



WASHINGTON STATE YOUNG ADULT REVIEW

GROUP

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE: December 8, 2017

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WASHRAG

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WASHYARGers:

Celebrate winter with Washyarg, the oldest and largest Young Adult Review Group of its kind! While we all come to WASHYARG because it is a great place to learn about new books, we also enjoy the opportunity to network with other teen-serving professionals.

Our meeting will be in our regular meeting room, 2A-B, on the second floor. Enter through the front door, which is nearest Newport Way NW. You will need to sign in as a guest of the building. The parking lot fills fast so it is recommended that you park in the Target parking lot closest to the Service Center. There is a bridge and some steps leading to Service Center. Do not park in any space designated for a KCLS fleet vehicle.

All doors are locked until 8:30 AM. If you arrive early, please wait at the front door until someone can let you in. **The doors opening off the staircase to the parking lot are always locked.**

Coffee, tea and treats will be available. A donation of \$1 or more is appreciated. You are welcome to bring goodies to share.

Any questions? Contact Brenna Shanks – bshanks@kcls.org or 425-369-3331

DUES

Members/reviewers may pay dues at any time during the year, but we appreciate prompt payment in September for the forthcoming year. Dues are \$25 and a dues sheet is included in the newsletter. Dues may be sent to:

Anne Dame
Einstein Middle School
19343 3rd Ave NW
Shoreline WA 98177

REMINDERS

MEETING LOCATION:

King County Library System Service Center
960 Newport Way NW
Issaquah, 98027

2017-2018 MEETING DATES:

- *December 8*
- *March 2*
- *May 4*
- *September 21*
- *December 14*

Reviews

Please use the format referenced at the top of the “books taken” section. Please submit your delivered reviews and current “books taken” after the meeting. You may submit them at:

<http://www.evergreenbookaward.org/about-washyarg>

WHAT IS WASHYARG?

The Washington State Young Adult Review Group is a regional reviewing organization of school and public librarians and other individuals interested in books, magazines, and other media appropriate for teenagers.

WHY BELONG TO WASHYARG?

We are the largest Teen Services library specialist group in the Northwest, and have a national reputation as a credible review source.

Besides hearing firsthand reviews from frontline people, the meetings are an opportunity for networking, problem-solving, passionate debate, laughter and cookies.

Even if you cannot attend the meetings, WashYARG is an excellent source for local professional reviews.

WHAT DOES WASHYARG DO?

WashYARG receives materials from diverse publishers. Selected items are presented orally at the quarterly meetings and written reviews of all materials are published in the WashRag newsletter and mailed to all members following the meetings. WashYARG also sponsors the annual Evergreen Young Adult Book Award, a statewide teen readers' choice prize.

WHAT WOULD I DO?

Agree to review at least two books a year.
Attend as many of the meetings as possible.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

All interested folk are invited to attend for free the first time. The normal dues are \$25.00 for a school year, and entitle one to review books and receive the WashRag, a quarterly compilation of written reviews.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Fill out the form below and bring it to the next meeting with your \$25.00 membership dues or mail it to:

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Please make checks payable to WashYARG.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM:



Name:

Title:

Email*:

Phone*:

Address*:

* Please indicate home or work for contact info.

Titles Taken for Review – September 2017

All titles and reviews are now being submitted online at:
<http://www.evergreenbookaward.org/about-washyarg>
 Please be as accurate as possible when entering your information. Thanks!

Remember Evergreen Committee meets right after WashYARG - everyone is welcome!
 Also, please remember ARCs may not be added to your collection.

◆Next to a title indicates it was reviewed in a previous issue

FICTION

Abadzis, Nick and Jerel Dye <i>Pigs Might Fly</i> (GN) Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	9781626720862 First Second, 2017	\$15.99	203 p.
Aguirre, Ann <i>Vanguard</i> , Razorland #4 Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	978-1-250-08982-3 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$17.99	358 p.
Ahern, Cecelia <i>Perfect</i> , Flawed #2 Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	978-1-250-07412-6 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$18.99	339 p.
Ahiers, Sarah <i>Thief's Cunning</i> , Assassin's Heart #2 Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools	978-0-06-236383-1 HarperCollins, 2017	\$17.99	407 p.
Bach, Mette <i>Love is Love</i> <u>Comments:</u> It really is that price. I looked from several sources. Maggie Wong, KCLS	978-1-4594-1232-3 Lorimer, 2018	\$27.99	171 p.
Bardugo, Leigh <i>Wonder Woman: Warbringer</i> , DC Icons Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	9780399549731 Random House, 2017	\$18.99	369 p.
Barrows, Annie <i>Nothing</i> Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	9780062668233 HarperCollins, 2017	\$17.99	212 p.

Beaty, Erin <i>The Traitor's Kiss</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	9781250117946 Imprint, 2017	\$18.99	342 p.
Bell, Eric <i>Alan Cole is Not a Coward</i> Amber Peterson, Beaver Lake Middle School	978-0-06-256702-4 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$16.99	262 p.
Berry, Julie <i>The Emperor's Ostrich</i> Katy Olson, Monticello Middle School Aarene Storms, KCLS	9781596439580 Roaring Book Press, 2017	\$16.99	276 p.
Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss <i>The Unbreakable Code</i>, Book Scavenger #2 Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School	9781627791168 Henry Holt, 2017	\$16.99	353 p.
Bethell, Zillah <i>A Whisper of Horses</i> Aarene Storms, KCLS	9781250093943 Feiwel & Friends, 2016	\$16.99	339 p.
Bowling, Dusti <i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i> (ARC) Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	978-1-4549-2345-9 Sterling, 2017	\$14.95	272 p.
Buxbaum, Julie <i>What to Say Next</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	9780553535686 Random House, 2017	\$18.99	290 p.
Byrne, Elizabeth <i>The Grave Keepers</i> Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	9780062484758 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	310 p.
Castle, M.E. <i>Fakespeare: Something Stinks in Hamlet</i> Amber Peterson, Beaver Lake Middle School	978-1-250-10159-4 Imprint, 2017	\$13.99	245 p.
Castle, M.E. <i>FakeSpeare: Star-Crossed in Romeo and Juliet</i> Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	978-1-250-10162-4 Imprint, 2017	\$13.99	289 p.
Chacón, Daniel <i>The Cholo Tree</i>	978-1-55885-840-4 Arte Público Press, 2017	\$14.95	248 p.

Maggie Wong, KCLS

Chokshi, Roshani <i>A Crown of Wishes</i> , The Star-Touched Queen #2 Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	978-1-250-08549-8 St. Martin's Griffin, 2017	\$18.99	367 p.
Chupeco, Rin <i>The Bone Witch</i> Sara White, Olympia Timberland Library	978-1-4926-3582-6 Sourcebooks Fire, 2017	\$17.99	411 p.
Cluess, Jessica <i>A Poison Dark and Drowning</i> , Kingdom on Fire #2 Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	978-0-553-53594-5 Random House, 2017	\$17.99	414 p.
Colasanti, Susanne <i>Forever in Love</i> , City Love #3 Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools	978-0-06-230776-7 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$17.99	309 p.
Coleman, K.R. <i>Signing Day</i> , GridIron <u>Comments:</u> Hi-Lo book series. Price reflects Library Binding Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781512439830 Darby Creek, 2017	\$25.00	110 p.
Connolly, Kara <i>No Good Deed</i> Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	9780385743938 Delacorte, 2017	\$17.99	340 p.
Constable, Cathryn <i>The White Tower</i> (ARC) <u>Comments:</u> Grades 3-7th Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	978-1338157444 Chicken House, 2017	\$16.99	272 p.
Cook, Greg <i>Friends is Friends</i> (GN) Kirsten Edwards, KCLS	978-1-596643-105-8 First Second, 2016	\$19.99	200 p.
Cooper, Abby <i>Bubbles</i> <u>Comments:</u> Middle Grade, 5 th -7 th Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	9780374302900 Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017	\$16.99	262 p.
Cordova, Zoraida <i>Labyrinth Lost</i> Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy	978-1-4926-2094-5 Sourcebooks, 2016	\$17.99	324 p.

Costa, Ben and James Parks <i>Rickety Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo: The Road to Epoli</i> (GN) Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	9780399556135	\$18.99 Knopf, 2017	208 p.
Courtney, Nadine Jolie <i>Romancing the Throne</i> JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	978-06-240662-0 HarperCollins, 2017	\$17.99	392 p.
Cozzo, Karole <i>The Truth About Happily Ever After</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library	9781250127976 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$17.99	309 p.
Crowley, Cath <i>Words In Deep Blue</i> Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School	9781101937648 Knopf, 2016	\$17.99	269 p.
Davis, Jenny Fran <i>Everything Must Go</i> (ARC) Danielle Dreger-Babbitt, Sno-Isle Libraries	978-1250119766 Wednesday Books, 2017	\$18.99	416 p.
Demetrius, Heather <i>Bad Romance</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	9781627797726 Henry Holt, 2017	\$17.99	356 p.
Deyoung, Andrew <i>The Exo Project</i> Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	978-1-62979-610-9 Boyd Mills Press, 2017	\$18.95	445 p.
Dietrich, Cale <i>The Love Interest</i> Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9781250107138 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$17.99	373 p.
Duncan, Alexandra <i>Blight</i> Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School	9780062396990 Greenwillow, 2017	\$17.99	389 p.
Dyer, Heather <i>Magic in the City</i> Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	978-1-77138-203-8 Kids Can Press, 2017	\$15.95	143 p.
Eshbaugh, Julie <i>Obsidian and Stars</i> , Ivory and Bone #2 Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	9780062399281 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	359 p.

Etting, Jessica Koosed & Alyssa Embree Schwartz	9781771388443	\$17.99	341 p.
<i>The Lost Causes</i>	KCP, 2017		
Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School			
Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School			
Kelly L Crickmore, Issaquah HS			
Fawcett, Heather	9780062463388	\$17.99	427 p.
<i>Even the Darkest Stars</i> , Even the Darkest Stars #1	Balzer + Bray, 2017		
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
Fayers, Claire	9781627794213	\$16.99	292 p.
<i>The Journey to Dragon Island</i> , The Accidental Pirates #2	Henry Holt, 2017		
Elizabeth Metcalf, Redmond Middle School			
Feener, Chani Lynn	978-1-250-12376-3	\$17.99	357 p.
<i>Amid Stars and Darkness</i>	Swoon Reads, 2017		
Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School			
French, Gillian	978-0-06-264255-4	\$17.99	294 p.
<i>Grit</i>	HarperTeen, 2017		
JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School			
Gale, Emily	9780062656742	\$16.99	313 p.
<i>The Other Side of Summer</i>	HarperCollins, 2016		
Elizabeth Metcalf, Redmond Middle School			
Galligan, Gale	978-1-338-06730-9	\$24.99 (HC)	160 p.
<i>Dawn and the Impossible Three</i> , The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novels #5 (ARC)	Scholastic, 2017		
<u>Comments:</u> Grades 3-7			
Sara White, Olympia Timberland Library			
Gamble, Paul	978-1-250-07683-0	\$16.99	378 p.
<i>The Monster's Daughter</i> , The Ministry of SUITs #2	Feiwel & Friends, 2017		
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School			
Ganger, Candace	9781250116222	\$17.99	305 p.
<i>The Inevitable Collision of Birdie and Bash</i>	St. Martin's Griffin, 2017		
Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library			
Garber, Stephanie	9781250095251	\$18.99	407 p.
<i>Caraval</i>	Flatiron Books, 2017		
Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School			
Gebhart, Ryan	9780763688455	\$17.99	345 p.

<i>Of Jenny and the Aliens</i> Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School	Candlewick, 2017		
Gier, Kerstin <i>Just Dreaming</i> , The Silver Trilogy #3 Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	9781627790802 Henry Holt, 2017	\$18.99	356 p.
Gill, David Macinnis <i>Uncanny</i> Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School	9780062290168 Greenwillow, 2017	\$17.99	523 p.
Girard, Geoffrey <i>Truthers</i> Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School	9781512427790 Carolrhoda Lab, 2017	\$17.99	347 p.
Girard, M-E ◆ <i>Girl Mans Up</i> Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	978-0-06-240417-6 HarperTeen, 2016	\$17.99	373 p.
Goo, Maurene <i>I believe in a thing called love</i> Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	9780374304041 Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017	\$17.99	322 p.
Gout, Leopoldo <i>Genius: The Con</i> , Genius #2 Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	9781250045829 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$18.99	278 p.
Greenwald, Lisa <i>11 Before 12</i> <u>Comments:</u> Book 1 of a duology Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9780062411747 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$16.99	396 p.
Grey, Melissa <i>The Savage Dawn</i> , The Girl at Midnight #3 Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	9780385744690 Delacorte, 2017	\$17.99	484 p.
Grylls, Bear <i>Spirit of the Jungle</i> , The Jungle Book: New Adventures #1 Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	978-1-250-11150-0 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$16.99	
Halahmy, Miriam ◆ <i>Behind Closed Doors</i> Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools	Holiday House, 2017	\$16.95	242 p.

Hall, Shannon and LeUyen Pham <i>Real Friends</i> (GN) Maggie Block, Skyway Library, KCLS Maggie Wong, KCLS	978-1-62672-785-4 First Second, 2017	\$12.99	213 p.
Hatfield, Ruth <i>The Book of Shadows</i> , Book of Storms #3 Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	978-1-62779-003-1 Henry Holt, 2017	\$16.99	
Heathfield, Lisa <i>Paper Butterflies</i> Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781512482416 Carolrhoda Lab, 2016	\$18.99	266 p.
Henry, April <i>Count All Her Bones</i> <u>Comments:</u> Companion to Girl, Stolen Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library Sara White, Olympia Timberland Library	9781627795913 Henry Holt, 2017	\$17.99	394 p.
Hicks, Faith Erin <i>The Stone Heart</i> , The Nameless City #2 (GN) Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School	9781626721586 First Second, 2017	\$14.99	250 p.
Hinds, Gareth <i>Poe, Stories and Poems</i> (GN) Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy	978-0-7636-8112-8 Candlewick, 2017	\$22.00	103 p.
Hocking, Amanda <i>Freeks</i> Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-1-250-08477-4 St. Martin's Griffin, 2016	\$18.99	387 p.
Hoffmeister, Peter Brown <i>Too Shattered for Mending</i> Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy Kelly L Crickmore, Issaquah HS	9780553538076 Random House, 2017	\$17.99	376 p.
Honeybourn, Jennifer <i>Wesley James Ruined My Life</i> Katy Olson, Monticello Middle School	9781250123732 Swoon Reads, 2017	\$10.99	228 p.
Houck, Colleen <i>Reunited</i> , Reawakened #3 Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	9780399555688 Delacorte, 2017	\$17.99	451 p.
Hutton, Keely	9780374305635	\$16.99	326 p.

<i>Soldier Boy</i>	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017		
<u>Comments:</u> Afterword by Ricky Richard Anywar Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School			
Jae-Jones, S. <i>Wintersong</i> Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	978-1-250-07921-3 Thomas Dunne, 2017	\$18.99	436 p.
Jamieson, Victoria <i>The Great Art Caper</i> , Pets on the Loose #2 (GN) <u>Comments:</u> Elementary Maggie Block, Skyway Library, KCLS	978627791199 Henry Holt, 2017	\$7.99	
Jones, Kelly <i>Murder, Magic, and What We Wore</i> Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9780553535204 Alfred A. Knopf, 2017	\$17.99	287 p.
Katcher, Brian <i>Deacon Locke Went to Prom</i> Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools	978-0-06-242252-1 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$17.99	386 p.
Keats, Israel <i>Labyrinth</i> , Level up Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	9781512439878 Darby Creek, 2017	\$26.65	117 p.
Kessler, Liz <i>Haunt Me</i> Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	978-0-7636-9162-2 Candlewick, 2016	\$17.99	371 p.
Kirsch, T.J. <i>Pride of the Decent Man</i> (GN) Dawn Rutherford, SPL	978-1-68112-120-8 NBM , 2017	\$19.99	90 p.
Klein, Jen <i>Summer Unscripted</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	9781524700041 Random House, 2017	\$17.99	304 p.
Kowitt, Holly <i>The Principal's Underwear is Missing</i> Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School Elizabeth Metcalf, Redmond Middle School	9781250091321 Feiwel & friends, 2017	\$16.99	216 p.
Krishnaswami, Uma <i>Step up to the Plate, Maria Singh</i>	978-1600602610 Tu Books, 2017	\$16.95	276 p.

Comments: Grades 3-7th

Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School

Landman, Tanya 978-0-7636-8875-2 \$17.99 312 p.
Hell and High Water Candlewick, 2017

Comments: Originally published in 2015 in the UK

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Larsen, Andrew 9781771386616 \$15.95 206 p.
Dingus Kids Can Press, 2017

Comments: Middle Grade

Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Larson, Hope 9780374300449 \$19.99 224 p.
Knife's Edge, Four Points #2 (GN) Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017

Aarene Storms, KCLS

Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Lee, Mackenzi 978-0-06-238280-1 \$18.99 513 p.
The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue Katherine Tegen Books, 2017

Maggie Wong, KCLS

Leno, Katrina 978-0-06-249309-5 \$17.99 360 p.
Everything All at Once HarperTeen, 2017

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Lewis Holmes, Sara 978-0545107976 \$16.97 310 p.
The Wolf Hour (ARC) Arthur A. Levine Books, 2017

Comments: Grades 4-8th

Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School

Lovestam, Sara 978-1-250-09523-7 \$17.99 302 p.
Wonderful Feels Like This Flatiron books, 2017

Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools

Lyall, Casey 9781454926047 \$6.95 280 p.
Howard Wallace, P.I., Howard Wallace, P.I., #1 Sterling Children's Books, 2016

Comments: Grades 3-6th

Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School

Lyall, Casey 978-1-4549-1955-1 \$14.95
Shadow of a Pug, Howard Wallace, P.I., #2 Sterling, 2017

Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Kirsten Edwards, KCLS

MacDonald, Fiona 9781912006014 \$7.95 48 p.

<i>Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde</i> (GN) Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Scribo, 2017		
MacDonald, Fiona <i>Frankenstein</i> (GN) Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781912006229 Scribo, 2017	\$7.95	48 p.
MacDonald, Fiona <i>Dracula</i> (GN) Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781912006021 Scribo, 2017	\$7.95	48 p.
Maciel, Amanda <i>Lucky Girl</i> Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-0-06-230533-6 Balzer + Bray, 2017	\$17.99	309 p.
Marquardt, Marie <i>The Radius of Us</i> Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy	9781250096890 St. Martin's Griffin, 2016	\$18.99	295 p.
Maschari, Jennifer <i>Things That Surprise You</i> Maggie Wong, KCLS	978-0-06-243892-8 Balzer + Bray, 2017	\$16.99	276 p.
Matharu, Taran <i>The Battlemage</i> Summoner #3 Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	978-1-250-07632-8 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$18.99	367 p.
McDaniel, Lurlene <i>Somebody's Baby</i> Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9780385744232 Random House, 2017	\$17.99	308 p.
McGee, Katharine <i>The Dazzling Heights</i> , The Thousandth Floor #2 Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library	9780062418623 HarperCollins, 2017	\$18.99	422 p.
McGoran, Jon <i>Spliced</i> Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	978-0-8234-3855-6 Holiday House, 2017	\$18.95	400 p.
McLachlan, Jenny <i>Sun Kissed</i> Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	9781250061508 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$16.99	214 p.
Meadows, Jodi <i>Before She Ignites</i> , Fallen Isles Trilogy #1 Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	978006246903 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$17.99	481 p.

Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School

Merrell, Vanilla <i>Vanilla</i> (ARC) Danielle Dreger-Babbitt, Sno-Isle Libraries	978-1338100921 Push, 2017	\$17.99	320 p.
Meyer, Carolyn <i>Girl with a Camera</i> Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-1-62979-584-3 Calkins Creek, 2017	\$17.95	234 p.
Miller, Darcy <i>Roll</i> <u>Comments:</u> Grades 3-7th Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	9780062461223 Harper, 2017	\$16.99	213 p.
Miller, Sam J. <i>The Art of Starving</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library	9780062456717 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	367 p.
Mlynowski, Sarah <i>I See London, I See France</i> Danielle Dreger-Babbiitt, Sno-isle Libraries	978-0062397072 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	384 p.
Muchamore, Robert <i>People's Republic</i> CHERUB Vol 2 #1 <u>Comments:</u> A slightly older book. There are now four total books in this series. Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School Kirsten Edwards, KCLS	9780340999202 Hodder Children's Books, 2012	\$10.99	416 p.
Muchamore, Robert <i>Black Friday</i> , CHERUB Vol 2 #3 <u>Comments:</u> A slightly older book. There are now four total books in this series. Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	9780340999240 Hodder Children's Books, 2013	\$10.99	400 p.
Nazemian, Abdi <i>The Authentics</i> Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	9780062486462 Balzer + Bray, 2017	\$17.99	282 p.
Nix, Garth and Sean Williams <i>Have Sword, Will Travel</i> Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	978-0-545-25902-6 Scholastic, 2017	\$17.99	288 p.
Noble, Diana J. <i>Evangelina Takes Flight</i> Maggie Wong, KCLS	978-1-55885-848-0 Arte Público Press, 2017	\$10.95	195 p.

O'Connell, Mary Dear Reader Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library	9781250077080 Flatiron Books, 2017	\$17.99	293 p.
Odhiambo, Eucabeth Auma's Long Run Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School	9781512427844 Carolrhoda Lab, 2017	\$17.99	293 p.
Oseman, Alice Radio Silence Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-0-06-233571-5 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	474 p.
Philbrick, Rodman Who Killed Darius Drake? (ARC) Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School	978-0-545-78978-3 Blue Sky Press, 2017	\$17.99	184 p.
Phillips, Rebecca These Things I've Done Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	978-0-06-257090-1 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	334 p.
Pipkin, Bonnie Aftercare Instructions Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	978-1-250-11484-6 Flatiron Books, 2017	\$17.99	352 p.
Pomplun, Tom Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery , Graphic Classics #21 Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy	978-0-9825630-2-1 Eureka Productions, 2011	\$17.95	141 p.
Popovic, Lana Wicked Like A Wildfire Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	978-0-06-243683-2 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$17.99	400 p.
Reintgen, Scott Nyxia Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School	978-0-399-55679-1 Crown, 2017	\$17.99	371 p.
Renner, Benjamin The Big Bad Fox (GN) Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	9781626723313 First Second, 2017	\$15.99	187 p.
Reynolds, Jason Long Way Down (ARC) Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	9781534403222 Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2017	\$17.99	304 p.
Rider, Catherine	978-1-77138-848-1	\$16.99	189 p.

<i>Kiss Me in New York</i> Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Kids Can Press, 2017		
Ridge, Yolanda <i>Inside Hudson Pickle</i> Katy Olson, Monticello Middle School	9781771386203 Kids Can Press, 2017	\$16.99	256 p.
Roat, Sharon Huss <i>How to Disappear</i> Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library	9780062291752 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	377 p.
Roux, Madeleine <i>House of Furies</i> Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy	9780062668530 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	407 p.
Ruby, Laura <i>The Shadow Ciphers</i>, York #1 Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	978-0-06-230693-7 Walden Pond Press, 2017	\$17.99	476 p.
Rue, Ginger <i>Tig Ripley, hard rock</i> Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School	9781585369478 Sleeping Bear Press, 2017	\$16.99	356 p.
Russell, Chris <i>Songs About a Girl</i> Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	978-1-250-09516-9 Flatiron Press, 2017	\$10.99	358 p.
Schwab, Victoria <i>Our Dark Duet</i>, Monsters of Verity #2 Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School	9780062380883 Greenwillow, 2017	\$16.99	501 p.
Sedgwick, Marcus <i>Saint Death</i> Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-1-62672-549-2 Roaring Book Press, 2016	\$17.99	227 p.
Sedoti, Chelsea <i>The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett</i> Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools	978-1-4926-3608-3 Sourcebooks, 2017	\$17.99	383 p.
Self, Jeffery <i>A Very, Very Bad Thing</i> (ARC) Danielle Dreger-Babbiitt, Sno-isle Libraries	978-1338118407 Push, 2017	\$17.99	240 p.
Sellas, George, Lance Tookes, Rick Geary, and Kevin Atkinson 978-0978791926	\$11.95	144 p.	
<i>Graphic Classics: Mark Twain</i> , Graphic Classics #8	Eureka Productions, 2007		

Comments: This book is old, from 2007
Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School

Sher, Abby <i>All the Ways the World Can End</i> Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School Dawn Rutherford, SPL	978-0-374-30425-6 Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017	\$17.99	301 p.
Shinn, Sharon and Molly Knox Ostertag <i>Shattered Warrior</i> (GN) Maggie Block, Skyway Library, KCLS Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	978162672083 First Second, 2017	\$17.99	
Skye, Evelyn <i>The Crown's Fate</i> , The Crown's Game #2 Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	978-0-06-242261-3 Balzer + Bray, 2017	\$17.99	417 p.
Smith, Clete Barrett <i>Mr. 60%</i> Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9780553534665 Crown, 2017	\$17.99	184 p.
Sorosiak, Carlie <i>If Birds Fly Back</i> Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	978-0-06-256396-5 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	432 p.
Stevens, Courtney <i>Dress Codes for Small Towns</i> Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9780062398512 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	337 p.
Stevenson, Nanci Turner <i>Georgia Rules</i> Elizabeth Metcalf, Redmond Middle School	9780062374578 HarperCollins, 2017	\$16.99	261 p.
Stokes, Paula <i>This is how it happened</i> Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	978-0-06-237993-1 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	368 p.
Stone, Danika <i>Internet Famous</i> Katy Olson, Monticello Middle School Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	9781250114372 Swoon Reads, 2017	\$10.99	311 p.
Strand, Jeff <i>Stranger Things Have Happened</i> Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	978-1-4926-4539-9 (pbk.) Sourcebooks Fire, 2017	\$10.99	289 p.

Strasnick, Lauren <i>16 Ways to Break a Heart</i> Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School	9780062418722 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$17.99	194 p.
Sugiura, Misa <i>It's Not Like It's a Secret</i> Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library	9780062473417 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	394 p.
Tarkoff, Sarah <i>Sinless</i> , Eye of the Beholder #1 (ARC) Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School	9780062456380 Harper, 2018	\$15.99	292 p.
Thomas, Kara <i>Little Monsters</i> Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	978-0-553-52149-8 Delacorte, 2017	\$17.99	322 p.
Thornburgh, Blair <i>Who's That Girl</i> Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9780062447777 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	392 p.
Tims, Laura <i>The Art of Feeling</i> Danielle Dreger-Babbitt, Sno-Isle Libraries	978-0062317353 HarperTeen, 2017	\$17.99	336 p.
Vincent, Rachel <i>100 Hours</i> <u>Comments:</u> Cliffhanger ending; open for sequel Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-0-06-241156-3 Katherine Tegen Books, 2017	\$17.99	358 p.
Walton, Julia <i>Words on Bathroom Walls</i> Leighanne Law, Scriber Lake High School Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	9780399550881 Random House, 2017	\$17.99	288 p.
Ward, Kaitlyn <i>Girl in a Bad Place</i> (ARC) Danielle Dreger-Babbiitt, Sno-isle Libraries	978-1338101058 Point, 2017	\$17.99	272 p.
Westerfeld, Scott and Alex Puvilland <i>Spill Zone</i> (GN) Maggie Block, Skyway Library, KCLS	9781596439368 First Second, 2017	\$22.99	
Weston, Carol <i>Speed of Life</i> Maggie Wong, KCLS	978-1-4926-5449-0 Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2017	\$16.99	329 p.

White, Kiersten <i>Now I Rise</i> , And I Darken #2 Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	9780553522358 Delacorte, 2017	\$18.99	459 p.
Williams, Nicole <i>Trusting You and Other Lies</i> Alexis Underhill, North Thurston Public Schools JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	978-0-553-49877-6 Crown, 2017	\$17.99	290 p.
Williamson, Lisa <i>All About Mia</i> (ARC) Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	9781338163988 David Fickling Books, 2017	\$18.99	336 p.
Winfrey, Kerry <i>Love and Other Alien Experiences</i> Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School Katy Olson, Monticello Middle School	9781250119520 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$10.99	258 p.
Zappia, Francesca <i>Eliza and Her Monsters</i> Greenwillow, Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9780062290137 2017	\$17.99	385 p.

NON-FICTION

Albee, Sarah <i>Poison: Deadly deeds, perilous professions, and murderous medicines</i> Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781101932230 Crown, 2017	\$17.99	182 p.
Bergreen, Laurence <i>Magellan Over the Edge of the World</i> Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	978-1626721203 Roaring Book Press, 2017	\$19.99	171 p.
Chanoinat, Philippe and Fabrice Le Henanff <i>Elvis</i> (GN) <u>Comments:</u> English translation Dawn Rutherford, SPL	978-1-68112-076-8 NBM, 2016	\$19.99	
Delacre, Lulu <i>Us, In Progress: Short stories about young Latinos</i> Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9780062392145 HarperCollins, 2017	\$16.99	242 p.
Emmett, Dan <i>I Am a Secret Service Agent: My Life Spent Protecting the President</i> St. Martin's Griffin, 2017 Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9781250130303	\$18.99	200 p.

Espinosa, Matthew <i>More Than Me</i> Danielle Dreger-Babbitt, Sno-Isle Libraries	978-0-06-2490803 HarperCollins, 2017	\$19.99	212 p.
Heiligman, Deborah <i>Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers</i> JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	978-0-8050-9339-1 Henry Holt, 2017	\$19.99	402 p.
Kops, Deborah <i>Alice Paul and the fight for women's rights</i> Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School	9781629793238 Calkins Creek, 2017	\$17.95	220 p.
Latta, Sara <i>Black Holes: The weird science of the most mysterious objects in the universe.</i> 21st Century Books, 2018 Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School	9781512415681	\$37.32	120 p.
McPherson, Stephanie Sammartino <i>Artificial Intelligence: Building smarter machines</i> Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School	9781512418262 21st Century Books, 2018	\$35.99	104 p.
Nguyen, Angela <i>How to Draw Cute Stuff: Draw Anything and Everything in the Cutest Style Ever!</i> Sterling Children's Books, 2017 Dawn Rutherford, SPL	978-1-4549-2564-4	\$12.95	128 p.
O'Reilly, Bill <i>The Day the World Went Nuclear</i> Jay Ball, Kent Phoenix Academy	978-1-250-12033-5 Henry Holt, 2017	\$19.99	302 p.
Pitts, Byron <i>Be the One: Six true stories of teen overcoming hardship with hope</i> Simon & Schuster, 2017 Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9781442483828	\$17.99	119 p.
Prager, Sarah <i>Queer There and Everywhere: 23 people who changed the world</i> Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School	9780062474315 Harper, 2017	\$17.99	259 p.
Ramadier, Mathilde and Anis Depommier <i>Sartre</i> (GN) <u>Comments:</u> English Translation JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	978-1-68112-101-7 NBM Graphic Novels, 2017	\$27.99	147 p.
Ridge, Judith	978-0-7636-9849-1	\$17.99	218 p.

<i>The Book That Made Me</i> Kelly L Crickmore, Issaquah HS	Candlewick, 2017		
Santiago, Wilfred <i>Michael Jordan: Bull on Parade</i> (GN) Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781606997116 Fantagraphics, 2014	\$24.99	188 p.
Speno, Andrew <i>The Great American Foot Race</i> Sarah Hunt, KCLS	9781629796024 Calkins Creek, 2017	\$17.95	175 p.
Stead, Emily <i>Fantastic Fidget Spinners: Everything You Need to Know Plus Amazing Hacks and Hacks</i> <u>Comments:</u> Orig. pub. in the UK in 2017 as Fidget Spinners Kirsten Edwards, KCLS Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School	978-1-250-18034-6 Feiwel & Friends, 2017	\$7.99	95 p.
Tabilio, Marco <i>Marco Polo: Dangers and visions</i> (GN) <u>Comments:</u> translated from Italian (pub. in 2015) by Kerstin Schwandt, price estimated Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School	978-1-5124-1182-9 Graphic Universe, 2017	\$18.00	208 p.
Walker, Sally M. <i>Sinking the Sultana</i> (ARC) Maggie Wong, KCLS	978-0-7636-7755-8 Candlewick, 2017	\$24.99	165 p.
Wallace, Rich and Sandra Neil <i>Blood Brother</i> Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	9781629790947 Calkins Creek, 2016	\$18.95	325 p.
Wilgus, Alison and Molly Brooks <i>Flying Machines: How the Wright Brothers Soared</i> , Science Comics (GN) First Second, 2017 <u>Comments:</u> Grades 4-8th Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School	978-1626721395	\$12.99	128 p.

the end. The story is definitely for more mature readers. There are some very intense scenes, along with several that are gruesome. Recommended for grades 9 and up.

Age Level: High School

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Armstrong, Kelley 9780399550324 \$17.99 375 p.
Missing Random House, 2017

Winter can hardly wait to get out of Reeve's End, away from family drama, her dysfunctional dad & small town life. She's resourceful, able to take care of herself and has a plan. But when people start to go missing from the town, Winter fears her older sister Edie (who everyone thought did get out) is one of the missing, too. City boy, Lennon, appears out of nowhere, hurt and acting strangely. Should she trust him? What is he involved in and is she unwittingly getting involved in something bigger and scarier than she first thought? When Lennon goes missing as well, Winter teams up with his brother Jude to find him. They are soon involved in a cat and mouse game with a sick and twisted entity, one that leaves them gruesome clues, cleans up every trace and makes any adult the kids turn to view them as pranksters. Secrets, twists, turns, and gory reveals. Probably a little too gruesome and mature for my middle school but high school kids who love murder mysteries and the macabre will totally be into this one!

Age Level: High School

Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Baker, Chandler 9781250058744 \$17.99 328 p.
Teen Frankenstein, High School Horror #1 Feiwel and Friends, 2016

After Tor Frankenstein's dad's unexpected death, her mom loses herself in an alcoholic stupor and Tor spends more and more time in the science lab she and her dad had shared. She's conducting experiments to bring dead rats back to life. When she hits and kills a person, she decides to try it on a person instead - and it works! However, there are some unexpected side effects. For those who aren't ready for either the classic Frankenstein by Shelley or the horror novels of Stephen King, this might be a good alternative. There is definitely a conflict of good/evil that Tor is struggling with - although her best friend sees it more clearly than she does. Not the best writing but still engaging.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Bell, Jennifer 978-0553498431 \$16.99 320 p.
The Crooked Sixpence, The Uncommoners #1 (ARC) Crown, 2017

Eleven year old Ivy and her 14 year old brother Seb Sparrow start off this book rocketing through the streets of England in an ambulance. They deposit their fallen and semi-conscious grandmother at the hospital, then the pair returns home to find their house being searched a second time that night. After a chase by strange men, the siblings travel through an uncommon suitcase, with a mysterious boy and end up in Lundinor, a strange place with piles of things everywhere. Joined by Valian, a suspicious older lad who frequently disappears, Ivy makes her way through Lundinor while Seb gets arrested and taken away. Ivy makes new friends with older, kindly women--one of whom is an uncommon button seller who knew her granma, and the other is an uncommon bell seller who was besties

with granma--and both of these women are able to aid Ivy and her companions as they adventure through the city. The siblings are descendants of one of the most wanted families in Lundinor, the Wrenchs. Their grandmother, however, has zero memory of this and cannot help them. The three kids are able to piece bits of information together about super-secret lost items that their grandmother was last seen with, all while being chased by mysterious bad guys who may or may not be dead and also happen to be holding the Sparrows' parents hostage. A fun read for Harry Potter fans, with great B&W drawings.

Age Level: Middle School, Grades 3-7

Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School

Blackwood, Sage 9780062402639 \$16.99 361 p.

Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded Katherine Tegan Books, 2017

Chantel is a student at Miss Ellicott's School for Magical Maidens, where students learn a little bit of Magic, and a lot of Deportment. But when Chantel's familiar crawls into her head, things begin to change: Miss Ellicott disappears, the are Marauders at the gate of the city, and Chantel seems to be the only one who wants to keep the city safe. A charming, sweet, funny and thought-provoking story. No blood on the page (some people die in battle off-page), no cussing, no nekkidness. There is a dragon. The publisher recommends this for ages 8-12, but it can easily go higher, if you don't mind the lack of blood, cussing and nekkidness.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School, Adult, upper elementary

Aarene Storms, KCLS

Blake, Jillian 9781101938966 \$17.99 249 p.

Antisocial Delacorte, 2017

Fresh off a break up with her star basketball player boyfriend, Anna returns to school after winter break with trepidation. She knows the in crowd will shun her now, and they do. After all she was only friends with them because she was dating Palmer. But Anna wonders if her old friends will have her back after having ignored them for the past three months. Nikki and Haven are willing to give it a go, but jaded Rad is slow to forgive Anna and quick to remind the others of Anna's track record. All of this drama, however, takes a back seat when a hacker starts revealing students' private phone records. First, it's just a list of internet searches, but it quickly escalates to private texts being shared, some so egregious that students' college futures are being jeopardized. One by one, students' (starting with the most popular ones) phone records are being leaked, and everyone is scared that they will be next. Students are forced to evaluate what things they have said to and about each other, all the while trying to figure out who the hacker is. *Antisocial* serves as a cautionary tale about internet safety that reminds readers to be true to their friends. Grades 8+.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

Blake, Jillian 978-1-101-93896-6 \$17.99 249 p.

Antisocial Delacorte, 2017

Anna Soler suffers from social anxiety disorder--social interactions, especially social media create significant anxiety for her. On top of this, Anna has just managed to get her life back together after her recent whirlwind relationship and tragic, holiday break-up with the most

popular basketball player in school. She's off the Xanax and she's trying to make amends with the friends she abandoned when she became "the girlfriend" of a popular sports player and was thrust into the top echelon of high school social status. Fortunately, most of her real friends forgive Anna--in particular, Jethro Stephens, who has always been a close friend, with the promise of something more. Anna seems to be reclaiming her "pre-popular boyfriend" life when a strange email is sent out to everyone in the school listing what appear to be searches on Google. It turns out a glitch in the school app enabled someone access to all school accounts and that person was sending out searches made by students. It seemed innocuous enough, but soon, the emails and text messages escalate into the private lives of both students and teachers, creating chaos and eventually, disaster. One of Anna's friends, a computer geek named Rad, is blamed for these increasingly harmful pranks, to the point where he goes into hiding to protect himself. Yet, it turns out he, too, is a victim. Together, Anna, Rad and her friends seek out the mysterious troll in order to stop the harassment and clear Rad's name. This novel provides a decent exploration of the harm comes from a prank that goes too far, especially when the internet is used; it reinforces the fact that once something is posted online, it is there forever. I was, however, disappointed in Anna's supposed social anxiety. At first, she appeared to suffer acute anxiety over small social interactions, however, as the story progressed, she seemed to lose her anxiety nearly completely--quite the opposite of what a reader would expect as the circumstances intensify and worsen. Overall, a good read--one better for high school, but with some room for mature middle schoolers.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Bloom, Ira	978-1-338-03073-0	\$17.99	352 p.
<i>Hearts & Other Body Parts</i>	Scholastic, 2017		

If you love witches, we have three sisters that are all very different and each has special talents. If you love vampires we have 2 evil and mesmerizing, we also have a giant seemingly held together with bolts, then this is a book for you. As you can imagine the sisters all fall in love with the beguiling vampire Zack. Our giant Frank N. Stein (Norm) is the quiet good guy in love with the oldest sister. As the love war begins, so does the mystery of girls going missing in the area. This book is a fun romantic mystery for those who loved the vampire craze, not like other romance books I have read, still a fun read!

Age Level: High School

Kelly L. Crickmore, Issaquah High School

Bodeen, S. A.	978-1-250-02783-2	\$16.99	152 p.
<i>Found</i>, Shipwreck Island #4	Feiwel and Friends, 2017		

This book is a nice ending to the series. The blended Robinson family is running out of time to help the space alien Leo finish his work on Earth so he can return to his planet. Two new dangerous arrivals to the island are looking for hidden treasure. Sarah is forced to help treasure hunter Fox find his treasure while his sidekick, Bettina, holds Sarah's step-mom, the skipper and his granddaughter captive. Meanwhile Sarah's dad and her two step-brothers are trying to navigate around the island's crazy, dangerous creatures to get help and rescue the others. Despite their dangerous predicament, Sarah takes some comfort in how their adventures have made them a true family. Tweens and teens who've read thus

far in the series will enjoy this satisfying finale as it's full of the same action, adventure, and bizarre animal creations.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Bowen, Fred 978-1-56145-956-8 \$6.95 133 p.
Outside Shot Peachtree Publishers, 2017

Ritchie Mallon is known for his basketball shooting skills. He's very disappointed when he doesn't make the starting five on his 8th grade school team because he knows he's the best shooter. But with the help of the coach's daughter and some self-reflection, he focuses on improving the other parts of his game when he's subbed in, his rebounds and assists. When Ritchie hits the inevitable shooting slump, he panics but learns game after game, defense and teamwork win the game. Reluctant reader appeal. Easier reading. Good basketball action and Ritchie's game stats are fun and helpful. A focus on the game action itself will appeal to students who don't want a whole lot of exposition.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Burks, James 978-0-545-80429-5 \$19.99 189 p.
Bird & Squirrel On Fire, Bird & Squirrel #4 (GN) Graphix, 2017

After some wild adventures in the three previous books, Bird and Squirrel return to their tree home in the forest. Bird wants to throw a party but Squirrel wants to clean up the house and there are other problems in the forest. A beaver dam has dried up the river and there's no water when a forest fire breaks out. Bird and Squirrel battle the fire and a big bunch of mean rats but get separated. Eventually, Squirrel comes home to find Bird has mated and there's a new little Birdie. Colorful graphics, a little word play and it's all good fun. I loved it. Elementary but reluctant readers and ELL students will enjoy it.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, Too young for YA
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Cohen-Scali, Sarah 9781626720718 \$21.99 421 p.
Max Roaring Brook Press, 2017

Appalling. That's the only word to describe this book, and it isn't a descriptor of the writing style. Sarah Cohen-Scali has unearthed a bit of German history and told it in the voice of an innocent whose innocence is lost at his conception. Max is a planned baby, but not in the sense that we understand planning. He is part of the Lebensborn program in Nazi Germany, which means he is the progeny of a young woman chosen specifically for "breeding" with a SS Officer. Max's story starts before his birth and continues until the Americans free Berlin. What follows is a chronicle of not just the program designed to create babies with the correct genetic traits, but the subsequent decimation of those babies and experiments done on them. Later parts cover the kidnapping of blonde haired, blue eyed children in Poland as Konrad (Max's given name) describes his part in acting as a decoy for the Brown Sisters as they gathered up and "Germanized" or euthanized. It is there that Max meets Lucas, a Polish young man who meets all the criteria of the Master Race. . .and who is a Jew. Lucas becomes like a brother to Max, and the two are ultimately shipped to the combat school "Napola" where they are to be trained as Hitler Youth, the next bastion as German soldiers

are being used up. This is a translation of a book published in France first, and it is destined to create quite a stir. Max describes copulation crudely and has such a worldly, superior attitude that he is a protagonist that readers will alternately loathe and pity. The story concludes with an Author's Note that reveals the sad truths contained in this story that will leave readers speechless. The subject matter, though narrated by a child, is definitely for those who are more mature, but the truth of the story will resonate and inspire readers to think deeply about that period of time in history.

Age Level: Junior High, High School, Adult

Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

Cotugno, Katie 9780062418272 \$17.99 324 p.
Fireworks Balzer + Bray, 2017

Katie Cotugno knows how to set up romances that stress me out! Dana and Olivia have been best friends forever in their little Georgia town, but Olivia has always known she was destined for greatness. Since childhood, Olivia has been participating in pageants and auditions that have groomed her for stardom. Dana has been the product of a mother who finds more interest in her booze and partying than in her daughter. In the absence of a guiding force, Dana has always just expected to become a waitress in her small town, content to be in the shadow of Olivia. With nothing better to do, she agrees to go with Olivia to Orlando as moral support while Olivia auditions to be part of a girl band specifically built by Guy Monroe (who seems to be loosely patterned after Simon Cowell) called Daisy Chain. It is there that Dana is discovered, and that discovery threatens to completely blow her longtime friendship apart. To both of the girls' surprise, both Dana and Olivia make the cut and enter the dog-eat-dog world of music. Dana is a diamond in the rough, a little naïve, and is totally unprepared for the world she is about to enter. When Daisy Chain is disbanded, Dana and Olivia are pitted as rivals: Guy will take one of them on the road for a concert tour. The other will be dropped. Suddenly, Dana realizes this might just be the ticket out of her dead-end life in Jessell. While the story features a romance between Dana and the top talent of Hurricane State (the boy band equivalent of Daisy Chain), Alex, the romance isn't the only component. This is very much a story about friendship. It's also about loyalty—which includes a character who must determine whether she needs to remain loyal to her original dream of becoming a doctor. The age of the protagonists nudge this close to the "new adult" category of books, but it will appeal to upper junior high students as well. There's nothing particularly ground breaking in this title, but with the continuing popularity of American Idol and America's Got Talent and reality shows of that ilk, this will provide an interesting glimpse into the sordid underbelly of the music industry with a plot that will appeal to fans of the genre.

Age Level: High School

Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

Culvertson, Kim 978-0545731515 \$17.99 336 p.
The Wonder of Us (ARC) Point, 2017

Told from alternating points of view, Riya moved out of Yuba Ridge, CA and basically out of Abby's life the summer before their junior year, which is the same year Abby's parents got divorced and her mom moved in with her dentist boyfriend. The girls have been best friends forever, and though their interests vary quite a bit--Abby an introverted history

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Emerson, Kevin 978-06-230671-5 \$16.99 326 p.

Last Day on Mars, Chronicle of the Dark Star #1 Walden Pond Press, 2017

It is Earth year 2213 and Mars has been colonized by the human race. However, Mars is no longer the final destination for humans. Liam, our MC, is one of the few remaining humans on Mars, as the human race prepares for a lengthy to Aaru-5, a more habitable planet for humans. The book follows Liam's final hours on Mars, ranging from getting into mischief with his friends Phoebe and Shawn, to going over protocols for the long journey, packing, and getting in some bonding time with his sister, Mina. During the countdown to departure from Mars, Liam and Phoebe are both stuck at the observatory their parents work at. Liam's parents are scientists and have been playing a critical role in making sure life on Aaru-5 is successful for humans. During the final hours on Mars, unknown and unprepared for dangers pop-up with Liam quickly realizing that asteroids and black-holes are now the least of his worries. While the book did have a bit of slow start for me (first foray into Sci-Fi), by the end, I was thoroughly engaged and completely ready for book two. Yes, it does end on a cliff-hanger, luckily, book two will be released in early 2018.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Richele Buoy, Mill Creek Middle School

Eulberg, Elizabeth 9780545956284 \$17.99 246 p.
Just Another Girl Point, 2017

Told in alternating voices, *Just Another Girl*, highlights insecurities and confusion that can come with growing up. Hope has had a crush on her best friend, Brady, for years. She even joined the Rube Goldberg club to spend more time with him. She feels like they are perfect for one another. They like all the same things and finish each others' sentences. There's just one problem...his girlfriend, Parker. Hope wishes she could compete with someone so perfect. Parker knows people see her life as perfect, if they only knew the truth. She wishes her life could feel as safe and happy as Hope's. I enjoyed the story-line as it developed through first Hope's and then Parker's points of view. I wish the characters were a little more balanced. Hope seemed a little too whiny and entitled at times. Parker seemed more likable but somewhat stuck in a victim role. They both change over the course of the novel and Brady gets a little voice time, too, so overall I think teens reading this book will get something genuine from it. Grades 7 and up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Evans, Maz 978-1-338-06566-5 \$16.99 307 p.
Who Let the Gods Out Chicken House, 2017

Young book that tries for the breezy tone of Riordan's mythology in modern days Percy Jackson series, but is not as clever. Centers around a mortal boy, Elliot, who accidentally frees a Daemon, Thanatos, who now wants to get 4 elemental stones to conquer the earth. Elliot and Virgo, an immortal now stripped of her powers until the daemon is returned to

out stronger and makes a pretty amazing new friend along the way. Overall, I found this to be a great read with a wonderful art twist and non-stereotypical protagonist.

Age Level: Middle School, High School
Richele Buoy, Mill Creek Middle School

Gemeinhart, Dan 978-1-338-05384-5 \$16.99 249 p.
Scar Island Scholastic, 2017

Reformatory kids stuck on an island when all the adults die in a lightning strike. Instead of heading straight back, or letting anyone know about this, they decide to stay and be in charge of themselves for a little bit. It does definitely reference *Lord of the Flies*, but it is different. No killing, a few minor tortures, and a backstory for the main character who is beating himself up over the crime that got him sent there. Good stuff.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Giff, Patricia Reilly 9780823438006 \$16.95 240 p.
Genevieve's War Holiday House, 2017

Genevieve's War brings the skilled storytelling of a master craftsman to the middle school historical novel. The setting, a border village in Alsace on the eve of World War II is completely immersive. All the characters, from the spoilt 13-year-old on the verge of young-womanhood and her crusty, war-haunted grand-mere, to the supporting cast are fully-rounded characters. The villains and heroes alike motivated by fear, affection, hatred or pride; but the crisis of the Nazi invasion becomes a crucible for Genevieve, her friends' and the other villagers' choices. The thematic elements, including the emotional truth of Genevieve's coming of age, move smoothly in concert with the plot, which has plenty of tension but is never rushed. Altogether a thoroughly satisfying read.

Age Level: Middle School
Kirsten Edwards, KCLS

Grey, Melissa 9780385744676 \$17.99 421 p.
The Shadow Hour, *The Girl at Midnight #2* Delacorte, 2016

This is the second book in *The Girl at Midnight* trilogy. There are two types of magical beings living unknown amongst the humans of a contemporary world – the Avicen (birdlike) and Drakharin (dragonlike). They look almost human except for their eyes, and the small smattering of feathers or scales they have on their bodies. These two creatures have been at war with each other for centuries for control of the Earth.

The Shadow Hour picks up right where *The Girl at Midnight* left off. Echo has become the Firebird and is on the run with her interspecies mix of friends. Echo discovers that not only was the Firebird unleashed but it's counterpoint – an evil that has started killing humans, and magical creatures alike. Echo is still working out exactly what her powers are and how to use them, while at the same time trying to figure out what this new evil is. They are also trying to formulate a plan to stop Tanith, the new Dragon Prince who is determined to wipe out the Avicen. The book is mostly introspective – going more in depth on the character development, and less on the plotting and action like the first book. This book has quite a few death and destruction scenes, but nothing really graphic. The book is heavy on the

Making friends was never easy for Dylan – having cancer, a crazy mom and living in a crappy trailer didn't help. For years World of Warcraft was his only way to connect with others and that's how he found his best friend, Arden. Now that he is unexpectedly in remission, Dylan wants to break away from his unhappy life, meet Arden in person and go on a real world quest. Arden is down for the adventure because even though her life looks really nice from the outside, she has her own struggles. This was a thought provoking book that had me wondering how different audiences might perceive the romantic relationship that develops between Dylan (a gay boy) and Arden (a transgender girl). Dylan is honest about his struggle in finding a girl attractive for the first time, but at times he uses male pronouns (her birth assigned gender) when referring to Arden. Is there a subtle indication that Arden is still really a boy and that's why a gay boy falls for her? I don't know. So...thought provoking and leaves me with mixed feelings. Grades 9+ due to sex on the page.

Age Level: High School
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Hillyer, Lexa 9780062440877 \$17.99 353 p.
Spindle Fire, Spindle Fire #1 HarperTeen, 2017

Told in alternating voices of half sisters, Isabelle and Aurora, *Spindle Fire* is a twist on the fairy tale, Sleeping Beauty. Many elements of the original are interwoven into Hillyer's adaptation: the prick of the spindle, the sleeping sickness, the magic of true love, the fate of a kingdom, and a fairy's whims. *Spindle Fire* is more about the two girls saving themselves, each other or their kingdoms rather than just waiting for prince charming to come along and save the day. Albeit, there is an element of romance and the princes or leading male protagonists play an important role. I liked the idea. The writing was beautiful. The story wasn't as fast-paced or compelling as I would have hoped but I think students who like the retelling genre and pure fantasy will find something to love in *Spindle Fire*.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Holt, Kimberly Willis 9781627793247 \$16.99 323 p.
Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Hotel Henry Holt, 2017

Stevie lives a life filled with music, gardens and joy. But when unspeakable tragedy strikes, she must leave all she knows behind to live with a grandfather she hadn't even known existed. Her new life at the Texas Sunrise Hotel, in the room attached to the bloomin' office, is both unfamiliar and intriguing. What secrets from Stevie's past are buried here? *Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Hotel* shares Stevie's journey through grief, finding a new home, unearthing family history and finding roots in a new community. Highly recommend this lovely, heart-warming & heartbreaking middle grade novel by an award-winning author! Grades 6-8

Age Level: Middle School
Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Holt, Kimberly Willis 9781627793247 \$16.99 328 p.
Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Motel Henry Holt, 2017

Stevie has two wonderful, loving parents who run a farm in New Mexico and live in an abandoned church. However, after her parents get hit by a drunk driver, Stevie finds herself on a bus to a grandfather she never knew she had. Her grandfather, Winston, was her mother's father, but her parents never talked about him, and Winston says little to Stevie. Excited to be in a new middle school with the cute boy whose father works at the motel, Stevie finds out that she is instead going to be homeschooled by an ancient woman who has some secrets about Stevie's mother. After befriending the employees and renters at the Texas Sunrise Motel, Stevie works on Winston with her cooking, manners, music, and gardening. But then Stevie finds out that she has more secret family members, and has to make a choice. I quite enjoyed Stevie's story and think that the age range of 8-14 is fairly accurate since Stevie is 13, and the book is accessible for younger students. In fact, I kept thinking she was between 8-10 because of her sweet innocence. I also like finding stories about other mixed people--Stevie is mixed Hispanic and White.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
 Andrea Maddox, The Overlake School

Kaplan, A. E. 9780399555541 \$17.99 312 p.
Grendel's Guide to Love and War Alfred A. Knopf, 2017

This has to be one of my favorite books of 2017. It has everything. Quirky, lovable characters, hijinks, and romance all rolled into a book that delves into some relatively serious issues. Tom Grendel could best be described as a nerd. Readers are introduced to Grendel through his observations of the one counseling session he and his older sister, Zipora, attended just after his mother's death. His best friend, Ed, is an entrepreneurial genius Asian boy whose goal in life is to become a vintner. This dynamic duo must take on the evil genius, Rex Rothgar, whose mother is absent, thereby leaving the summer home Rex and his swoon-worthy sister, Willow, open for parties. The parties are enough to send Tom's father, a veteran of a tour in Iraq, into a state of catatonia. What follows is an escalation of laugh-out-loud pranks designed to bring the parties to a halt—while still enabling Tom to woo the fair Willow Rothgar. If the names sound familiar, it is the result of Kaplan's nod to the epic poem, "Beowulf." The Author's Note at the end is bound to pique the curiosity of those readers who may now find themselves drawn to the classic.

Age Level: High School
 Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

Kaplan, A. E. 978-0-399-55554-1 \$17.99 308 p.
Grendel's Guide To Love and War Alfred A. Knopf, 2017

Tom Grendel spends his summer days mowing the lawns and tending the gardens of the elderly in his sleepy retirement community in Virginia. His mother died when Tom was nine, and his clearest memory about her is her painting flowers in the kitchen while he played with his toys on the floor. His father, a military man, returned from his last tour of duty with severe PTSD which he has not received help for. His older sister escaped this tragic situation by leaving home for college. Tom takes pains to interview all the elderly people he works for, keeping journals of all the interviews in attempt to preserve their memories and lives. He has learned to maneuver around his father's bouts of depression and anxiety, and does his best to protect his dad from undue stress. However, Tom's life is disrupted when the elderly lesbian couple next door move out, leaving the house to a

daughter, who had visited from time-to-time over the years, and her two, now teen children, Willow and Rex Rothgar. Rex has always been the bane of Tom's existence, yet he's always found himself attracted to Willow. Ellen, Willow and Rex's mother, leaves the teens alone while she pursues her journalism career, and Rex, having no empathy for others in the neighborhood, throws huge, all-night parties, the noise of which causes Tom's dad to seek solace by leaving the state entirely "for work." It is up to Tom and his friend Ed to figure out a way to stop the noisy parties without being caught by Rex and, eventually, his cousin, Wolf, another nefarious character who once had a relationship with Tom's sister, Zip. Zip arrives mid-story and aids Tom and Ed in their task, but it isn't until the various retirees of the neighborhood get involved, under Tom's direction, that they finally find some peace and quiet. This is a hilarious story, with allusions to Beowulf which need not be identified by the reader to "get it". A bit mature, perhaps for some middle school students, definitely suited for high school.

Age Level: High School

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Kirby, Matthew J. 978-0-545-85553-2 \$9.99 343 p.

Tomb of the Khan, Assassin's Creed: Last Descendants #2 Scholastic, 2017

For fans of the video game series, "Assassin's Creed," this book will be welcomed. All others will find it a perfunctory fiction novel. Kirby knows his business, this is not bad, but will only appeal to fans, of whom there are many. There are characters we care about on both sides of an ancient war between the Templars and the Assassins. They will switch loyalty and try to discover which side is really good, all while going to the past periodically in the memories of their ancestors.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Krawitz, Susan 9780823437566 \$16.95 233 p.

Viva, Rose! Holiday House, 2017

The year is 1915, and 13-year-old Rose Solomon is tired of being a child but not ready to be married off to a nice Jewish man, as her mother wishes. When she sees a newspaper photo of her brother Abraham standing next to the revolutionary Pancho Villa, she never dreams that she, too, will soon join the Villistas. A nice historical novel, mixing people and events of record with the author's own family stories.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Aarene Storms, KCLS

Lambert, Mary 978-0-545-93198-4 \$16.99 245 p.

Family Game Night Scholastic, 2017

Annabelle has a five-mile radius rule for a good reason, she can't have anyone see how her family lives. Her mom has a collecting problem and it is spreading throughout the house. Each room is categorized and organized, and stuffed to the ceiling with "stuff." Canned foods in the office, linens in the living room, toys in her sister's room, and old workout and camping equipment in her older brother's room. Annabelle and her family all deal with her mom's issues in different ways, but what happens when her dad has had enough and leaves, Grandma Nora arrives to "help", and her crush Drew breaks the five-mile radius rule

Avani Patel does NOT like her new town, she does not like her classmates, she does not like Flower Scouts (she misses Pine Scouts), and does not like the vapid girls who only want to talk fashion and cute boys. Luckily for her a Star Scout named Mabel teleports her aboard her spaceship instead of a newt, and Avani gets swept up into the excited world of Star Scouts! Avani loves training to get badges in subjects like jet packs, robotics, and moon rocks! And she's thrilled when her dad doesn't notice that he's signing the permission form for Star Scout's Camp Amdromeda, instead of the Flower Scout's permission form! Avani is thrilled to spend a whole week with her troop in Camp Amdromeda, but gets caught up in a fierce rivalry with another camper named Pam. They end up competing for a chance to stay a Star Scout, which puts Avani at a disadvantage- she's only been a Star Scout for two months after all!- Will Avani earn her right to stay a Star Scout? Will she be able to rise above her misgiving about Pam and get into the true purpose of collaboration Camp Amdromeda was built on? You'll have to read and see. A great read a like for folks for loved *Zita The Space Girl*, and *Cleopatra in Space!*

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Maggie Block, Skyway Library KCLS

Lawrence, Mike	978-1-62672-280-4	\$14.99	185 p.
<i>Star Scouts</i> (GN)	First Second, 2017		

Avani has moved to a new town and is struggling to meet friends. She is a Pine Scout and interested in science and action, but her new Flower Scout troop is all about boys and beauty. When she is mistakenly transported (instead of a newt) to a Star Scout meeting, she instantly finds her people and ends up going to Camp Andromeda and working on her Laser badge. A cute, cartoonish, well-drawn graphic novel for late elementary and early middle school.

Age Level: Middle School, Too young for YA
Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Lee, Fonda	9780545933438	\$17.99	369 p.
<i>Exo</i>	Scholastic, 2017		

This book takes place in a futuristic western United States 100 years after an alien race has invaded and colonized the planet. The Zhree aliens have chosen to share their technology with a small group of humans, while the remaining humans live in less than perfect conditions. It is in these unprotected areas that some humans are part of Sapience, a terrorist movement that aims to drive out the alien invaders. It is on a raid against suspected Sapience operatives that the main character, Donovan, a member of the Special Forces, finds himself kidnapped. Donovan is much more than just a Special Forces operative, he is the son of the Prime Liaison who is the highest ranking human in the government. You are dropped right into the action, which is nonstop from the first paragraph. There is a lot of book related vocabulary introduced in the first few chapters, that takes some time to understand. Sensitive readers may object to the use of torture and derogatory slang. Deaths are numerous, but not graphic in nature. While the book may be action packed it gives the reader a lot to think about as well. There is conflict, but no clear path. The book revels in the murkiness of the gray area and the main character, Donovan finds himself struggling to make choices or to have a definitive answer to important questions. There are some heavy topics covered and the book will have you thinking about

them long after you put it down. The characters are well developed, the world building is very well done. The plot at times can struggle, but overall the book is recommended. Appropriate for grades 7 up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Lee, Stacey 9780062428325 \$17.99 376 p.
The Secret of a Heart Note Katherine Tegen Books, 2016

There are many ways to galvanize the process of falling in love. In Mim's world, one option is securing the services of an Aromateur. Aromateurs are basically human, but they have an enhanced sense of smell. They use this superpower to combine scents which occur in the natural world into elixirs that spur on the love lives of the forlorn. Mim was born to this calling. As one might imagine, entering high school with "love witch" powers has its complications. Lee's created a world very near our own. Mim lives in the San Francisco Bay area, and locations are depicted in an intriguing way. Many members of the diverse supporting cast are vivid, fleshed-out people who could sustain books of their own. In order to convey Mim's in-depth experience of scent, Lee describes plants and aromas in intense detail. Many readers will find this evocatively heightens their own senses of smell, as they become more aware of their surroundings. Mim is depicted as fifteen years old, and middle schoolers will enjoy sinking their teeth into this hefty contemporary romance. High schoolers and adults will enjoy the descriptive language and world-building.

Recommended for all popular collections serving teen audiences.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School, Adult
Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

McBride, Lish 978-0-8050-9863-1 \$18.99 323 p.
***Pyromantic*, Firebug #2** Henry Holt, 2017

2nd book of Firebug series finds Ava, a firebug, still playing magical enforcer for the magical group called the Coterie. Her new boss is better, but trouble breaks out everywhere, with magic creatures on the loose and seemingly mad. Ava and her friends must use their talents to investigate and isolate the cause, all while being snarky and funny. Lots of cool magical creatures and abilities, and a somewhat funny cause. This is a strong book in a magical category that doesn't have too many solid books in it. Recommended.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

McKinlay, Meg 978-0-7636-8837-0 \$17.99 267 p.
A Single Stone Candlewick, 2017

For all of Jena's life, her village has lived at the mercy of the surrounding mountains. The Mothers instilled in them a reverence for these rocks that have trapped them. Jena is lucky to be the leader of the line--the group of seven girls that traverse the narrow, winding paths deep into the mountain searching for mica--blue stones that emit heat when struck. Mica is their only heat source in winter. Her family gets extra rations of food and mica. Years ago, they lived beyond the mountains and men carved paths through the mountain to steal its shiny plunder until one day the mountains' wrath threw huge boulders until only a small group remained that was trapped in a small valley with no escape. It was a miracle when

seven women crawled out. The Mothers then decreed that only girls (7 at a time) could enter the mountain for mica. In this society, babies are valued for their smallness and are wrapped tightly at birth to restrict growth and keep bones flexible for working the line. When babies are born earlier and earlier, Jena investigates. After a girl in the line dies mysteriously, Jena finds an unusual stone that has her questioning everything. Teens and tweens who have loved other dystopian books will like this one too. It's full of mystery, action, and suspense that will keep kids reading.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Additional comments: Originally published 2015 in Australia
 Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

McManus, Karen M. 9781524714680 \$17.99 358 p.
One of Us is Lying Delacorte, 2017

Secrets can kill you. . .or at least ruin your life. Stuck in detention for egregious possession of cell phones, Bronwyn, Addy, Cooper, and Nate become the target for a police investigation into the murder of Simon Kelleher. Everyone has reason to want Simon dead. Ever the outsider, Simon created About That--an insidious app that makes all the things a high school student wishes were secret very public. Even worse, Simon has the reputation for accuracy. As the investigation unfolds, these four unlikely students must face their worst nightmares. Bronwyn is outed for publicly cheating to get a good grade. Addy's tryst with a guy other than her long-time boyfriend goes public. Cooper is accused of doping, but that is really a cover for a much bigger secret that could damage his hopes of a Major League Baseball career. Nate is an easy fall guy, since he already has a criminal record. Told in alternating voices, each character's journey to their own truths as well as the final reveal of who actually killed Simon will appeal to mystery fans--especially fans of Sara Shepard's "Pretty Little Liars" series. This debut author has entered the YA circle with a bang. . .or maybe just an anaphylactic shock.

Age Level: High School

Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

McNamee, Graham 9780553498950 \$17.99 228 p.
Defender Wendy Lamb Books, 2016

Tiny lives in the slums and hopes to get out on a basketball scholarship. In the meantime, she helps her dad with his job as the maintenance guy at their apartment building. One day, she finds a dead girl's body. When her dad comes back from investigating, he tells her she must have imagined it. She knows what she saw, however, and is determined to figure out what happened. But there are people who don't want their secrets revealed and Tiny is in more danger than she realizes. Perfect for those who like gritty, suspenseful reads. There are situations that one would expect to find in an inner-city setting: drug and alcohol use, prostitution, violence, etc. Not for naive or timid readers.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Merschel, Michael 9780823436675 \$17.95 312 p.
Revenge of the Star Survivors Holiday House, 2017

Clark has had to move to a new town in the middle of eighth grade, and it's not good. He feels like an alien surrounded by incomprehensible life forms, many who clearly do not mean him well. He's smart, and a big fan of a thinly veiled Star Trek analog, *Star Survivors*, frequently referring to quotes or situations in the series or movies to help him through difficulties. One bully in particular drives him to find ways to hide during school. He finds a couple of other students similarly hiding, and eventually they share tips and move ever so slowly toward friendship and cooperation. All three are science fiction fans, and some of their sneaking methods are just on the edge of believability – skipping classes repeatedly, hidden doors between rooms, a basement drain into a large chamber in the storm water system. Clark has been misidentified as a low level student, but won't involve his parents. The librarian is an ally and one of the few standing up to the dictatorial principal protecting the star athlete bully. The climax is also almost believable, and satisfying, though the results are a little too good. Clark describes abusive language rather than quoting, so it's clean, and personal attractions are discreet and appropriate. It's a good encouragement to stand up and persevere as necessary. And let people help you. gr. 6-10

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School

Mesrobian, Carrie	978-0-06-234991-0	\$17.99	293 p.
<i>Just a Girl</i>	HarperCollins, 2017		

Rarely am I a fan of third person narration--unless it is done as beautifully as Mesrobian. Rianne Hettrick is a young woman at loose ends. Dubbed "Hat Trick" by one of her closest friends because she hooked up with three different guys in one night, Rianne is ashamed of her curvy body but is not apologetic about her use of substances or her parade of sexual partners. The truth is, Rianne is bored--bored with the parties, bored with unfulfilling sex, and over her small town and its constrictions. Rianne's mother is over Rianne's lack of interest in schoolwork and her general disregard of anything that is important to her mother. It is that frustration that prompts her mother to supply the ultimatum that she is no longer going to involve herself in her daughter's decisions and Rianne must move out as soon as graduation is over. Enter Sergei, a twenty-five year old Russian man who has come to the small town of Wereford to study botany at the local community college as well as the distillation of vodka. Sergei rapidly becomes Rianne's kryptonite with his skillful lovemaking and his stories of exotic places that Rianne longs to see. This hauntingly tragic story is as painful to read as it is engaging. This contains mature content and an ending that will likely cause school librarians a great deal of angst as, after knowing him for only a few months, Rianne rides away from her small town on raft of promises from Sergei with only a duffel bag and nary a word to her parents or friends about where she is going or with whom.

Age Level: High School, Adult

Additional comments: This has several explicit sexual scenes.

Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

O'Sullivan, Joanne	978-0-7636-9034-2	\$16.99	267 p.
<i>Between Two Skies</i>	Candlewick, 2017		

Hurricane Katrina decimated Evangeline's hometown in the Louisiana bayou. Her family's home and business are destroyed, but luckily they evacuated in time and have family in

Atlanta who is willing and able to help them. Evangeline is surprised to find Tru, a boy she met back home, is also attending her new school. It helps to have someone who understands what she's going through and it doesn't hurt that he's cute. As Evangeline's family adjusts she feels guilty that she and her mother are clearly thriving in Atlanta while her sister and dad are struggling. Is it wrong if her life is better now? But, she still loves her home. This novel makes it clear that surviving a natural disaster like Katrina means a lot more than just making it through the storm. The aftermath can be just as scary and confusing. 3 stars. Recommend grades 7+.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Orchard, Eric 9781626721067 \$17.99 126 p.
Bera the One-Headed Troll (GN) First Second, 2016

Bera is a gentle pumpkin farmer for the Troll King. She just finished the fall harvest when she noticed the nefarious mermaids threatening a human infant. Bera saves the infant from the mermaids and sets out on a "quick day trip" with her sidekick owl. They're searching to find a hero who can return the child to the human village. Alas, none of the famous heroes from troll lore are up to the task and Bera steps into the role. Orchard's drawing and coloration alludes to French animation style, especially the Triplets of Belleville. Here is a story about a reluctant hero stepping up. It's not glamorous or traditionally beautiful but it is a heartwarming tale. Hand this to elementary students who like unconventional heroes or families who read together.

Age Level: Too young for YA
Maggie Wong, KCLS

Paige, Danielle 978-0-06-242377-1 \$18.99 277 p.
The End of Oz, Dorothy Must Die #4 Harper, 2017

Didn't read the rest of the series, but there is enough summary to catch up, even though this is book four. Sassy, snarky tone from the earlier books continues. Dorothy has lived through a near-death experience and is taken to the neighboring land of Ev where she will be forced to marry the handsome but nefarious ruler of Ev. Dorothy always has a plan, but so does Amy, who is brought with her friends to Ev by the yellow-brick road, to finally finish off Dorothy forever. Good conclusion to the series.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Paige, Danielle 978-0-06-242377-1 \$18.99 277 p.
The End of Oz, Dorothy Must Die #4 HarperCollins, 2017

Wearing Dorothy's lost silver slippers, Amy Gumm and her ex-nemesis-turned-friend Madison Pendleton, and kinda-boyfriend, Nox have been suddenly whisked out of Kansas back to Oz. The Road of Yellow Brick takes them high above Oz, across the lethal Deadly Desert, and deposits them at the edge of the dry, devastated wasteland, Ev, that is ruled by the Nome King. Here they are "escorted" by grotesquely disfigured minions of the ruling Princess, who later is discovered to have a long and emotionally complicated relationship with Nox. It is in the Princess's dark palace that they discover Dorothy still lives, rescued from certain death by the Nome King, who wants to marry Dorothy and combine their

formidable magicks to rule over a united Oz and Ev. Recognizing the true intent of the Nome King, a now-magic-less Dorothy must use all her cunning to attempt to escape the Nome King's lair. Amy and her colleagues use the wedding as their last best chance of defeating Dorothy once and for all. Although initially sent out to kill Dorothy, Amy has learned that this strategy will not succeed. Her only hope is to discover a way to find Dorothy's lost humanity. A fast-paced and intense finale to the series. Suitable for middle and high school, although there are some expletives.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Additional comments: Last of a four-part series

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Peet, Mal 978-0-7636-7842-5 \$17.99 261 p.
Beck Candlewick, 2016

Beck is orphaned, sent to a religious facility, abused and farmed out for slave labor. There, he runs into a few people who help shape him as a young man. He does a little time as a bootlegger, itinerant traveler and finally a close relationship with a lady unlike him, yet perfect for him. Definitely for high school and above, don't know how much draw there will be for this book, except for a quiet, thoughtful student who enjoys well-written books with excellent character development.

Age Level: High School, Adult

Michael Fleming, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Powell, Marie and Jeff Norton 978-1-77138-730-9 \$17.95 361 p.
Keeping the Beat KCP Loft, 2017

Five teenage girls. One all girl rock-band called. One UK/US talent competition show. One grand prize of stardom. Five teenage UK young ladies on the loose in Los Angeles without their parents for the first time...what could go wrong? The story opens with one of the band members dead and goes back several months in the past telling the story of how the band Crush was formed, their journey through the talent competition show, their adventures in Los Angeles, and eventually reaching the band members death. The story is told from multiple points of view (possibly as many as 10). However, the story is mainly told from and revolves around Harper, Lucy, Iza, Toni, and Robyn – the five members of the band Crush. Harper is the lead singer, and only cares about two things: herself and getting back with her ex-boyfriend, Rafe. Due to this Harper makes a lot of poor choices throughout the novel. Lucy plays the drums, is very caring and compassionate about the rest of her bandmates and experiences the most self-growth within the novel. Iza plays the piano, is a mixture of innocent and socially awkward and experiences some hard lessons due to her innocence. Toni plays bass, LOVES the spotlight and flirts with their much older and married manager. Robyn plays guitar, is extremely self-conscious about her body, develops an eating-disorder and an addiction to illegal diet pills. Although I wasn't crazy about the story being told from so many points of view, I did find the book entertaining and enjoyable to read. Lucy was my favorite and definitely held the story together. The story does wrap up fairly well, yet there are enough loose ends that if the authors wanted to, they could write a sequel. I personally would not be against a sequel simply because of the loose ends.

Lastly, there is a lot of talk about clubbing and drinking, they are a rock-band after all, however all things on page are fairly innocent. I did debate about putting this in my Library because of the drinking. However, after looking at the Lexile reading age 13-18+ I decided to keep it. Plus, as my Admin Assistant pointed out, our students are probably already well aware of the things mentioned in the book (or at least the students at my school are).

Age Level: Junior High, High School, (Lexile Ages: 13 – 18+)
Richele Buoy, Mill Creek Middle School

Pullman, Philip 9781338149128 \$19.99 160 p.
The Adventures of John Blake: Mystery of the Ghost Ship. (ARC) (GN)

Graphix, 2017

[Yes, that Philip Pullman.] John Blake is a precociously intelligent teen trapped on a sailing ship, the Mary Alice, that ran afoul of an experiment his father was conducting on a cruise in the early 20th century testing an implication of Einstein's work. The ship appears at unpredictable but not random places and intervals in the past (and at least as far in the future as a time a bit beyond now), always shrouded in a fog, usually in encounters with other vessels or ports. Much of the crew is from rescues in these situations, including people from as far back as ancient Rome. One evil businessman who owns four fifths of the market on the successor of smart phones wants to get rid of the Mary Alice. It's a good yarn, with action and feeling (and a cautionary tale about internet and phone privacy), and the art's attractive, though at least in this advance copy, the images and text are a bit small. It dances around time travel paradoxes reasonably, with John's adult grandson (among others) instrumental in the resolution. It wraps up well, but it's also set up for sequels (see the title), which we'll also want. gr. 6-10

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School

Pullman, Phillip 978-1-338-14912-8 \$19.99 159 p.
The Adventures of John Blake: Mystery of the Ghost Ship. (GN) Graphix, 2017

John Blake and his ship become trapped in time when a research experiment goes wrong. He rescues a shipwrecked girl when he is in present time and tries to get her back to her parents. But returning Serena means he has to travel to the one place where he is in danger. The powerful Dahlberg Corporation is onto to John Blake and his disappearing ship and want to use it for nefarious purposes. Good adventure. Good graphics.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Additional comments: Phillip Pullman's first original graphic novel. He also wrote His Dark Materials trilogy among others.

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Romanoff, Zan 9781524720841 \$17.99 346 p.
Grave and the Fever Alfred A. Knopf, 2017

In middle school everyone loved Fever Dream, the amazing boy band who not only had the looks, but the sound as well. However, now Grace has graduated high school and her friends have moved on, but she hasn't. She has found a fandom world where she has taken the alter ego of Gigi, following and analyzing everything about Fever Dream. Who would

have thought that a late night walk, would have her come face to face with the band's lead singer, Jes, her heart throb. Now, as her fandom world becomes her real world, she can't decide if she is ready to step into Jes' world, knowing that, in the end, he will probably break her heart. Not being familiar with the world of fandom, I found this book to be very hard to put in the "realistic" frame. When Grace just happens to meet this famous person, and just happens to get swept up into his world, it seemed really far fetched for me – even for fiction. The writing was good, but with text messages, e-mail posts, and Tumblr posts incorporated in the text with very little change in font, spacing or text size, I sometimes got confused who was writing what. Also, while Grace chooses to drink/smoke very little, there are a lot of drug/drinking/smoking references and some off page sex – I believe it is too much for a middle school.

Age Level: High School

Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk	978-0-545-93191-5	\$17.99	230 p.
<i>Making Bombs for Hitler</i>	Scholastic, 2017		

This book would work well to introduce WWII to upper elementary and middle school students. Lida and her sister are sent to a work camp after their parents are taken away. The sisters are separated and Lida's whole goal is to find Larissa and stay alive. She learns quickly how to get a job as seamstress and then is working in a warehouse making bombs for Hitler. She and her friends make a plan to fight the Nazis from the inside. Good read for younger audience.

Age Level: Middle School, Too young for YA

Kelly L. Crickmore, Issaquah High School

Smith, Jennifer E.	9780399559372	\$18.99	416 p.
<i>Windfall</i>	Delacorte, 2017		

Alice has been secretly in love with her best friend, Teddy so on his 18th birthday she decides to confess her love. Along with her love letter is a lottery ticket - since he's 18 now, might as well. But the card gets swept under the fridge, and when Teddy ends up winning the \$140 million dollar jackpot Alice hide her feelings, too. Since Teddy and his mom have been shackled by debt brought on by his gambling-addicted, absent father, the money is a life changer. Alice isn't so keen on big life-changing events. Due to a family tragedy, she lives with her aunt, uncle and cousin, Leo where she feels loved but still struggles with where she truly belongs. And as much as Teddy swears the money won't change things, Alice feels their friendship changing. Maybe this windfall is more of a curse. Students love Jennifer E. Smith and I can see why! Romance is definitely a focal point of this book but Alice's character development as she works to understand her past and embrace her future is realistic and well-rounded. The cast of supporting characters feel genuine and connected to Alice's journey. I really enjoyed this one. Recommended for grades 7 and up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Smith, Jennifer E.	978-0-3999-55937-2	\$18.99	416 p.
<i>Windfall</i>	Delacorte, 2017		

Confessing her feelings in a birthday card might be the only way Alice will ever come clean to her best friend Teddy. But, he never gets a chance to read her message because they get so distracted by her gift of a lottery ticket. It's a winner – a big winner – a 140 million dollar winner! This money is fantastic (Teddy and his mom have been struggling financially) but also overwhelming. Alice is frustrated because she doesn't think Teddy is making the best decisions; he should use the money to help others. But, when he tries to help her she starts to realize maybe she has her own baggage to deal with. This is a fine romance, although not as enjoyable as the author's other books. 3 stars. Grades 7+.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Standish, Ali 9781408342923 \$16.99
The Ethan I Was Before Hachette's Childrens Group, 2017

Ethan is living with something bad that happened to his best friend Casey back in Boston. Ethan kept running away to try and get to Casey, so now his family has moved in with his estranged grandfather in a small coastal town in Georgia. His mom and dad are so worried about him they talk to him the same way they packed up the china, his brother is so mad they had to move away his junior year that he won't even talk to Ethan. Ethan now has to negotiate is slowly warming grandfather, a small town school's seventh grade, and the peculiar and mysterious new friend he's made Cora-Lee. *The Ethan I Was Before* ultimately is a story about friendship, family, grief, forgiveness all told through a middle schooler's perspective. It doesn't quite have the heart wrenching moments that something like *The Fault In Our Stars* delivered, but it's a sweet little book, that does (in my opinion) a fairly honest job of exploring surviving tragedy and experiencing grief.

Age Level: 4-9
Maggie Block, Skyway Library KCLS

Terry, Ellie 9781250096272 \$16.99 326 p.
Forget me not Feiwel and Friends, 2017

Calli has Tourette Syndrome and all her life has been told to do her best to hide it. So, when she starts yet another new school (mom hops from boyfriend to boyfriend), she dons an over-the-top fluffy 40s style dress to divert attention. Alas, this only accentuates her quickly earned "freak" status as nerves get the better of her and her tics take over. Student council president Jinsong met Calli (moved in next door) the weekend before she started school and the two of them bonded. Disappointingly, however, Jinsong is embarrassed by her at school and tries to hide not only his attraction to her, but even the fact that he knows her. His buddies are particularly mean to Calli, and Jinsong takes way too long to rectify the situation. Then, when things finally start to look up, Calli's mom deals her some bad news. Written in verse, *Forget me not* is a quick read told from alternating perspectives that sheds light on students having to deal with having Tourette Syndrome. Jinsong is a particularly frustrating character, but of course he redeems himself in the end. Too bad her mother doesn't follow suit. Grades 5-8.

Age Level: Middle School
Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

Tracy, Kristen 978-0-553-51052-2 \$16.99 211 p.

Totally Crushed, Project (Un)Popular #2 Delacorte, 2017

Perry Hall is in the midst of navigating her 6th grade year and has a lot going on in her life that makes navigating 6th grade challenging. Her older sister Piper is away at college and dating a boy that is totally changing her. Perry's best friend, Venice, is dating Leo and seems to never have time for just hanging out as best friends, minus Leo. Anya seems on a mission to sabotage her and the photos she is taking for yearbook. Javier keeps piling more and more yearbook tasks on her. Hayes is crushing on her and will not leave her alone. While Drea, the geek, is invading Perry's life left and right in order to become popular. It is a lot for Perry to take on. Throughout the book she does make her fair share of mistakes, but she also does some learning and growing within the book as well. Overall, I enjoyed the book and think it will do well in a middle school collection where Realistic Fiction is in demand.

Age Level: Grades: 5-7

Richele Buoy, Mill Creek Middle School

Tracy, Kristen 978-0-553-51052-2 \$16.99 211 p.

Totally Crushed, Project [Un] Popular #2 Delacorte, 2017

Sixth grader Perry still struggles with the same issues. The yearbook's "What's Hot" section has been filled with popular kids, not one of Perry's special project kids who went from nerdy to cool. She feels lonelier as BFF Venice is more involved with her boyfriend. Perry's college-aged sister, Piper, doesn't answer her calls but has been helping one of Perry's nerdy classmates. Even worse, Perry is the object of some weird kid's crush and receiving strange gifts. As the drama continues, Perry is unkind and then has to deal with the fallout. This causes her to start growing up and seeing the world around her with a different perspective.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Van Diepen, Allison 978-0-06-243335-0 \$17.99 277 p.

Run the Risk HarperTeen, 2017

It's like a shock to her core when Grace sees Mateo, her ex-boyfriend, working security at her job. She hasn't seen him in years; not since they broke up because of his gang ties. As they start to reconnect, it is clear her feelings are as strong as ever. After catching him riffling through their boss's desk, Grace isn't sure she can trust him, but he might be the only person who can help with her younger brother who is getting pulled into a local gang. She needs him in more ways than one. Romance readers will absolutely love this story and the gang tie-in will certainly appeal to some readers. It isn't great literature, but is good for what it is. 3 stars. Grades 9+ mostly because the main characters are over eighteen; the romance is PG-13.

Age Level: High School

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Vincent, Rachel 978-0-399-55245-8 \$17.99 255 p.

Brave New Girl, Brave New Girl #1 Delacorte, 2017

In this strictly structured world, people like Dahlia 16 are genetically designed for their future career to better serve the city. All year 16 female laborers look identical to Dahlia 16

because they were all cloned from a single genome. Dahlia 16 knows she is one of 5,000 identical girls. If her genome was found to be flawed, then all of them would be “recalled” and their genetic strain destroyed. Emotions like pride are a serious defect. There is no individuality and video cameras are everywhere. One day Dahlia 16 ends up stranded in an elevator for an hour with a defense cadet named Trigger 17. He talks to her even though it’s against the rules. She’s shocked to find out his training in the wild is in direct contrast to her own training. This chance encounter changes her perspective. She is feeling things she’s never felt before. Is there something wrong with her that will result in all 5,000 girls with her genome to be recalled? As Dahlia starts secretly meeting him, it’s only a matter of time before the two of them are on the run against the city and try to escape. Teens will be drawn into the interesting society and stay entranced due to the action and romance. The cliffhanger ending only reinforces the desire to continue the series.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
 Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Weisman, Greg	9780545906678	\$14.99	384 p.
<i>World of Warcraft: Traveler</i>	Scholastic, 2016		

In the fantasy world of Azeroth, Aramar Thorne is a teenage boy, and would-be artist, who can’t seem to connect to life about his father’s merchant ship. When pirates attack, however, Aramar teams up with the ship’s first mate, Makasa, and the two try to make their way home, but run afoul of a magical compass that seems determined to point them to a more world-spanning quest. Gnolls, orcs and fantasy creatures abound, and once the pirates attack the characters move swiftly through their fantastical adventures. The book is chock full of really nice black and white illustration supposedly taken from Aramar’s sketchbook that help flesh out the World of Warcraft setting. The cover looks very young: elementary school fare, but much of the appeal of the story is predicated on kids “getting” the World of Warcraft background. It’s probably a marginal purchase for elementary schools. But for younger teens who are into video games and not as into books, this could have a lot of appeal. Parents who wear their Horde logo on their sleeves will probably also really enjoy giving this title to their sprats, so it should go quite younger for public libraries.

Age Level: Middle School, Grades 4-6
 Kirsten Edwards, KCLS

West, Kasie	9781338058017	\$17.99	333 p.
<i>Lucky in Love</i> (ARC)	Point, 2017		

Maddie is a control freak who is trying to maintain control of her parents, her older brother and herself. An impossible task. Her parents fight all the time, her brother dropped out of school and sits around playing video games all the time. No matter how much she nags him, he doesn't change. Then, after no one shows up for her 18th birthday party, Maddie buys a lottery ticket and wins. It seems that is the answer to all her problems, but in reality, it just makes them worse. Throughout all the ups and downs of her life is Seth, a sweet boy from another school whom she works with. He becomes her rock in a shifting reality of before being a millionaire and afterwards. The story started slow and I didn't like Maddie very much at the beginning either. But after about 90 pages I was hooked and wanted to know what was going to happen. I can't keep Kasie West on my shelves, so if you have her other books, this one won't disappoint her loyal readers.

Gem and Dixie

Balzer + Bray, 2017

Gem and Dixie have always been survivors. Having an absent father who seems to only appear when he needs something and a mother who is only reliable in her unreliability, the sisters have come to rely on themselves to survive. Always hungry, Gem keeps to herself, spends a great deal of time with the school psychologist, and using her rituals, she is the opposite of her sister. Dixie, with her strong confidence and beautiful exterior, seems to get whatever she wants free. With the sudden arrival of their father, they find their lives thrown into another turmoil. A lucky break finds the estranged sisters on a three-day adventure in Seattle, having to determine what their futures will hold. Zarr does a great job of showing how teens deal with the poverty that they have come to accept. Through Gem's descriptions, the reader is shown how hard and bleak the sister's lives are. Strong language is used throughout the book, which could be a turn off for some readers. I really liked the voice of Gem and the way they worked together to not only figure out what to do with their new found fortune, but also how to repair their relationship.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Bethany Steirer, Rose Hill Middle School

FICTION – SHRUG

Alsaid, Adi

978-0-373-21228-6

\$18.99

296 p.

North of Happy

Harlequin Teen, 2017

This book is an enjoyable enough read, but I'm not certain who the audience is going to be. Main character is post high school, and there is lots of partying, so school libraries might want to skip. I did enjoy this, and all the kitchen stuff and cooking felt authentic to me. However, I'm not convinced he researched the Pacific Northwest very well. I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure 1) bio-luminescent plankton does not live in freshwater lakes, even on islands; 2) no fireflies with visible lights live in Washington; 3) there are no ferries from downtown Seattle to the San Juan islands. Still, high school readers with wanderlust and a taste for romance will probably enjoy.

Age Level: High School, Adult

Dawn Rutherford, Sno-Isle

Chambers, Veronica

978-1-1019-3095-3

\$16.99

195 p.

The Go-Between

Delacorte, 2017

Camilla del Valle is the daughter of a famous Mexican telenovela actress. Her life is private planes and big houses with staff, but when the family immigrates to California for her mother to star in American television, Cammi pretends to be a poor scholarship student in her new elite school. She thinks she'll teach her rich racist (but "diverse") prospective friends to be less racist by pretending to be poor. She goes to a lot of trouble to maintain the lie, making a show of having a bus pass when she's "Ubering" all over LA., hiding her black AmEx card and saying she has money from a made-up baby-sitting job. Issues of assimilation don't really ring true based on this premise and the whole family seems primed to take offense at real or perceived slights, but their problems seem less to do with race. I wanted to like the book but the characters are just unlikable from the histrionic "diva" mother to the duplicitous daughter to the insulting "friends." In the end, everyone

wouldn't know. She meets a wolf in the first book that she tames and names Digger. Digger doesn't appear again until briefly in the second book, and I'm left wondering the purpose. Besides for a few inconsistencies and how the ending felt like it wrapped up too fast, I did enjoy the characters. Definitely a big focus on the romance between the two characters, though, so if kids want more action and less love, then this is not their book. There is sex on the page but it's not graphic. More poetic. 8th grade and up.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Larson, Sara B. 9781338068764 \$17.99 320 p.
Dark Breaks the Dawn Scholastic, 2017

This book is a reimagining of Swan Lake. The protagonist, Evalayn, is a princess and heir to the throne of Éadrolan. A war has been raging for the past decade against the invading force of the Dark Kingdom of Dorjhalon. Evalayn is almost 18, when she will receive her full magic light powers. She meets a handsome new High Lord and amidst the war, loss and training forges a relationship with him. This is the first in a planned duology. The book had an interesting premise, but fell flat on delivery. The romance was cliché, and the characters were not fully developed. There are many plot lines as the book delves into multiple points of view, but some of these are not properly fleshed out. Unfortunately, it didn't feel unique, but more like several recent YA fantasies thrown together. This is for collections that have avid Larson fans.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Marr, Melissa 9780062084163 \$17.99 353 p.
One Blood Ruby, Seven Black Diamonds #2 Harper, 2017

You don't have to have read "Seven Black Diamonds," but I suspect it helps. LilyDark is the answer to the prayers of the fae. Her blood has the potential to unite the Seelie and Unseelie kingdoms. As the story starts, a battle is raging and the Black Diamonds, a band of youth with "affinities," or magic that is based more in one element (earth, air, fire, water) than another, are trying to figure out who is mysteriously killing fae. Fae blood in the human world is anathema, and Lily has been working to hide her heritage in order to keep suspicion of vandalism, arson, and murder from falling on her. Complicated love interests, royal intrigue, with an environmental message (fae are unwilling to make peace with humans because humanity is killing the earth) thrown in will satisfy loyal fans of Marr's writing, but may prove a bit complicated for the casual reader.

Age Level: High School

Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

Moldavsky, Goldy 978-0-545-86751-1 \$17.99 345 p.
No Good Deed Scholastic, 2017

Gregor's dream activist camp isn't what he expects, with vicious competition for an internship, mean pranks, people's identities being reduced to their causes, and everyone is obsessed with the attending celebrity...who recently starred in an extremely disappointing Superman film (normally Gregor's favorite). For readers who loved the madcap elements of Libba Bray's Beauty Queens, this may have some appeal. A bit much for most school

libraries, with some of the most realistic swearing I've ever seen in a teen book, and some drug and alcohol use. A fluffy read that falls short of its lofty goals, with a pretty unrealistic romance.

Age Level: High School

Dawn Rutherford, Sno-Isle

Romanoff, Zan 9781524720841 \$17.99 346 p.

Grave and the Fever

Albert A Knopf, 2017

Grace is a shy girl who lives in California. She has just graduated from high school and she lives her life through her internet presence. She is crazy about the boy band Fever. When she chances to meet one of the band members, Jes, her life is suddenly exposed and in real life, but no one knows Grace is the blogger Gigi. As she moves through the false world of fame, Grace doesn't know what's real and what's not. But she sees that the boys in the band are people with problems and loves and lives outside of the fame. The story is told in blogs and texts and as well as prose. Grace unfortunately remains flat as a character throughout the story. Will girls from 6 grade up like reading it, probably. It's every girls' fantasy. Maybe the author let Grace flat so that every reader can put them self into the story.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Smart, Jamie 1338149105 \$7.99 63 p.

Bunny vs. Monkey: Book Two (GN)

David Fickling Books , 2017

Who doesn't want to read a graphic novel about cute woodland creatures in an eternal bloodless battle? Me maybe, but I think tweens will love it! While Skunky invents scientifically impossible devices of destruction to meet all of Monkey's wild plans for forest domination; Bunny, Pig, Weezy (a squirrel) adorably hang out in the Forrest. There's a larger cast of characters (A daredevil beaver with a low IQ, a grumpy Fox, a cyborg crocodile), many random adventures, lots of destruction without being scary or violent, and a lot of childish humor (without being gross). Some of the humor I feel will go over younger reader's heads, and it's all a bit too random for me. But I think it's a silly funny book lovers of Wimpy Kid and Big Nate will enjoy.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, Too young for YA

Maggie Block, Skyway Library KCLS

Taylor, Whitney 9780544805040 \$17.99 326 p.

Definitions of Indefinable Things

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017

Reggie is a sardonic teen with few friends and a prescription for Zoloft. Snake (aka Matthew) is working hard to project a hard guy persona (see bad tattoo and grunge t-shirts) and a Twizzler habit that helps him cope, as well as a prescription for Prozac. It is over their shared prescription refills that the two meet in the aisle devoted to laxatives. Their shared antipathy would make them the perfect love match if it weren't for Snake's very pregnant girlfriend. Alas, Snake's very pregnant girlfriend has a father who owns the ice cream shop where Reggie works. Two teens battling depression while trying to navigate the rocky waters of love makes for an interesting, if sometimes overblown, plot. The fact that Snake is about to become a parent adds an additional twist. Though not executed as well as Jennifer Niven's "All the Bright Places," this love story ends a little more

happily. This is a solid additional purchase for collections needing books starring protagonists with mental health issues.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Library

FICTION – NOT RECOMMENDED

Donoghue, Emma

1443445576

\$15.39

The Lottery's Plus One

HarperCollins, 2017

This book drove me crazy. Sumac is the 5th kid and 9 years old in the Lottery family, and her life is turned upside down when her until now "dormant grandfather" nearly burns his home down, and subsequently comes to live with the Lotterys. "Grumps" is homophobic and racist, which is very hard for the multi-ethnic family parented by 4 gay and lesbian parents. But instead of offering support and guidance to their children about how to handle this hateful man, they continually ask Sumac to sacrifice more to "Grumps" because she's such a mature 9 year old. Which I think is really what drove me crazy about this book, the 4 Lottery parents were just insufferable, and never own up to any of their bad behavior. The moral of the story is that Sumac, a 9 year old without any extra care or help or support from her parents, should have been more loving and accepting of her grandfather as he hurled racist insults at her and homophobic insults at her family. The Lotterys are stinking rich, yet spending money to have a care provider for "Grumps" is never talked about; and the moral of the story was that putting a toxic elder family member into a home would be wrong, no matter how bad it is for everyone involved. A climatic dramatic scene near the end of the book will magically make everything better, right? **This next part can be edited out, but it just drove me crazy** Also, the oldest lottery kid was 16 and his parents refused to help him or pay for him to learn how to drive, because they don't own a car- because why would they let their child make autonomous choices? Or gain life skills that they want to learn outside hippy lifestyle-ism?

Age Level: Too young for YA

Maggie Block, Skyway Library KCLS

Griffin, M. A.

978-1-338-06553-4

\$17.99

279 p.

Lifers

Chicken House, 2017

Set in England, Preston wants to find his friend (and secret crush) Alice who disappeared three days ago. Following clues in her notebook, he ends up at M.I.S.T. (Manchester Institute for Science and Technology) and sneaks inside but is caught. Strangely, he wakes up at home. The injection he received should have wiped out his memory, but it doesn't. Preston returns to M.I.S.T. with his friend, Mace. The two witness teenagers being forced into a strange metal valve that transports them into a juvenile prison underground. This classified project overseen by Justice Secretary Armstrong is going to be shut down leaving dozens of kids trapped down below with no more food or water and no chance of survival. If news of Armstrong's failed project was publicized, he would lose the upcoming election. Luckily Preston meets two nightwardens who never thought their scientific work would be put to use imprisoning kids. They help Preston go through a valve to rescue Alice. Then

there's some action and adventure , but the characters are not compelling and the writing does more telling than showing. Read the Escape from Furnace series instead.

Age Level: Junior High, High School
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Merschel, Michael 9780823436675 \$17.95 312 p.
Revenge of the Star Survivors Holiday House, 2017

Clark Sherman gets through his difficult time at a new middle school (they lost his transcript and put him in remedial classes with two periods of PE) by pretending he's an officer on an alien planet in his favorite space-exploration show, Star Survivors. He encounters hostile aliens (bullies who pelt him with ice balls and sports equipment and dump his books in the hallway) and uncomprehending commanding officers (he doesn't want to worry his parents). He ends up making a few friends, also fans of Star Survivors, and an ally in the school librarian. There are low-key realistic adventures, humor, and lots of real-world pop culture references. The book is competently written, but not compelling. I flipped through the last chapters after giving up midway. Additional purchase.

Age Level: Middle School
Sarah Hunt, KCLS

NON-FICTION – RECOMMEND

Alexander, Kwame 978-0-544-57097-9 \$14.99 169 p.
The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017

This self-help book is filled with uplifting stories and inspirational quotes from prominent sports' figures from history and today like Wilma Rudolph, Michael Jordan, and Stephen Curry. The book is divided into four quarters with the text loosely corresponding to each chapter's focus on a different aspect of success: grit, motivation, focus and teamwork. It's all good advice and would make a great graduation present, although I found the black and white with orange text and different graphics every page a little distracting.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Aronson, Marc and Marina Budhos 9780805098358 \$22.99 294 p.
Eyes of the world: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro and the invention of modern photojournalism
Henry Holt, 2017

Robert Capa and Gerda Taro carved out careers as photojournalists, striving to capture the victories and defeats of the anti-Fascist freedom fighters during the Spanish Civil War. As European Jews, they understood the dangers of Nazi ideology. Thus, together with thousands of young idealists and a handful of literary giants (Ernest Hemingway and Pablo Neruda), they fought to defeat Franco and prevent another world war. Though their efforts were thwarted and countless lives (including Taro's) were lost, their photos, snapped in the middle of the action, were instrumental in bringing the war's horrors to the forefront of the global community and in firmly establishing a new kind of journalism that remains crucial to news reporting. Original black-and-white photos complement the text, while

explanatory charts, notes, and appendixes offer historical context. Some tense shifting (present tense to past tense and then back) gets a little distracting and might confuse student a bit but overall a great book for both the history of the time period and your photography section.. Not sure if I'll put it in biography, history or photography (but CIP puts it in 770).

Age Level: Junior High, High School
Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School

Borstein, Michael and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat 9780374305710 \$16.99 340 p.
Survivor's Club: The true story of a very young prisoner of Auschwitz
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017

Very few young Jewish children managed to survive the atrocities of the concentration camps during WWII. Either they starved from lack of food or were immediately killed by the Nazis. Michael Bornstein was an exception. He tells his story based on his own memories, but also through extensive research that he did to ensure that he wasn't coloring his memories based on things he had heard and/or read about the Holocaust. This is a moving story about love, bravery, and family in extremely challenging situations. An excellent addition to a Holocaust collection and perfect for supplementing curriculum around this topic. Highly recommended.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Borstein, Michael and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat 9780374305710 \$16.99 348 p.
Survivor's Club: The true story of a very young prisoner of Auschwitz
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017

Students will be drawn in by Bornstein's account (written with the help of his daughter) of his and his family's survival during the Holocaust. Bornstein was born in the town of Zarki, Poland, which had largely become a Jewish ghetto after the Nazi invasion. For years, his parents survived through bribery and good fortune, but ultimately they, along with the entire Jewish population of the town, were sent to concentration camps (the Bornsteins to Auschwitz, specifically). When the Soviet Army liberated Auschwitz, Bornstein was four years old and accompanied only by his grandmother. (His father and brother were dead, and his mother was presumed dead.) The remaining Bornstein clan would eventually immigrate to the United States. In the preface, Bornstein explains why he chose to finally chronicle his experiences (a picture of him during the camp's liberation was being used by Holocaust deniers). The storytelling is fast-paced, and readers will be fascinated by this family's survival and endurance. VERDICT Few Holocaust survivors are still alive; Bornstein's account is an excellent addition to a MS or HS library

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School

Braun, Eric 9781467793957 \$33.32 48 p.
Taking action to improve people's health, Who's changing the world? Lerner, 2017

A bright launching pad for middle schoolers looking for social justice causes and accompanying role models. The book open with an introduction to activism related to Health and moves on to profile a number of kids, teens, and adults who have created lasting

change in the area of public health. Chapter headings include “Stopping the spread of disease” “Using Science to improve health” “Fighting Hunger and promoting healthful eating” “Taking political action for health” and “Raising awareness about mental health”. It’s great to have something that addresses the need for political action around health issues and personalizing it by highlighting activists in each of these areas is great. Reading level is definitely MS but I could see it being used at HS level for lower readers as well. Bibliography, glossary and further reading list is included. A little pricey for 48 pages but buy if you have a need.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School

Brown, Box 9781626723153 \$19.99 253 p.
Tetris: The Games People Play (GN) First Second, 2016

Tetris is one of the great classic video games. Here, Brown recounts the long and sordid tale of who has had the right to produce this foundational game. Brown is widely known for his book “Andre the Giant: Life and Legend,” a sequential art biography of the titular wrestling star. Stylistically, Tetris is very similar to that other work in some ways. However, the Tetris story, as Brown tells it, involves many different men (only men) from several different countries. Each section of the story is introduced with portraits of key persons from the upcoming piece of the story. And it is mostly a story of rights. Of business men dealing deals and making promises. It’s a story of cultural clashes and cold war politics, and greed. At the center of the story is the creator, a guy from Moscow named Alexey. This is a story about the ugly parts of the gaming business. As such, it may not hold the attention of the average teenager, unless they have very serious interest in the gaming industry. Recommended for all public library collections, and high school libraries where video game design is a serious pursuit.

Age Level: High School, Adult
Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

Castaldo, Nancy F. 9780544633353 \$16.99 152 p.
Beastly Brains: Exploring how animals think, talk, and feel
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017

Lots of full-color photographs and text boxes with fun facts make this a fun book to browse. However, trying to read this book cover to cover was a challenge for me, despite my background in science and general love of animals. I just didn't find it that engaging. however, I am hopeful that there are students out there that will love it. Writing is clear and well-researched; examples are numerous. Instructions are given at the end so readers can develop their own (safe) animal research studies. There is also a list of organizations that help animals and suggestions for how to be an advocate for animals. Also included: additional resources to watch, listen, and read; a glossary; source notes; thorough bibliography; index.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Could go as low as 4th grade
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Engle, Margarita 9780805098761 \$18.99

Bravo! Poems about amazing Hispanics Godwin Books, Henry Holt and Company, 2017

This book features a collection of poems, chronologically arranged, highlighting men and women from Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, and Venezuela. Each featured individual is given a two page spread, one of which is a full-page color illustration, while the other a biographical poem. People from all walks of life are highlighted, including a baseball player, a children's librarian, a Spanish merchant, a teacher, a botanist, an artist, and several others. The end pages include a section entitled "notes about their lives" in which each individual is given a fact-filled biographical paragraph.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Joanne Glasgow, Evergreen High School

Gonzales, Andrea and Sophie Houser 978-0-06-247250-2 \$17.99 264 p.

Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done Harper, 2017

Attending a Girls Who Code summer camp changes the lives of two high school juniors, Andy and Sophie, who had never met before the unique and intensive computer science experience. Andy enters the camp with some coding experience as she is trying to live up to her parents' career dictate of being a doctor, lawyer, or engineer. Meanwhile, Sophie has never coded before and chooses to participate out of a desire to find courage to speak up in classroom situations and make a positive impact. Andy and Sophie join forces for the final assignment and create a game with a social message to help end one of society's taboos: discussing menstruation. Their game is called Tampon Run and you maneuver a girl through the streets throwing tampons at people. Their game ends up going viral and the two women garner national attention and new opportunities and experiences flood their way. Told in alternating chapters by Andy and Sophie, tweens and teens will vicariously experience their journey's successes, failures, and challenges.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Hart, Christopher 978-1-942021-62-9 \$19.95 144 p.

The Manga Fashion Bible: The Go-To Guide for Drawing Stylish Outfits and Characters
Sixth & Spring Books, 2016

Christopher Hart has a number of these "How To Draw Manga" books. This one focuses on the clothes showing different outfits to fit the seasons and moods of a manga character. It includes a review of the basic poses, including the drawing of different emotions and a chapter on the latest fashion trends from Japan. It also covers more advanced topics like the effect of wind or motion on clothing. I don't know that this is the best book for beginners but it does show the step-by-step pencil line drawings at different stages of the process.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Heos, Bridget 9780062387622 \$18.99 264 p.

Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Foensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA
Balzer + Bray, 2016

Grades 8+. If you love true or fictionalized crime TV, this book is for you. Blood, Bullets, and Bones chronicles the establishment of forensic science. Each chapter looks at a

different areas of the science: from early tests of poison to firearm analysis to criminal profiling and DNA testing. Following the broad introduction of the topic at the top of each chapter, Heos presents around ten historical cases which mark the general forward development of the individual branch of forensics, although she also documents some of the historical regressive developments. Black and white photos are sprinkled throughout the book, as are infrequent narratives of particularly fascinating stories (like the individual who Jessica Fletcher from *Murder, She Wrote* was based on and who recreated crime scenes as dollhouse miniatures for forensic students to study at length.) The backmatter is extensive and includes a glossary, notes, bibliography, image citation and index. Certainly gruesome but never sensational, *Blood, Bullets, and Bones* is easy to hand to fans of true crime, history, and those looking for an engaging narrative nonfiction. Science and sociology/psychology teachers can easily pull sections for high interest classroom reading. Readers can easily read the entire book, one chapter or even flip through for one snippet.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Maggie Wong, KCLS

Lawlor, Laurie 9780823436750 \$17.95 58 p.

Super Women: Six scientists who changed the world Holiday House, 2017

6 women scientists that made great discoveries and have made a huge impact on the world (whether we knew about them or not) - and not one of them is Marie Curie! 1) Katherine Coleman Johnson (made famous by the *Hidden Figures* movie): mathematician for NASA, 2) Eugenie Clark: aka The Shark Lady, ichthyologist and underwater explorer, 3) Gertrude Elion: won a Nobel prize for her discoveries in medicine, 4) Marie Tharp: created accurate and beautiful maps of the ocean floor, 5) Florence Hawley Ellis: archeologist and anthropologist of SW United States, 6) Eleanor Margaret Burbidge: astronomer who discovered new information about galaxies and quasars. *One woman is Japanese-American and one is African-American, another bonus for diversity.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Lourie, Peter (with illustrations by Wendell Minor) 9780805097573 \$18.99 192 p.

Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush Henry Holt, 2017

Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush by Peter Lourie describes author Jack London's experiences in the Klondike Gold Rush from August 1897 to July 1898. Divided into five parts, the book describes each stage of the journey London and his fellow prospectors had to make as they headed north to stake a mining claim. Readers learn about partnerships between prospectors, supplies needed to make the journey, and trail and camp conditions endured along the way. Photographs, maps and illustrations as well as the extensive notes at the end of the book help the reader to grasp the scope of the endeavor. Slightly confusing to the sequential nature of the book are the flashbacks to London's earlier life included in each section meant to demonstrate how London was prepared to face the conditions in Alaska. Overall, however, the reader of *Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush* will see how this experience in London's life inspired his writing career.

Recommended for grades 4-8.

Age Level: Middle School

Amber Peterson, Beaver Lake Middle School

Sandler, Martin W. 9780763680336 \$19.99 170 p.
The Whydah: A pirate ship feared, wrecked & found Candlewick, 2017

"Being a pirate is all fun and games, until somebody loses...a ship." Herein is written the history of the ship Whydah, designed to be fast and capacious for a cargo of materials and slaves. Captured by the pirate Black Sam Bellamy while laden with riches, and turned to nefarious use by the same until a stormy night in 1717, when the Whydah ran aground with few survivors, and was lost to this mortal coil for centuries. Finally, a team of modern treasure hunters found the great ship, and began excavations. Piratical history, adventure, treasure, sea-going archaeology, map making, and so much more. The author crams a lot of information into a slender book, which makes for a quick, exciting read. Only critique: the sidebars are planted mid-chapter, interrupting the narration, sometimes mid-sentence.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Aarene Storms, KCLS

NON-FICTION – SHRUG

Frydenborg, Kay 9780544286566 \$18.99 246 p.
A Dog in the Cave: The Wolves Who Made Us Human Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017

I guarantee teens will reach for the stunning cover with the challenging title. They'll probably want to love it as much as I did, especially if they're interested in natural history, and live with dogs. The introduction and first chapter, are, unfortunately, recursive and slow, and it takes a bit to get to the good stuff. Which does follow, starting with the scientific challenge involved in determining the earliest dates for the domestication of the dog, and what the implications of a much earlier date than had previously been discovered were for how humans themselves involved. The problem comes every so often, with the more "fun" parts, which in places remind me of the Ancient Aliens TV show. Make an outlandish assertion based on flimsy archeological evidence, then move forward for the rest of the chapter as if that assertion had been proved. Speculation about how early humans shared their food, how dog-human partnerships caused human sense of smell to deteriorate, how this partnership caused Neanderthals to die out, for example, are presented as a done deal, and often without the possibility that alternative explanations exist. I also remember spotting an outdated bit of genetic science info early on. The co-evolution of humans and our domestic animals, particularly our symbiosis with dogs, is a fascinating subject. And once you get into the meat of this book, there's a lot of intriguing information, most of it factual. Kay's hypothesis is really neat – if only it had been treated as such throughout the book. To quote the X-files "I want to believe."

Age Level: High School, Adult
Kirsten Edwards, KCLS

Lourie, Peter (with illustrations by Wendell Minor) 9780805097573 \$18.99 192 p.
Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush Henry Holt, 2017

Jack London headed north to the Klondike seeking gold and adventure in 1897. While he didn't find much gold, he did find a lot of adventure--and the stories he drew from his experiences became his best-known works. Well-researched and featuring plenty of period

photos and illustrations by Wendell Minor, and lots of details about the lives and experiences of life in the north during the gold rush. I was disappointed to read in the notes from the author that "some liberties" were taken with the narration. In other words, the author made up some stuff in order to "capture the spirit of the experience". That turned a very enjoyable and easy-to-read non-fiction book into a "shrug" for me.

Age Level: Junior High, High School
Aarene Storms, KCLS