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Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 9-12

Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills we can develop in children. And we know this summer is going to look a bit different than most, but the public libraries of Maplewood and South Orange are here to help. This list of summer reading suggestions was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood Middle Schools, Columbia High School, and the public libraries. Physical copies are available at Maplewood Memorial Library, Hilton Branch Library, and South Orange Public Library as well as your local book store, but we have linked ebooks and eaudiobooks where available for ease of access. These links may change and new titles may be added, so please search our platforms if you're having a hard time accessing a title.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!



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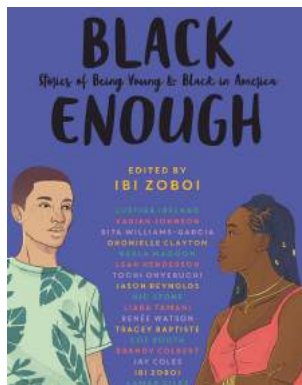
 Series	 Global & Diverse	 Local Author
 Graphic Novel	 Poetry	 LGBTQ+
 Realistic Fiction	 Historical Fiction	 Sci-Fi / Fantasy



**Always and Forever
Lara Jean**
Jenny Han
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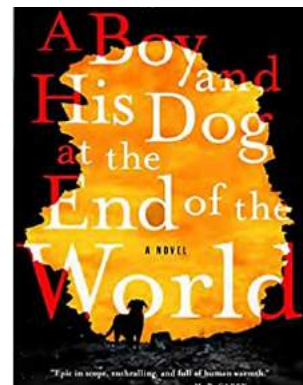
The Beast Player
Nahoko Uehashi
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Black Enough
Ibi Zoboi
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SOPL: [eLibraryNJ](#)

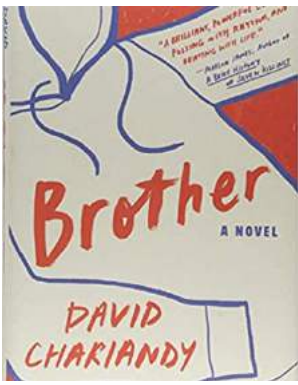


**The Blossom and
the Firefly**
Sherri L. Smith
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**A Boy and His Dog at
the End of the World**
C.A. Fletcher
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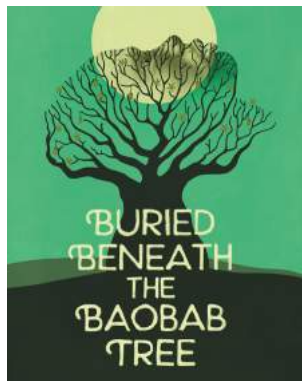




Brother

David Chariandy

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Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree

Adaobi Trivia Nwaubani

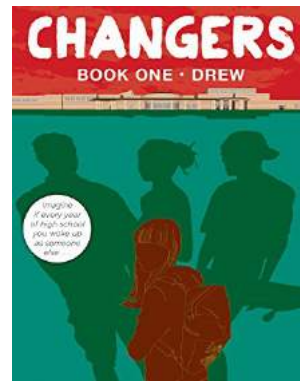
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Butterfly Yellow

Thanhha Lai

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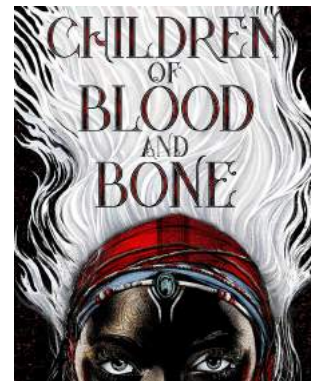


Changers

T Cooper & Allison

Glock-Cooper

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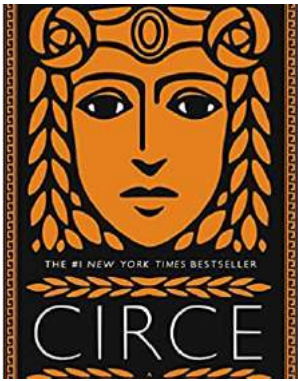


Children of Blood and Bone

Tomi Adeyemi

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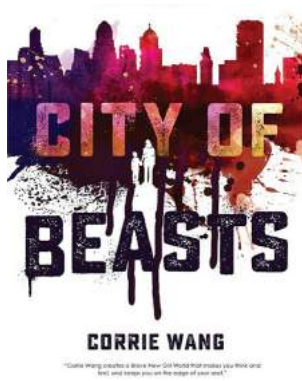


Circe

Madeline Miller

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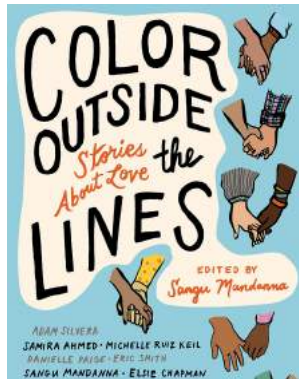
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City of Beasts

Corrie Wang

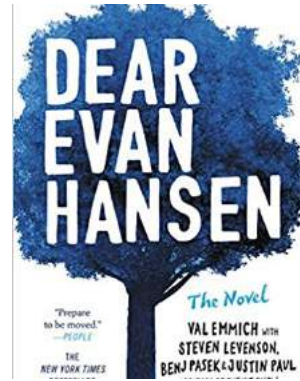
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Color Outside the Lines

Sangu Mandanna

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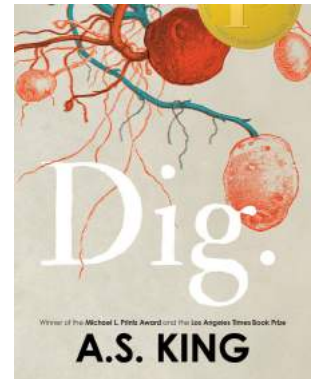


Dear Evan Hansen

Val Emmich

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Dig

A.S. King

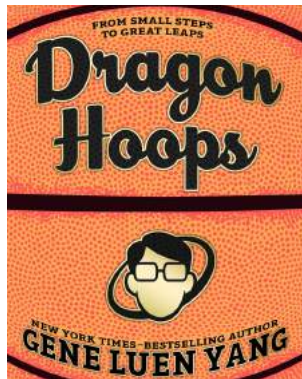
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Do You Dream of Terra-Two?

Temi Oh

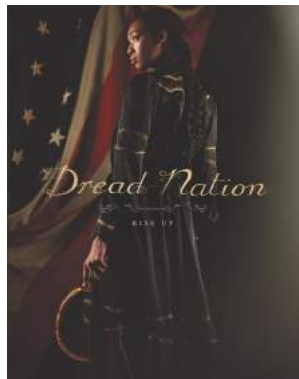
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Dragon Hoops

Gene Luen Yang

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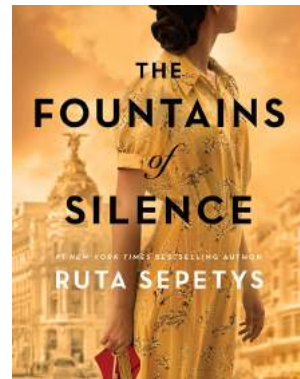


Dread Nation

Justina Ireland

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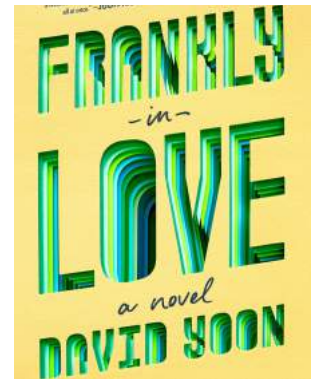


The Fountains of Silence

Ruta Sepetys

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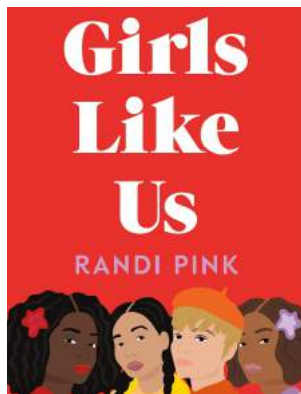
Frankly in Love

David Yoon

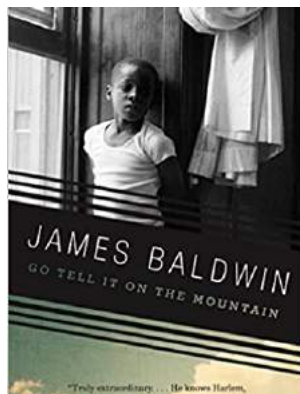
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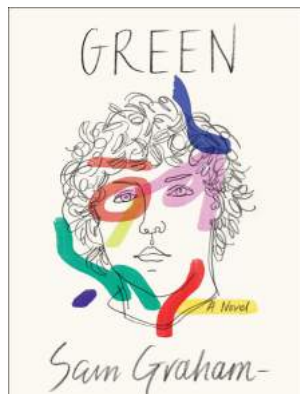
Girls Like Us
Randi Pink
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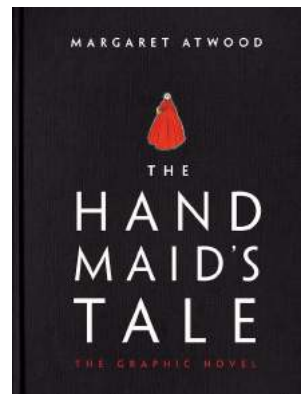
Go Tell it On the Mountain
James Baldwin
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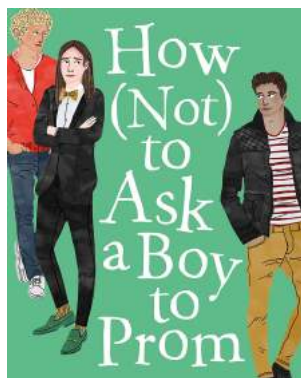
The Good Luck Girls
Charlotte Nicole Davis
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Green
Sam Graham-Felsen
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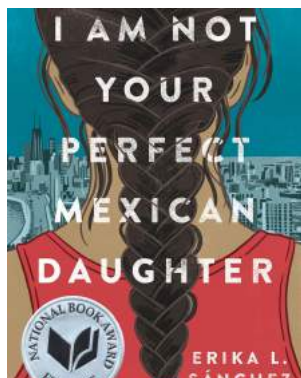
The Handmaid's Tale
Margaret Atwood
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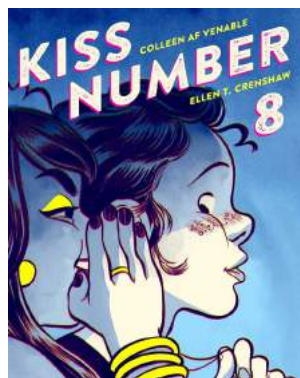
How (Not) to Ask a Boy to Prom
S.J. Goslee
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How it Feels to Float
Helena Fox
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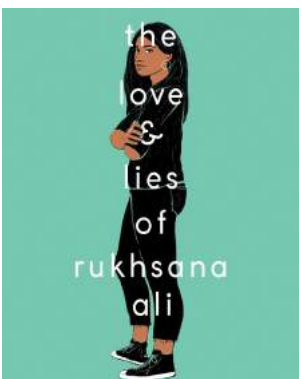
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter
Erika Sanchez
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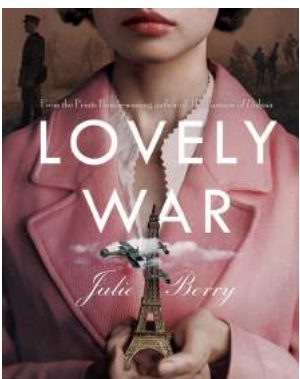
Kiss Number 8
Colleen Venable & Ellen Crenshaw
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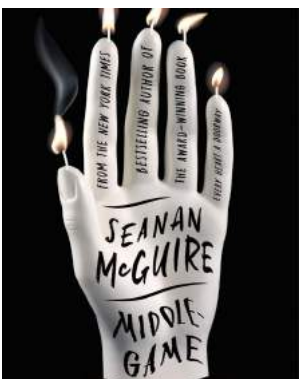
Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me
Mariko Tamaki
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The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali
Sabina Khan
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Lovely War
Julie Berry
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Middlegame
Seanan McGuire
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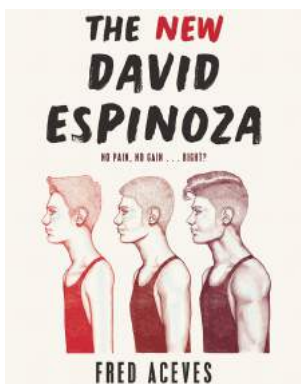


Miss You, Love You, Hate You, Bye
Abby Sher
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The Missing Season
Gillian French
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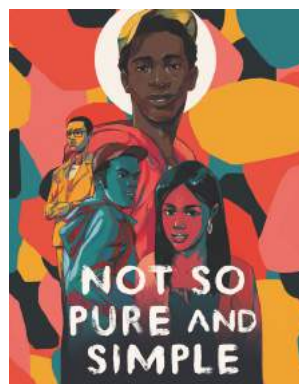
The New David Espinoza

Fred Aceves
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The Nickel Boys

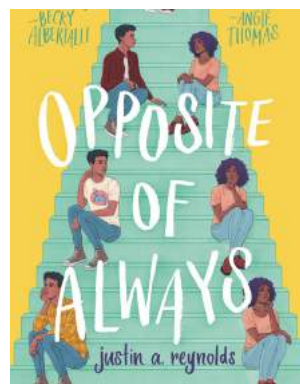
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Not So Pure & Simple

Lamar Giles

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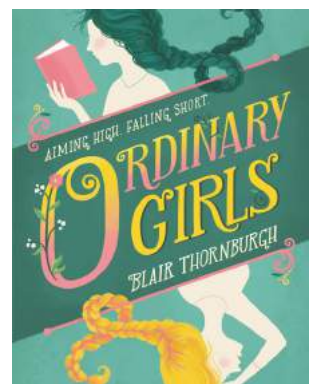


Opposite of Always

Justin A. Reynolds

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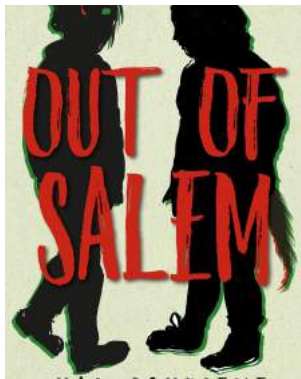
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Ordinary Girls

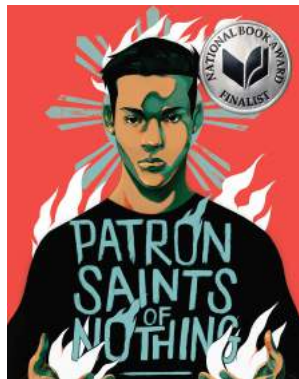
Blair Thornburgh

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Out of Salem

Hal Schriever
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Patron Saints of Nothing

Randy Ribay
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Pet

Akwaeke Emezi
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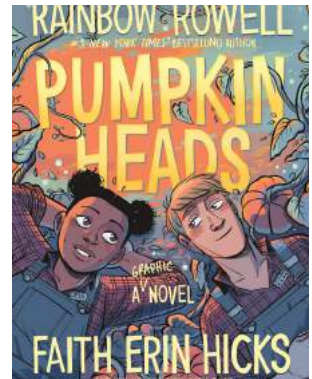


Puddin'

Julie Murphy

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Pumpkinheads

Rainbow Rowell

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Red, White, & Royal Blue

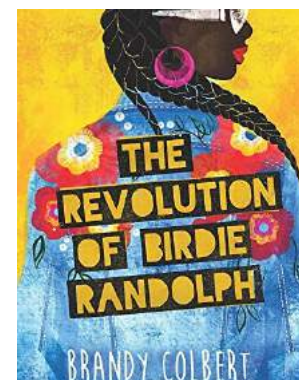
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Reverie

Ryan La Sala
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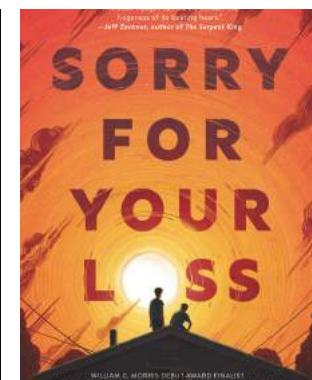
The Revolution of Birdie Randolph

Brandy Colbert
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Someday We Will Fly

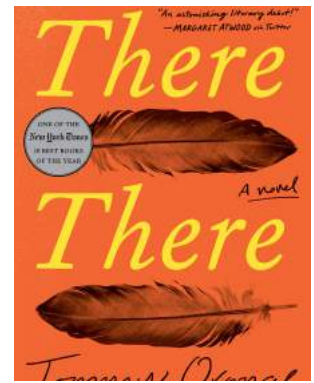
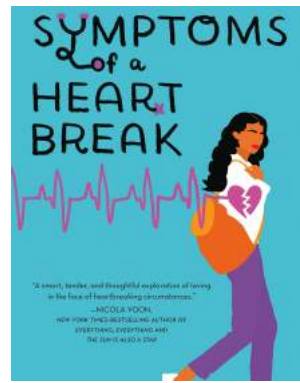
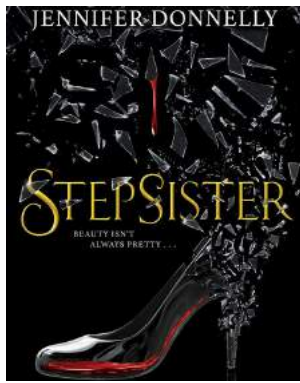
Rachel DeWoskin
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Sorry For Your Loss

Jesse Ann Foley
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**The Spaces
Between Us**
Stacia Tolman
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Stepsister
Jennifer Donnelly
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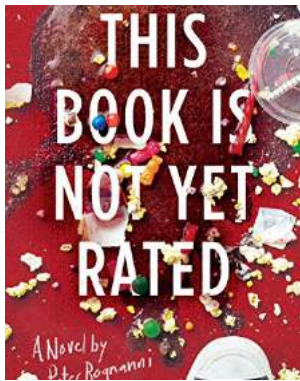
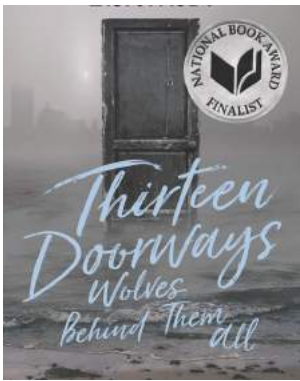
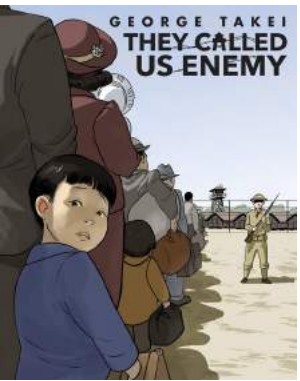
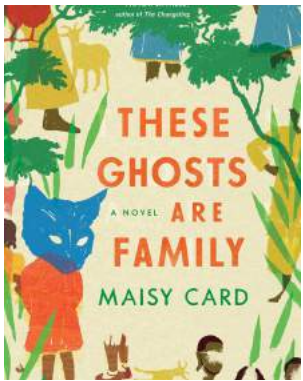
The Swallows
Lisa Lutz
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**Symptoms of a
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Sonja Charaipotra
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There There
Tommy Orange
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**These Ghosts are
Family**
Maisy Card
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**They Called Us
Enemy**
George Takei
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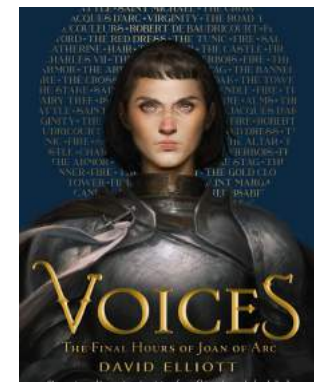
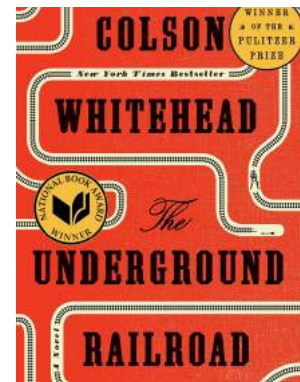
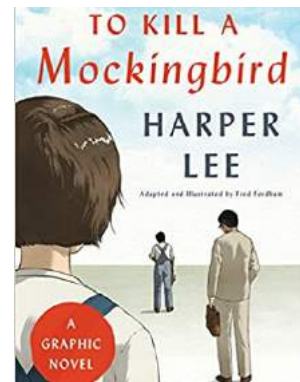
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Wolves Behind
Them All**
Laura Ruby
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**This Book is Not
Yet Rated**
Peter Bognanni
MML: [eBCCLS](#)



This One Summer
Mariko Tamaki
MML: [eBCCLS](#)



**This Time Will Be
Different**
Misa Sugiura
MML: [eBCCLS](#) | [Hoopla](#)



**A Thousand
Beginnings & Endings**
Ellen Oh &
Elsie Chapman
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**To Kill a
Mockingbird**
Harper Lee
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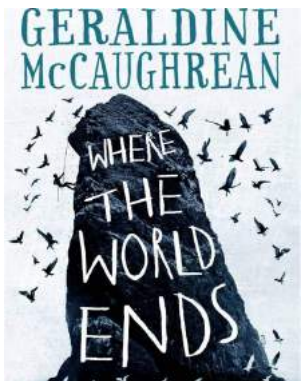
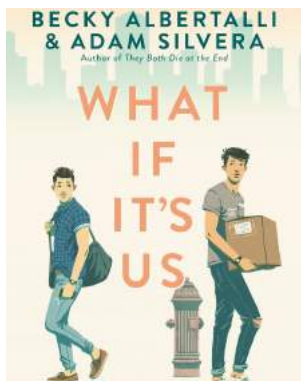
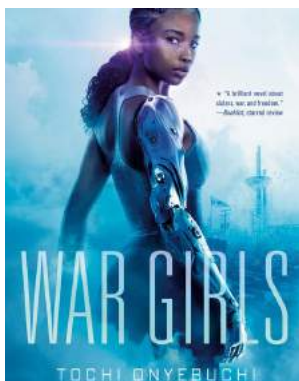


**The Underground
Railroad**
Colson Whitehead
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**Voices: The Final
Hours of Joan of Arc**
David Elliott
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War Girls

Tochi Onyebuchi
MML: [eBCCLS](#)



We Are the Perfect Girl

Ariel Kaplan
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What If It's Us

Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera
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Where the World Ends

Geraldine McCaughrean
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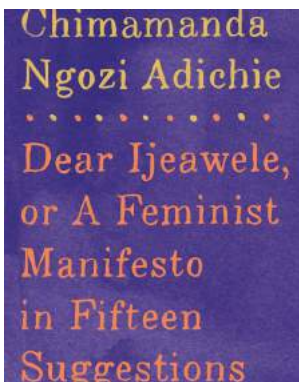
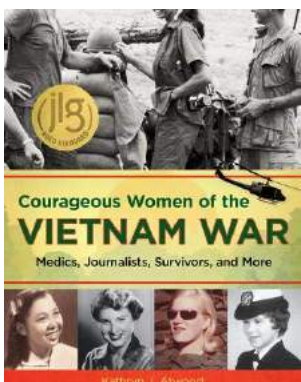
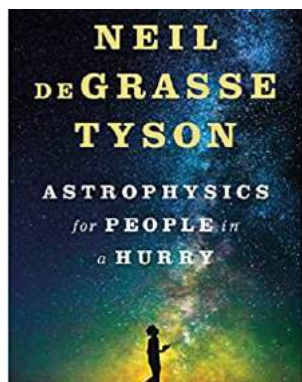
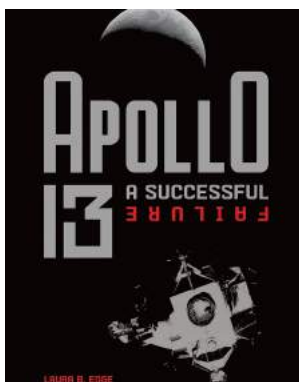


With the Fire on High

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NON-FICTION



Apollo 13: A Successful Failure

Laura B. Edge
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Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

Neil DeGrasse Tyson
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Becoming

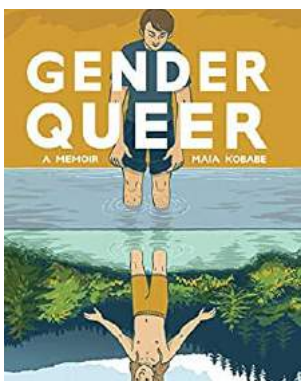
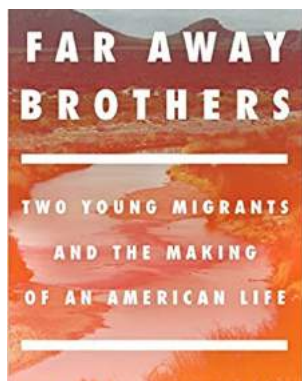
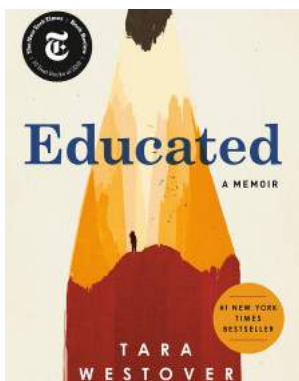
Michelle Obama
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Courageous Women of the Vietnam War

Kathryn Atwood
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Dear Ijeawele

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
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Educated

Tara Westover
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Far Away Brothers

Lauren Markham
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The Fire This Time

Jesmyn Ward
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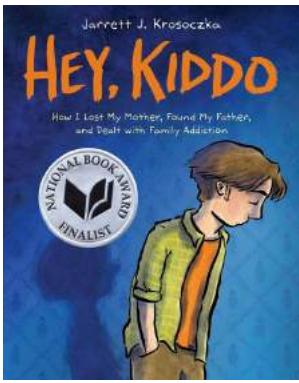
Gender Queer

Maia Kobabe
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Girls Write Now

Girls Write Now





Hey, Kiddo

Jarrett Krosoczka

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High School

Tegan & Sara Quin

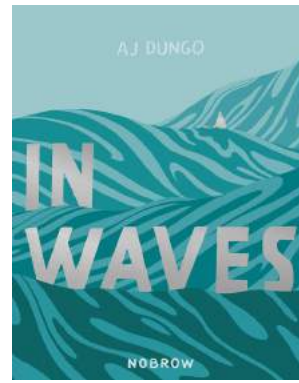
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I Was Their American Dream

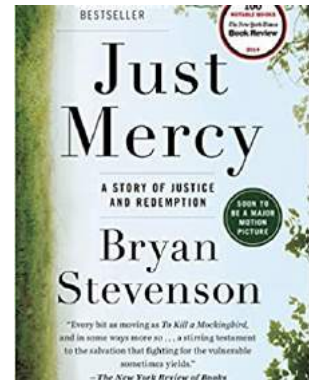
Malaka Gharib

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In Waves

AJ Dungo



Just Mercy

Bryan Stevenson

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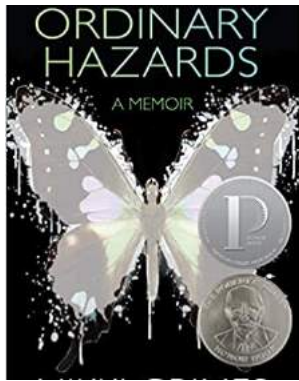


No One is Too Small to Make a Difference

Greta Thunberg

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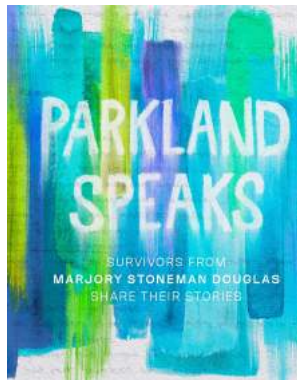
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Ordinary Hazards

Nikki Grimes

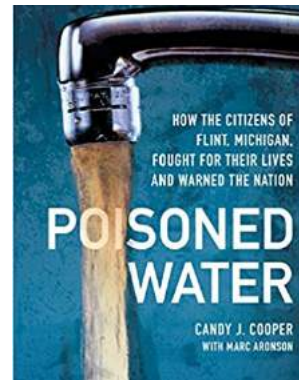
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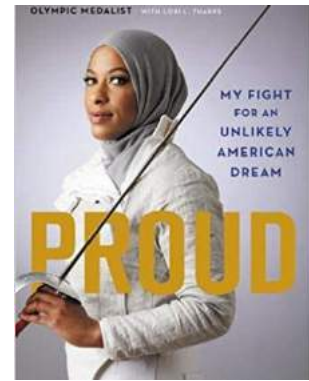
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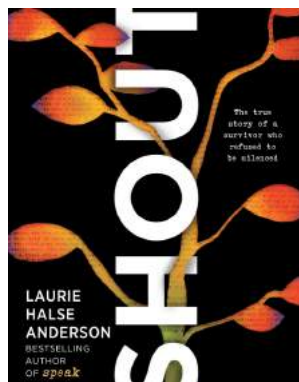
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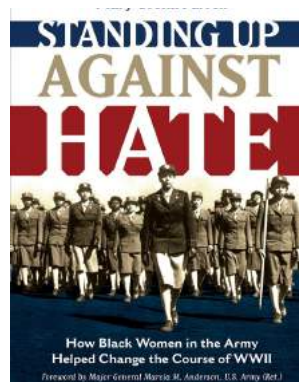


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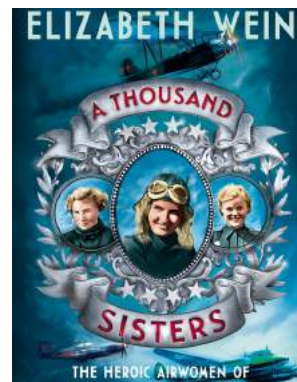
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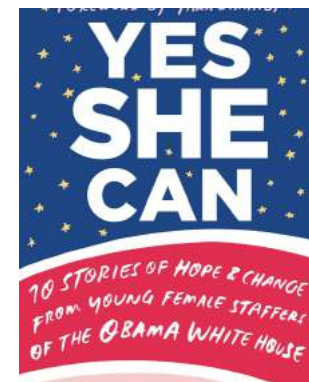


We Are Displaced

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