



WASHINGTON STATE YOUNG ADULT REVIEW GROUP

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE: December 14, 2018

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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

2018-2019 MEETING DATES:

- *September 21*
- *December 14*
- *March 1*
- *May 10*

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 2018

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!

Please remember ARCs may not be added to your collection.

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

FICTION

<i>A Stitch in Time</i> Kalmar, Daphne Cindy Simon, Inglewood Middle School	Feiwel and Friends, 2018 9781250154989	\$16.99	167 p.
<i>Aftermath</i> Armstrong, Kelley Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School <u>Comments:</u> 2019 Quick Pics for Reluctant YA Readers nominee	Crown, 2018 9780399550362	\$17.99	369 p.
<i>Al Capone Throws Me a Curve</i> , A Tale from Alcatraz #4 Choldenko, Gennifer Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Wendy Lamb Books, 2018 9781101938133	\$17.99	226 p.
<i>And the Ocean Was Our Sky</i> Ness, Patrick Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	Harper Teen, 2018 9780062860729	\$19.99	158 p.
<i>As She Ascends</i> , Fallen Isles #2 Meadows, Jodi Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Katherine Tegen, 2018 9780062469434	\$17.99	548 p.
<i>Assassination of Brangwain Spurge</i> Anderson, M.T. Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS <u>Comments:</u> Heavily illustrated with woodcut-esque pictures	Candlewick, 2018 978-0-7636-9822-5	\$24.99	
<i>Beast: A Tale of Love and Revenge</i> Jensen, Lisa Amber Peterson, International Community School	Candlewick, 2018 978-0-7636-8880-6	\$18.99	337 p.
<i>Between Frost and Fury</i> , The Xenith Trilogy #2 Feener, Chani Lynn Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Swoon Reads, 2018 9781250123787	\$17.99	360 p.

<i>Big Trouble</i> , Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons Forbeck, Matt Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Candlewick, 2018 978-1-5362-0244-1	\$8.99	122 p.
<i>Born Scared</i> Brooks, Kevin Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	Candlewick, 2018 9780763695651	\$16.99	244 p.
<i>Bright Burns the Night</i> Larson, Sara B. Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Scholastic, 2018 978-1-338-06878-8	\$17.99	299 p.
<i>Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree</i> Nwaubani, Adaobi Tricia Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Katherine Tegen, 2018 978-0-06-269672-4	\$17.99	292 p.
<i>Catwoman – Soulstealer</i> , DC Icons Maas, Sarah Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Random House, 2018 978-0-399-54969-4	\$18.99	358 p.
<i>Confusion is Nothing New</i> Acampora, Paul Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Scholastic, 2018 978-1-338-20999-0	\$16.99	183 p.
<i>Cross Fire</i> , Exo #2 Lee, Fonda Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Scholastic, 2018 9781338139099	\$17.99	376 p.
<i>Dance of Thieves</i> Pearson, Mary Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Henry Holt, 2018 978-1-250-15901-4	\$18.99	505 p.
<i>Dark Divide</i> , Dark #2 Stone, Sonja Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School	Holiday House, 2018 9780823438365	\$17.99	384 p.
<i>Dear Rachel Maddow</i> Kisner, Adrienne Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Feiwel and Friends, 2018 978-1-250-14602-1	\$17.99	263 p.
<i>Dragon Rider: The Griffin's Feather</i> , Dragon Rider #2 Funke, Cornelia Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS <u>Comments</u> : Older title, originally published 2016	Chicken House, 2016 978-1-338-21553-3	\$17.99	393 p.

<i>Escape the Underdark</i> , Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons Forbeck, Matt Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	978-1-5362-0065-2	Candlewick, 2018 \$8.99	122 p.
<i>Famous in a Small Town</i> (ARC) Mills, Emma Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Henry Holt, 2019 9781250179630	\$17.99	320 p.
<i>Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All</i> JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	Schwartz Wade Books, 2018 978-1-5247-1619-6	\$18.99	386 p.
<i>Fawkes</i> (ARC) Brandes, Nadine Kirsten Edwards, KCLS	Thomas Nelson, 2018 9780785217145	\$16.99	448 p.
<i>Finding Langston</i> Cline-Ransome, Lesa Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Holiday House, 2018 9780823439607	\$16.99	107 p.
<i>Fresh Ink: An Anthology</i> Giles, Lamar (editor) Amber Peterson, International Community School	Crown, 2018 978-1-5247-6628-3	\$17.99	187 p.
<i>Freshmen</i> Ellen, Tom and Lucy Ivison Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Delacorte, 2018 978-1-5247-0178-9	\$17.99	357 p.
<i>Give Me Some Truth</i> Gansworth, Eric Kelsey Klug, KCLS staff and UW MLIS student	Arthur A Levine Books, 2018 9781338143546	\$18.99	403 p.
<i>How to Breathe Underwater</i> Skinner, Vicky Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Swoon Reads, 2018 978-1-250-13787-6	\$16.99	322 p.
<i>How We Roll</i> Friend, Natasha Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018 978-0-374-30566-6	\$17.99	260 p.
<i>Hullmetal Girls</i> Skrutskie, Emily Michael Fleming, Juanita High School Stephanie Zero, KCLS Redmond Library	Delacorte, 2018 9781524770198	\$17.99	311 p.

<i>I Felt A Funeral In My Brain</i>	PUSH, 2018		
Walton, Will	978-0-545-70956-9	\$17.99	288 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
<i>Into the Jungle</i>, Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons	Candlewick, 2018		
Forbeck, Matt	978-1-5362-0241-0	\$8.99	122 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<i>Julia Unbound</i>, Witch's Child #3	Alfred A. Knopf, 2018		
Egan, Catherine	978-0-553-52488-8	\$17.99	462 p.
Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School			
<i>Kiss Me In Paris</i>	KCP Loft, 2018		
Rider, Catherine	9781525301421	\$10.99	204 p.
Kirsten Edwards, KCLS			
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
<i>Lifel1k3</i>, Lifelike #1	Alfred A. Knopf, 2018		
Kristoff, Jay	978-1-5247-1392-8	\$18.99	402 p.
Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School			
Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School			
Comments: From the co-author of the Illuminae Files			
<i>Love Scene, Take Two</i>	Swoon Reads, 2018		
Evansley, Alex	9781250135704	\$17.99	359 p.
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
◆<i>Lovely, Dark and Deep</i>	Arthur A Levine Books, 2018		
Chen, Justina	9781338134063	\$18.99	335 p.
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
<i>Lucky Little Things</i>	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018		
Erlbaum, Janice	97803743065262	\$16.99	271 p.
Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School			
<i>Mayfly</i>	Feiwel and Friends, 2018		
Sweat, Jeff	9781250139207	\$17.99	356 p.
Cindy Simon, Inglewood Middle School			
<i>Me and Me</i>	Kids Can Press, 2018		
Kuipers, Alice	978-1-5253-0141-4	\$10.99	239 p.
Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School			
<i>My Life Uploaded</i>	Imprint, 2018		
Earl, Rae	978-1-250-13378-6	\$17.99	248 p.
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School			

<i>My So-Called Bollywood Life</i> Sharma, Nisha Amber Peterson, International Community School	Crown, 2018 978-0-553-52325-6	\$17.99	294 p.
<i>Neverworld Wake</i> Pessl, Marisha Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Delacorte, 2018 978-0-399-55392-9	\$18.99	324 p.
<i>Not the Girls You're Looking For</i> Safi, Aminah Mae Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School	Feiwel and Friends, 2018 9781250151810	\$17.99	331 p.
<i>Nyxia Unleashed</i>, The Nyxia Triad #2 Reintgen, Scott Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Crown, 2018 9780399556838	\$17.99	390 p.
<i>Odd One Out</i> (ARC) Stone, Nic Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Crown, 2018 9781101939536	\$17.99	320 p.
<i>Out of the Blue</i> Cameron, Sophie Kelly Crickmore, Issaquah High School	Roaring Book Press, 2018 978-1-250-14991-6	\$17.99	266 p.
<i>Pride</i> Zoboi, Ibi Alexis Hardy, Centralia Timberland Library	Balzar + Bray, 2018 0062564072	\$17.99	289 p.
<i>Racing Manhattan</i> Blacker, Terence JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School <u>Comments</u> : American edition, previously published 2016	Candlewick, 2018 978-0-7636-9273-5	\$17.99	343 p.
<i>Running on Empty</i> Durrant, S.E. Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	Holiday House, 2018 97808233438402	\$17.99	200 p.
<i>Sadie</i> (ARC) Summers, Courtney Kelsey Klug, KCLS staff and UW MLIS student	Wednesday Books, 2018 9781250188304	\$17.99	310 p.
<i>Screenshot</i> Cooner, Donna Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Point (Scholastic), 2018 978-0-545-90399-8	\$9.99	295 p.

<i>See You on a Starry Night</i> Schroeder, Lisa Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Scholastic, 2018 978-1-338-19574-3	\$16.99	246 p.
<i>Shadow of the Fox</i> (ARC) Kagawa, Julie Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Harlequin Teen, 2018 9781335145161	\$19.99	400 p.
<i>Shadow State</i> Brayden, Elyse Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Imprint, 2018 978-1-250-12423-4	\$17.99	277 p.
<i>Storm-Wake</i> Christopher, Lucy Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Chicken House, 2018 978-0-545-94032-0	\$17.99	307 p.
<i>Strange New World</i> , Brave New Girl #2 Vincent, Rachel Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School Katy Olson, Monticello/Cascade Middle Schools	Delacorte, 2018 978-0-399-55249-6	\$17.99	359 p.
<i>Strays Like Us</i> Galane, Cecilia Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Scholastic, 2018 978-1-338-04300-6	\$16.99	311 p.
<i>Surviving Adam Meade</i> Klare, Shannon Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Swoon Reads, 2018 978-1-250-15437-8	\$16.99	241 p.
<i>Sweet Black Waves</i> Perez, Kristina Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Imprint, 2018 978-01-250-13285-7	\$18.99	423 p.
<i>The 48</i> Hosie, Donna Kelsey Klug, KCLS staff and UW MLIS student Katy Olson, Monticello/Cascade Middle Schools	Holiday House, 2018 9780823438563	\$17.99	382 p.
<i>The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle</i> Uss, Christina Cindy Simon, Inglewood Middle School	Holiday House, 2018 9780823440078	\$22.99	303 p.
<i>The Boy Who Went Magic</i> Winter, A P Cindy Simon, Inglewood Middle School	Scholastic, 2018 9781338217148	\$17.99	279 p.

<i>The Boyfriend Bracket</i> Evangelista, Kate Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Swoon Reads, 2018 9781250185389	\$16.99	231 p.
<i>The Brightsiders</i> Wilde, Jen Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Swoon Reads, 2018 978-1-250-18971-4	\$16.99	296 p.
<i>The Cheerleaders</i> Thomas, Kara Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Delacorte, 2018 9781524718329	\$17.99	370 p.
<i>The Darkest Roots</i> Asebedo, Miranda Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Harper Teen, 2018 9780062747075	\$17.99	309 p.
<i>The Eleventh Trade</i> Hollingsworth, Alyssa Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Roaring Brook Press, 2018 978-1-250-15576-4	\$16.99	288 p.
<i>The Future Will Be BS Free</i> McIntosh, Will Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School Dawn Rutherford, Seattle Public Library	Delacorte, 2018 978-0-553-53414-6	\$17.99	334 p.
<i>The Gone Away Place</i> Barzak, Christopher Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Random House, 2018 9780399556098	\$17.99	295 p.
<i>The Handsome Girl & Her Beautiful Boy</i> Gottfred, B.T. Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	Henry Holt, 2018 9781627798525	\$18.99	406 p.
<i>The House in Poplar Wood</i> (ARC) Ormsbee, K.E. Kelsey Klug, KCLS staff and UW MLIS student	Chronicle Books, 2018 9781452149868	\$16.99	333 p.
<i>The Impossibility of Us</i> Upperman, Katy Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Swoon Reads, 2018 978-1-250-12799-0	\$17.99	303 p.
<i>The Museum of Us</i> Redd, Tara Wilson Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Wendy Lamb Books, 2018 9781524766870	\$17.99	274 p.

<i>The Night Diary</i> Hiranandani, Veera Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Dial Books for Young Readers, 2018 9780735228511	\$16.99	264 p.
<i>The Outcast</i> Matharu, Taran Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Feiwel and Friends, 2018 978-1-250-13867-5	\$18.99	365 p.
<i>The Red Ribbon</i> Adlington, Lucy Kelly Crickmore, Issaquah High School	Candlewick, 2017 978-1-5362-0104-8	\$17.99	264 p.
<i>The Ruinous Sweep</i> Wynne-Jones, Tim Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Candlewick, 2018 9780763697457	\$18.99	385 p.
<i>The Similar</i> (ARC) Hanover, Rebecca Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Sourcebooks Fire, 2019 9781492665106	\$17.99	386 p.
<i>The Spirit of Cattail County</i> Piontek, Victoria Cindy Simon, Inglewood Middle School	Scholastic, 2018 9781338167054	\$16.99	275 p.
<i>The State of Grace</i> Lucas, Rachael Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Feiwel and Friends, 2017 978-1-250-12998-7	\$23.50	217 p.
<i>The Supervillain and Me</i> Banas, Danielle Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Swoon Reads, 2018 9781250154354	\$17.99	307 p.
<i>The War Below</i> Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuck Kirsten Edwards, KCLS <u>Comments:</u> American edition, previously published 2014	Scholastic, 2018 9781338233025	\$17.99	245 p.
<i>The Way You Make Me Feel</i> Goo, Maurene Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018 978-0-374-30408-9	\$17.99	319 p.
<i>Things Jolie Needs to Do Before She Bites It</i> Winfrey, Kerry Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Macmillan Publishing Group , 2018 9781250119544	\$17.99	279 p.

<i>To Be Honest</i>	Swoon Reads, 2018		
Martin, Maggie Ann	9781250183156	\$16.99	289 p.
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
<i>To Catch a Thief</i>, Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons	Candlewick, 2018		
Forbeck, Matt	978-1-5362-0066-9	\$8.99	122 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<i>Two Dark Reigns</i>, Three Dark Crowns #3	Harper Teen, 2018		
Blake, Kendare	9780062686145	\$18.99	447 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			
<i>Very Rich</i>	Margaret Ferugson Books, 2018		
Horvath, Polly	978-0-8234-4028-3	\$17.99	294 p.
Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School			
<i>We Regret To Inform You: An Overachiever's Guide to College Rejection</i>			
Alfred A. Knopf, 2018			
Kaplan, Ariel	9781524773700	\$17.99	340 p.
Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School			
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			
<i>What I Leave Behind</i> (ARC)	Simon & Schuster, 2018		
McGhee, Alison	9781481476560	\$17.99	208 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			
<i>Worth a Thousand Words</i>	Roaring Book Press, 2018		
Young, Brigit	978-1-62672-920-9	\$16.99	277 p.
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School			
<i>Wrong in All the Right Ways</i>	Christy Ottaviano Books, 2018		
Brownlee, Tiffany	978-1-250-13053-2	\$17.99	342 p.
Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School			
<i>You Are The Everything</i> (ARC)	Algonquin Young Readers, 2018		
Rivers, Karen	1616208158	\$17.95	272 p.
Alexis Hardy, Centralia Timberland Library			

GRAPHIC NOVELS

<i>All Summer Long</i>	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018		
Larson, Hope	978-0-374-30485-0	\$21.99	172 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			

<i>Be Prepared</i> Brosgol, Vera Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School	First Second, 2018 978-1-62672-444-0	\$22.99	244 p.
<i>Chasma Knights</i> Sun, Boya and Kate Reed Petty Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	First Second, 2018 9781626726048	\$17.99	113 p.
<i>Check, Please!: #Hockey, Vol. 1</i> (ARC) Ukazu, Ngozi Alexis Hardy, Centralia Timberland Library	First Second, 2018 1250177952	\$23.99	288 p.
<i>Delilah Dirk and the Pillars of Hercules</i> , Delilah Dirk #3 Cliff, Tony Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	First Second, 2018 9781626728042	\$17.99	239 p.
<i>Grand Theft Horse</i> (ARC) Neri, G. Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS	Tu Books, 2018 978-1-62014-855-6	\$19.95	240 p.
<i>Hey, Kiddo</i> (ARC) Krosoczka, Jarrett J. Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Scholastic Graphix, 2018 9780545902489	\$14.99pb	300 p.
<i>Knights Club: The Bands of Bravery</i> , Knights Club #1 (ARC) Shuky Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS	Quirk Books, 2018 978-1-68369-057-3	\$9.99	184 p.
<i>Making Friends</i> Gudsnuke, Kristen Dawn Rutherford, Seattle Public Library	Scholastic, 2018 978-1-338-13921-1	\$12.99	261 p.
<i>The Adventure Zone: Here There Be Gerblins</i> McElroy, Clint and his brothers Griffin, Justin, and Travis, plus artist Carey Pietsch Michael Denton, Wandering Librarian <u>Comments</u> : Adult	First Second, 2018 9781250153708	\$19.99	224 p.
<i>The Cobalt Prince</i> , 5 Worlds #2 Siegel, Mark Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	Random House, 2018 9781101935897	\$20.99	245 p.
<i>The Dam Keeper: World Without Darkness</i> Kondo, Robert & Tsutsumi, Dice Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	First Second, 2018 978-1-62672-427-3	\$21.99	153 p.

The Principal Strikes Back, Star Wars: Jedi Academy #6 Scholastic, 2018
 Krosoczka, Jarrett 978-1-338-18824-0 \$12.99 173 p.
 Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

NON-FICTION

1968: Today's Authors Explore a Year of Rebellion, Revolution, and Change
 Aronson, Marc and Susan Campbell Bartoletti, editors Candlewick, 2018
 9780763689933 \$18.99 198 p.
 Katy Olson, Monticello/Cascade Middle Schools

Deep Dark Blue: A Memoir of Survival Feiwel and Friends, 2018
 Tate, Polo 978-1-250-12852-2 \$18.99 335 p.
 Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Google It: A History of Google Macmillan Publishing Group, 2018
 Redding, Anna 978-1-250-14822-3 \$19.99 230 p.
 Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

House of Dreams: The Life of L.M. Montgomery Candlewick, 2018
 Rosenberg, Liz 978-0-7636-6057-4 \$17.99 339 p.
 Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

More Deadly Than War Henry Holt, 2018
 Davis, Kenneth C. 9781250145123 \$19.99 291 p.
 Katy Olson, Monticello/Cascade Middle Schools

My Family Divided Henry Holt, 2018
 Guerrero, Diane 978-1-250-13486-8 \$18.99 251 p.
 Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School
Comments: Adapted from author's adult memoir *In The Country We Love*

The Atlas of Flags White Star Kids, 2018
 Silvestri, Federico 978-88-544-1280-4 \$19.95 95 p.
 Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School
Comments: Rosella Trionfetti, ill.

• Careers in Engineering Series
A Career in Biomedical Engineering ReferencePoint Press, 2018
 Abramovitz, Melissa 978-1-68282-343-9 \$29.95 64 p.

A Career in Computer Engineering ReferencePoint Press, 2018
 Kallen, Stuart A. 978-1-68282-347-7 \$29.95 64 p.

<i>A Career in Environmental Engineering</i> Kallen, Stuart A.	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-351-4	\$29.95	64 p.
<i>A Career in Mechanical Engineering</i> Currie-McGhee, Leanne Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-353-8	\$29.95	64 p.
• Debating History Series			
<i>Debates on 20th-Century Immigration</i> Abramovitz, Melissa	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-369-9	\$29.95	76 p.
<i>Debates on Slave Trade</i> Nardo, Don	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-373-6	\$29.95	72 p.
<i>Debates on the 9/11 Attacks</i> Green, Robert	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-377-4	\$29.95	75 p.
<i>Debates on the Holocaust</i> Nardo, Don JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-367-5	\$29.95	74 p.
<i>Debates on the Rise of Islamist Extremism</i> Green, Robert	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-371-2	\$29.95	73 p.
<i>Debates on the Soviet Union's Collapse</i> Allen, John JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-375-0	\$29.95	76 p.
• Discrimination in Society Series			
<i>Sex Discrimination</i> Parks, Peggy J. Sue McAllister, Kellogg Middle School	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682823897	\$33.28	80 p.
• Epic Fails Series			
<i>The Race to Space: Countdown to Liftoff</i> Slader, Erik and Ben Thompson	Roaring Brook Press, 2018 9781250150615	\$15.99	152 p.
<i>The Wright Brothers: Nose-Diving into History</i> Slader, Erik and Ben Thompson Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Roaring Brook Press, 2018 9781250250561	\$6.99	120 p.

- Living with Disorder and Disabilities Series

<i>Living with PTSD</i> Wyskowski, Lindsay	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682824894	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Living with ADHD</i> Sanderson, Whitney	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682824795	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Living with Learning Disabilities</i> Rea, Amy C.	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682824818	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Living with OCD</i> Garcia Andersen, Michelle	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682824832	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Living with Panic Disorder</i> Connor-Smith, Jennifer	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682824856	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Living with Phobias</i> Ayarbe, Heidi Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 9781682824870	\$29.95	80 p.

- Stem Careers Series

<i>Biotech Careers</i> Streissguth, Tom	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-427-6	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Cybersecurity Careers</i> Hulick, Kathryn	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-429-0	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Engineering Careers</i> Wilcox, Christine	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-431-3	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Health Care Careers</i> Wilcox, Christine	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-433-7	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>Info Tech Careers</i> Kallen, Stuart A. Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	ReferencePoint Press, 2018 978-1-68282-435-1	\$29.95	80 p.

- Technology's Impact Series

<i>How 3D Printing Will Impact Society</i> McCarthy, Cecilia	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-499-3	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>How Artificial Intelligence Will Impact Society</i> Hogan, Christa	ReferencePoint Press, 2019 978-1-68282-491-7	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>How Drones Will Impact Society</i>	ReferencePoint Press, 2019		

Hakala, John	978-1-68282-493-1	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>How Nanotechnology Will Impact Society</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2019			
Hakala, John	978-1-68282-495-5	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>How Self Driving Cars Will Impact Society</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2019			
Mosloski, Jessica	978-1-68282-497-9	\$29.95	80 p.
<i>How Virtual Reality Will Impact Society</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2019			
McCarthy, Cecilia	978-1-98282-501-3	\$29.95	80 p.
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School			
• The Push for Social Change Series			
<i>The Civil Rights Movement</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2018			
Blohm, Craig E.	9781682824191	\$39.93	80 p.
<i>The Environmental Movement</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2018			
Kallen, Stuart A.	9781682824238	\$39.93	80 p.
<i>The LGBT Rights Movement</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2018			
Rarus, Pat	9781682824214	\$39.93	80 p.
<i>The Women's Rights Movement</i> ReferencePoint Press, 2018			
Nardo, Don	978168224252	\$39.93	80 p.
Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School			

Titles Reviewed at September 2018 Meeting

FICTION - RECOMMENDED

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| <p>Acevedo, Elizabeth
<i>The Poet X</i></p> <p>This bildungsroman is a 16-year-old Harlem girl's journey to poetry. Xio has always done her fighting with her fists but discovers journal writing has more resonance as she questions her strict Dominican mother and their Catholic faith. Xio wants to enter a slam poetry contest her caring teacher suggests but finds her mother has burned Xio's journal containing her life's work. Her poetry covers her own self-doubts and reflections on her twin brother's exploration of his own sexuality. The poetry is thoughtful and powerful.</p> <p>Age Level: Junior High, High School, 8th+ references to masturbation
Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School</p> | <p>978-0062662804
Harper Teen, 2018</p> | <p>\$16.99</p> | <p>368 p.</p> |
| <p>Berquist, Emma
<i>Devils Unto Dust</i></p> <p>Daisy Wilson (who goes by Willie) is on the hook for debts owed by her no-good father in the years after the Civil War, when the "Shakes" (zombie-like creatures) roam the countryside and everyone is enclosed in palisaded towns. She must hire cheap, young guides to get her where she needs to go to pay off her father's debts and save her little siblings. Walking Dead in the desert ensues. Good book, clean and exciting. Grade 7-12</p> <p>Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Recommend for Evergreen Award? No
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School</p> | <p>978-0062642783
Greenwillow, 2018</p> | <p>\$17.99</p> | <p>496 p.</p> |
| <p>Bérubé, Amelinda
<i>The Dark Beneath the Ice</i> (ARC)</p> <p>Teens looking for a spooky tale of self-discovery will enjoy this new thriller. High schooler Marianne is having a tough time. Her parents have split up, she quit dancing ballet, and now her mom has checked herself into the hospital for mental issues. But the worst is that Marianne is losing time. There's a darkness around Marianne as she keeps dreaming of a dark, silent beach where something keeps pulling her to the water's edge. Who can she turn to? Her mom's gone, her dad's too busy. Her doctor just puts her on meds. Is Marianne going crazy like her mom or is something even worse happening? You won't want to put this book down after a failed exorcism reveals someone or something is staking a claim on Marianne's life. Teens for a paranormal/horror mystery will love this gripping tale that just increasingly ratchets up the tension.</p> <p>Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Recommend for Evergreen Award? No
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School</p> | <p>978-1-4926-5707-1
Sourcebooks Fire, 2018</p> | <p>\$17.99</p> | <p>336 p.</p> |
| <p>Bobulski, Chelsea
<i>The Wood</i></p> | <p>978-1-250-09426-1
Feiwel & Friends, 2017</p> | <p>\$17.99</p> | <p>320 p.</p> |

The Wood has been the responsibility of Winter Parish's family since the late 1700s. Winter's father would traverse the woods every day without fail, and return before nightfall. When she turned 10, her father began her training as a guardian since one day, she too, would be obliged to walk through the woods, looking for travelers who had inadvertently slipped out of their own time and needed guidance back to their own threshold. There were only three rules guardians must follow: Do not travel from the paths, do not linger after dark, and do not ignore the calling. It never occurred to Winter that she would have to walk the woods without her father there to guide her. Until he vanished. Nearly two years after he failed to return after dark, Winter tries to balance school and a truncated social life with her obligation to walk the woods and return lost travelers to their rightful time. But, something is amiss in the woods in the months after her father disappeared. Leaves are turning black, and a gloom has settled over the wood. Then, a young man named Henry arrives in the wood. At first, Winter believes he unwittingly crossed through a threshold, but he seems to know more than he should about the nature of the wood, her job as a guardian, and her father. After forcibly returning Henry through his threshold more than once, he eventually convinces Winter to take him from the woods into her time in order to investigate his own parent's disappearance. It is then Winter discovers that her own father's disappearance might not have been caused by an accident as she and her mother were told, but by something much more sinister and deadly. A very engaging, fast-paced story with a wide opening for a sequel. One of the 2019 nominees for Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers (YALSA).

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Comments: The cover and title don't reflect the story well.

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Brunskill, Amelia	978-1-5247-2029-2	\$17.99	336 p.
<i>The Window</i>	Delacorte, 2018		

Twin sisters Anna and Jess couldn't be more different. Anna is outgoing, athletic and popular. Jess....isn't. That doesn't make Jess any less devastated and confused when Anna is found dead outside her bedroom window. The police and her parents believe it was an accident, a tragic fall. But, Jess believes something isn't right. Since no one will believe her, Jess is determined (obsessive even) to figure out Anna's secrets. Jess's narrative is interspersed with sections told in Anna's voice (as if she'd left behind a diary even though she didn't). The sisters are interesting characters, and although I figured out the twist before it happened, that didn't ruin my enjoyment of the book. 3.5 stars. Grades 9+.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Cameron, Sharon	978-0-545-94524-0	\$18.99	448 p.
<i>The Knowing, The Forgetting #2</i>	Scholastic, 2017		

Five hundred years have passed since Nadia the dyer's daughter discovered the secret to the Forgetting and set the Canaan colony's path in a new direction. (The Forgetting, 2016) The Knowing live in the Underneath, a complex of caverns beneath the surface, while the Outsiders struggle to survive above. Both are ruled by the Council, a group of Knowing

who plot and plan the progress of the Knowing but neglect and exploit the Outsiders. Samara Archiva is one of the Knowing, and for her Knowing is a curse. She has watched too many of the people she knew and loved die because of this ability, including her brother, who's death she can recall with the same acuity as when it happened. Something from her earliest memories leads Samara to believe there is a remedy, a cure, for the Knowing in the old abandoned city of her ancestors. Against the Council's prohibition, Samara leaves the Underneath to find the lost city of Canaan and find the Forgetting. While in the ancient, abandoned city of her ancestors, Samara encounters an Earthling, Beckett Rodriguez, who was sent as part of a mission to find out what happened to the original colony. Samara is wary of Beckett's intent, but over time she allows herself to trust him with her plans. Beckett ends up rejecting his mission's protocols and joins up with Samara to help her find a way to end the Knowing without Forgetting and end the stranglehold the Council has had on New Canaan for centuries. This sequel "wrapped up" loose ends well enough that it does not require another installment, but left enough "open" that another book could be worked in. Both plot and character are balanced well, Samara's inner, mental struggles are nicely balanced by Beckett's more physical approaches and expression. Both *The Knowing*, and it's prequel, *The Forgetting* are a refreshing twist on the "dystopian survivalist" storyline.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Champion, Lindsay	978-1-5253-0042-4	\$10.99	279 p.
<i>Someday, Somewhere</i>	Kids Can Press, 2018		

"It's about getting past it [technique] to feel which notes get joy and which ones shudder." (27) "I play the ache. I play the landmine." (28) Sixteen-year-old Dominique, a talented dancer dreams of a future with the famous Alvin Ailey Modern Dance Company, but has to give it up with no funds for college. On a school outing to Carnegie Hall, Dom falls in love with one of the performers, a dark-haired violin-playing genius named Ben. They eventually meet and fall in love but both are keeping secrets. Dom learns about opera and jazz; Ben learns about show tunes. But she is ashamed of how poor she is and lets him believe she's a NYC dance student; and he doesn't tell her he's mentally ill.

The author knows music. The book is divided into three movements labeled with musical tempo notations and a lot of scenes focus on music preparations and performances. Nicely written.

Age Level: Junior High, High School, more high school b/c of ages of characters

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Chen, Justina	9780062220066	\$18.99	352 p.
<i>Lovely, Dark, and Deep</i> (ARC)	Arthur A. Levine, 2018		

Title is based on a poem by Robert Frost. Viola loves a good cause, so she is selling baos at Seattle Center when she suddenly falls ill. It's caught on video and goes viral. But she was rescued by handsome Josh who would like to pursue a relationship with her. However, Viola has developed a severe case of photosensitivity and her crisis management parents have abruptly curtailed all of her activities for the sake of her health. A sweet romance plus

an interesting look at a rare (or rarely heard of) disorder. Love the author's way with words. Plus - diverse main character! Also, if you are a Firefly/Serenity fan, you will enjoy the many references to that show in this book.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Coulthurst, Audrey 978-0062433282 \$17.99 400 p.
Inkmistress Balzer and Bray, 2018

Asra lives in solitude, because she is a demi-god of sorts and she can write the future into existence in her own blood. She has a local girl she is in love with, Ina, who begs her help with finding the spirit animal (manifest) that she will be able to change in to later. Asra begrudgingly helps, as using this power has been bad in the past. It leads to a slaughter of Ina's village, Ina declaring war on the king and going in her new dragon manifest to try to kill him, not knowing that Asra is responsible for starting it all. Interesting magic, well-developed characters. Stand-alone novel. Grades 7-12

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming, Juanita High School

Crutcher, Chris 9780062220066 \$17.99 250 p.
Losers Bracket Greenwillow, 2018

This summer, Annie Boots chooses to join the swim team over basketball even though she is a star at basketball. Around the pool, the dysfunction of Annie's childhood emerges. Her foster family is concerned about her losing a basketball scholarship and cautions her about her continual secret visits with her biological family. Annie knows they come with trouble, but she just can't stay away. Then her 5 year nephew disappears adding another layer of drama. The book delivers an edgy look into family dynamics and relationships.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Cindy Simon, Inglewood Middle School

Garner, Paula 978-0-7636-9469-2 \$17.99 359 p.
Relative Strangers Candlewick Press, 2018

Jules needs a baby picture for the yearbook, and with her mom refusing to help, she decides to dig around for herself. She's shocked when she uncovers paperwork indicating she'd been in foster care for over a year when she was a baby. Instead of confronting her mom, Jules seeks out the foster family and manages to connect online with Luke, her foster brother. He is thrilled she found him. He and his family were heart-broken when she left them. For Jules, the feelings are more complicated. She doesn't remember Luke as a brother and she can't seem to help being attracted to him. She can't help but wonder what her life would have been like with this very loving family, but would she really wish a way her own mom? Jules' wish for a more perfect family is very relatable as is the path she takes to make peace with what she has. 4 stars. Grade 9+, drinking.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Jane, Sarah 978-1-338-22665-2 \$9.99 256 p.
Maiden Voyage: A Titanic Story (ARC) Scholastic, 2018

Here's an entertaining middle school historical fiction novel for not-picky readers. This fictional account of the 1912 Titanic disaster is provided by three young girls who come from three different classes. Their pasts and their futures are intertwined and the sooner they realize this, the better their chances of survival will be. Chapters are narrated by the three young ladies with factual information interwoven throughout that doesn't weigh down the plot. Even though some of the writing seems stilted, I don't think tween and teen readers will mind. Despite an ending that wraps up too neatly, teens will still enjoy this historical fiction story that's full of mystery, action, and romance.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Keil, Melissa 9780062220066 \$17.95 302 p.
The Secret Science of Magic Peachtree, 2018

Sophia is a math genius. Joshua is magician. Can he show her how magical he is before they graduate? Keil writes an engaging romance with approachable characters you root for the whole way through. Readers not from Australia will be reminded of the setting a few times, but other subcultural details will feel familiar. There are moments of quotable writing, and the magic elements and references are a fun additional element in a realistic romance. There is a strong subplot about friendship that almost overtakes the primary romance in its poignancy. Because the characters are dealing with the end of high school, recommended for high schools and public libraries.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

Key, Watt 9780062220066 \$16.99 264 p.
Deep Water Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018

Julie is helping her dad with his dive business over the summer. Their first client is someone she knew from school and didn't get along with well plus his overbearing dad. Julie's dad is not feeling well, so Julie ends up leading the dive despite misgivings. Things go terribly wrong and Julie and Shane end up alone in deep water. Great for fans of Gary Paulsen books. Strong girl character with realistic self doubts.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Levenseller, Tricia 978-1-250-09601-2 \$17.99 341 p.
Daughter of the Siren Queen, Daughter of the Pirate King #2 Feiwel & Friends, 2018

Teens who loved Princess Alosa's swashbuckling adventures as the daughter of the pirate king, will love this sequel. Alosa has now turned against her father and is racing against

him to find Isla de Canta, the island full of treasures captured (and protected) by the beautiful, deadly, and magical Sirens. Both will stop at nothing to reach the island first and reap all the spoils. The Pirate King's advantage is that he's the only man to face a Siren and live. Princess Alosa's advantage is that she's half-Siren with some amazing abilities of her own. Alosa not only betrayed her father by copying the treasure map, but also stealing a precious item of his. The Pirate King won't hesitate to kill his daughter to get back what he's lost or to get the all the treasure. Alosa is still humorous, brave, and passionate, but she's also confused about her feelings for Riden, a different pirate king's son whose ship she robbed in the first book. Readers will love the thrilling race to Isla de Canta that pits daughter against father and is full of entertaining humor, action, and romance--and an intriguing Siren Queen.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Lien, Henry 9780062220066 \$16.99 330 p.

Peasprout Chen: Future Legend of Skate and Sword Henry Holt, 2018

Peasprout is confident about her destiny. She is a champion skater, on her way to study at the Pearl Famous Academy of Skate and Sword. Unfortunately, unexpected challenges stand in her way. Lien introduces a brand new mythology. The end papers contain a map of the school campus, which readers will refer to regularly as different locations are explored. The use of "pearl" as a building material and skating surface evokes a beautiful world. Readers looking for a unique setting and mythology will enjoy this new super-powered school. Recommended for middle school and public library collections.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

Monir, Alexandra 978-0-06-265894-4 \$18.99 338 p.

The Final Six, The Final Six #1 Harper Teen, 2018

Temperature change has resulted in rising oceans which has devastated Earth. To save the human race, 24 of the world's brightest teens have been drafted by NASA and the European Space Agency to compete for six spots to travel to Europa, Jupiter's moon, to establish a new colony and leave Earth behind forever. The 24 contenders will train at the International Space Training Camp in Houston before the final six are chosen. Leo, an Italian teen from Rome, was chosen for his swimming and diving skills. Naomi, an Iranian-American teen from Los Angeles was chosen for her brilliant scientific mind. While Leo is excited to compete, Naomi doesn't want to leave her younger brother who has a heart defect. This competition is more physically and emotionally challenging than expected as some teens will stop at nothing--even deadly sabotage--to ensure their spot in the final six. As Leo and Naomi become closer romantically, they become increasingly suspicious about their leaders. What unknown danger awaits these six on Europa? Teens who can ignore the unbelievable science will be drawn into the action and romance of this sci-fi thriller and eagerly await the sequel.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

O'Brien, Anne Sibley 978-0-545-90574-9 \$17.99 336 p.
In the Shadow of the Sun Arthur A. Levine, 2017

Mia Andrews and her brother, Simon, accompany their father, who works for a humanitarian aid organization, on a trip to North Korea. Mia, her brother and her father must follow a very restricted and regulated visitation agenda, complete with two guides who seem to hover around the family at all times. Mia is annoyed at her brother's constant sour mood throughout the trip, and curious about why her father slipped out of the hotel to meet a mysterious man in the middle of their first night there. Then, one of their handlers, Mr. Lee, leaves a package with instructions not to open until the family returns to the US. Curious, Mia opens the package and finds a cell phone which she later discovers holds a dangerous secret. While on a sight-seeing trip to the Great Leader's birth place, the unthinkable happens, and Mia's father is arrested and whisked away--presumably because authorities learned of the cell phone and its contents. Mia fears she and her brother are next, and only Simon's quick thinking saves them from being tracked down. The two do the only thing they can think of: head north to China in attempt to escape North Korea--save the phone, save their dad. It's an arduous journey with Mia learning to become more self-reliant and Simon revealing secrets and truths Mia only thought she understood. The novel is very well-written, the characters believable and the descriptions of many of the humanitarian issues about North Korea accurate if somewhat simplified. The book includes a preface that provides background information about the North Korean government, the leaders and history. The chapters are interspersed with short first-person accounts from the perspective of North Koreans who Mia and her brother encounter on their journey north.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Ostrom, Melissa 978-1-250-13279-6 \$17.99 312 p.
The Beloved Wild Feiwel & Friends, 2018

It's 1807 and as much as 16-year-old Harriet (Harry) Winter loves her family, she wants to decide her own future--even though everyone thinks she'll marry their neighbor. When Harry's older brother Gideon decides to head out for the Genesee Valley and build his own homestead, she joins him. But Harry disguises herself as a boy for the journey. She knows ladies are not allowed in certain places along the way, such as taverns, and longs to wear pants. So Gideon and "Freddy" make the long, dangerous journey west, facing difficulties and meeting new friends and enemies along the way. Being away from home gives Harry time to think the future she wants. Even though pioneer life is even harder than all the chores she used to do at home, she enjoys testing her limits in new ways. Teens looking for an action-packed historical fiction tale that's full of laughter and heart will love to hear about Harry's experiences in the wild. Some dark moments and experiences prevent this from being a light-hearted tale, but it's a gripping fast-paced story full of heart and romance.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Sevigny, Alisha 978-1-5253-0043-1 \$10.99 256 p.
Summer Constellations Kids Can Press, 2018

Julia loves helping her single mother manage their beautiful lake campground during the summer. But she is devastated to learn her mother plans to sell it to a developer to pay off medical debts from her 10 year-old brother's serious illness. At her lowest point, she meets an attractive stranger on the dock telling him all of her problems (including the discovery that her summer boyfriend now has a new girlfriend) before she finds out this stranger is the son of the would-be developer and a rock star to boot. Characters are nicely developed and even though Nick is too good to be true, he's painted in a way that's not offensive. Julia loves astronomy so the reader gets a few free astronomy lessons. Predictable but enjoyable.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Slaughter, Lynn 9780062220066 \$16.99 310 p.
It Should Have Been You Page Street, 2018

Six months after her music prodigy sister was brutally murdered in their home, Clara starts receiving death threats via email from a deranged fan of her sister who says, "It should have been you [who died.]" Clara feels that if she could only solve her sister's murder, then maybe the harassing would stop. And so, she starts sleuthing around, learning lots of truths about her sister, but never getting closer to solving the case. Meanwhile, the threats escalate: her tires are slashed, her car is run off the road, etc. Clara's dad, best friend Hannah, and boyfriend Ben are all worried. They encourage her to let the police do their job, but Detective Marino can't seem to drop Clara as a key suspect. It should have been you is a twisty murder mystery that will keep readers guessing. Note: Contains a brief scene where victims of domestic abuse tell graphic stories of rape and assault.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

FICTION – SHRUG

Brandon, Alyssa 978-1250101723 \$17.99 291 p.
Bound To You Swoon Reads, 2018

Megan Ross is an 18-year-old werewolf, waiting for her mate to come and claim her. When James shows up and the mate bond makes its presence known, she thinks her true love fantasies are about to come true. Not quite. Though James moves her from her family home into his large mansion, he remains cold and distant. She forms relationships with members of his pack, but the one person she wants to get close to, James, keeps her at arm's length. Can she break through his protective shell? This steamy romance reads very Twilight-esque and I would only give it to students who love paranormal romance. Beware, there are some racy sex scenes that make it too mature for middle school.

Age Level: High School
Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School

Brown, Jennifer 9780062220066 \$17.99 374 p.
Break Us Nikki Kill #3 Katherine Tegen Books, 2018

Conclusion to the series. Nikki has synesthesia (she sees things in colors). She uses this ability to help solve mysteries, and now she is trying to solve the cold case of the murder of her mother. She needs the help of detective Martinez but he has amnesia from a hit and run. There are nasty people out there who do not want her to find the answers either, and it ties back to the other two books in the series. Lots of action and intrigue. Older characters and entanglements make this more appropriate for high school. I liked the first book the best. Get it if you have the others in the series, first book was really good. Other two were not as good however.

Age Level: High School
Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Gewirtz, Adina Rische 978-0-7636-6036-9 \$18.99 560 p.
Blue Window Candlewick Press, 2018

Five siblings fall through a cobalt blue window in December landing in a summertime world in full of strange hostile local inhabitants. They are led to a lab for experimentation and discover new super-powers that allow them to escape. The siblings find sanctuary in an old city further refining their powers before the epic battle of good and evil. The story sounds Narnia-like but it's more brutal and sinister. The story is told from each of the five siblings' points of view: two thirteen-year old twins down to the six-year-old's but it's difficult to follow for the 600 pages. Each child's story, itself, is more than 100 pages long and when it doesn't alternate between the characters in-between, it becomes confusing for middle-school readers. The premise sounds promising but a variety of issues prevent it from being interesting or entertaining.

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

Ghislain, Gary 978-1-62979-677-2 \$17.95 232 p.
A Bad Night for Bullies, The Goolz Next Door #1 Boyds Mills, 2018

Harold lives in semi-rural Maine with his mother as comfortably as is reasonable for a 7th grade boy confined to a wheelchair since falling out of a plum tree as a small child. He and his mother love to read, and decide to focus on the works of their newly arrived famous horror writer (royalty?) next door. The mother tries to be neighborly, but Harold is a bit shy until he sees the two daughters looking back at him from the yard. The man's odd, but the older girl, in Harold's class, instantly takes to him, pulling him out of his shell. It's not long before odd lights and apparitions appear in the house at night, and an ancient sculpted stone with moving parts and engravings is implicated – the stone of the dead. There are bullies and predictable foolish choices, adventures in the dark, and a too smooth resolution that leads to a probable next adventure with some other supernatural events. (There's a lot going on for a slim volume: bullying, growing up, disability, single parenthood, sperm donation, death of a mother, horrible death, ghosts, addiction, alcoholism.) It's fun, but

maybe we should try the Hardy Boys again – more believable and less gruesome. (I did like the triple play: Mr. Goolz has two girls, and invites ghouls into the world.)

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, Grades 4-8

Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School

Glines, Abbi 9780062220066 \$18.99 266 p.
As She Fades Feiwel & Friends, 2018

Vale and Crawford are seniors in high school, set to go off to college together in the fall. However, on the very last day of school, they are in a horrible car accident and Crawford ends up in a coma. Vale sits by his side in the hospital all summer and doesn't know how she can possibly go on with her own plans without him. (Seriously??) But she does meet intriguing, cute guy Slate at the hospital. Cue romantic triangle. Huge plot twist about 2/3 of the way through that ruined it for me. Sex on page is fairly graphic, plus age of characters makes this more appropriate for high school. Students will probably not mind the plot twist as much as I did.

Age Level: High School

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Hillyer, Lexa 978-0-06-244090-7 \$17.99 329 p.
Winter Glass, Spindle Fire, #2 Harper Teen, 2018

In this play on Sleeping Beauty, half-sisters Isabelle and Aurora are trying to save their kingdom from the evil fairy Malfleur. But, each are doing it in their own way. One is stepping in as Queen and trying to build an army. The other is trying to sneak into Malfleur's castle and conquer her from within. Both want to protect the other and know they face terrible odds. This sequel felt a bit convoluted, but that may have been because I hadn't read book one. There were some interesting ideas about fairy powers and where they come from, but unless you have fans of the first book or fans of fairytale retellings, I don't see this one stirring up loads of interest. Shrug. Grades 7+.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Sevigny, Alisha 9780062220066 \$10.99 256 p.
Summer Constellations KCP Lift, 2018

It's summertime for Julia and that means the Schaeffers will be back to vacation. Julia has been waiting to see Dan all year, but when he introduces her to his new girlfriend it's just the start of her summer disappointment. Her mother also announces that she is going to sell the family owned camp to pay for her little brother's medical bills. So when she goes down to the dock to cool off and check out some constellations she doesn't expect to meet a handsome stranger, who is such a good listener that she spills all her troubles to him. Unfortunately he withholds being a buyer for the camp and Dan's cousin. Will she be able to get over the betrayal or will he help her find a way to keep the camp? This sweet, predictable romance will appeal to those who love the genre.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

FICTION – NOT RECOMMENDED

Imperioli, Michael 978-1-61775-620-7 \$25.95 253 p.
The Perfume Burned His Eyes Akashic Books, 2016

Fiction about a kid who lives in the same New York city apartment building as Lou Reed and his transsexual girlfriend, Rachel in 1976. This is not a young adult book. It's a gross, crass, coming of age tale full of gratuitous obscenities that include drug abuse and sexual dog abuse. And you don't learn anything about Lou Reed.

Age Level: Adult

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Noni, Lynette 978-1525300417 \$17.99 320 p.
Whisper KCP, 2018

Jane Doe has been kept under lock and key for over two years in a secret underground government facility, refusing to speak despite repeated mistreatment. All we know about her is that she will. Not. Talk. Her resolve begins to crumble once she starts having special sessions with dreamboat Landon Ward. He treats her like an actual human being and exposes her to the world outside the laboratory. Halfway through the book Jane finally speaks and her struggle to understand and control her powers begins. Described a cross between X-men and Stranger Things, I really wanted to love this book. Unfortunately, the poor character development and stale sci-fi tropes made it a pass for me.

Age Level: Middle School, High School

Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School

Rapp, Adam 978-0-7636-6756-6 \$18.99 402 p.
Fum Candlewick Press, 2018

I was unable to finish this. Unclear who the audience would be.

Age Level: High School

Dawn Rutherford, Seattle Public Library

GRAPHIC NOVELS – RECOMMEND

Spinale, Wendy 978-0-545-95322-1 \$17.99 288 p.
Ozland, Everland #3 (ARC) Scholastic, 2018

Fans of the first two books in this series of childhood fantasy favorites being retold will likely enjoy this one, but I won't be purchasing for my middle school. This steampunk dystopian series shows London a year after the Horologia virus was unleashed by the evil Bloodred Queen from Germany. This virus killed nearly all the adults. Now the Lost Kids are racing against Captain Hook to find King Osbourne to return him to power while scrambling to find a true cure to the deadly virus. This book's connection to the Wizard of Oz barely goes beyond Oz in the title. While each book in the series has some interesting recreations from its original, there just wasn't enough polish and clear plotting to keep my interest. Some great ideas need more fleshing out for me to truly enjoy this series.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Annable, Graham 978-1-62672-561-4 \$17.99 119 p.

Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths First Second, 2018

Peter and Ernesto are a couple of sloth buddies who enjoy watching cloud shapes and sharing snacks. Ernesto, however, has an adventurous streak and sets out to see the rest of the sky. Peter is too timid to follow, until he begins to worry about Ernesto. Ernesto makes friends, sees the world, and has adventures. Peter, on a much smaller scale, also makes new acquaintances and has adventures. But he misses Ernesto. After too close a call with danger, Ernesto heads home, with help from friends, and the two are joyously reunited. Ernesto teaches Peter about constellations. There are differences among timid, lazy, and content. The art of the sloths is a bit simple, though the backgrounds are richer. The dialogue is minimal, and this could be good for those learning English or to read.

Age Level: Middle School, Elementary

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Alan Grenon, Sylvester Middle School

Lawrence, Mike 978-1626722811 \$17.99 208 p.

League of Lasers, Star Scouts #2 First Second, 2018

Avani has found a scout troop she belongs in, in outer space! Everyone else in her troop is an alien. Now, she has been invited to a prestigious scouting honor troop - The League of Lasers. All she must do is survive the initiation test on a dangerous planet, with her frenemy Pam there too. Book two of a series, colorful, action-packed and clean. Grades 4-7

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming, Juanita High School

Scott, Mairghread 978-1626724570 \$16.99 224 p.

The City on the Other Side First Second, 2018

Isabel is a good, rule-following girl, but she steps through a curtain from 1900's San Francisco into a war between the fairy courts - the Seelie and Unseelie courts, She has a magical necklace and a talking mushroom to help her defuse the war and save San Francisco, which doesn't even know it is under threat! Colorful, clean and good for grades 4-7

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming, Juanita High School

Scott, Mairghread and Jacob Chabot 978-1-62672-792-2 \$12.99 120 p.

Robots and Drones: Past, Present, and Future, Science Comics First Second, 2018

Another solid title in the Science Comics series! Great overview for kids/tweens interested in learning about robot history, categories, and basic workings. Fun, entertaining, and informative!

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Dawn Rutherford, Seattle Public Library

Sedgwick, Marcus 978-1626720268 \$14.99 208 p.
Scarlett Hart: Monster Hunter First Second, 2018

Scarlett is an orphan of monster-hunting parents, but the guild they belonged to will not support a child hunting monsters, so Scarlett must do it on her own, with only her trusty butler for help. She is quite feisty and has lots of monster-hunting tools, but her enemy, Count Stankovic, is trying to get her kicked out of the guild and he is taking credit for her captures and information. Marcus Sedgwick! Clean and colorful. Perfect for grades 4-7

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming, Juanita High School

NON-FICTION – RECOMMEND

Price, Planaria 9780062220066 \$17.99 250 p.
Claiming My Place Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018

This is the story of Barbara Reichman, a Jewish girl growing up in Poland during the Nazi invasion. This book delves into the character of Barbara growing up in Poland with dreams of going to college and getting married, as well as her determination to get the education she deserved. During the occupation of Poland, Barbara manages to escape from the Ghetto of her city Piotrkow because of her fair complexion and good Polish language skills. Barbara's unique perspective and experience outwitting the Nazis provides diversity among Holocaust survivor stories. It should be noted that the story is told in 1st person, but not written by Barbara, though the author was thorough in interviewing and committed to rendering Barbara's actual thoughts.

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

Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes

Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

- Exploring Careers Series

Kallen, Stuart A. 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Careers in Travel and Hospitality ReferencePoint, 2018

Mooney, Carla 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Careers in the Legal Profession ReferencePoint, 2018

Nardo, Don 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Careers in Renewable Energy ReferencePoint, 2018

This verbose series give pretty solid information about various jobs including what the job entails, how to get started in the job, what background, training, and personality traits it takes to do the job, and what one can expect (hours, working environment, salary, e.g.). Each chapter highlights a career and opens with a factsheet that covers education requirements, salary, and outlook. As a nice, personal touch, each chapter has a couple of quotes from people in the industry talking about highlights, lowlights, and surprises in

their jobs. The rest of the reading is rather dry, but students with true interest will learn much. Note: all salary information is "projected" 2016.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

- Human Rights in Focus Series

Currie-McGhee, Leanne 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Human Trafficking ReferencePoint, 2018

Human trafficking is essentially modern day slavery whether it is sex workers or day laborers. This 80 page book explores both of these ideas as well as going into more depth about what human trafficking is and how different countries address the issue. There is a chapter about consequences for victims and another about how to fight against it. In the back there are source notes, how to get involved, ideas for further research, an index, and picture credits. Graphic images and descriptions throughout make this appropriate for 9th-12th grade. Other titles in the series: Genocide, Illegal Immigrants, The LGBT Community, Refugees, and Torture.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Haugen, David M. 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Illegal Immigrants ReferencePoint, 2018

My biggest quibble with this book is the title and use of the term illegal immigrants throughout the book. I wish the author had used the term Undocumented rather than Illegal. These are people without papers - that is the crime. THEY are not the crime. Topics covered include sovereign and human rights; deciding what rights apply to undocumented immigrants (one of the few times this term is used); harassment and exploitation; detention and deportation; human trafficking; policies and prevention efforts. In the back there are source notes, how to get involved, ideas for further research, and an index. No photo credits in this book as there are in others in the series. Other titles in the series: Genocide, Human Trafficking, The LGBT Community, Refugees, and Torture.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Comments: Relevant right now, not sure how long until it is outdated though.

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Karson, Damon 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
The LGBT Community ReferencePoint, 2018

Topics covered are: a pervasive pattern of violence; a global overview of LGBT human rights; criminalization; discrimination; violence and harassment; efforts to protect the human rights of the LGBT community. In the back there are source notes, how to get involved, ideas for further research, an index, and picture credits. Includes text boxes, full color photos, quotes, and focus questions. Other titles in the series: Genocide, Human Trafficking, Refugees, Illegal Immigrants, and Torture.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Steffens, Bradley 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Genocide ReferencePoint, 2018

Topics covered include: defining genocide (a new word for an old evil); a legacy of destruction; what constitutes genocide; what it's like to live through genocide; what the lasting effects of genocide are; what can be done to prevent genocide. In the back there are source notes, how to get involved, ideas for further research, an index, and picture credits. Includes text boxes, full color photos, quotes, and focus questions. Due to graphic nature of topic and photos, this is more appropriate for 9th-12th grade audience. Other titles in the series: The LGBT Community, Human Trafficking, Refugees, Illegal Immigrants, and Torture.

Age Level: High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Uschan, Michael V. 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Refugees ReferencePoint, 2018

So relevant - but not sure how long until it will be outdated. Topics covered are: seeking new lives; a global problem; why people become refugees; the harsh reality of refugee life; beginning anew, and dealing humanely with refugees. In the back there are source notes, how to get involved, ideas for further research, an index, and photo credits. Includes text boxes, full color photos, quotes, and focus questions. Other titles in the series: Genocide, Human Trafficking, The LGBT Community, Illegal Immigrants, and Torture.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No

Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

• Thinking Critically Series

Carroll, Jamuna 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Social Networking ReferencePoint, 2018

Currie, Stephen 9780062220066 \$29.95 80 p.
Performance Enhancing Drugs ReferencePoint, 2018

Very similar to ReferencePoint's Compact Research series, their Thinking Critically series presents pros and cons of various hot topics, asking probing questions along the way. Each volume opens up with an overview of the issue, followed by chapters asking questions such as, "Should performance enhancing drug use by athletes be acceptable?" Each chapter, likewise, starts by presenting highlights of each side of the issue, followed by two sections (one for, one against) with questions to consider while reading, historical information, arguments supporting each stance, and charts/graphs (copyright 2015-2017) of statistical information. In the foreword, the publisher states that their goal is to "[provide] a solid introduction to the study of pro/con issues," and they certainly succeed in that endeavor.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommend for Evergreen Award? No
Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School