

Arapahoe High School Library – New Books

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General Fiction



After by Kristin Harmel

Fic Harmel

When her father is killed in a car accident, Lacey feels responsible, so when she is given a chance to make a difference in the lives of some of her fellow students, she jumps at the chance.



Breathless by Jessica Warman

Fic Warman

At boarding school, Katie tries to focus on swimming and becoming popular instead of the painful memories of her institutionalized schizophrenic older brother. An ALA 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.



Everything Matters! by Ron Currie, Jr.

Fic Currie

Junior Thibodeau, who was encoded at birth with a prophecy about the world ending in thirty-six years, grapples with the question of whether or not anything he does matters. A 2010 Alex Award winner. The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.



Flash Burnout by L. K. Madigan

Fic Madigan

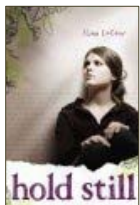
After taking a photograph of a woman who is living on the streets and discovering it to be the meth-addicted mother of his closest friend Marissa, 15-year-old Blake finds himself at the heart of a painful drama in this moving coming-of-age tale about love, loyalty, and loss.



Great Wide Sea by M. H. Herlong

Fic Herlong

While in the midst of a year-long sailing trip arranged by their father in the hopes of helping the boys come to terms with the loss of their mother, their father suddenly goes missing one evening –leaving brothers Ben, Dylan, and Gerry to fend for themselves in treacherous waters. A 2010 ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults.



Hold Still by Nina Lacour

Fic Lacour

Reading the journal written by her best friend who committed suicide, Caitlin is left struggling with powerful feelings of loss, sadness, and guilt; but with the help of friends and a first love, Caitlin emerges from her darkest days with a new outlook and a special appreciation for life. An ALA 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.

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How to Say Goodbye in Robot by Natalie Standiford

Fic Standiford

Beatrice Szabo's family has moved multiple times, most recently from Ithaca, NY, to Baltimore. In order to protect herself from the emotional fallout caused by the constant moves and her parents' troubled relationship, she has invented a cold, emotionless persona for herself called Robot Girl. When she begins her senior year at a small private school, she enters a class where the students have known one another since kindergarten. She finds herself drawn to outcast Jonas Tate, aka Ghost Boy. An ALA 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.



In the Path of Falling Objects by Andrew Smith

Fic Smith

In 1970, after their older brother is shipped off to Vietnam, sixteen-year-old Jonah and his younger brother Simon leave home to find their father, who is being released from an Arizona prison, but soon find themselves hitching a ride with a violent killer. An ALA 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.



Into the Wild Nerd Yonder by Julie Halpern

Fic Halpern

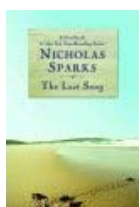
When high school sophomore Jessie's long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons.



Last Night I Sang to the Monster by Benjamin Saenz

Fic Saenz

At 18, Zach can only remember little pieces of his past life. This is partly due to the alcohol abuse that has landed him in a rehab facility. But it is, in larger part, due to something so terrible having happened to him that he has repressed his memories of it. In the process it has become like a monster inside him, so frightful he can't expel it by himself. Fortunately he finds two caring adults—his therapist, Adam, and his roommate, Rafael—who struggle to help him with the work of remembering and recovering.



Last Song by Nicholas Sparks

Fic Sparks

Her teenage life turned upside-down by her parents' divorce and her father's relocation out of state, Ronnie Miller remains bitter three years later when her mother urges her to spend a summer with her father, a concert pianist who is quietly immersed in creating a work of art that will become the centerpiece of a local church.

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Longshot by Katie Kitamura

Fic Kitamura

Cal, the only mixed martial arts fighter to take legendary fighter Rivera the distance, and his trainer, Riley, are on their way to Mexico for a make-or-break rematch with Rivera, four years later. In the three fraught days leading up to this momentous match, each privately begins to doubt that Cal can win. The men strive to stay true to themselves and each other in the only way they know how.



Metamorphosis: Junior Year by Betsy Franco

Fic Franco

High school artist Ovid's journal recasts his classmates' lives and loves as modern-day Roman mythology, while slowly revealing his own struggles with parents who need him to be the perfect son in the wake of his meth-addicted sister's disappearance.



Middle of Everywhere by Monique Polak

Fic Polak

Montreal seems a lifetime away from George River, Quebec, where Noah has come to stay with his divorced father, a high school teacher. The 15-year-old is skeptical about spending an entire school term in this forbidding environment located at the Arctic tree line and accessible only by plane, but is willing to pay the price for some "dad time."



Monster Variations by Daniel Kraus

Fic Kraus

During the summer that James and Reggie are 12 years old, someone hits two boys with a pickup truck, killing one and maiming the other. Willie, also 12 and friends with the boys, loses his arm when the truck driver leaves him for dead. Willie is small and nerdy, overly sheltered by his parents. Reggie is a tough guy being raised by a single mom. James's parents are grooming him for success, always reminding him to stay focused and out of trouble. After the accidents, the town imposes a curfew on children, but this only makes the boys more eager to spend their summer nights out of doors.



My Name Is Jason. Mine Too.: Our Story. Our Way. by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin

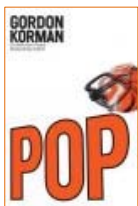
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One Jason is a poet and the other an artist. One is black and one is white. Heavy on dreams and light on cash, the aspiring young men move to Brooklyn, eating cereal and fried tuna while writing and painting wherever and whenever they can. Dancing the line between novel-in-verse and poetry collection, this autobiographical collaboration riffs on staying true to oneself, cultivating creative genius, taking risks, friendship, and becoming adults.

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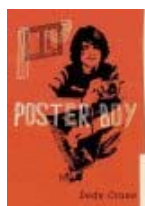
General fiction continued...



Pop by Gordon Korman

Fic Korman

"Pop" is the imagined, internal sound of the perfect football tackle, as new-kid-in-town Marcus finds out the hard way from a hit by an ex-NFL linebacker. Middle-aged but possessing what at first seems to be a harmless, young-at-heart attitude, Charlie Popovich becomes Marcus's friend, mentor, and partner in crime for an elaborate (and hilarious) prank. Unfortunately, their relationship only increases the contentious atmosphere between Marcus and Charlie's son. Already vying for the school's starting quarterback position and the affection of the head cheerleader, Marcus finds that matters become even more complicated when he learns that Charlie's erratic behavior is caused by early-onset Alzheimer's.



Poster Boy by Dede Crane

Fic Crane

Living a good life as a popular teen with cool parents and a stylish basement hang-out to entertain his friends, sixteen-year-old Gray Fallon's life changes when he finds out his younger sister was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and his investigations prove that chemicals were the cause of it.



Sometimes We're Always Real Same-Same by Mattox Roesch

Fic Roesch

Roesch has created accessible and credible characters and placed them in remote, small-town Native Alaska. Cesar, a gangster teen from Orange County, CA, moves with his mother back to her home in Unalakleet, a two-hour plane trip from Anchorage and "real" stores. His older cousin, Go-Boy, and Go's stepsister, Kiana, introduce Cesar not only to the daily realities and expectations of his new community, but also, eventually, to the new life that he realizes he wants to maintain.



Summer I Got a Life by Mark Fink

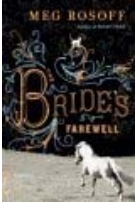
Fic Fink

Andy is pumped that his freshman year is over and his vacation is about to begin. Then his dad's promotion changes everything. Instead of Hawaii, Andy is spending two weeks on a farm in Wisconsin with his somewhat odd, but well-meaning, aunt and uncle. Once there, though, he finds that things aren't so bad, particularly when he spots "the most incredible-looking girl he has ever seen." After a disastrous first impression (Andy runs into a lamppost and drops ice cream all over himself), they meet and Andy discovers that an accident at age four has left Laura confined to a wheelchair. Her indomitable spirit and optimism captivate him, and for the next two weeks they are inseparable.

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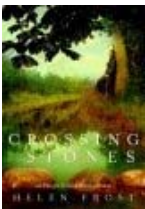
Historical Fiction



Bride's Farewell by Meg Rosoff

Fic Rosoff

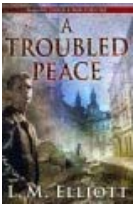
In rural 1850s England, a horse-mad young woman flees home on her wedding day. Fearful that her fiancé's promise of "a house full of children" will translate into a future of drudgery, Pell plans to visit the Salisbury Horse Fair. Her mute little brother insists on accompanying her, but when he and her horse disappear at the fair—along with the man for whom she's spent the day working and who still owes her money—Pell's vision of her future is drastically altered. A 2010 Alex Award winner.



Crossing Stones by Helen Frost

Fic Frost

In their own voices, Muriel, Frank, Emma, and Ollie tell of their experiences during the first World War, as the boys enlist and are sent overseas, Emma finishes school, and Muriel fights for peace and women's suffrage.



Troubled Peace by L. M. Elliott

Fic Elliott

Elliott's sequel to *Under a War-Torn Sky* finds 19-year-old Henry home from World War II and troubled with nightmares of his battles and losses. He still loves Patsy, who will not marry him despite his declaration of love to her. He goes back to France to look for Pierre, a boy he remembers because of the loss that Henry may have caused him.



Under a War-Torn Sky by Laura Elliott

Fic Elliott

After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.

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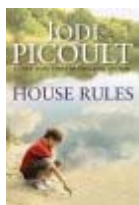
Mystery/Suspense



Beat the Reaper by Josh Bazell

Fic Bazell

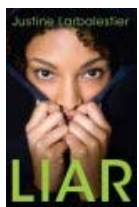
The life of Manhattan emergency room doctor and witness-protection program participant Peter Brown unravels in the course of a high-stakes day that begins with a mugging, an elevator encounter with a sexy pharmaceutical rep, and a new patient who knows him from his previous existence.



House Rules by Jodi Picoult

Fic Picoult

Unable to express himself socially but possessing a savant-like knack for investigating crimes, a teenage boy with Asperger's Syndrome is wrongly accused of killing his tutor when the police mistake his autistic tics for guilty behavior.



Liar by Justine Larbalestier

Fic Larbalestier

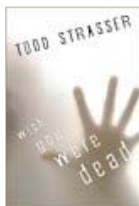
Micah Wilkins is a senior at a New York City private school, an extraordinarily talented runner, and a compulsive liar. She's masqueraded as a boy, invented family members, and hidden her relationship with handsome fellow student Zach Rubin. When Zach dies under mysterious and horrific circumstances, Micah's history of lying brings her under suspicion. A supernatural element is well supported by Micah's obsession with genetics; she frequently cites facts learned in school to try to understand what is going on inside her. The unresolved ending will certainly provoke discussion, sending readers back to the text for a closer rereading. An ALA 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.



Never Tell a Lie by Hallie Ephron

Fic Ephron

Ivy anticipates a promising future with the takeoff of her husband's business and the imminent birth of her first child, but she finds her happiness shattered when a former high-school classmate vanishes while inside their house.



Wish You Were Dead by Todd Strasser

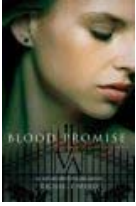
Fic Strasser

Madison, a senior at a suburban New York high school, tries to uncover who is responsible for the disappearance of her friends, popular students mentioned in the posts of an anonymous blogger, while she, herself, is being stalked online and in-person.

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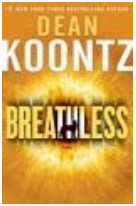
Science Fiction/Fantasy



Blood Promise by Richelle Mead

Fic Mead

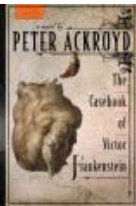
Just days before graduating from St. Vladimir's Academy, guardian-in-training Rose travels to Siberia to drive a stake into the heart of the boy she loves, the monstrous vampire Dimitri. Book 4 of the Vampire Academy series.



Breathless by Dean Koontz

Fic Koontz

When Colorado carpenter Gary Adams spots two mysterious creatures in the woods near his house, he calls on his friend, veterinarian Cammy Rivers for advice. But like Gary, Cammy has never seen an animal resembling this beautiful species. But when the Department of Homeland Security puts a call out for Gary and Cammy because of these animals, the two risk everything to protect the innocent creatures.



Casebook of Victor Frankenstein by Peter Ackroyd

Fic Ackroyd

As Victor Frankenstein begins conducting anatomical experiments to reanimate the dead, he at first uses corpses supplied by the coroner. But these specimens prove imperfect for Victor's purposes. Moving his makeshift laboratory to a deserted pottery factory in Limehouse, he makes contact with the Doomsday men –the resurrectionist – whose grisly methods put Frankenstein in great danger as he works feverishly to bring life to the terrifying creature that will bear his name for eternity.



Clash of the Demons by Joseph Delaney

Fic Delaney

Tom, the Spook's apprentice, must face up to several things he'd rather not: his friend Alice being the daughter of the Devil, his mother returning to her feral roots, and the notion that sometimes you must form alliances with enemies. The sixth book of the Last Apprentice series.



Devil's Kiss by Sarwat Chadda

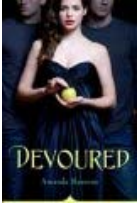
Fic Chadda

Fifteen-year-old Billi SanGreal has grown up knowing that being a member of the Knights Templar puts her in danger, but if she is to save London from catastrophe she must make sacrifices greater than she imagined.

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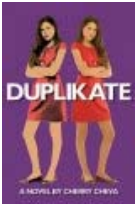
Science fiction/fantasy continued...



Devoured by Amanda Marrone

Fic Marrone

Megan works at an amusement park to keep an eye on her boyfriend, Ryan, and his best friend, Alexa, who clearly likes him, only to begin seeing the ghost of her dead sister and discovering that Luke – who has a crush on Megan, but is being pursued by Megan's new friend Ari – can also see the apparition.



Duplikate by Cherry Cheva

Fic Cheva

Katerina Larson is an overachieving high school senior whose only goal is to get into Yale, where her boyfriend is all but guaranteed a slot. So begins this light and funny novel. Cheva creates a believable character in Kate, who is trying hard to do what she thinks is right. When her double magically appears, zapped from a Simslike computer game, she actually can be two places at once.



Girl in the Arena by Lise Haines

Fic Haines

In Massachusetts, eighteen-year-old Lyn, who has grown up in the public eye as the daughter of seven gladiators, wants nothing less than to follow her mother's path, but her only way of avoiding marriage to the warrior who killed her last stepfather may be to face him in the arena.



Give Up the Ghost by Megan Crewe

Fic Crewe

Opting to hang with the ghosts in her school and gather the gossip on those around her, Cass faces a real dilemma when someone in a position of power blackmails her with information he possesses and demands that she do something special for him in order to keep the secret from getting out.



Ice Song by Kirsten Kasai

Fic Kasai

Sorykah Minuit is a scholar, an engineer, and a Trader: one who can switch genders suddenly. When a wealthy, reclusive madman known as the Collector abducts her children to use in his dreadful experiments, Sorykah and her male alter-ego, Soryk, must cross icy wastes and a primeval forest to get them back.

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Science fiction/fantasy continued...



Lips Touch: Three Times by Laini Taylor

Fic Taylor

These three fantasy stories are a new approach to love and the dark side of the supernatural. The first story involves a love-starved farm girl and a good looking young man who is possibly a goblin after her soul. The second, set in British-controlled India, is about a girl who has been cursed with the knowledge that if she opens her mouth, all who hear her voice will die, and a young ex-soldier who tries to convince her that this can't possibly be true. The third is a very different story of a young girl whose mother has spent 14 years keeping her from immortals who have no conscience or emotions, only to learn that one of them has been waiting for her daughter's coming of age. A 2010 ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults.



Maze Runner by Jam Dashner

Fic Dashner

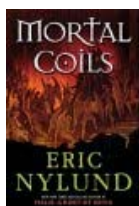
Thomas wakes up in an elevator, remembering nothing but his own name. He emerges into a world of about 60 teen boys who have learned to survive in a completely enclosed environment, subsisting on their own agriculture and supplies from below. A new boy arrives every 30 days. The original group has been in "the glade" for two years, trying to find a way to escape through a maze that surrounds their living space. They have begun to give up hope. Then a comatose girl arrives with a strange note, and their world begins to change.



Monster by A. Lee Martinez

Fic Martinez

Monster, who runs an agency that deals with mythological pests, encounters Judy when he deals with a yeti she finds at the supermarket where she works, and together they battle an evil being disguised as the local crazy cat lady.



Mortal Coils by Eric Nylund

Fic Nylund

Longing to escape their grandmother's fierce control, fifteen-year-old California twins Eliot and Fiona discover their secret demonic parentage and that their existence is a threat to an ancient treaty between gods and fallen angels, forcing them to undergo three dangerous trials inspired by urban legends.



Once a Witch by Carolyn MacCullough

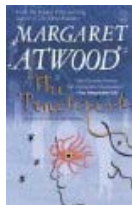
Fic MacCullough

Mistaken for her more-talented witch sister, Tamsin Greene whose own magic is absent is drawn by a handsome professor into a search for a family heirloom, a treasure hunt through time that will unlock her true identity, unearth her family's sins, and unleash a power that could destroy them all.

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Science fiction/fantasy continued...



Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood
Fic Atwood

The author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Blind Assassin* presents a cycle of stories about Penelope, wife of Odysseus, through the eyes of the twelve maids hanged for disloyalty to Odysseus in his absence.



Peter & Max by Bill Willingham
Fic Willingham

The story begins in modern Fabletown, a magical village hidden in New York City where many of the immortal Fables now live. Peter Piper—the same Peter who picked a peck of pickled peppers and challenged the great wolf—is warned that his evil brother Max, aka the Pied Piper, has been causing problems out in the world. Peter heads for Hamelin, Germany, to challenge him and put a stop to his dark ways for good. A series of flashbacks then take things back to medieval times and set the stage for the final conflict.



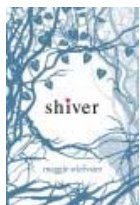
Resurrection by Nancy Holder
Fic Holder

A threat more powerful and frightening than anything they have faced before looms over the Cahors witches as both the Devereux and Cahors family lines face extinction, and Cahors family secrets are revealed. The fourth and final book of the Wicked series.



Ruined by Paula Morris
Fic Morris

Rebecca Brown, sent to New Orleans to live with her aunt while her father is traveling, meets Lisette, a mysterious young girl who is really a ghost and the harbinger of a century-long curse on the young women in the family responsible for her death.



Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater
Fic Stiefvater

Grace, 17, loves the peace and tranquility of the woods behind her home. It is here during the cold winter months that she gets to see her wolf—the one with the yellow eyes. Grace is sure that he saved her from an attack by other wolves when she was nine. Over the ensuing years he has returned each season, watching her with those haunting eyes as if longing for something to happen. When a teen is killed by wolves, a hunting party decides to retaliate. Grace races through the woods and discovers a wounded boy shivering on her back porch. One look at his yellow eyes and she knows that this is her wolf in human form. An ALA 2010 Best Book for Young Adults.

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Snap by Carol Snow

Fic Snow

When fifteen-year-old Madison's parents, who are having problems, bring her to a seedy beachside town, she relies on some quirky new friends for help figuring out how her camera is taking pictures of people who are not there, and who later suffer tragedies.



Soulless by Gail Carriger

Fic Carriger

When Alexia Tarbotti, a soulless spinster with the ability to negate supernatural powers, accidentally kills a vampire, her life goes from bad to worse when the appalling Lord Maccon, a gorgeous werewolf, is sent by Queen Victoria to investigate. A 2010 Alex Award winner.



Tear Collector by Patrick Jones

Fic Jones

Forced to live off the misery of others through the collection of their sorrowful tears, vampire Cassandra Gray does her best to keep her ancient lineage a secret from her human associates, but when she meets one that stirs her heart, Cassandra risks everything she has to change her ways.



Vamped by Lucienne Diver

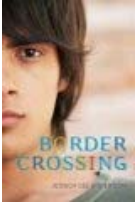
Fic Diver

After being turned into a vampire, Gina realizes that she, along with many other students from her high school, have become pawns in an uprising within the vampire world.

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With a Hispanic Connection



Border Crossing by Jessica Lee Anderson

Fic Anderson

Manz, a troubled fifteen-year-old, ruminates over his Mexican father's death, his mother's drinking, and his stillborn stepbrother until the voices he hears in his head take over and he cannot tell reality from delusion as he loses his battle with paranoid schizophrenia.

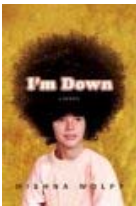


Homestretch by Paul Volponi

Fic Volponi

After his mother is killed in a hit-and-run by a Mexican immigrant and his dad starts to hit him, Gas runs away and works at a racetrack stable with a family of Mexicans – the kind of people his father had taught him to hate – in a story about the true meaning of family where Gas is promised glory as a jockey.

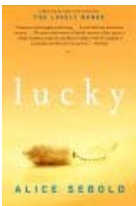
Biography



I'm Down by Mishna Wolff

921 Wolff

Traces the author's experiences of growing up with a white father who believed himself to be African-American, describing her struggles with his embodiment of black stereotypes and the ways in which his efforts to indoctrinate his daughter into black culture caused her to be rejected by her black and white peers.



Lucky by Alice Sebold

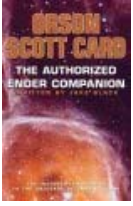
921 Sebold

When Sebold, the author of the current bestseller *The Lovely Bones*, was a college freshman at Syracuse University, she was attacked and raped on the last night of school, forced onto the ground in a tunnel "among the dead leaves and broken beer bottles." In a ham-handed attempt to mollify her, a policeman later told her that a young woman had been murdered there and, by comparison, Sebold should consider herself lucky. That dubious "luck" is the focus of this fiercely observed memoir about how an incident of such profound violence can change the course of one's life.

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Language Arts



Authorized Ender Companion by Jake Black

813 BLA

An official reference to the Ender series, offers a wealth of illustrated information from character biographies and timelines to colony histories and family trees.



Beats: A Graphic History edited by Harvey Pekar and Paul Buhle

810.9 PEK

A tour of America's forefront underground literary movement, presented in a graphic tale format with contributions by such underground artists as Trina Robbins and Peter Kuper, includes coverage of such topics as the Benzedrine-fueled antics of Jack Kerouac, Chicago's beatnik bistro, and San Francisco's City Lights bookstore.



Debatebase Book: A Must-have Guide for Successful Debate

by International Debate Education Association

808.53 DEB

The editors of the International Debate Education Association (IDEA) have released the fourth edition of their debating resource, with 17 new topics including government incentives for vehicles that use alternative fuels, market regulations and mechanisms for dealing with climate change, restrictions on habeus corpus and the reintroduction of the Fairness Doctrine. The book places each of its 125 topics into a specific context before presenting pro and con arguments.



Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451: The Authorized Adaptation by Tim Hamilton

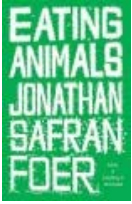
Fic Bradbury

A graphic novel interpretation of the genre master's classic dystopian work is a visual translation of the story of career fireman Guy Montag's awakening to the dark aspects of government-controlled thought and the value of philosophy, theology, and literature. Includes an introduction by Ray Bradbury.

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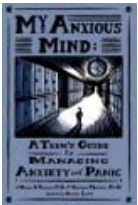
Science



Eating Animals by Jonathan Safran Foer

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The award-winning author of *Everything Is Illuminated* exposes common misconceptions about how animals are slaughtered and processed for food, drawing on sources from popular culture to national tradition to reveal how the meat industry misrepresents its practices.

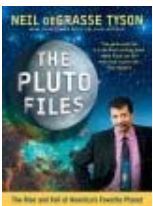


My Anxious Mind: A Teen's Guide to Managing Anxiety and Panic

by Michael A. Tompkins, PhD and Katherine A. Martinez

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Written for teens who are experiencing anxiety and panic attacks, this guide provides simple strategies and tools that can reduce these feelings and behaviors in roughly 30 minutes. Tompkins and Martinez are both licensed psychologists and practitioners at a San Francisco center for cognitive therapy, and they provide concise and effective tips that include breathing and relaxation exercises, nutrition, sleep, exercise and facing fears "one step at a time." Additional chapters deal with knowing when to ask for help, and when medication may be a viable option for dealing with these stressful situations.



Pluto Files: The Rise and Fall of America's Favorite Planet by Neil Tyson

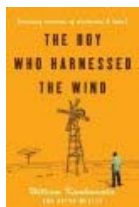
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Traces the history of Pluto and the recent debate over its planethood, citing its entrenchment in America's cultural and patriotic view of the cosmos to explain its considerable popularity and the reasons behind why so many people campaigned for the preservation of its status.

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Social Studies

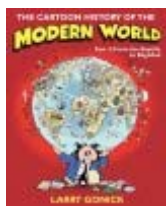


Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope

by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

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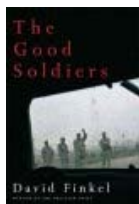
One of the coauthors tells his engaging and inspiring true story of hope, tenacity, and imagination, in which as an African teenager he built a windmill from scraps, creating electricity for his village and a better life for himself and his family. A 2010 Alex Award winner.



Cartoon History of the Modern World: From the Bastille to Baghdad by Larry Gonick

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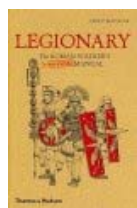
In an engaging and humorous graphic style, the author puts his spin on the history, personalities, and big topics that have shaped the world over the past five centuries –from the French and Haitian revolutions to the fall of communism to the Iraq and Afghan wars.



Good Soldiers by David Finkel

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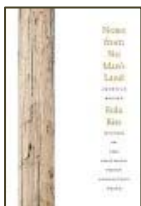
Relates the author's experiences as an embedded reporter with Battalion 2-16, telling the story of the surge in Iraq from the perspective of the someone who worked the soldiers every day. A 2010 Alex Award winner.



Legionary: The Roman Soldier's (Unofficial) Manual by Philip Matyszak

937 MAT

From keeping one's armor in top form to training for new techniques, this informative "manual" provides insight on the day-to-day rules, regulations, and operations that kept this powerful force constantly prepared for battle and always ready to fight.



Notes from No Man's Land: American Essays by Eula Biss

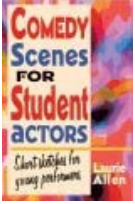
305.8 BIS

Expository writing should always be this compelling, provocative, and intelligent. Biss explores race in America through multiple lenses, examining common issues through uncommon situations and events. She flawlessly weaves present-day experiences with historical research to create 13 essays that combine narrative appeal with fascinating facts. In "Time and Distance Overcome," the telephone pole is used to juxtapose lynching with technological intrusions and advancements. "Back to Buxton" examines the successes, sorrows, and current implications of a racially integrated mining camp in the early 1900s. The book closes with "All Apologies," which explores both the significance and opposing insignificance of national and personal statements of apology. Biss has a talent for pointing out hypocrisy without accusations. Her ability to expose seemingly subtle inequities and injustices forces readers to analyze their own actions, decisions, and relationships. –School Library Journal

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Theater/Drama

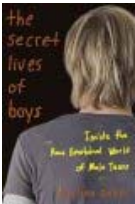


Comedy Scenes for Student Actors : Short Sketches for Young Performers by Laurie Allen

808.82 ALL

This collection of 31 skits has a nice mix of female and male actors. Each piece has a range of two to seven actors with options of up to a dozen, as well as suggested props and stage actions. The scenes portray authentic teen characters in high school settings. The selections are long enough to develop characters, and the two-person skits could easily be used for forensic competition.

Professional



Secret Lives of Boys: Inside the Raw Emotional World of Male Teens by Malina Saval

Professional 155.5 SAV

Offers an examination of the secret world of boyhood, the cliques that are formed, and the way boys see themselves in today's society in relation to growing up, getting advice from their parents and peers, and testing the limits of rebellion.