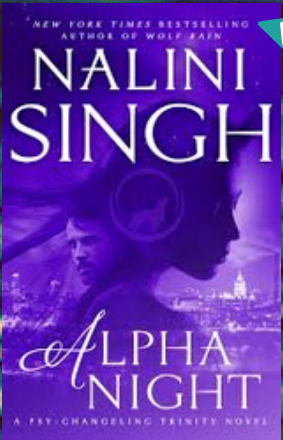


THE HALF SISTER Sandie Jones

Sisters Kate & Lauren are ambushed during a Sunday dinner by a strange women, who claims to be their half-sister. From the author of **THE OTHER WOMAN**.

June's Pick!

Must Read **HEAs** *



* Happily Ever After

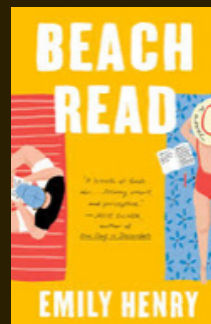
ONE TO WATCH Kate Stayman-London

Plus-size fashion blogger Bea Schumacher goes viral and ends up being the star of a nationally syndicated 'Bachelorette' style reality show. Highly anticipated debut.



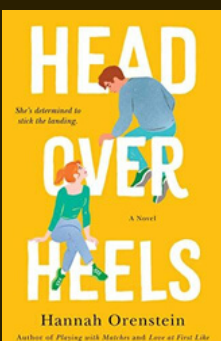
BEACH READ Emily Henry

A romance writer who no longer believes in love and a literary writer stuck in a rut engage in a summer-long challenge that may just upend everything they believe about happily ever afters. For fans of Sally Thorne's **THE HATING GAME**.



HEAD OVER HEELS Hannah Orenstein

Gymnast Avery Abrams redefines her life after her Olympic dreams are shattered for good. Perfect for readers mourning the cancelled games. Orenstein previous novels are **PLAYING WITH MATCHES** and **LOVE AT FIRST LIKE**.



THE MARRIAGE GAME Sara Desai

Sara Desai's debut novel introduces Layla Patel, who has seen better days. After a forced move back home, Layla's well-meaning dad creates IndianGirlMatch.com and guilt-trips her into a series of 10 dates. A romance about arranged marriages and Desi-American culture.



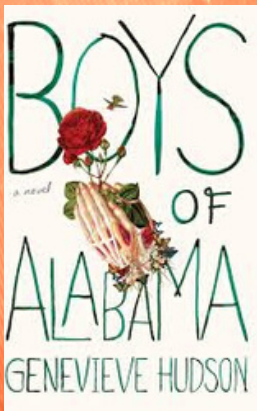
NEW LGBTQIA+



ALL MY MOTHER'S LOVERS Ilana Masad



Maggie's mother, who was never comfortable with her queer daughter's sexuality, suddenly dies in a car crash, leaving behind five sealed envelopes addressed to men she's never heard of. A warm and witty debut novel about love, loss, and a transformative roadtrip. For fans of **MOSTLY DEAD THINGS** and **VITAMIN C**.



BOYS OF ALABAMA Genevieve Hudson

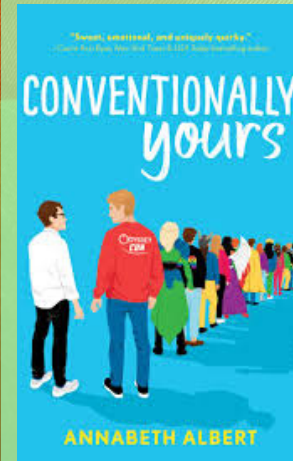
A coming-of-age novel told with magical realism, *Boys of Alabama* is about Max, a 16 year-old native German with the "gift" of resurrection, and his first year in America- specifically Alabama. Cultural displacement, friendship, toxic masculinity & good old teenage rebellion collide in this totally unique novel.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT Meryl Wilsner



Jo Jones, an actress since 13 turned showrunner finds herself in the tabloids-a story about Jo dating her assistant, Emma Kaplan, but it isn't true...until it is. A slow burning romance from a debut author.

CONVENTIONALLY YOURS Annabeth Albert



When two "big name fans" go head-to-head at a convention, love isn't the only thing at stake. First title in the new *True Colors* series.

UNTAMED | Glennon Doyle

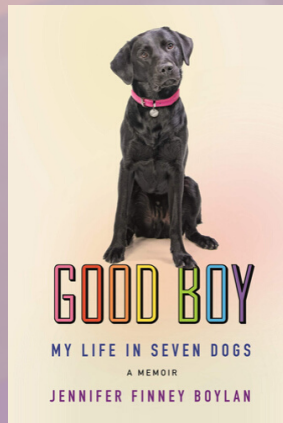
"Four years ago," she writes, "married to the father of my three children, I fell in love with a woman." So opens motivational speaker, best-selling author and activist Doyle's memoir about courage, family, feminism and personal growth.



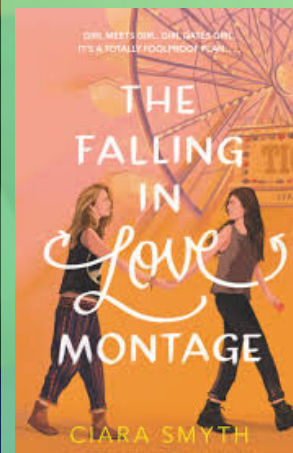
A Reese's Book Club x Hello Sunshine Book Pick, and a staff favorite!

GOOD BOY: MY LIFE IN SEVEN DOGS Jennifer Finney Boylan

GOOD BOY is a universal account of a remarkable story: showing how a young boy became a middle-aged woman--accompanied at seven crucial moments of growth and transformation by seven memorable dogs. "Everything I know about love," she writes, "I learned from dogs."

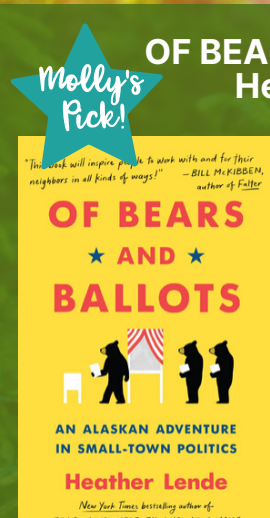
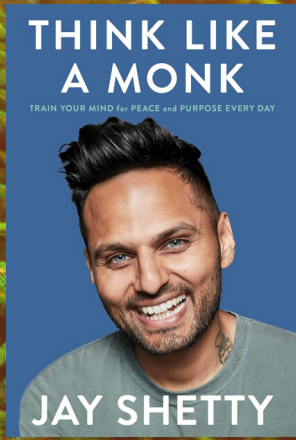


THE FALLING IN LOVE MONTAGE Ciara Smyth



YA for Adult: Two girls embark on a summer of montage-worthy dates (with a few strings attached) in this hilarious and heartfelt lesbian rom-com that's perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli and Jenny Han.

Essays, Analysis, Opinion, Biography & Memoir

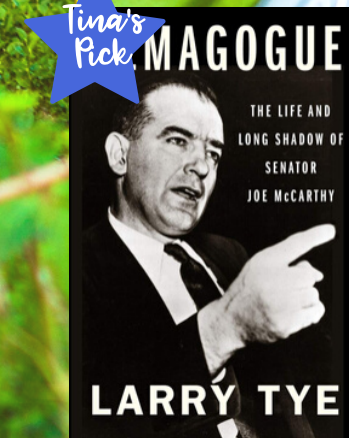
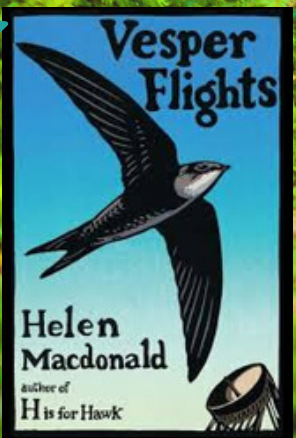
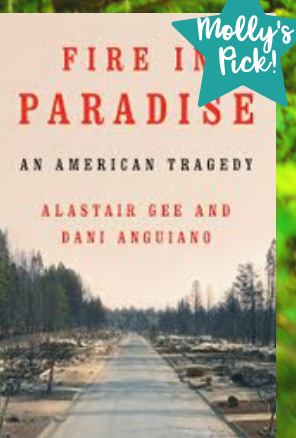
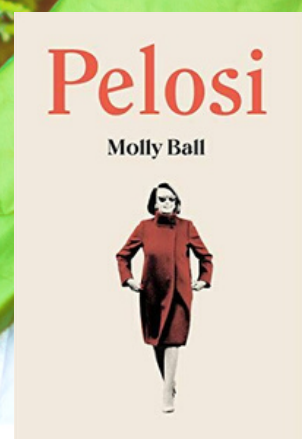
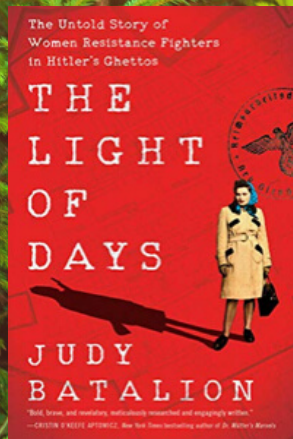
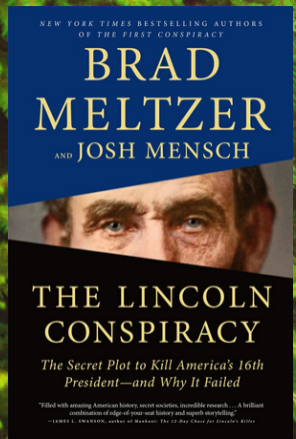
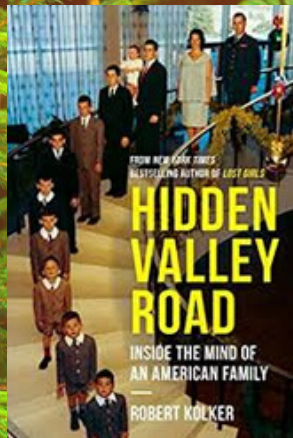
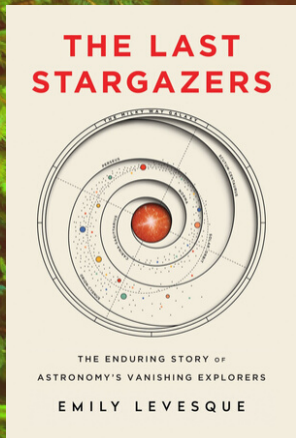
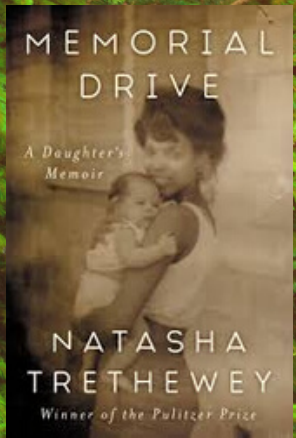


OF BEARS AND BALLOTS Heather Lende

Heather Lende reflects on her years as an elected member of her small town's Assembly Board with humor, empathy & tenderness. Like the rest of the US, the past few years have made it difficult to maintain civility between neighbors, friends and family. Lende's experience as an

assembly member, humorist, and journalist—specifically, the obits—have provided her with a 360 view of the landscape; her neighbors; political foes; a plethora of writing material.

The result is an ode to democracy, with hilarious, affirming and compassionate anecdotes about one small American town. Municipal workers, board members & active residents will especially enjoy this testament to civic duty & community.





Claire's Pick!

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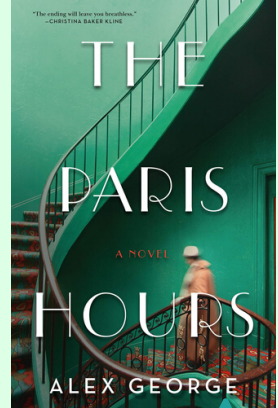
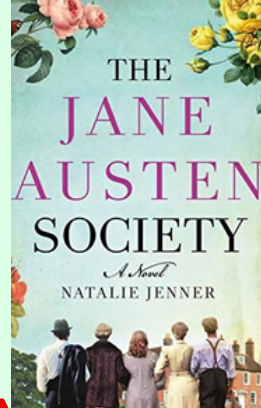
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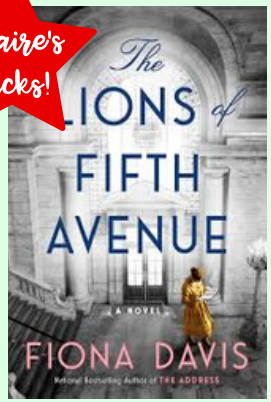
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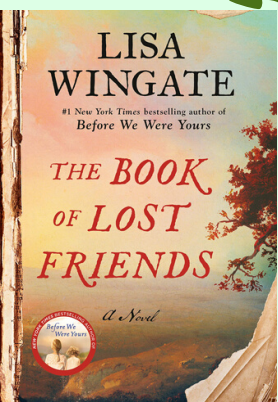
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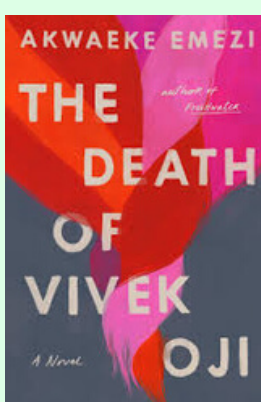
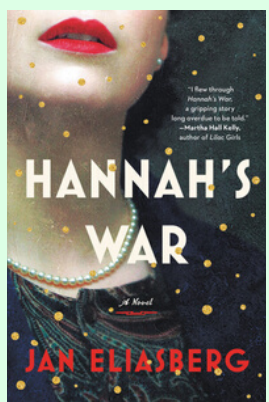
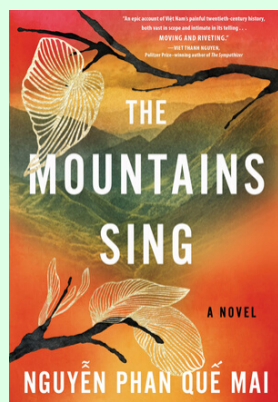
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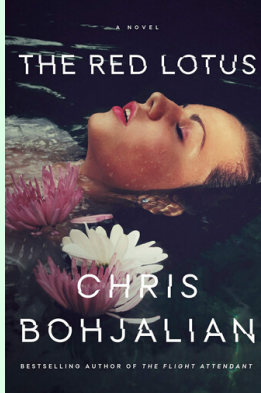
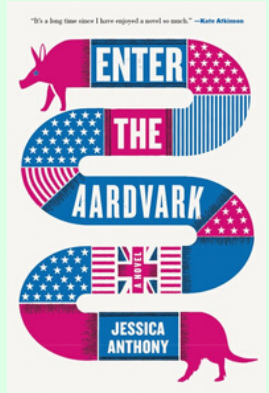


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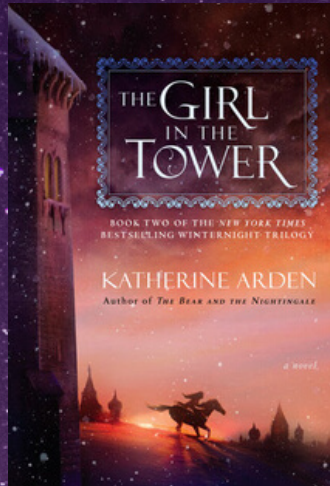
Lizzy's Pick!



Karen's Picks!



IMAGINE YOUR STORY: RETOLD MYTHS & FAIRY TALES



THE WINTERMIGHT TRILOGY | Katherine Arden

Beginning in medieval Russia's deepest forest, heroine Vasya's limits are tested as she perfects her magic to save not just her village, but all of Russia.

Book 1: **THE BEAR AND THE NIGHTINGALE**

Book 2: **THE GIRL IN THE TOWER**

Book 3: **THE WINTER OF THE WITCH**



THE CASSANDRA Sharma Shields

The Cassandra, a redux of the Greek myth of Cassandra, follows a woman who goes to work in a top secret research facility during WWII, only to be tormented by visions of what the mission will mean for humankind.



GINGERBREAD | Helen Oyeyemi

Londoner Perdita Lee is searching for the origin story of just how her mother, Harriet, became the baker of a magical gingerbread that is vital to a faraway and "make believe" country. See also Oyeyemi's, **BOY, SNOW, BIRD** (a reimagining of the Snow White story set in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s), **WHAT IS NOT YOURS IS NOT YOURS** (short stories- magical realism, fantasy) and **MR. FOX** (an author with a nasty habit of killing his leading ladies is in for it when his muse, Mary, comes to life to confront him).



UPON A BURNING THRONE Ashok K. Banker

First of a new epic fantasy series inspired by an ancient Sanskrit epic and Indian mythology, *Upon a Burning Throne* evokes the expansive world-building and complex twists of George R.R. Martin's **A SONG OF FIRE AND ICE**, N. K. Jemisin's **INHERITANCE** trilogy, and Ken Liu's **THE DANDELION DYNASTY** Series.

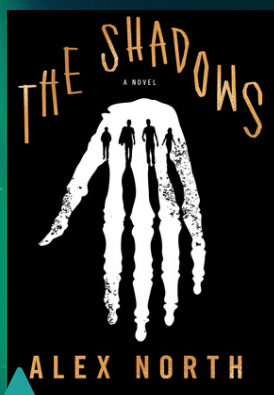


OMINOUS, DARK, WEIRD, OR STRANGE



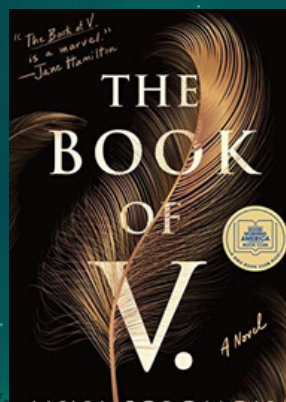
THE SOUTHERN BOOK CLUB'S GUIDE TO SLAYING VAMPIRES | Grady Hendrix

A supernatural thriller set in South Carolina in the '90s about a women's book club that must protect its suburban community from a mysterious stranger- call it 'Steel Magnolias' meets **DRACULA**.



THE SHADOWS Alex North

Stranger Things meets Stephen King's **THE OUTSIDER** as Alex North returns for another poignant and terrifying supernatural thriller about the sacrifices parents make for-and keep from-their children.



THE BOOK OF V Anna Solomon

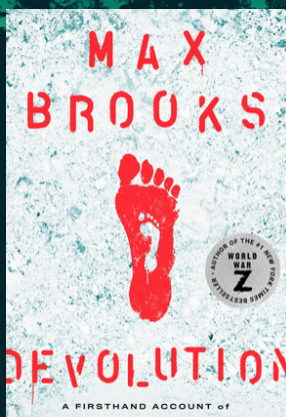
For readers of **THE HOURS** and **FATES AND FURIES**, a bold, kaleidoscopic novel intertwining the lives of three women across three centuries highlighting what has- and hasn't- changed in the lives and roles of women.



Molly's Pick!

A CHILDREN'S BIBLE Lydia Millet

A series of major parenting fails result in a group of children, led by Evie, the eldest & teenage sister to one of the smaller children, to fend for themselves when forced out of a vacation home during an apocalyptic storm.



DEVOLUTION Max Brooks

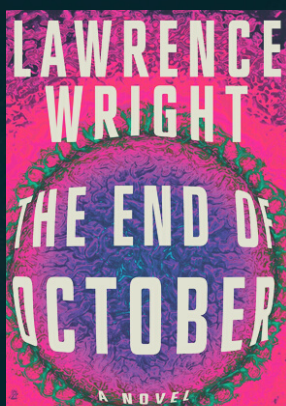
From the author of **WORLD WAR Z** is a new fictional account about the near end of the world, this time at the hands of Big Foot.



Liz's Pick!

LITTLE SECRETS Jennifer Hillier

Overwhelmed by tragedy, a woman desperately tries to save her marriage in the newest riveting novel of psychological suspense from the author of **JAR OF HEARTS**.



THE END OF OCTOBER Lawrence Wright

In this riveting medical thriller—from the Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author—Dr. Henry Parsons, races to save humanity from a novel virus that....well, you can see where this is headed...this is the newest edition to the Pandemic-Lit canon.

Jenny's Pick!

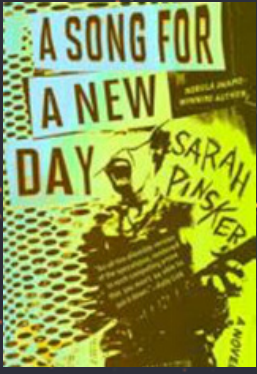


THE LIGHTNESS Emily Temple

A literary debut for fans of Emma Cline, Ottessa Moshfegh, and Jenny Offill. On the first anniversary of her father's disappearance, Olivia leaves home to search for him and finds a group of other transient teens over the course of one summer.



SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY



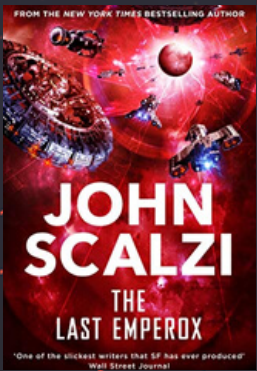
A SONG FOR A NEW DAY Sarah Pinsker

Nebula Award winner 2020! A global pandemic makes social gatherings illegal, except for those willing to break the law for the love of music--and for one chance at human connection.



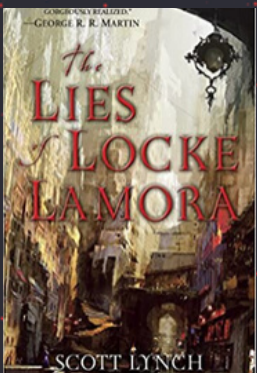
MEXICAN GOTHIC Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Author of **Gods of Jade and Shadow**, weaves elements of Mexican folklore with gothic horror to create a chilling atmosphere of dark dreams and intrigue in 1950s Mexico.



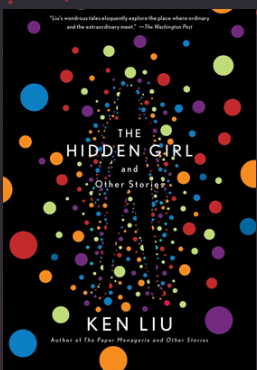
THE LAST EMPEROX John Scalzi

The final volume in the award-winning **Interdependency** trilogy, snark and action fly fast in this intricately plotted space opera.



THE LIES OF LOCKE LAMORA Scott Lynch

The Lies of Locke Lamora and the other equally intense books in the Gentleman Bastard series are the ultimate in high fantasy heist hijinks. They also score high marks for some gorgeous, lavish world building.



THE HIDDEN GIRL AND OTHER STORIES Ken Liu

From inter-dimensional assassins to Internet trolls, 17 interlinking visions that explore what it is to be human, and what it is like to abandon or transcend that.



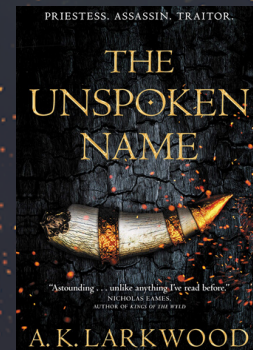
GIDEON THE NINTH Tamsyn Muir

Lesbian necromancers explore a haunted gothic palace in space! Do you need more reasons than that?



THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE THE TIME WAR Amal El-Mohtar & Max Gladstone

Two time-travelling agents from warring futures, working their way through the past, begin to exchange letters—and fall in love.



THE UNSPOKEN NAME A.K. Larkwood

An orc priestess turned wizard's assassin. What if you knew how and when you will die? Includes rich world-building, unsupervised wizards (the worst kind), and meddling gods.



THE CITY WE BECAME N.K. Jemisin

Every great city has a soul. New York City? She's got six. Five New Yorkers must come together in order to save their city from destruction.

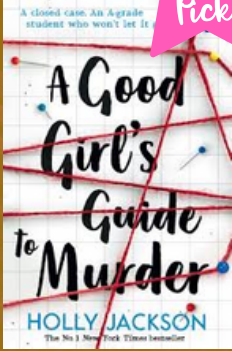


THE TEN THOUSAND DOORS OF JANUARY Alix E. Harrow

Historical fiction/portal fantasy hybrid about a young woman on a haunting journey of self-discovery after finding a mysterious book in a sprawling mansion filled with peculiar treasures.

YA/Adult Crossover Titles

Lizzy's Pick!



A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER Holly Jackson

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past. Perfect for fans of Karen McManus' **ONE OF US IS LYING**.



YOU'RE NEXT Kylie Schachte

Flora Calhoun, haunted by a history of finding dead bodies and the murder of her ex, Ava McQueen, uncovers a conspiracy, putting herself and all her loved ones in peril. For fans of **Veronica Mars** and Maureen Johnson's **Truly Devious**.

Kristy's Pick!

RED WHITE & ROYAL BLUE Casey McQuiston

After staging a friendship for the press, the First Son of the United States and the Prince of England find themselves falling for each. A hilarious, romantic, feel good romp. For fans of Mackenzie Lee's **A GENTLEMEN'S GUIDE TO VICE AND VIRTUE** and Heather Cock's **THE ROYAL WE**.



I WANNA BE WHERE YOU ARE Kristina Forest

Chloe goes on a roadtrip to follow her dreams and her "unwanted" neighbor tags along. Could love be in the mix? Filled with roadside hijinks, heart-stirring romance, and a few broken rules. For fans of Jenny Han and Sandya Menon.



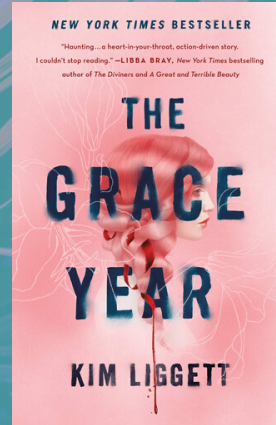
THE MALL Megan McCafferty



The year is 1991. Scrunchies, mixtapes and 90210 are, like, totally fresh. Cassie Worthy is psyched to spend the summer after graduation working at the Parkway Center Mall. But her perfectly planned life gets turned upside down when she loses her

boyfriend and job at the same time. Set entirely in a classic "monument to consumerism," the novel follows Cassie as she finds friendship, love, and ultimately herself, in the most unexpected of places... the local mall.

THE GRACE YEAR Kim Liggett



Tierney James, sixteen, struggles to endure the year in which she and other young women are banished to the wild until, purified, the survivors are allowed to return home and marry.

For Fans of **The Handmaid's Tale** and **The Power**.

THE DOWNSTAIRS GIRL Stacey Lee



1890, Atlanta. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for a cruel Mistress. But by night, Jo moonlights as author of a newspaper advice column for 'the genteel Southern lady'.

TEEN PICKS



TELL ME EVERYTHING Sarah Enni

Aspiring artist Ivy has always been happy living in best friend Harold's shadow. But when Harold is away for the summer, Ivy delves into the intriguingly anonymous world of VEIL, an online forum for sharing art.

Lizzy's
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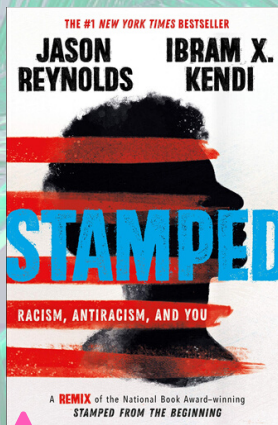
HOUSE OF DRAGONS Jessica Cluess

Five royal houses will hear the call to compete in the Trial for the dragon throne. A liar, a soldier, a servant, a thief, and a murderer will answer it. Who will win? Three Dark Crowns meets The Breakfast Club with DRAGONS.



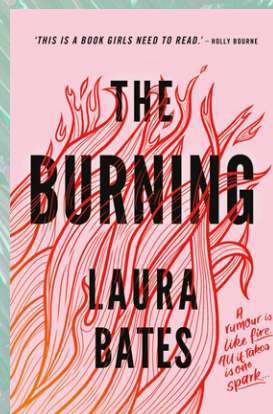
KEEP THIS TO YOURSELF Tom Ryan

Last summer the Catalog Killer terrorized the sleepy seaside town of Camera Cove, killing four people before disappearing without a trace. Mac is trying to put that horrible summer behind him--since his best friend Connor was the final victim.



STAMPED: REMIX Jason Reynolds

Young adult version of: Stamped from the beginning : the definitive history of racist ideas in America / by Ibram X. Kendi.



THE BURNING Laura Bates

What happens when you can't run or hide from a mistake that goes viral? A smart, explosive examination of gender discrimination and its ramifications.

Kristy's
Pick!



ANTHEM Deborah Wiles

The remarkable story of two cousins who must take a road trip across American in 1969 in order to let a teen know he's been drafted to fight in Vietnam.



SLAY Brittney Morris

An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Kiera enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide.



BROWN GIRL GHOSTED Mintie Das

We Were Liars meets Riverdale with a supernatural twist in this timely #metoo thriller about mean girls, murder, and race in a quiet Midwestern suburb.