

Arapahoe High School Library – New Books

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Historical Fiction



Hitch by Jeanette Ingold
Fic Ingold

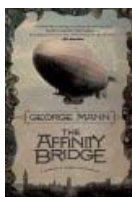
When the Great Depression hits and leaves him in a state of despair, teen Moss Trawnley decides to take action into his own hands by lying about his age and getting a man's job with the Civilian Conservation Corps where he soon learns everything he needs to know about life, love, and himself in the process of trying to survive.



Power of One by Bryce Courtenay
Fic Courtenay

In 1939, hatred took root in South Africa, where the seeds of apartheid were newly sown. There a boy called Peekay was born. He spoke the wrong language—English. He was nursed by a woman of the wrong color—black. His childhood was marked by humiliation and abandonment. Yet he vowed to survive—he would become welterweight champion of the world, he would dream heroic dreams. But his dreams were nothing compared to what awaited him. For he embarked on an epic journey, where he would learn the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the mystical power that would sustain him even when it appeared that villainy would rule the world: *The Power of One*.

Science Fiction/Fantasy



Affinity Bridge by George Mann
Fic Mann

In an alternate-universe London marked by airships, robots, and the survival of a Queen Victoria who is kept alive by a primitive life-support system, agents Newbury and Hobbes investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship while attempting to solve a string of strangling murders.



Another Faust by Daniel and Dina Nayeri
Fic Nayeri

When five siblings enroll at Marlowe, an elite prep school in Manhattan, a secret advantage allows them to edge out the competition in sports, class offices, and the hearts of the most popular students. They have all—knowingly or unknowingly—exchanged their souls for supernatural gifts: mind-reading, athletic ability, great writing, control over time, and extreme beauty. However, their evil governess, Madame Vileroy, is not content with what she has already taken from her children. She gets great pleasure in pitting them against one another, regularly offering them more power or accolades in exchange for more of their essential selves.



Awakening by Kelley Armstrong
Fic Armstrong

When Chloe Saunders escapes from a group home for troubled teens, she has no idea that she'll be dealing with a treacherous aunt; a nascent werewolf; a prissy witch; guns, guards, and ghosts; and the harsh everyday realities of being a teen on the run. She'd come to terms with the fact that the home was obviously not your run-of-the-mill state facility, or she wouldn't have discovered her powers as a necromancer or found the witch, Tori; the warlock, Simon; and the werewolf, Derek, also in residence. Now the four of them and the ghost of the recently deceased telekinetic Liz, are trying to find the one adult who can help them. Darkest Powers series; sequel to *The Summoning*.

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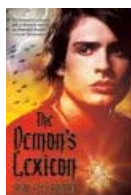
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Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...



Daniel X: Watch the Skies by James Patterson
Fic Patterson

When the small community of Holliswood is thrown into chaos by the arrival of a terrifying outlaw who deliberately instigates problems for the purpose of filming his crimes for television, modern superhero Daniel X assembles an all-star team of his own creation in the hopes of protecting fellow citizens. Sequel to *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X*.



Demon's Lexicon by Sarah Rees Brennan
Fic Brennan

Aware that deadly magicians are plotting to take back a charm that was stolen by his mother, Nick turns to his brother, Alan, for help in keeping the demons away, but when he uncovers dark secrets about his family, Nick's trust in Alan is shaken to the core in the midst of their most dangerous mission. An ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults 2010.



Fire by Kristin Cashore
Fic Cashore

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her, but even with these gifts she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world. A 2010 ALA Best Book for Young Adults.



Firestorm by David Klass
Fic Klass

After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter. Book 1 of the Caretaker trilogy.



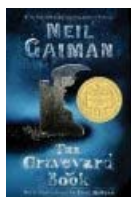
Goddess Boot Camp by Tera Lynn Childs
Fic Childs

Coming to terms with the fact that she is the descendant of the god Nike, Phoebe must attend a summer course at Goddess Boot Camp in order to learn how to use her supernatural powers appropriately while also trying to pass the test of the gods, maintain her training schedule for the Pythian Games, and find time for her adorable beau, Griffin. Sequel to *Oh, My, Gods*.

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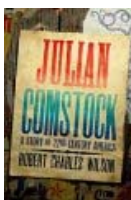
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Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...



Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Fic Gaiman

While a highly motivated killer murders his family, a baby, ignorant of the horrific goings-on but bent on independence, pulls himself out of his crib and toddles out of the house and into the night. This is most unfortunate for the killer, since the baby was his prime target. Finding his way through the barred fence of an ancient graveyard, the baby is discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Owens, a stable and caring couple with no children of their own and who just happen to be dead. After much debate with the graveyard's rather opinionated denizens, it is decided that the Owensens will take in the child. Under their care and the sponsorship of the mysterious Silas, the baby is named Nobody and raised among the dead to protect him from the killer, who relentlessly pursues him.



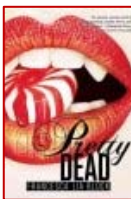
Julian Comstock : A Story of 22nd-Century America by Robert Charles Wilson
Fic Wilson

As the United States struggles back to prosperity in the 22nd Century, the dashing Captain Commongold faces treachery and intrigue while being at fatal odds with the hierarchy of the Dominion for his beliefs in the doctrines of the Secular Ancients.



Oh, My, Gods. by Tera Lynn Childs
Fic Childs

After her mother's remarriage, Phoebe is incensed to be suddenly moving to a remote Greek island. As it happens, the students at her pretentious new school are descendants of Greek gods. What do you do when your "evil stepsister" can smite you--literally? Prequel to *Goddess Boot Camp*.



Pretty Dead by Francesca Block
Fic Block

The object of envy and desire, Charlotte Emerson seems to have the perfect life, but she's been dead for almost a century; when a new romance converges with the return of her first love, Charlotte becomes the subject of a dark bargain that might give her the only thing she's ever coveted – the chance to be human again.



Strange Angels by Lili St. Crow
Fic St. Crow

Sixteen-year-old Dru's psychic abilities helped her father battle zombies and other creatures of the "Real World," but now she must rely on herself, a "werwolf"-bitten friend, and a half-human vampire hunter to learn who murdered her parents, and why.



Summoning by Kelley Armstrong
Fic Armstrong

When Chloe starts seeing ghosts and is sent to Lyle House, a group home for mentally disturbed teenagers, she discovers that neither Lyle House nor its inhabitants are what they seem, and that she and her friends are in danger. Book one of the Darkest Powers series.

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Timeclock by David Klass
Fic Klass

Jack discovers that the only way to protect the Earth from ecological disaster at the hands of the Dark Army is to lock time, and he must choose between staying in the present or returning to the future world from which he came. Book 3 of the Caretaker trilogy.



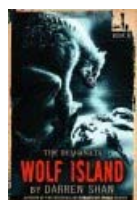
Under the Dome by Stephen King
Fic King

After an invisible force field seals off Chester Mills, Maine, from the rest of the world, it is up to Dale Barbara, an Iraq veteran, and a select group of citizens to save the town, if they can get past Big Jim Rennie, a murderous politician, and his son, who hides a horrible secret in his dark pantry.



Whirlwind by Klass, David
Fic Klass

Jack finds himself embroiled in another dangerous adventure when, after a six-month absence, he returns to the Hudson River town where he grew up to find his girlfriend PJ only to discover that she is missing and everyone believes him to be responsible for her disappearance and the death of his family.



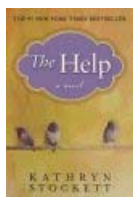
Wolf Island by Darren Shan
Fic Shan

As the mysterious Shadow builds an army of demons, Grubbs Grady and his team search desperately for answers, but when they follow up a new lead, it takes them to an old, unexpected foe--the Lambs. Book 8 of the Demonata series.

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With an African/African-American connection



Help by Kathryn Stockett
Fic Stockett

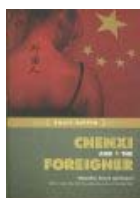
Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African-American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend, and a recently graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project against a backdrop of the budding civil rights era.



Becoming Billie Holiday by Carole Weatherford
Fic Weatherford

Jazz vocalist Billie Holiday looks back on her early years when she discovers, at the age of fifteen, that she has something that could change her life--her voice, in this fictional memoir written in verse.

With an Asian/Asian-American connection



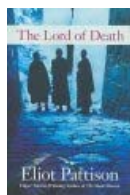
Chenxi and the Foreigner by Sally Rippin
Fic Rippin

Set in China a year before the Tiananmen Square tragedy, this novel from an Australian author offers a naive foreigner's viewpoint of cultural dissonance and first love. Leaving San Francisco to join her father in Shanghai, 18-year-old Anna is eager to study traditional Chinese painting. On arrival, she finds herself almost obsessively drawn to Chenxi, a nonconformist art student on the government's radar. Dismissing the warnings of her father and other "sheltered expatriates," Anna pursues Chenxi, and their short affair has life-changing repercussions.



Shanghai Girls by See, Lisa
Fic See

Forced to leave Shanghai when their father sells them to California suitors, sisters May and Pearl struggle to adapt to life in 1930s Los Angeles while still bound to old customs, as they face discrimination and confront a life-altering secret.



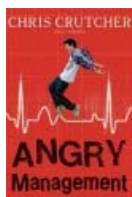
Lord of Death by Eliot Pattison
Fic Pattison

Shan Tao Yun is an exiled Chinese national, a former Beijing Investigator, on parole from the Tibetan gulag to which he had been consigned as punishment. Leading a mule bearing a corpse at the request of a local wisewoman, he comes upon a traffic accident involving a government bus transporting illegal monks to prison. Two women in an approaching vehicle are shot, and one dies in his arms. Shan must find the killer, for his reward will be the life and sanity of his son, Ko, who is imprisoned in a Chinese "yeti" factory where men are routinely driven mad.

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General Fiction



Angry Management by Chris Crutcher
Fic Crutcher

Mr. Nak from *Ironman* is holding Angry Management classes with other characters from the Crutcher archives. After a brief intro, each of the three stand-alone stories is preceded by Mr. Nak's file notes on the teen subjects. First up, Sarah Byrnes has a new fat guy: Angus Bethune from *Athletic Shorts*. They hook up, discover the real reason Sarah's mom abandoned her, and find comfort in their own skin. Montana West (*Sledding Hill*) takes on her father and the school board over a censored school newspaper story that she wrote about medical marijuana. And, finally, Marcus James, Matt Miller, and Mr. Simet, from *Whale Talk* respond to a pink noose left on gay, African American Marcus' locker.



Crash into Me by Albert Borris
Fic Borris

A group of four misfit teens take a cross-country road trip from New Jersey, visiting the graves of famous people who have killed themselves, that will culminate at Death Valley. There, they will take their own lives—no backing down, no changes of heart. But as they crisscross the states, these isolated, unhappy teens begin to connect over more than just their desire to die; as they share their darkest secrets and most cherished wishes, real friendship and even romantic love develop. As the end of their trip grows closer, the time comes to decide: Is life worth living in spite of the pain, or do they keep their deadly promise? Borris's understanding of the emotional lives of teenagers shines through in his nuanced, well-developed portrayals of the protagonists, particularly Owen, the narrator, who emerges as a wry and wise observer of his companions. The action never feels pat or predetermined, and the author's depiction of the complexities of depression and suicide is compassionate, nonjudgmental, and ultimately hopeful. —*School Library Journal*



Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have by Allen Zadoff
Fic Zadoff

Readers who waded through a series of painful scenes early on in Zadoff's debut YA novel are in for a treat. Andy Zansky is the (second) fattest kid in school and pays dearly for it on a daily basis (on the first day of sophomore year, he discovers he may not fit into the new desks). Then, out of nowhere, popular football star O. Douglas takes a liking to Andy, who goes out for football and makes the varsity team. Out goes self-deprecating Andy (for the most part), making room for a more confident, funny and likable Andy. Becoming popular, albeit gradually, doesn't cure all of Andy's woes—both football and popularity come with quite a few complications—nor does it magically empower him to lose the weight. But watching Andy's transformation, his three steps forward and one step back rhythm, is both entertaining and moving. —*Publisher's Weekly Reviews*



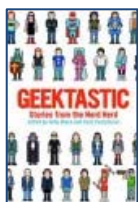
Front and Center by Catherine Murdock
Fic Murdock

"After five months of sheer absolute craziness I was going back to being plain old background D.J. In photographs of course I'm always in the background . . ." But it turns out other folks have big plans for D.J. Like her coach. College scouts. All the town hoops fans. A certain Red Bend High School junior who's keen for romance and karaoke. Not to mention Brian Nelson, who she should not be thinking about! Who she is done with, thank you very much. But who keeps showing up anyway . . . The final installment in the "Dairy Queen" trilogy.

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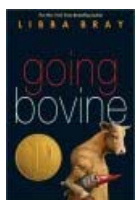
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Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd edited by Holly Black and Cecil Castellucci
SC GEE

From Trekkers to science geeks, Buffy fanatics to Dungeon Masters, nerds of all persuasions are sure to find themselves in the pages of this anthology. It contains fun reads such as Black and Castellucci's "Once You're a Jedi, You're a Jedi All the Way" in which a Klingon wakes with a Jedi in her hotel room while at a sci-fi convention, and Tracy Lynn's "One of Us," in which a cheerleader enlists the school nerds to teach her the basics of geekdom so she can impress her Trekker boyfriend.



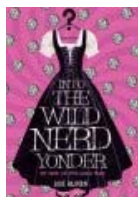
Going Bovine by Libba Bray
Fic Bray

After being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob (aka mad cow) disease, disaffected teenager Cameron Smith sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults 2010.



Hamlet by John Marsden
Fic Marsden

A daring retelling of Shakespeare's tragedy vividly brings Hamlet to life, exploring his rage at his mother's infidelities, his greed for the sensual Ophelia, and his dead father's call to revenge a "murder most foul."



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. One of the Top Ten ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2010.



Jane Eyre: The Graphic Novel: Original Text Version by Charlotte Bronte
Fic Bronte

The Classical Comics series presents great literary works in multiple volumes, each written in text of varying simplicity to suit a wide range of readers abilities and interests. This Original Text edition features the more challenging language of the two versions of Jane Eyre (the other being an abridged Quick Text), with sentences drawn directly from Bronte's classic novel.

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Love Is the Higher Law by David Levithan
Fic Levithan

It begins with Claire, a high school senior, watching the school secretary whisper something to her teacher; next is college student Jasper, sleeping through it all; and last there is Peter, another senior, waiting outside a record store to buy the latest Bob Dylan. These are initial memories of September 11, 2001, and, in alternating chapters, the novel's three main characters follow with accounts of living in New York City after the attack on the World Trade Center. The characters, at first loosely acquainted, become closer as they learn to cope together. They not only share feelings about the traumatic event but recount "normal" episodes from their lives -- romantic crushes, bad first dates, worries about getting into college. Levithan eschews stock characters and self-help clichés to portray distinct individuals who deal with grief and uncertainty in different ways. – *Horn Book Magazine Reviews*



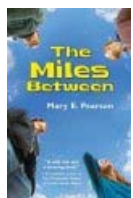
Love You Hate You Miss You by Elizabeth Scott
Fic Scott

After coming out of alcohol rehabilitation, sixteen-year-old Amy sorts out conflicting emotions about her best friend Julia's death in a car accident for which she feels responsible. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults 2010.



Makers by Cory Doctorow
Fic Doctorow

Covering the transformation of Kodacell (formerly Kodak and Duracell) into a network of tiny teams, journalist Suzanne Church goes to Florida and the inventors behind it all, Lester and Perry, who have more ideas than they know what to do with. The New Work (i.e., the network) takes off, with a mini-startup in every abandoned strip mall in America. But suddenly, it crashes, and things get really interesting. Lester and Perry build an interactive ride in an abandoned Wal-Mart, a nostalgia trip through their glory days, that catches the eye of a vicious Disney exec—and the old corporate giants fight their last battle against the new economic order. From the author of *Little Brother*.



The Miles Between by Mary Pearson
Fic Pearson

Des is bitter and despairing. Her parents packed her off to boarding school when she was seven, and she hasn't been home for nine years. She never makes attachments because she has a way of being kicked out of each school with regularity. While she is sulking by herself, a "visiting professor" asks her what she needs. She then proceeds to rip into him, indicating that all she wants is "one fair day" when the oatmeal isn't lumpy, when her parents know what it's like to be abandoned, and when the boy she likes gets extra credit instead of being assigned to trash duty. Then she rounds a corner to see a gorgeous, champagne-pink convertible idling, the door ajar. By astronomical coincidence, the boy is dodging his trash duty nearby. They manage to scoop up two classmates, and the four of them set off to grab their "one fair day." It is the road-trip adventure of a lifetime. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults 2010.

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Miles from Nowhere by Nami Mun
Fic Mun

Fleeing her 1980s Bronx family home in the wake of her unfaithful father's abandonment and her mother's mental illness, Korean teen Joon struggles through an adolescence marked by homeless shelters, addiction, and demeaning jobs.



Purge by Sarah Littman
Fic Littman

As a patient at Golden Slopes struggling with the dangerous habit of bingeing and purging, Janie Ryman knows the day is quickly approaching when she will have to share her dark secrets with the doctors and psychiatrists in order to get the help she needs to finally put an end to that which is ruining her life.



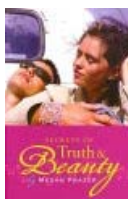
Real Real by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus
Fic McLaughlin

Long Island girl Jesse O'Rourke is a down-to-earth Have-Not among the glamorous, vacuous Haves at Hampton High. But all this changes when she's one of the lucky six chosen to star in a reality-TV show called The Real Hampton Beach.



Riding the Universe by Gaby Triana
Fic Triana

Seventeen-year-old Chloe Rodriguez, who inherited her uncle's beloved Harley after his death, spends the subsequent year trying to pass chemistry, wondering whether she should look for her birth parents, and beginning an unlikely relationship with her chemistry tutor, while also trying to figure out how she really feels about the boy who has been her best friend since they were children.



Secrets of Truth & Beauty by Megan Frazer
Fic Frazer

At the age of seven, Dara Cohen was so adorable and so talented that she won the title of Little Miss Maine. Now 17, she has definitely become plus-sized. When her English teacher assigns a multimedia autobiography project, Dara decides to use some of her old pageant footage to create a project called (Re)Think Thin and make a statement about how our society views overweight people. Her parents are so angry and humiliated that they pull her out of school and insist that she go into therapy, straining what is already a difficult relationship. Dara decides to contact her sister, whom she has never met and who has been estranged from their parents for years.



Shooting Star by Fredrick McKissack
Fic McKissack

With natural ability, agility, and speed, football player Jomo is getting a lot of attention from his coach and the local media, but as the pressure to perform mounts, Jomo turns to the dangerous world of steroids and ends up putting his entire sports career and life in jeopardy as a result of it.

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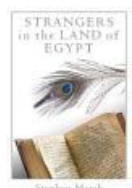
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Spy Game by Georgina Harding
Fic Harding

Years after their German refugee mother disappears on the same day the media releases a story about a spy family, Anna and her brother, Peter, struggle to sort out facts and lies about their mother's identity and wonder if she had a secret life.



Strangers in the Land of Egypt by Stephen March
Fic March

Sixteen-year-old Jesse is angry. His mother took off, his father is brain damaged after a mugging, and his older brother is dead. He lives with his uncle and hangs out with the local kids, but does not really seem to have friends. One night, Jesse participates in vandalizing a synagogue and is the only one caught. The judge sentences him to community service and assigns him to assist an elderly Jewish man, a Holocaust survivor, who lives in a nursing home. The novel focuses on Jesse's growing relationship with Mr. Ebban and with the teen's fixation on finding his father's attacker.



Tales of the Madman Underground: (An Historical Romance 1973) by John Barnes
Fic Barnes

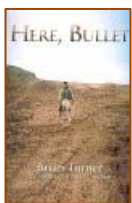
Forced to be a member of a group that must attend therapy (dubbed the Madman Underground) during school hours, Karl is determined to make his senior year his best and so decides to act "normal" in order to break free from the routine, but between his many jobs and his crazy life at home, Karl begins to think that he may never be able to even grasp the concept--let alone be it. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults 2010.



What It Is by Lynda Barry
Fic Barry

Every so often a book comes along that surpasses expectations, taking readers on an inspirational voyage that they don't want to leave. This is one such book. Each page is a feast for the eyes with beautiful full-page collages of photographs, watercolors, ink drawings, and text, resulting in a gorgeous volume that explores and encourages writing in a combination of ways. The author challenges readers with philosophical questions to ponder, such as "What is an image? Where are they found? Can we remember something we can't imagine?" –*School Library Journal*

Poetry



Here, Bullet by Brian Turner
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The challenge Iraq war veteran Turner faced in writing this first collection was how to write beautiful POETRY on the grim realities of war, about which there is nothing poetic. He aims to achieve his goal through simple description; the horror and the bloodiness of the war compel him to rely extensively on documenting its events, and his poems surrender to the power of narrative at the expense of the density and allusive imagery of POETRY. Throughout, Turner attempts to capture the extreme experience of war by depicting the feelings it generates: the sense of loss, hatred, humiliation, love, uncertainty, and dreamy longing for a normal life among others. A recommended addition to the library collection by Lary Kleeman.

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Nonfiction

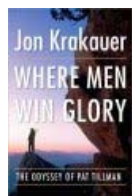
Almanac



Snapshot: The Visual Almanac for Our World Today by Mitchell Beazley
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An illustrated almanac arranges entries in an accessible format and includes coverage of an encyclopedic range of topical subjects from the environment and globalization to technology and popular culture, in a lavishly illustrated reference that offers particular insight into the role of trends in shaping the present and future.

Biography



Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman by Jon Krakauer
921 Tillman

Traces the controversial story of NFL player and soldier Pat Tillman, describing the military's efforts to hide the truth about his death by friendly fire, in an account that draws on Tillman's journals and letters as well as interviews with family members and fellow soldiers.

Language Arts



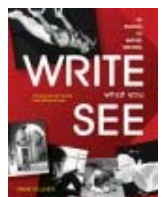
Beats : A Graphic History edited by Harvey Pekar and Paul Buhle
810.9 PEK

A well-informed, engaging, and dynamic presentation of the core precursors and descendants of the Beat ethos in both literary and popular American life. The first half of the volume, drawn by Ed Piskor, interweaves the development, achievements, and interactions of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and, to a lesser degree, William S. Burroughs. The remainder of the volume comprises 22 pieces, most by Pekar, exploring related figures, like Michael McClure and Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Graphic novel format.



Listen to Me : Shared Secrets from Writegirl edited by Keren Taylor

WriteGirl is a Los Angeles-based creative writing program that pairs teen girls with professional women writers. This book collects poems and excerpts from novels, screenplays, and essays that were created during their workshops. The pieces are organized into sections, grouped roughly by topic, for example, "The Voice Inside [Being]," "A Chill Ran Up My Spine [Mystery]," "When Scars Were Stories [Looking Back], and "Close to Home [Family]."



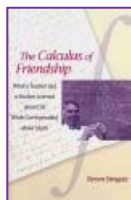
Write What You See: 99 Photos to Inspire Writing by Hank Kellner
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A guide to using photography in the classroom offers a collection of black-and-white photographs, writing prompts to motivate students, and ideas from teachers who have successfully used photography in the teaching of writing.

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Math

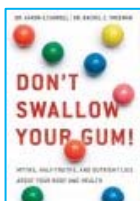


Calculus of Friendship: What a Teacher and a Student Learned About Life While Corresponding About Math by Steven Strogatz

510.92 STR

The spring of his freshman year in college, Strogatz began to exchange letters with his high school calculus teacher, Don Joffray. At some point, their amiable correspondence about math problems led to a true friendship. In *The Calculus of Friendship*, Strogatz weaves their letters into reflections on the philosophical similarities between calculus and human relationships and portrays a friendship firmly founded on a love of dreaming up and solving calculus problems. . . . One can also feel the personality and humor of these pen pals emerging through their symbol-sprinkled sentences. – *Science*

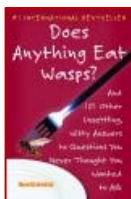
Science



Do Polar Bears Get Lonely?: And Answers to 100 Other Weird and Wacky Questions About How the World Works by New Scientist

500 DOP

This compilation of questions and answers taken from the "Last Word" column of *New Scientist* magazine includes many that may seem lightweight, ridiculous, or downright gross, but the answers are always dealt with in well-reasoned scientific terms, sometimes with a twist of humor.



Does Anything Eat Wasps?: And 101 Other Unsettling, Witty Answers to Questions You Never Thought You Wanted to Ask by New Scientist

502 DOE

Presents excerpts from the "Last Word" column of the British magazine *New Scientist*, providing answers to a series of unique questions about various aspects of science and biology.



Don't Swallow Your Gum!: Myths, Half-truths, and Outright Lies About Your Body and Health by Aaron Carroll and Rachel Vreeman

612 CAR

Two doctors have written a breezy and entertaining, yet relevant and scientific, book full of facts with which to "prove our mothers wrong." Divided into six sections, each comprising approximately 10 "myths" in two pages each, the book covers issues about disease, sex and pregnancy, babies and children, what we eat, and "controversial" topics. No, it is not necessary to drink eight glasses of water a day. Eating turkey does not make you sleepy. The authors also set the record straight on the five-second rule, the connection between dog hair and allergies, and the dangers of waking a sleepwalker.



Generation Green : The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life

by Linda and Tosh Sivertsen

333.72 SIV

Lays out the inside scoop on the biggest issues affecting our planet, such as global warming and overflowing landfills; offers dozens of tips on how to shop, dress, eat, and travel the green way; and shows that being environmentally conscious can be a natural part of life.

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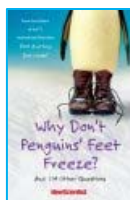
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Green Book : The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time

by Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas Kostigen
333.72 ROG

A valuable handbook on everyday environmental awareness introduces an array of simple but practical personal choices that anyone can make to enhance the environment, from running only full loads in the dishwasher or using fewer paper napkins to adjusting the home thermostat.



Why Don't Penguins' Feet Freeze: And 114 Other Questions by New Scientist

500 WHY

A lighthearted compendium of scientific factoids by the creators of the popular New Scientist magazine considers such topics as why boomerangs return and what time it is at the North Pole.

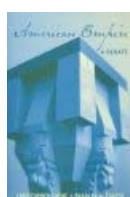
Social Studies



1968 by Michael Kaufman

909.82 KAU

In the history of any culture, or indeed of the world, there are arguably years that are of greater significance than others. The events of 1939 and 2001 come to mind, and the argument of this book is that 1968 was likewise a watershed year with people rising across the globe to assert their own power and voice.



American Empire: A Debate by Christopher Layne and Bradley Thayer

327.73 LAY

Thayer (defense and strategic studies, Missouri State University) argues that the US should maintain its current primacy in international politics and use its military, cultural, and institutional power to advance and protect its interests. Layne (international affairs, Texas A&M) counters that a grand strategy of primacy and empire is not in the country's best interest, is based on dubious assumptions, and would lead to a geopolitical backlash against the US and unnecessary military interventions. A title requested by the AHS debate team.



Born to Run : A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen

by Christopher McDougall

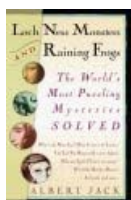
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McDougall reveals the secrets of the world's greatest distance runners--the Tarahumara Indians of Copper Canyon, Mexico--and how he trained for the challenge of a lifetime: a fifty-mile race through the heart of Tarahumara country pitting the tribe against an odd band of super-athletic Americans.

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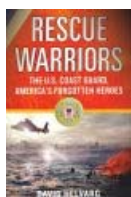


Loch Ness Monsters and Raining Frogs: The World's Most Puzzling Mysteries Solved

by Albert Jack

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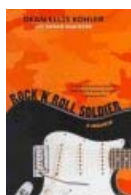
A tongue-in-cheek compendium of some of history's most baffling mysteries sheds new light on such conundrums as the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, the Bermuda Triangle, the death of Marilyn Monroe, Jack the Ripper, Agatha Christie, the Mona Lisa, and many more.



Rescue Warriors : The U.S. Coast Guard, America's Forgotten Heroes by David Helvarg

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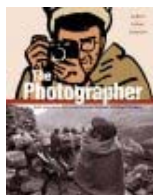
Presents a history of the United States Coast Guard along with information on the daily lives of the "Coasties" who respond to distress calls and save lives each day.



Rock 'n' Roll Soldier: A Memoir by Dean Ellis Kohler and Susan Vanhecke

959.704 KOH

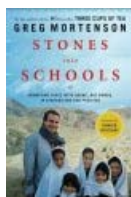
The war memoir gets a unique spin with Kohler's recollection of his time playing rock and roll in the Vietnam jungle. The 19-year-old Kohler arrives in Qui Nhon in 1967 as part of a new military-police company, but his mind is on the record deal his band had to turn down when he received his draft notice. Word of his talent gets around, though, and soon Kohler and three fellow privates are buying instruments from local merchants and rehearsing covers of everyone from Herman's Hermits to the Velvet Underground. Their band—the Electrical Banana—quickly becomes the in-demand entertainment for nearby companies, and Kohler is determined to play every gig, even when it means traveling unarmed through VC territory.



Photographer by Emmanuel Guibert

070.49 GUI

In graphic novel format looks at the work of Doctors without Borders as seen through the eyes of a photojournalist who accompanied the group through war-torn Afghanistan.



Stones into Schools : Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan

by Greg Mortenson and Mike Bryan

371.82 MOR

A follow-up to *Three Cups of Tea* continues the author's story of his humanitarian efforts to bring education into disadvantaged Middle East regions, describing such events as the 2005 earthquake and a tense eight-day abduction by the Taliban.



Terror on the Seas: True Tales of Modern-Day Pirates by Daniel Sekulich

910.45 SEK

Sekulich examines the past and present state of piracy around the world and dispels the notion that it resembles the romanticized version of pirates portrayed in movies and books. Includes firsthand accounts from shady characters, victims, and even a former pirate.