



WASHINGTON STATE YOUNG ADULT REVIEW

GROUP

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE: March 1, 2019

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WASHYARGers:

Survive the 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:

- *March 1*
- *May 10*
- *September 13*
- *December 6*

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.

2019 MEETINGS

- *September 13*
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- *March 6*
- *May 8*

MEMBERSHIP FORM:



Name:

Title:

Email*:

Phone*:

Address*:

** Please indicate home or work for contact info.*

Titles Taken for Review – December 2018

All titles and reviews are now being submitted online at:
<https://evergreenbookaward.org/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>24 Hours in Nowhere</i> Bowling, Dusti Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Sterling, 2018 978-1-4549-2924-6	\$14.99	260 p.
<i>A Blade So Black</i> McKinney, L. L. Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School	Imprint, 2018 9781250153906	\$18.99	366 p.
<i>A Very Large Expanse of Sea</i> Mafi, Tahereh Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	Epic Reads, 2018 978-0-06-286656-1	\$18.99	310 p.
<i>After Image</i> Hughes, Naomi Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	Page Street, 2018 9781624145971	\$17.99	304 p.
<i>Alan Cole Doesn't Dance</i>, Alan Cole #2 Bell, Eric Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	Katherine Tegen, 2018 9780062567062	\$16.99	275 p.
<i>All the Stars Denied</i> Garcia McCall, Guadalupe Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	Tu Books, 2018 9781620142813	\$19.95	318 p.
<i>All We Could Have Been</i> (ARC) Carter, Te Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	Feiwel & Friends, 2019 978-1-250-17296-9	\$17.99	304 p.
<i>American Road Trip</i> Flores-Scott, Patrick Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School	Henry Holt, 2018 9781627797412	\$17.99	*BFYA 272 p.
<i>Any Second</i> Emerson, Kevin	Crown, 2018 9780553534825	\$17.99	392 p.

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

- Battle of Champions***, Peasprout Chen #2 (ARC) Henry Holt, 2019
Lien, Henry 9781250165756 \$16.99 366 p.
Maggie Wong, KCLS
- Becoming Prince Charming***, Suddenly Royal Darby Creek, 2018
Bailey, Loren 9781541525702 \$20.00 102 p.
Donna Bartholomew, Pine Lake Middle School
- Black Wings Beating***, Skybound Series #1 Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018
London, Alex 9780374306823 \$17.99 426 p.
Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School
- Blanca and Roja*** Feiwel & Friends, 2018
McLemore, Anna-Marie 978-1250162717 \$17.99 384 p.
Nathalie Gelms, Lynnwood Library
- Broken Things*** Harper, 2018 ***BFYA**
Oliver, Lauren 978-0-06-222413-2 \$18.99` 408 p.
Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School
- Carols and Chaos*** Swoon Reads, 2018
Anstey, Cindy 9781250174871 \$10.99 316 p.
Becky Standal, Longview Public Library
- Comics Will Break Your Heart: A Novel*** (ARC) Roaring Brook, 2019
Hicks, Faith Erin 9781626723641 \$18.99 352 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS
- Damsel*** Balzer + Bray, 2018 ***PRINZ**
Arnold, Elana K. 9780062742322 \$17.99 309 p.
Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School
- ◆*Dear Martin*** Ember, 2017
Stone, Nic 9781101939505 \$9.99 208 p.
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School
- Death Prefers Blondes*** (ARC) Feiwel & Friends, 2019
Roehrig, Caleb 978-1-250-15582-5 \$17.99 448 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School
- Dickensen Academy*** Wild Rose Press, 2018
Grabowski, Christine 9781509221233 \$16.99 337 p.
Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

Dry (ARC) Shusterman, Neal and Jarrod Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2018 9781481481960	\$18.99	*BFYA 400 p.
◆Famous in a Small Town Mills, Emma Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	Holt, 2019 978-1-250-17963-0	\$17.99	320 p.
For a Muse of Fire Heilig, Heidi Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Greenwillow Books, 2018 978-0-06-238081-4	\$17.99	486 p.
Freedom Trials (ARC) Tate, Meredith Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	Page Street, 2018 9781624145995	\$16.99	390 p.
From You To Me (ARC) Holt, K.A. Amber Peterson, International Community School	Scholastic, 2018 978-1-338-19330-5	\$16.99	208 p.
Ghosted Margolis, Leslie Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018 9780374307561	\$16.99	243 p.
Hearts Unbroken Smith, Cynthia Leitich Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Candlewick, 2018 9780763681142	\$17.99	286 p.
Home and Away Montgomery, Candice Andy Berkbigler, Shorecrest High School	Page Street, 2018 9781624145957	\$17.99	375 p.
It Wasn't Me Levy, Dana Alison Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Delacorte, 2018 9781524766436	\$16.99	320 p.
◆Julia Unbound , Witch's Child #3 Egan, Catherine Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Alfred A. Knopf , 2018 9780553524888	\$17.99	460 p.
Lockdown , Attack on Earth Drake, Raelyn Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Lerner, 2018 9781541525764	\$26.65	91 p.

<p>◆Odd One Out Stone, Nic Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School</p>	<p>Crown, 2018 978-1-101-93953-6</p>	<p>\$17.99</p>	<p>*BFYA 306 p.</p>
<p>Other Earth Segal, Jason & Kirsten Miller Kirsten Edwards, KCLS</p>	<p>Delacorte, 2018 9781101939369</p>	<p>\$18.99</p>	<p>310 p.</p>
<p>Ransacker, Berserker #2 (ARC) Laybourne, Emmy Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School</p>	<p>Feiwel & Friends, 2019 978-1-250-13414-1</p>	<p>\$18.99</p>	<p>448 p.</p>
<p>Realm of Ruins West, Hannah Becky Standal, Longview Public Library</p>	<p>Holiday House, 2018 9780823439867</p>	<p>\$18.99</p>	<p>449 p.</p>
<p>Rebel with a Cupcake Mainwaring, Anna Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School <u>Comments:</u> Consider for 2021 Evergreens</p>	<p>KCP Loft, 2018 9781525300332</p>	<p>\$10.99</p>	<p>208 p.</p>
<p>Sawkill Girls Legrande, Claire Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School</p>	<p>Katherine Tegen, 2018 978-0-06-2696601</p>	<p>\$17.99</p>	<p>*BFYA 447 p.</p>
<p>Skyward, Skyward #1 Sanderson, Brandon Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School</p>	<p>Delacorte, 2018 978-0-399-55577-0</p>	<p>\$19.99</p>	<p>510 p.</p>
<p>Small Town Hearts (ARC) Vale, Lillie Becky Standal, Longview Public Library</p>	<p>Swoon Reads, 2019 9781250192356</p>	<p>\$17.99</p>	<p>304 p.</p>
<p>Someday, Every Day #3 Levithan, David Dawn Rutherford, Seattle Public Library</p>	<p>Knopf, 2018 978-0-399-55305-9</p>	<p>\$18.99</p>	<p>394 p.</p>
<p>Super Moon Swain, H.A. Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School</p>	<p>Feiwel & Friends, 2018 9781250116277</p>	<p>\$17.99</p>	<p>388 p.</p>
<p>That's Not What Happened (ARC) Keplinger, Kody Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School</p>	<p>Scholastic, 2018 978-1338186529</p>	<p>\$18.99</p>	<p>325 p.</p>

<i>The Bigfoot Files</i> Eagar, Lindsay Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School	Candlewick, 2018 978-0-7636-9234-6	\$16.99	369 p.
<i>The Boneless Mercies</i> Tucholke, April Genevieve Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018 9780374307066	\$18.99	339 p.
<i>The Caged Queen, Iskari #2</i> Cicarelli, Kristen Donna Bartholomew, Pine Lake Middle School	Harper Teen, 2018 9780062568014	\$17.99	379 p.
◆<i>The Cheerleaders</i> Thomas, Kara Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School	Delacorte, 2018 9781524718329	\$17.99	*BFYA 370 p.
<i>The Disasters</i> England, M. K. Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School	Harper Teen, 2018 9780062657671	\$17.99	352 p.
<i>The Door to the Lost</i> Johnson, Jaleigh Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Delacorte, 2018 9781101933176	\$16.99	291 p.
<i>The Dragon Ridge Tombs</i> Bachang, Tianxia Kirsten Edwards, KCLS <u>Comments:</u> Translated from the Chinese	Delacorte, 2006, 2018 9780553524147	\$17.99	279 p.
<i>The Extraordinary Colors of Auden Dare</i> Bethell, Zillah Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Feiwel & Friends, 2018 9781250094049	\$16.99	339 p.
<i>The Healer</i> Freitas, Donna Mike Fleming, Juanita High School	Harper Teen, 2018 978-0-06-266211-8	\$17.99	390 p.
<i>The Hummingbird Dagger</i> (ARC) Anstey, Cindy Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Swoon Reads, 2019 978-1-250-17489-5	\$17.99	352 p.
<i>The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy</i>, Montague Siblings #2 Lee, Mackenzi Kelly Crickmore, Issaquah High School	Katherine Tegen, 2018 978-0-06-279532-8	\$18.99	442 p.
<i>The Leading Edge of Now</i>	KCP Loft, 2018		

Curtis, Marci Lyn Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School	9781525301391	\$10.99	326 p.
<i>The Light Between Worlds</i> Weymouth, Laura E. Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Harper Teen, 2018 978-0-06-269687-8	\$17.99	351 p.
<i>The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali</i> (ARC) Khan, Sabina Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS	Scholastic, 2019 9781338227017	\$17.99	
<i>The Magical Unicorn Society: Official Handbook</i> Phipps, Selwyn E. Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Feiwel & Friends, 2018 9781250206190	\$12.99	120 p.
<i>The Music of What Happens</i> (ARC) Konigsberg, Bill Becky Standal, Longview Public Library Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	Arthur A. Levine, 2019 9781338215502	\$17.99	352 p.
<i>The Opposite of Innocent</i> Sones, Sonya Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School	Harper Teen, 2018 9780062370310	\$17.99	260 p.
<i>The Right Hook of Devin Velma</i> Burt, Jake Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Feiwel & Friends, 2018 9781250168627	\$16.99	233 p.
<i>The Search for TK</i> , Ride #3 Weiss, Bobbi JG Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS	Breakthrough Entertainment, 2018 9780763698577	\$7.99	263 p.
<i>The Season of Rebels and Roses</i> Sanchez-Korrol, Virginia Maggie Wong, KCLS	Arte Publico, 2018 9781558858657	\$12.95	237 p.
<i>The Shameless Shenanigans of Mister Malo</i> Vicente, Alidis Mike Fleming, Juanita High School <u>Comments:</u> Bilingual book (Spanish/English) depending on how the reader turns the book.	Pinata Books, 2017 978-1-55885-853-4		236 p.
<i>The Tomb</i> Bodeen, S. A. Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	Feiwel & Friends, 2018 978-1-250-05555-2	\$17.99	249 p.
<i>The Traitor's Ruin</i> , The Traitor's Circle #2	Imprint, 2018		

Beauty, Erin Amber Peterson, International Community School	978-1-250-14225-2	\$18.99	374 p.
<i>The War Outside</i> (ARC) Hesse, Monica Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Little, Brown, 2018 9780316316699	\$17.99	* BFYA 315 p.
<i>The Wilds Lands</i> (ARC) Greci, Paul Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Imprint, 2019 9781250183583	\$17.99	374 p.
<i>The Wind Called My Name</i> Sanchez, Mary Louise Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School <u>Comments:</u> New Vision Award Winner	Tu Books, 2018 978-1-62014-780-1	\$18.95	276 p.
<i>This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story</i> Callender, Kheryn Nathalie Gelms, Lynnwood Library	Balzer + Bray, 2018 978-0062820228	\$17.99	304 p.
<i>This Is What It Feels Like</i> Barrow, Rebecca Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	Harper Teen, 2018 978-0-06-249423-8	\$17.99	390 p.
<i>This Splintered Silence</i> Olson, Kayla Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Harper Teen, 2018 978-0-06-248490-1	\$17.99	357 p.
<i>Uncharted</i> Cashman, Erin Kelly Crickmore, Issaquah High School	Page Street, 2018 977-1-62414-593-3	\$17.99	405 p.
<i>Unleaving</i> (ARC) Ostrom, Melissa Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School	Feiwel & Friends, 2019 978-1-250-13281-9	\$17.99	304 p.
<i>Upstaged</i> , Zack Delacruz #3 (ARC) Anderson, Jeff Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Sterling, 2018 9781454931157	\$12.95	192 p.
<i>Villain</i> , Monster #2 Grant, Michael Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Katherine Tegen, 2018 978-0-06-246787-4	\$17.99	323 p.
<i>Warrior of the Wild</i> (ARC) Levenseller, Tricia	Feiwel & Friends, 2019 978125189943	\$17.99	326 p.

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

<i>Watch You Burn</i> Searcy, Amanda Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Delacorte, 2018 978-1-5247-0093-5	\$17.99	340 p.
<i>What the Woods Keep</i> Becerra, Katya de Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School	Imprint, 2018 9781250124258	\$17.99	365 p.
<i>When Elephants Fly</i> (ARC) Fischer, Nancy Richardson Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School	Harlequin Teen, 2018 9781335012364	\$18.99	400 p.
<i>When We Caught Fire</i> Godbersen, Anna Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Harper Teen, 2018 9780062679826	\$18.99	374 p.
<i>Witch Born</i> (ARC) Bowling, Nicholas Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Chicken House, 2018 978-1-338-27753-1	\$17.99	320 p.
<i>You Own Worst Enemy</i> Jack, Gordon Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Harper Teen, 2018 978-0-06-239942-7	\$17.99	436 p.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

<i>Bloom</i> (ARC) Panetta, Kevin and Savanna Ganucheau Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	First Second, 2019 978-1-62672-641-3	\$17.99	368 p.
◆ <i>Check, Please!: # Hockey</i> vol. 1 Ukazu, Ngozi Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS	First Second, 2018 1250177960	\$16.99	*GGNFT
<i>Giraffes on Horseback Salad: Salvador Dali, the Marx Brothers, and the Strangest Movie Never Made</i> Frank, Josh and Tim Heidecker Maggie Wong, KCLS	Quirk, 2019 978-1-59474-923-0	\$29.99	224 p.
<i>Jane Austen: Her Heart Did Whisper</i> Santoni, Manuela Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS	Graphic Universe, 2018 1541526430	\$9.99	

<i>Kid Gloves: Nine Months of Careful Chaos</i> (ARC)	First Second, 2019		
Knisley, Lucy	1626728089	\$19.99	
Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS			
<i>Lost Soul, Be at Peace</i>	Candlewick, 2018		*GGNFT
Thrash, Maggie	978-0-7636-9419-7	\$18.99	190 p.
Mike Fleming, Juanita High School			
<i>Of Dust and Blood: The Battle at the Little Big Horn</i>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2018		
Mayerik, Val and Jim Berry	9781681121833	\$17.99	43 p.
Maggie Wong, KCLS			
<i>Rockets: Defying Gravity</i> , Science Comics	First Second, 2018		
Drozd, Anne and Jerzy Dozd	9781626728257	\$12.99	130 p.
Maggie Block, Skyway Library- KCLS			
<i>Solar System: Our Place in Space</i> , Science Comics	First Second, 2018		
Mosco, Rosemary and Jon Chad	9781626721425	\$12.99	122 p.
Maggie Block, Skyway Library- KCLS			
<i>The Brain: The Ultimate Thinking Machine</i> , Science Comics	First Second, 2018		
Woollcott, Tory and Alex Gaudins	9781626728011	\$12.99	128 p.
Maggie Block, Skyway Library- KCLS			
<i>The Breakaways</i> (ARC)	First Second, 2019		
Johnson, Cathy G.	9781626723573	\$12.99	224 p.
Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School			
<i>The Divided Earth</i> , The Nameless City #3	First Second, 2018		
Hicks, Faith Erin	9781626721609	\$14.99	267 p.
Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School			
<i>The Monster Mall</i> , The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo vol. 2	First Second, 2018		
Weing, Drew	162672492X	\$16.99	
Maggie Block, Skyway Library- KCLS			
<i>The Moon King</i> , Castle in the Stars	First Second, 2018		
Alice, Alex	978-1-62672-494-5	\$19.99	62 p.
Mike Fleming, Juanita High School			
<i>The Unsinkable Walker Bean and the Knights of the Waxing Moon</i>	First Second, 2018		
Renier, Aaron	978-1-59643-505-6	\$18.99	280 p.
Mike Fleming, Juanita High School			
<i>Trees: The Kings of the Forest</i> , Science Comics	First Second, 2018		
Hirsh, Andy	9781250143112	\$12.99	122 p.

Maggie Block, Skyway Library- KCLS

NON-FICTION

Above and Beyond: NASA's Journey to Tomorrow Feiwel & Friends, 2018
Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola 9781250308467 \$10.99 153 p.
Donna Bartholomew, Pine Lake Middle School
Comments: Middle School

Abraham Lincoln, The Making of America #3 Abrams, 2018
Kanefield, Teri 978-1-4197-3159-4 \$16.99 231 p.
Amber Peterson, International Community School

Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry (ARC) Norton Young Readers, 2019
DeGrasse Tyson, Neil 978-0-393-35650-2 \$11.95 192 p.
Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School

Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened a City
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018
Hoose, Phillip 978-0-374-30612-0 \$19.99 212 p.
Sue McAllister, Kellogg Middle School

Barking With the Big Dogs: On Writing and Reading Books for Children (ARC)
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018
Babbitt, Natalie 9780374310400 \$26.99 272 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS
Comments: Professional Development title

Blacklisted!: Hollywood, The Cold War, and First Amendment Calkins Creek, 2018
Brimner, Larry 9781620916032 \$17.95 171 p.
Andy Berkbigler, Shorecrest High School

Buried Lives: The Enslaved People of George Washington's Mount Vernon
Holiday House, 2018
McClafferty, Carla Killough 978-0-8234-3697-2 \$22.49 158 p.
Sue McAllister, Kellogg Middle School
Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

Endurance, Young Readers Edition Crown, 2018
Kelly, Scott 9781524764241 \$17.99 315 p.
Donna Bartholomew, Pine Lake Middle School
Comments: Middle School

Enemy Child: The Story of Norman Mineta, A Boy Imprisoned in a Japanese American Internment Camp During World War II (ARC) Holiday House, 2019

Warren, Andrea Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School	978-0-8234-4151-8	\$22.99	224 p.
<i>Girl Squads: 20 Female Friendships that Changed History</i> (ARC) Maggs, Sam (illustrations by Jenn Woodall) Amber Peterson, International Community School	978-1-68369-072-6	Quirk, 2018 \$16.99	252 p.
<i>History vs. Women: The Defiant Lives That They Don't Want You to Know</i> Sarkeesian, Anita and Ebony Adams Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School	Feiwel & Friends, 2018 9781250146731	\$19.99	138 p.
<i>Just for Kicks: 600 Knock-out Jokes, Puns & Riddles About Sports</i> Briggs, John Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	9781454930457	Sterling, 2018 \$6.95	94 p.
<i>Kids Bake!</i> Good Housekeeping Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Hearst, 2018 9781618372697	\$19.95	158 p.
<i>LGBTQ: The Survival Guide for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens</i> Madrone, Kelly Huegel Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School <u>Comments:</u> Revised & updated 3rd edition	Free Spirit, 2018 9781631983023	\$16.99	272 p.
<i>Missing!: Mysterious Cases of People Gone Missing Through the Centuries</i> (ARC) Guiberson, Brenda Z Kirsten Edwards, KCLS Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS	Godwin Books, 2019 9781250133403	\$19.99	240 p.
<i>Nevertheless, We Persisted: 48 Voices of Defiance, Strength, and Courage</i> Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School <u>Comments:</u> Foreword by Senator Amy Klobuchar	Alfred A. Knopf, 2018 978-1-5247-7196-6	\$18.99	308 p.
<i>Overcoming Adversity Around the World</i> , Real Kids, Real Stories Sundem, Garth Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	9781631982774	Free Spirit, 2018 \$10.99	159 p.
<i>Pandemic: How Climate, the Environment, and Superbugs Increase the Risk</i> Goldsmith, Connie Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools	Twenty-First Century Books, 2018 9781512452150	\$31.99	136 p.

Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice

Harper, 2018
Chambers, Veronica 978-0-06-279625-7 \$16.99 209 p.
Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Shame is an Ocean I Swim Across

Feiwel & Friends, 2018
Lambert, Mary 9781250195890 \$14.99 170 p.
Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School
Comments: Poetry

Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America

Calkins Creek, 2018
Jarrow, Gail 9781629797762 \$18.95 139 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor

Delacorte, 2018
Sotomayor, Sonia 9781524771140 \$17.99 343 p.
Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

The Electric War (ARC)

Henry Holt, 2019
Winchell, Mike 9781250120168 \$19.99 272 p.
Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

The New York Times Book of Politics

Sterling, 2018
Rosenthal, Andrew (editor) 978-1-4549-3126-3 \$27.95 340 p.
Jodie Purcell, Bishop Blanchet High School

The Space Book

Sterling, 2013, revised 2018
Bell, Jim 9781454929390 \$29.95 527 p.
Donna Bartholomew, Pine Lake Middle School

The Unstoppable Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Sterling, 2018
Felix, Antonia 978-1-4549-3332-8 \$29.95 198 p.
JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School

The War on Isis

Reference Point Press, 2019
Marcovitz, Hal 9781682824771 \$29.95 80 p.
Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults (ARC)

Candlewick, 2019
Kuklin, Susan 9780763678845 \$19.99 179 p.
Andy Berkbigler, Shorecrest High School

We Say #Never Again: Reporting by the Parkland Student Journalists

Crown, 2018

978-1-9848-4996-0 \$17.99 260 p.
Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School
Comments: Edited by MSD teachers Melissa Falkowski and Eric Garner

• Diseases and Disorders of Youth series

Kids and ADHD Reference Point Press, 2019
Abramovitz, Melissa 9781682823910 \$29.95 80 p.

Kids and Autism Reference Point Press, 2019
Hirschmann, Kris 9781682823958 \$29.95 80 p.

Kids and Diabetes Reference Point Press, 2019
Allman, Toney 9781682823996 \$29.95 80 p.

Kids and Mental Illness Reference Point Press, 2019
Parks, Peggy J. 9781682824016 \$29.95 80 p.

Kids and Obesity Reference Point Press, 2019
Snyder, Gail 9781682824030 \$29.95 80 p.

Kids and Cancer Reference Point Press, 2019
Allman, Toney 9781682823972 \$29.95 80 p.
Donna Bartholomew, Pine Lake Middle School
Comments: Grades 6-12

Anderson, M.T. 978-0-7636-9822-5 \$24.99
Assassination of Brangwain Spurge Candlewick, 2018

The elf Brangwain Spurge is magically transported to the goblin kingdom to deliver a "treasure" to the goblin king...a deadly treasure. He is hosted by a goblin archivist, Werfel, who hopes for peace between the nations. Then, things go terribly wrong. Werfel's account is text, while Spurge's "reports" back home are illustrated in grotesque black-and-white woodcuts. The two narratives are completely (and confusingly) divergent at first, but come together as the two main characters gain understanding of each other and the situation. Only MT Anderson could pull this off, and does. The story moves slowly at first, but picks up speed in the second half.

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

Comments: This book is half text, half illustration.

Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

Anderson, M.T. 9780763698225 \$24.99
Assassination of Brangwain Spurge Candlewick, 2018

Brangwain Spurge is a timid Elf historian sent (against his will) as "ambassador" (and spy) to the goblins. Werfel is the goblin historian assigned to be Brangwain's host. The reader sees the elf perspective through weirdly exaggerated illustrations sent home as reports, and the goblin perspective is given via text. The narratives do not match at all...at first.

This is an excellent exploration of divergent points of view, and a kickin' good story about perspective and friendship from an author who likes to mess with the minds of the readers.

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

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Comments: This book may have a small audience, but those who like it will REALLY like it.

Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

Armstrong, Kelley 978-0-399-55036-2 \$17.99 371 p.
Aftermath Crown, 2018

Three years ago Skye, 13, had a good life with her almost boyfriend, Jesse. Then her older brother Luka, 16, and his two friends shot up their high school killing many--including Jesse's older brother. Skye's mom made them leave town and they moved often--usually as soon as who they are becomes known--even though Luka didn't kill anyone, he was killed by the police for refusing to drop his gun. Skye relied on her grandma as her mom can't care for her, but when her grandma lands in the hospital, Skye is forced to move back to her hometown and live with her aunt. Many of the shooting victims and friends attend the school Skye's aunt forces her to attend--including Jesse. Skye is immediately harassed and tormented by fellow students with attacks that escalate dangerously. Skye doesn't know who to trust, is suspicious of Jesse, and isn't even believed by her principal who thinks she just wants attention. This story is narrated by Skye and Jesse who eventually work together to figure out what's happening. Teens will love the fast-paced plotting and gripping storyline and read it to the frantic conclusion.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Asebedo, Miranda 9780062747075 \$17.99 305 p.
The Deepest Roots Harper Teen, 2018

In the small town of Cottonwood Hollow, every girl is born with a magical talent. To some the talents are a gift, but to most they are curse, marking the girls of Cottonwood as oddities to the surrounding community. Rome is a fixer, meaning she can find what's wrong with anything and fix it. Her two best friends Lux and Mercy also possess unique talents. Though their friendship is strong, it is tested when the girls keep secrets from one another. A ghost and a long lost buried treasure keep the narrative going as the main characters grapple with their talents, identities and friendships.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School

Banas, Danielle 9781250154354 \$17.99 307 p.
The Supervillain and Me Swoon Reads, 2018

The Supervillain and Me by Danielle Banas was simply put, lots and lots of fun! Abby is not a superhero, but her older brother is. One evening while she is walking home in the dark she is accosted by a mugger and saved in the nick of time by a black spandex clad super. She can't decide if he's a hero or a villain, but she is inexplicitly drawn to him. With being the lead in the high school musical and having the super teleport into her room at night, what's a girl to do? While people are saying he's a villain, Abby just can't believe it, and he maintains he's being framed, but why is it happening? This fast paced, funny novel has it all, mystery, super-heroes, and high school drama. It will be enjoyed

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Barzak, Christopher 9780399556098 \$17.99 289 p.
The Gone Away Place Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

When Ellie Frame picked a fight with her boyfriend in the school parking lot, she didn't know it would be the last time she would see Noah alive. After a freak tornado outbreak kills 90 people in her small town, including her boyfriend and best friends, Ellie doesn't know how to cope, except to pretend she's fine. Pretend with her mom, her dad, and the psychologist her parents make her see. Pretend she doesn't feel enormous guilt for surviving. And finally pretend she isn't seeing the ghosts of people she knows died in the storm. Barzak pulls from his memories of two devastating weather disasters, the 1985 tornado outbreak in America's mid-west and the 2006 Japanese tsunami, as inspiration for the story of a town's upheaval & the aftermath. Ellie's struggle to grieve, her unexpected visitors & the mysteries of death propel this story forward. Reads like a mystery with heart. Grades 7 and up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Barzak, Christopher 9780399556098 \$17.99 289 p.

The Gone Away Place

Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

When Ellie and her boyfriend Noah get into a fight, she ditches school to spend the rest of the day alone at the lighthouse. This vantage point provides the perfect view of her town as a series of devastating tornadoes descend and wreak destruction. Hundreds of people are killed in the "outbreak" and the high school is utterly destroyed. Noah and Ellie's two best friends are among the casualties. When the dust clears, Ellie is faced with the very real ghosts of the departed that only she can help cross to the other side. The only ghost she can't seem to find? Noah. This book about grief, love and friendship is a real tearjerker!

Age Level: Middle School, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School

Blacker, Terence

978-1-5247-1619-6

\$17.99

342 p.

Racing Manhattan

Candlewick, US edition 2018

At eight years of age, Jay Barton finds herself moving in with her aunt and uncle who she has never met. Her father took off before she was born and her mother died of pancreatic cancer. She and her cousin become best friends and love to ride the ponies kept by her uncle. Jay learns all about horse care and learns the positive and negative side of the racing world. When her uncle begins using her to cheat on races, and her cousin ditches her for her new prep school friends, Jay runs away to Newmarket where the best horses in all of England are trained. At fifteen, her scrawny body and plain looks, but fierce determination, allow her to move into the world of racing as a "lad." She mucks stalls and cleans horses. She meets and befriends Mathattan, known around the stables as Nellie the devil-tempered, worthless racehorse. Being tough and putting up with bullying, "Bug" as she is now known, moves up in the racing world, finding the best in the royal Manhattan, only to find that it is just as crooked as when she lived with her uncle. This book is highly recommended for middle school and high school students. It is a must read for horse lovers!

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School

Brandes, Nadine

978-0785217145

\$16.99

448 p.

Fawkes

Thomas Nelson, 2018

This hefty tome has the advantage of a gorgeous cover and an intriguing premise. For some readers, those who like their historical fiction without too much distracting historical language, and emo heroes, this will be just the ticket. Brandes has created a really clever alternate history 17th C London where the Protestant / Catholic divide is replaced by an implacable Keeper vs Igniter conflict. Each controls a different color magic and are utterly at odds. Thomas Fawkes dreams of Keeping Grey, but his infection with the stone plague--which has consumed his left eye and is slowly petrifying his face--challenges his dream. His determination to gain the power he needs (and save his life) leads him into his father--Guy's Fawke's--plot to blow up the oppressive Keeper King and the Houses of Parliament. There's a quite decent romance (no insta-love) but I prefer my historical action-adventure along the lines of *The Blackwood Key* or *Black Heart's in Battersea*, and my heroes to be less cowardly and indecisive. Thomas grows however, and the interesting world-building

If your autistic sister took your dad's gun that he uses for duty in a maximum security prison, would you give it to the captain of the baseball team you want to play for if it would get you on the team? Matthew "Moose" Flanigan is back in this fourth installment of Choldenko's Alcatraz series. Moose is thirteen now, thirteen and a half, in fact, and about all he has on his mind is playing baseball. He and his buddy Scout are trying to make the high school team and hope to play all summer long. First they have to convince the arrogant team captain, Beck, that he should let two freshmen play. The author's note at the end, like the other books in the series, drives home the historical nature of this title. Photos are included in this fourth book, though, that will further peak interest of readers and make the book a real enhancement to the set. A short afterword about autism and the author's sister and a photo of her is also appended. Choldenko's sister was diagnosed with a severe form of autism. Libraries with the rest of the series will want to add this one, though it is not a challenge to read the books out of order or in isolation.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Cline-Ransom, Lesa	9780823439607	\$16.99	107 p.
<i>Finding Langston</i>	Holiday House, 2018		

The 11 year-old protagonist in this book is a kind-hearted boy named Langston. Langston's mom has recently died, and he and his dad move to Chicago leaving Alabama, family, and memories behind like many other African Americans during the time of the Great Migration. They live in a rundown apartment building with an indoor toilet that everyone shares. Langston doesn't mind, though, because he didn't have running water in Alabama. He also didn't have kids at school calling him "country," though. Langston gets up early to use the toilet and to get to school early to avoid the trouble from the bullies at school. He leaves school as fast as he can too. One day he gets lost trying to avoid the boys that are always picking a fight with him, and he finds a library. It turns out to be the George Cleveland Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library whose namesake "made it his mission to build a branch in the Bronzeville neighborhood, the first of its kind to serve its community and promote African-American culture and history." Once inside, Langston also finds a book with his name on it, his first name, that is. Thus begins Langston's discovery of all the things the library has to offer including poetry by Langston Hughes. This slim novella introduces readers to quite a lot of history for its size, but it is the kind voice of the main character and his unwavering love of books and family that keep the pages turning.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Cole, Olivia A.	97800626442113	\$17.99	418 p.
<i>A Conspiracy of Stars</i>, Faloiv #1	Katherine Tegen, 2018		

A Conspiracy of Stars, by Olivia A Cole, is the story of Octavia, her friends and their families all trying to survive on a planet that is not their home. Octavia is 16 and happily looking forward to becoming a scientist and learning more about the planet where she was born, but there are others on the planet who want to find an energy source and use it to rebuild their broken ship and find another more suitable planet where they can conquer the land

My Life Uploaded

Imprint, 2018

Millie Porter is your typically 14 year old. She loves her mom, but is tired of her meddling. She wants a boyfriend, but is not sure of how to get there. She wants to be popular important, but just not sure how. Millie has decided that in order to become her true self, she needs to move in with her dad, who has less rules (especially around the wifi access) and a more eclectic life style. With her best friend Loren, and the help of Bradley, who vlogs about elevators, she will start a vlog (video blog) of her own. The vlog, named #Help, will be filmed in Millie’s grandfather’s potting shed and Millie will impart her wisdom on the world. However, what happens when “the world” is not a friendly place? Will Millie be able to look past the negative comments to have a positive impact on the world? I liked this book, which was a good reminder of the impacts of technology on our students today. Parents are caring, but don’t understand Millie’s online issues, and there are very clear, very real examples of online bullying. This story is set in England, so there are some terms that students may not understand initially, but should be able to get without much help.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Egan, Catherine 978-0-553-52488-8 \$17.99 462 p.
Julia Unbound, Witch's Child #3 Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

In the final installment of the Witch's Child series, with Mrs. Och dead, Julia gambles with her own life in order to save Theo, a toddler containing a one of the three fragments of the Book of Disruption coveted by the immortal Casimir, and her brother Benedek, who will die if she fails to accept Casimir's binding. After hiding Theo and her friend, Frederick, with Ragg Rock in a space between her world and the Kaghe, Julia returns to her home, Spira City. She now works for two masters: Lady Laroche, a volatile witch desiring to overthrow the current anti-witch rulers and replace them with a more witch-friendly Queen, and Casimir, who wants to used Julia's skills as a thief and spy, as well as her ability to vanish, to feed him information about the dying king, the current prime minister and a young country duke who is next in line for the throne. All the while, the bond Casimir placed in her--an insect-like creature that subverts one's will once it reaches the brain--is inching its way up her arm. In less than two weeks, Julia will become a pliable servant like her arch-nemesis turned ally, Pia, if she cannot find a way to save her brother and destroy Casimir before he finds Theo and is able to reassemble the magical and, sure to be catastrophic, Book of Disruption. Julia is the female protagonist one wants to encounter--she is always her own person--courageous, daring, confident, full of life and love--she isn't waiting around to be rescued, instead she rescues the men in her life and more than once. Moreover, Julia's character is one of the first I've encountered who is not shy about her own sexuality--having at least one encounter for each of the three books, all of which are tastefully non-graphic. Entire trilogy a good set to read for middle and high school.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Ellen, Tom and Lucy Ivison 1524701785 \$11.07 368 p.

Freshmen

Delacorte, 2018

I recommend this book for 12th grade and emerging adults, so not anyone in high school except seniors. It's really well written and I love the characters and plot twists, but it isn't YA. It takes place in a college in England, and there is a lot of partying, drugs, and sex. The main characters are Phoebe and Luke and their relationship reminds me of the movie *Some Kind of Wonderful*, and they have one of those college romances that afterwards you go, oh my god what was that? This would be a great gift for someone who is college bound, or in their freshmen year, thus the title.

Age Level: High School, Adult, 12th grade only in high school

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Ellen, Tom and Lucy Ivison

9781524701789

\$17.99

368 p.

Freshmen

Delacorte, 2018

Phoebe is off at college, coincidentally with her high school crush Luke. They meet cute at a party, and all of a sudden things are off to the races for the two of them. However, Luke's soccer team is passing nasty emails with pics of girls conquered sexually, and that causes issues. Spot on, realistic dialogue and embarrassing situations are everywhere. Definitely HS, mostly due to heavy drinking and a "condom lost in the body" scene.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Galante, Cecilia

978-1-338-04300-6

\$16.99

311 p.

Strays Like Us

Scholastic, 2018

8th grader Winifred/Fred/has to stay with a foster family because her mother is back on drugs. She moves in with motorcycle-riding, art-making first time foster mom, Margery, and is happy to have heat, food and clean clothes. She notices a neglected, tied-up barking dog next door who eventually comes to live with them after the owner's stroke. She cleans him up and feeds him just like Margery did for her. She makes a new friend at school, Delia who also has problems. Margery helps her train Toby and tells her about her addict sister. Fred gets upset defending her mother who she believes was wrongly accused of stealing prescriptions drugs and runs away after destroying a sculpture Margery was making out of found junk. Fred is dealing with her mother's denial of her drug problem and Fred's desire to believe her mother. She wants to live with her mother again just like the neighbor thinks the dog wants to live with him again. Parallelism. Nice portrayal of Toby the dog. Well-written. Thoughtful about the big issues when you're 12 and your mother is an addict.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Giles, Lamar (Editor)

978-1-5247-6628-3

\$17.99

187 p.

Fresh Ink: An Anthology

Crown, 2018

Fresh Ink is a collection of short stories for a YA audience collected by Lamar Giles, co-founder of We Need Diverse Books. Giles forward explains to readers the purpose for his book, "I hope you find [a hero] who looks like you, or thinks like you, or feels like you. If

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

Kagawa, Julie 978-1-335-14516-1 \$19.99 400 p.

Shadow of the Fox, Shadow of the Fox #1 Harlequin Teen, 2018

Yumeko is half human, half kitsune yokai (fox spirit). She was left as a baby at a monastery far from the capitol where the monks have been tasked with protecting a portion of a powerful, ancient scroll. When they are attacked by an evil demon (controlled by Lady Satomi), Master Isao's dying command is for Yumeko to take the scroll to the monk's of the hidden monastery for protection. As she flees down the mountain she runs into (literally) Tatsumi -- an assassin for the Shadow Clan. Yumeko convinces him to help her on her journey (she knows she needs protection) by pretending she'll help him find the scroll. Along the way they face many dangers, human and spirit alike. This novel is filled with action and adventure. I wonder if fans of manga and anime would enjoy this novel rooted in Japanese lore. 3 stars. Grades 7+.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Kaplan, Ariel 1524773700 \$16.19 352 p.

We Regret to Inform You Knopf, 2018

I mostly recommend this book for high school only with a partial shrug. It's not inappropriate for middle school, I just don't think middle school kids would be into it. Mischa is a scholarship student at an exclusive private school and her identity has always been wrapped up in overachieving, so she is baffled when she is rejected from every college she applied to including her safety school. The theme is positive, we are more than our achievements or status. I was on the fence, though, about the quality of the writing. I gave it to one of my super readers and she said the same thing I thought; great premise but the delivery is lacking. It starts out exciting and then the pace slows way down, and the reveal at the end was kind of meh. I still recommend it, though for a high school collection just because it's a good message for teens thinking about their future

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Kaplan, Ariel 978-1-5247-7370-0 \$17.99 340 p.

We Regret to Inform You Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

At Blanchard Prep college acceptance day is a HUGE deal. This might be even more true for Mischa. She doesn't come from money and her mother has put herself into debt to give Mischa this private school education expecting it to give her a leg up on the competition. Mischa's pretty sure she'll be fine. After all, she's followed the formula for success -- top grades, excellent test scores, and loads of extracurriculars. So, she's shocked when she is rejected by ALL her schools, even the ridiculous safety school. What has all her work been for and how will she possibly tell her mom? But, then she discovers her transcript was altered. Her best friend (who she's secretly in love with) helps her team up with a group of

hacker girls from school to uncover the truth. An interesting mix of humor, a bit of a caper, some hard truths about academic pressure and the search to figure out what we want vs. what's expected of us. Although the conspiracy part might seem far-fetched, I just heard a story on NPR that proves otherwise. 4 stars. Grades 9+. Nothing objectionable (that I remember) but not sure topic would be as relevant for middle school.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Kisner, Adrienne 978-1250146021 \$17.99 272 p.
Dear Rachel Maddow Feiwel & Friends, 2018

Brynn has lost her brother to drugs, and her motivation to care about school or anything other than her ex-girlfriend, Sarah. She writes to Rachel Maddow for a school assignment and then corresponds for the rest of the book, pouring out her heart to Rachel, mostly because it pisses off her conservative mother and her step-father she despises (whom she calls the "Fart-Weasel." She is clearly processing her grief, even if she doesn't know it and I was rooting for her the whole book. HS for language

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Kristoff, Jay 9781524713928 \$18.99 416 p.
Lifelike #1 Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

Eve lives in the Dregs with her ailing grandfather and cyborg dog, Kaiser. She has been working on creating a mechanical to fight in the WarDome in order to earn enough credits to buy her grandfather's medicine. As the opposing mechanical is about to pummel her she screams at him and he completely stops working and falls over. Those with any type of power are labeled abnorms and a group of religious fanatics called the Brotherhood see it as their mission to wipe them out. With her life now in danger, Eve heads home. Along the way she and her friend Lemon Fresh find a Lifelike, androids who have been outlawed and thought to be extinct. When they stop to take it they find themselves confronted by the gang whose turf they are in. Then there is the Preacher, a cybernetic human sent to hunt her down for an unknown organization. The book ends with a twist, setting it up for a sequel. The book is non-stop action and that perhaps may appeal to sci-fi fans looking for that. However, there is a lot of new slang to get used, the romance doesn't feel authentic, and the characters themselves are hard to root for the more you get to know them. It feels like a mashup of *Mad Max* meets *Humans*. Warnings: sex off the page between a human and robot, bloody, graphic descriptions of violence, there are several scenes where a family, including young children, are shot execution style, torture, and the death of a few mechanical pets. Grades 8 and up.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Kristoff, Jay 978-1-5247-1392-8 \$18.99 402 p.
Lifelike #1 Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

Eve Carpenter builds and fights gladiator robots with her bestie, Lemon Fresh and logicka robot minder, Cricket (think Jiminy), at the WarDome in the Dregs outside of Los Diablos. During one such event, she discovers a latent ability that allows her to fry 'lectrics, but marks her as an "abnorm" with the Brotherhood--a quasi-religious gang that enforces human purity. In a hurry to return to her Grandpa Silas's fortified workshop, Eve, Lemon, Cricket and her part robot blitzhund, Kaiser beat feet back to the Dregs, the group is sidetracked by an aerial dogfight between a flex-wing aircraft and three drones--which ends with the destruction of the drones and crashing of the flex-wing. Wanting to claim the salvage, Eve sets off to the crash-site only to discover the pilot of the flex-wing is a "Lifelike" robot from GnosisLabs--one of only a handful now banned by the other corporations who control the country. She manages to get the lifelike back to Silas's workshop in secret, but when she tries to disassemble it for parts, it comes to life. It calls itself Ezekiel, and it knows her, but by another name, Ana. When Silas discovers Ezekiel, he is outraged, but things begin to happen fast with an attack by the Brotherhood and another by a second lifelike. Eve's world is suddenly turned upside-down as she learns she has been wrapped in secrets and lies for the past several years, and only when she removes one of her implants do her real memories begin to surface. Nothing is as it seems for Eve--and to get to the truth she must return to the place it all started, Babel--the center of what was once GnosisLabs. From the co-author of the *Illuminae* trilogy, *LifeLike* is a fast-paced, high action read with plenty of explosions, chases and fight scenes--and a bit of sex (not graphic) to keep everything PG-13. Creative language usage might create an obstacle for some readers, but overall an accessible read for middle school through high school. It's sure to be slated as a film in the future. And, of course, left wide-open for a sequel.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Comments: Sequel, Dev1at3, releases May 28, 2019

Lisa Carlson, Mt. Rainier High School

Krosoczka, Jarrett 978-1-33818824-0 \$12.99 172 p.

The Principal Strikes Back, Jedi Academy #6 Scholastic, 2018

Victor Starspeeder is excited for his final year at the Jedi Academy, but something strange is going on. There is amped up security by bringing in drones and the school board has decided to replace the principal. Victor and his friends are sure that there is something more to the new Principal and will stop at nothing, including breaking into his office and stealing a plane to get away from school, to find out the truth. This is a great next book in the series. There are plenty of *Star Wars* references for the fans, but also fun social media, newspaper, and journal formats that help to tell the story. A must buy for middle school libraries.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Larson, Sara B. 1338068784 \$12.32 320 p.

Bright Burns the Night, Dark Breaks the Dawn Duology #2 Scholastic, 2018

Didn't realize I picked a sequel. Oh well. I am not into fantasy but I am sure readers of fantasy will be into this series, and I recommend it for 6th grade and up. Apparently in the

first book the queen Evelyn, I have no idea how to pronounce any of the characters' names, gets turned into a swan, and in this sequel she gets turned back into a queen and because of some *Game of Thrones* politics she can't just re-appear suddenly. I have to be honest I am not a fantasy person so I had no idea what was going on with the plot. But there were times when I was like, Oh, this is kind of like *Ladyhawke* starring Michelle Pfeiffer and a then young Mathew Broderick (it was his first big movie, like way before *Ferris Bueller*). The writing is engaging with lots of sensory details and adventure. I will get this series for my library because I have a lot of fantasy readers. From what I could tell there was no sex or drugs, so 6th grade and up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Lee, Fonda	9781338139099	\$17.99	384 p.
<i>Cross Fire</i>, Exo #2	Scholastic , 2018		

The book picks up shortly after the end of the last book. Donovan is still recovering from the loss of his father and dealing with guilt. He is also taking his father's place on the council until a new Liaison is chosen. The book starts off a little slow building up to the action. The Homeworld has sent a contingent of Zhree who have come with news from Kreet. Kreet will no longer support Earth as it is too far on the frontier to protect. All Zhree and 90,000 humans – all hardened are to leave the planet. Once that happens the Rii will take over and destroy the planet. Donovan knows that once the news gets out that panic will start. When he receives an unexpected document about his father, everything changes, and he begins to hope that they can save Earth from destruction. Fast paced and smartly written. The sequel to *Exo* will not disappoint. Recommended for grades 8 and up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Maas, Sarah J.	9780399549692	\$18.99	358 p.
<i>Catwoman: Soulstealer</i>, DC Icons	Random House, 2018		

Selina Kyle has been enlisted as a thief to help take control of Gotham City. She is good at what she does and as Catwoman has captured the attention of Batwing, otherwise known as Luke Fox, who is hoping to prove himself as Gotham's newest hero. Catwoman has teamed up with some villainous favorites, Poison Ivy & Harley Quinn. But as usual in Gotham, not everything is what it seems. Full of cat and mouse games, heists, fight scenes, banter, interesting backstories and secrets, Catwoman will satisfy any reader who enjoys the DC Icons series.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

Maas, Sarah J.	9780399549694	\$18.99	384 p.
<i>Catwoman: Soulstealer</i>, DC Icons	Random House, 2018		

Selina Kyle is a street fighter, part of the Leopards, an all-girls street gang. She has a sister with Cystic Fibrosis, who is dying. This provides her motivation to join the League of

Assassins, a shadowy, powerful group that had been watching her fight. She trains with them, then steals something important from them and returns to Gotham, where she tangles with Batwing, Batman's somewhat partner, both in costume and out of costume. Romance and fights ensue, including Poison Ivy and Harley Quinn making appearances. MS/HS recommended

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Matharu, Taran 978-1250138675 \$18.99 384 p.
The Outcast, The Summoner prequel Feiwel & Friends, 2018

Prequel to the popular Summoner series, this book concerns Arcturus, a famous magician who founded the magical school that the kids in the later trilogy attend. Arcturus learns how to bond with various demons, fights off those trying to keep their society striated by racial type, and wants to take over. Readers of the other series will appreciate seeing how Arcturus and his friends get out of tight situations and set up the school that the trilogy takes place in. 6th-10th grades

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

McIntosh, Will 9780553534146 \$8.00 352 p.
The Future Will Be BS Free Random House, 2018

Cast no shadow. That is the mantra of Truth Corp the driving force behind the Truth App and a BS free world. Wa hoo! And you can also cast no shadow of doubt about whether or not to get this book. Middle and High School libraries must have this book! There is some violence but nothing you don't see in any Neal Shusterman novel so it's all good. In fact fans of *Scythe* will most likely devour this truth hungry story. Sam and his friends invented a truth app, so no one can hide from the secrets they want to keep (even while they're talking in their sleep). Their goal is to bring down the corrupt president Vitnik, but no one was prepared for the consequences. There is no clear all out winner or loser in this story, it masterfully reveals the complex ambiguity of what it means to be human. CAST NO SHADOW! I gave it to one of my super readers and he wasn't in love with it like I was but said other teens will like it.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Meadows, Jodi 978-0-16-246943-4 \$17.99 548 p.
As She Ascends The Fallen Isles #2 Katherine Tegen, 2018

Having barely escaped the Pit with their lives, Mira and her companions (along with three dragons) have to figure out what to do next. They've been led to believe the Mira Treaty -- which supposedly united the islands -- is a lie that sold them out to the mainland empire. Some believe seeking that truth should be their priority. But, Mira is determined to rescue the dragons and get them to a sanctuary. As secrets are uncovered, it becomes obvious these two goals are connected, and that they may have more enemies than originally

thought. Mira continues to struggle with anxiety, but is also starting to understand her connection to dragons and noorestones. The novel also flashes back to Aaru's story prior to meeting Mira giving more depth to his character and adding to the world building. In the case of this series, book two was a more engaging book than the first. There is more action, more depth to the characters, and more dragons! I now recommend the series based on this installment. Grades 7+.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Millard, Glenda 9780763692728 \$16.99 288 p.
The Stars at Oktober Bend Candlewick, 2018

You know something is different about this story right from the start. The story from Alice's point of view lacks any capital letters, and is almost a stream of consciousness. The story of her trauma unfolds slowly throughout the book, with hints here and there to its cause. Sometimes muddled, sometimes unsure Alice's thoughts are unfiltered as she describes her life as it is now. But it is the lack of filter that makes the book so powerful. You see people believe the trauma left Alice mentally deficient, but really she only struggles to speak. So instead she writes. She leaves poems, anonymously written in public places. It is one of these poems, found at the railway station that catches Manny's eye. Manny is touched by the poem and goes in search of the person who wrote it. Manny is dealing with his own trauma, having been a child soldier in Sierra Leone. The story is told from both points of view – more Alice than Manny. It is their story, and it is a story of healing, of moving on and letting go. Recommended for grades 9 and up. Trigger warnings: rape, bullying, mutilation

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Mills, Emma 978-1-250-17963-0 \$17.99 320 p.
Famous in a Small Town Henry Holt, 2019

Despite being full of stereotypical small town cliches, Sophie fiercely loves Acadia (her hometown). When their marching band earns a spot in the Tournament of Roses Parade, Sophie is determined to make sure they raise enough money to get there. Her big plan? Get Acadia's most famous former resident, country music star Megan Pleasant, to play at the fall festival. Her first hit song was all about how much she loved Acadia, but will she care anymore since her family abruptly left town? Sophie's multi-pronged approach to contact Megan includes her crazy group of friends and new boy, August. Along the way she'll experience the ups and downs of first love, the challenges of growing up and learn a big secret. This novel is sweet, witty, funny and full of heart. Mills writes great characters, relationships and dialogue. They are the kinds of teens I wished I'd been growing up. 4 stars. Grades 9+. Some drinking/partying.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Nwaubani, Adaobi 9780062696724 \$17.99 336 p.

Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree Katherine Tegen, 2018

Based on the Chibok girls, kidnapped by Boko Haram in Nigeria, who drew worldwide attention for their plight. The author, and a local journalist, both talk about what it was like to research this book and to know the girls, most of whom have been returned, albeit years later, many married and with children. The main character chooses not to marry for as long as she can, although her friends do marry Boko Haram fighters. Eventually, she must too, and when she finally escapes, it is great, but she is not sure how she will be received by her community. Powerful book. 9th-12th, although nothing is graphic, the girls are sexually abused by their “husbands.”

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Pearson, Mary E. 978-1250159014 \$18.99 512 p.
Dance of Thieves Henry Holt, 2018

Kazi is the Queen’s guard, sent to a small outpost town to discover if traitors who killed members of the royal family were there. She must infiltrate a proud family called the Bellengers, which has a new Patrei (patriarch) whom she is attracted to after they spend a little time escaping slavers who captured them both and shackled them together. Once they are back, they must fend off both growing attraction for each other and a plot to destabilize the kingdom, but they are somewhat at cross purposes. Great fantasy! MS/HS

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Perez, Kristina 978-1250132857 \$18.99 448 p.
Sweet Black Waves Imprint, 2018

Romance/retelling of Tristan and Iseult story. Medieval kingdom always under attack from pirate/raiders from another country. Lady in waiting (with magical powers) finds half drowned man on beach, decides to save him, he turns out to be a prince from attacking country. They fall in love and he returns to his people, but promises to bring peace between their countries. He returns, and does, but on the way back for a royal marriage of the princess, the princess and the half-drowned man get it on, due to a love spell gone wrong. Relationship breaks up, marriage goes through, war and treason are just around the corner. Lady in waiting finds herself in a pickle at all times, trying to keep her lady out of trouble, and her kingdom safe from war. 8th grade and up

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Pessl, Marisha 9780399553929 \$18.99 324 p.
Neverworld Wake Delacorte, 2018

A year ago Beatrice's boyfriend Jim died in an apparent suicide, splitting their tightly knit group of friends apart. Now Beatrice is meeting up with her old friends in an attempt to uncover the secrets she knows they are keeping about Jim's death. After a crazy night of drinking, the 5 friends wake up to strange man at the door telling them they are trapped in

a Neverworld Wake. Until they can agree on which one of them should survive, they will relive the same day over and over again as time disintegrates around them.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School

Pessl, Marisha 978-0399553929 \$18.99 336 p.
Neverworld Wake Delacorte, 2018

5 kids from a posh school reunite months after a fatal tragedy took one of their own. They get in an accident, only to have a strange, tall man tell them they are in a time loop, until they are able to vote and agree which one of them gets to survive the accident; the others will die. They resist, but find they have no power and they repeat the same day over and over, testing the bars of their prison. Creepy and interesting premise. Eventually, it morphs into solving the fatal tragedy, which appears to have a cover-up, as part of the vote. HS, but could go late middle school

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Pierce, Tamora 9780375847110 \$18.99 480 p.
Tempests and Slaughter, Numair Chronicles #1 Random House, 2018

The first book in a new high fantasy series sets the tone for the action to come. This book is mostly character driven as we follow the young mage Arram Draper from the time he enters the Imperial University of Carthak at age 11. He is the youngest student in his class and wields immense power, but very little control. He is also a little on the impulsive side, which tends to get him into trouble. He lucks into meeting Varice and Ozorne his first day there and the three are fast friends. The book follows Arram and his friends through their first few years at the University. The plot moves slowly through the first half of the book. As the characters enter their fourth year at school the plot starts to move more quickly and it is clear that there is something big coming in the next book. Well written, and enjoyable addition to the Tortall universe. There is sex off the page, and mention of erections and wet dreams, but nothing in detail. Recommended for grades 8 and up.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Redwine, CJ 9780062652980 \$17.99 400 p.
The Traitor Prince, Ravenspire #3 Balzer & Bray, 2018

The Traitor Prince, by CJ Redwine is the third book in the Ravenspire Series. It is a stand alone, as I read it and didn't realize it wasn't the first book. I don't know that I have read anything else by Redwine, but after this book, I will be looking for more. Javan was sent away to school right after his mother the queen died. He promised her that he would earn the most honors in his graduating class and he has spent the last ten years doing just that. But before he can go home to his father, an attempt is made on his life and when he retaliates, he ends up in prison fighting for this life in gladiator like games. If he can survive the corruption of the prison, his uncle's plot to take the throne, and the games themselves,

her parent's honeymoon for her widowed mom; Jean-Luc has one day to take the photos he needs to complete his college art project that he delayed to deal with his girlfriend's dramatic break up and his granddad's Alzheimers. For the Hallmark Movie fans, the main characters' "obsession" with mourning, and making sense of grief and loss, will be distracting. Once you set aside the signal sent by the cover, and dive into exploring Paris, however it's a fast, interesting read. The authors do a fabulous job creating a sense of place, and the ending, while formulaic (there's the Stud and the Dud) makes sense.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Comments: Rider is the pen name of Stephanie Elliot & James Noble
Kirsten Edwards, KCLS

Rider, Catherine	9781525301421	\$10.99	204 p.
<i>Kiss Me in Paris</i>	KCP Loft, 2018		

Kiss Me In Paris, by Catherine Rider, was a fun read. Serena's father died two years earlier and she has planned a trip for her mother and sister to revisit all the places her parents went on their honeymoon, but Mom has a conference come up and she can't go, and Serena's sister thought the trio was cancelled when Mom couldn't go, so she has made plans to go to Spain with her boyfriend. Undaunted, Serena decides she has travelled over 3000 miles and isn't going to give up on the "Romance Tour." But what she discovers as she rushes her way through the sights of Paris is that maybe she is doing the same with her life and maybe she needs to start really living and seeing what's going on around her. While the title implies it's a silly romance, this book has some heart and while it does have romance, it has real characters who will appeal to most teens. 7 up

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Safi, Aminah Mae	9781250151810	\$17.99	331 p.
<i>Not the Girls You're Looking For</i>	Feiwel & Friends, 2018		

Leila, who prefers going by Lulu, and does NOT like being serenaded by the Eric Clapton song Leila, is the youngest of three children. Lulu, lives with her white mother with Southern roots and her Iraq father in Texas. She is quite a force to be reckoned with, and does not follow the rules and expectations that are set forth by her mother's traditional Southern upbringing, or her father's traditional Arab upbringing. For the first half of the book, there isn't much too Lulu, apart from Lulu and her friends drinking WAY too much, and Lulu being busy hooking up with random boys left and right. However, about the halfway point, you start to learn that there is more to Lulu than meets the eye, and it is slowly revealed why she puts up such a harsh exterior when it comes to everyone. This harsh exterior stems from being bullied for being Arab, while also not truly being accepted, since she is neither white enough for her mother's side of the family or Arab enough for her father's side of the family. However, Lulu does quite a bit of growing up during the second half, growing up that she definitely needs to go through, especially in regards to family, friends, and love. Overall, I see this being a great addition to any high school library wanting to add more books in which the main character is a person of color.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School

Shanker, Tarun and Kelly Zekas 9781250183064 \$10.99 287 p.

These Vengeful Souls, These Vicious Masks #3 Swoon Reads, 2018

These Vengeful Souls, by Tarun Shanker and Kelly Zekas is the third and final installment in the These Vicious Masks Series. This book is sort of Steampunk, in that it takes place in Victorian England and many of the characters have unusual types of magic. Evelyn has the ability to heal with a touch; her beau has the hunted by the evil Captain Goode to he can control their abilities. With their small band of magical people, they are fighting an uphill battle to defeat the villain, and have the freedom to use their abilities to help others. But Captain Goode is killing people and framing Evelyn and her friends for the murders. He's smarter than they are, and seems prepared for every attack. How can they clear their names and enjoy the freedom they all desire? There is nothing objectionable in this series and I would recommend it 6 and up. The adventure and edge of your seat suspense will keep most readers interested.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Sharma, Nisha 978-0-553-52325-6 \$17.99 294 p.

My So-called Bollywood Life Crown, 2018

A pandit predicts Winnie will meet the love of her life before she turns 18. Dating handsome Raj seems to be fated, but then they break up. And to make things worse Raj gets put in charge of the student Bollywood film festival instead of Winnie. Fate seems to have turned on Winnie but then she meets Dev, a fellow movie buff! Is it time to stop relying on a prophecy? A breezy, light romance, this book is appropriate for grades 7 and up.

Age Level: Middle School, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Amber Peterson, International Community School

Skinner, Vicky 9781250136114 \$11.72 336 p.

How to Breathe Underwater Swoon Reads, 2018

I recommend this book for 8th grade and up. Kate is a state champion swimmer who moves from Salem to Portland to start a new life with her mom after her parents divorced. Her swim coach had been her Dad, and in her new life she decides swimming should be in her past. She has feelings for the boy who lives across the hall and that gets complicated when she realizes that one of her new friends at school is his girlfriend. The characters are believable and likeable, and the situations the characters find themselves in are very accessible. The plot was predictable, but the emotional journey of Kate and her family will draw in teen readers. I was very impressed with everything about this book for YA. It is a great read alike for Sara Dessen fans. And a Pacific Northwest setting is always a plus in my book, pun intended. LOL!

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Skrutskie, Emily 9781524770198 \$17.99 320 p.
Hullmetal Girls Delacorte, 2018

Several kids from underprivileged backgrounds on the space ships that are carrying all of humanity choose to “take the metal” and become strange, metal-augmented soldiers called Scela. Their four-person Scela unit undergoes training and activities together, but they discover that the government in charge of them is hiding the fact they have a habitable planet to move to. They become rebels and try to get the info out. Good Sci-Fi with cool exo-suits. 8th-12th grades.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Stamper, Vesper 9781524700386 \$19.99 251 p.
What the Night Sings Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

What the Night Sings by Vesper Stamper is a necessary addition to any Holocaust collection. It starts out when she is liberated by the British and flashes back to growing up in Germany within the music community. Her father played the viola in an orchestra and Gerta, even at 13, is a talented singer. Her father tried to protect her from what was happening around her and so she did not grow up Jewish, and was surprised when she was taken away to the camps. The thing that I found most powerful about this book is that it doesn't end with Gerta being rescued. It goes on to talk about her struggles to find family, a new home and a new purpose in her life. The book has lovely, haunting illustrations which add to the beauty of the text. 6th and up

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Stone, Nic 978-1-101-93953-6 \$17.99 306 p.
Odd One Out Crown, 2018

Relationships are complicated. Coop's in love with his best friend, Jupiter. He knows it's ridiculous - Jupiter's gay - but, they have so much history and he's at his most content when with her. Jupiter has never really had a relationship. She's not interested in just a hook up and hasn't met anyone special. But, there is something about new girl Rae that leaves her feeling giddy and a bit insecure. Rae, feels drawn to both Jupiter and Coop, and that's very confusing to her. When Jupiter realizes Rae's interest in Coop, she's worried about losing them both. Told in three sections - one from each character's point of view - the novel deals with the complexities of friendship, love, and sexuality that sometimes defy the labels we are used to. Grades 9+, due to swearing and sexual activity.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Stone, Sonja 9780823438365 \$17.99 384 p.
Dark Divide, Dark #2 Holiday House, 2018

Dark Divide picks up where *Desert Dark* left off, Nadia is starting her second semester at Desert Mountain Academy, where she is training to be a black-ops agent at a secret CIA training facility for high school students. Many things are still the same for Nadia, her life is still in danger, especially with the Nighthawks organization still intact. The borderline love-triangle between Jack, Nadia, and Damon continues. Yes, Damon is very much present in this book and does manipulate and betray Nadia a bit. However, it is all done in an attempt to rescue and save his mom. Your heart will definitely be breaking for Damon and the life he has had as well as the extremely tough choices he has had to make. However, what will keep readers on the edge of their seats is the secrets. Nadia is quickly realizing that it is not just her teammates, Libby, Alan, and newest addition Simon that have secrets. That Nadia's family has secrets as well. In addition, Nadia, along with the readers, will start to piece together just how interconnected Nadia, Libby, Alan, and Simon's lives are and that their lives have been interconnected for many years. Essentially, they are all pawns, part of a bigger story arc that still needs to be explored. TLDR: If your students enjoyed *Desert Dark*, they will devour *Dark Divide*. I highly recommend adding this book and series to your library if you have readers that enjoy mysteries featuring quite a bit of action/adventure.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School

Stone, Sonja 978-0-82343836-5 \$18.99 380 p.

Dark Divide, Dark #2 Holiday House, 2018

It's now the second semester of Nadia Riley's junior year at the prestigious Desert Mountain Academy a.k.a. the training ground for the Black Ops division of the CIA. Last semester, Nadia figured out that the double agent was one of her own teammates, Damon Moore. He was working for the Nighthawks, a terrorist group. Shortly after school resumes, Nadia gets clues that her dad is either a CIA agent or a member of Nighthawks. Then, Nadia is kidnapped by Damon who is completing missions for the Nighthawks in exchange for the release of his mother. What do the Nighthawks want with Nadia and how does her dad factor into all of this? If you loved the first book, you'll enjoy this one too even though it's confusing with six narrators. A big plus is the diversity of characters by race and sexual orientation.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

978-1-52471619-6 \$18.99 386 p.

Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All Schwartz Wade Books, 2018

Written as a historical fiction by various YA authors, this story collection tells of the personal struggles of Henry VIII and each of his six wives. M.T. Anderson, Jennifer Donnelly, Candace Fleming, Stephanie Hemphill, Deborah Hopkinson, Linda Su Park and Lisa Ann Sandell take turns writing as royal characters from the early 1500s through the death of King Henry and one short chapter about Elizabeth I. Successive chapters give the personal perspectives of each of the wives as they navigate the politics and lusty moods of the King during his reign. Henry's perspective of the matches follow each of the women. For teens who enjoy historical fiction, this story reads smoothly from chapter-to-chapter as

the narratives connect to exhibit the different personalities of the women trapped in the Tudor times. With the overall theme of Henry's wives being "getting with child," the frequent talk about sex (including on-page sex) in this book make it recommended for mature high school students.

Age Level: High School, Adult

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School

Thomas, Kara 978-1-5247-1832-9 \$17.99 370 p.
The Cheerleaders Delacorte, 2018

Monica joined the dance team as a freshman hoping people would forget about her connection to "the cheerleaders". The cheerleaders who all died tragically five years ago: two in a car accident, two murdered, and one suicide. The last one was Monica's sister, Jen. Of course no one in this small town could ever forget, especially Monica. She still cannot believe that Jen would actually have taken her own life. Her doubts come back strong when she finds a packet of letters in her step-father's desk drawer. One letter sent every year on the anniversary of Jen's death. She also finds Jen's old cellphone and the last call before she died is from a number Monica doesn't know. Monica is convinced there is a truth to uncover and she's determined to figure it out - no matter what. Primarily told from Monica's point of view, the story occasionally flashes back to Jen's life adding tension to the story. A solid mystery AND I didn't suspect the twist right away. 4 stars. Grades 9+, some heavy issues including abortion, drug dealing and domestic abuse factor into the story.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Vincent, Rachel 9780399552496 \$17.99 359 p.
Strange New World, Brave New Girl #2 Delacorte, 2018

In this sequel to *Brave New Girl*, Dahlia 16's story picks up just where it left off. When she and Trigger 17 are discovered by the Whitmores, the Whitmores will do anything to protect the identity of their daughter Waverly, even if it means hiding them away as prisoners in their mansion. When Dahlia and Trigger discover what happens to the clones once they are sent from the compound they're determined to go back and warn all of the others. But Dahlia is mistaken for Waverly and accidentally betrothed to her fiancé, Hennessy and is trapped unless she can convince Waverly and her fiancé to join Trigger 17 and she in returning to the compound. This quick-paced and plot-twisted conclusion will appeal to those who read and loved *Brave New Girl*.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

Vincent, Rachel 978-0-399-55249-6 \$17.99 359 p.
Strange New World, Brave New Girl #2 Delacorte, 2018

Dahlia and Trigger have now escaped Lakeview--an isolated city where clones like them thought they were working for the good of the city. Instead the clones were created to be sold as free laborers. Dahlia escaped Lakeview by pretending to be Waverly Whitmore--a

The Ruinous Sweep, by Tim Wynn-Jones is a murder mystery wrapped up in a love story where one of the lovers is dead and accused of murdering someone else. I can't say I've ever read a book like this. Many of the chapters are in Turn's perspective as he wonders inside his own head in a coma in the hospital after he has been hit by a hit and run truck. The other chapters are from Bee's perspective and she knows there's no way that Turn killed anyone, but she has no way of proving it.

As she starts to sort through what she knows and what Turn mumbled before he died, she realizes that she needs to put the pieces of the puzzle together because the police seem content to just believe he murdered someone and then stepped in front of the truck as a form of suicide. But her investigation, of course, puts her in mortal danger.

9 and up some language and memories of sex.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Young, Brigit 978-1-62672-920-9 \$16.99 277 p.
Worth a Thousand Words Roaring Brook Press, 2018

Tillie has spent her life looking through the lens of her camera, ever since her accident that left her always in pain and limping through her day. At school she is known as "Lost and Found" because whenever something goes missing, her photos tend to help those find what they lost. However, when Jake, the school's class clown comes to her with help finding a missing dad, it will put Tilly's detective skills to work. Will Tillie and Jake be able to put together the clues in time to find Jake's dad, or will "cubical man" get them first. This is a great debut novel with a mystery to solve, but a heart at the center. Characters must discover what is most valuable to them and face their own fears about the past and the future. While most will see the mystery's conclusion coming, for some, it may be tough to handle for readers that may have had to walk through issues like this before. (Spoiler alert – Jake's dad is cheating on his mom with the well-loved art teacher.) Good mystery without blood and guts with true heart.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

FICTION - SHRUG

Blake, Kendare 978-0-06-268614-5 \$18.99 447 p.
Two Dark Reigns, Three Dark Crowns #3 Harper Teen, 2018

Having escaped to the mainland, Arsinoe and Mirabella are living with Billy and his family, but aren't sure what the future holds. Arsinoe begins having strange dreams (through the eyes of the legendary Blue Queen) and believes she's being called back to the island.

Katherine is now the crowned queen, but she is struggling to control the spirits of the dead queens. Bodies are washing up on the island in strange condition and the mist is starting to attack the island. Jules is now part of the rebel army who believes she is destined to be a new kind of queen for the island. All will be drawn back together again. A decent continuation of this series (not as strong as bk. 1 or 2). The history of the island and queens

is explored more than in the other books which is interesting, but the forward progress of the characters felt slow. Fans of the series will want it, but (like me) may be disappointed that this wasn't the conclusion. One more book to go. 3 stars. Grades 9+, it's a dark and violent fantasy world.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School

Brooks, Kevin 9780763695651 \$16.99 244 p.
Born Scared Candlewick, 2018

Elliot is perpetually scared—terrified, even. He's been this way ever since he was born. Scared of people, scared of colors, scared of life. He spends his life in his room for the most part and can only tolerate being around his mom, his aunt Shirley, and his doctor. Even attempts to see a therapist went awry; so, his regular doctor has tried prescribing different drugs to keep the monster in Elliot's head at bay. The latest drug has been working, but Elliot's stock is about to run out and so his paranoia is escalating. When his aunt doesn't return with his prescription as expected, his mom sets out to intercept her. Something must have happened; perhaps she got caught in the storm that's brewing. What they don't know is that Aunt Shirley is being held hostage by thieves who are waiting for her son to come home with codes to break into the bank. When Elliot's mom doesn't make it home either, he must brave the outdoors, the storm, and his fears to find—and save—his mom and aunt. Though the adventure is at times exciting, readers may have trouble connecting to the character. Also, it's disappointing that after his trying experience, Elliot remains unchanged, reverting back to his old self.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

Cameron, Sophie 978-1-250-14991-6 \$17.99 266 p.
Out of the Blue Roaring Brook Press, 2018

Jaya loses her mother and shortly thereafter the world begins to have angels fall to earth. This phenomena becomes a quest for her father to find an angel (being) alive. He moves the family to Edinburgh, Scotland as he calculates the next fall to earth. Jaya does not believe in her father's obsession, until one day a being falls in front of her and is still alive. Jaya protects the angel and nurse her back to health with two new found friends Callum and Allie. Together they hide and nurse "Teacake" back to health. Throughout this whole experience she is grieving the loss of her mother and finding her place in this world. Bi-raicial lesbian narrator/love interest is bisexual girl with CF; ex-girlfriend is now in cult Standalone book with that left me with too many questions, as the angel just flies away, we do not know what was happening or why. Teens seems to like the book, I think it was a great premise and find it frustrating we find out nothing regarding the beings.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kelly Crickmore, Issaquah High School

Christopher, Lucy 9780545940320 \$11.09 320 p.

Storm-Wake

Scholastic , 2018

I recommend this book with a shrug for 8th grade and up. It's a hillbilly alternate reality version of *The Tempest*. In this version Moss is the daughter of Pa, and a creature from the ocean Callan is a fishboy who is like Calaban from *The Tempest*. Moss and Pa eat stormflowers which make them high or hallucinate or give them the ability to perform alchemy or just think that they do. Moss and Callan start to get closer and that pisses Pa off. The second half tells of the same events but from a different perspective which is an alternate universe. I was expecting another well-crafted teen suspense crime from this author but this was far from that. Not my cup of tea. Since I didn't like it and sometimes my judgment is off I gave it to one of my super readers. That student said it was hard to get into but once she did she really liked it, so what do I know? However, the student had not read any of Lucy Christopher's other books so maybe that's why she gave it more of a chance than I did.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School**Recommended for Evergreen Award?** No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Erlbaum, Janice

9780374306526

\$16.99

274 p.

Lucky Little Things

Farrar Strauss Giroux, 2018

This is a story about grief and moving on. Emma and her mother are still grieving over the loss of Aunt Jenny who was like a second mom to Emma, who died of cancer a few months ago. At school she is struggling with bullying, and being alone as her best friend has left her for the popular group. When a mysterious letter is slipped under her door claiming it will bring her luck, Emma is all in. At first her luck seems to change, but then things go wrong again. Emma can't decide if the letter is for real or a hoax. The story is about the ups and downs of middle school. It is an easy read, but does have content that is more appropriate for 7th grade and up. The story overall was okay, but there are better choices that cover the same material. There is a sexting scandal in which her former best friend sends a topless pic that goes viral. Grades 7 and up.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High**Recommended for Evergreen Award?** No

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Evansley, Alex

9781250135704

\$17.99

359 p.

Love Scene Take Two

Swoon Reads, 2018

Love Scene, Take Two, by Alex Evansley is an unbelievable romance between an 18 year-old best selling author and a 20 year-old actor. The writing seems young and the characters flat. The plot is improbable and the resolution so sweet it made my teeth hurt. Will HS girls enjoy it? Some might. Would it buy it for my library? No. There's too

Age Level: High School**Recommended for Evergreen Award?** No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Forbeck, Matt

9781536202441

\$8.99

128 p.

Big Trouble, Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons

Candlewick, 2018

You are the child of a wizard couple, but your forest home is under attack by giants. Your family is split up, and you must battle frost giants, goblins, water creatures and others to get back to your family. One especially fat giant is attempting to eat her way to being the biggest giant, and she has your mom and sibling in cages. Choose your own adventure D&D, 4th-7th grade.

Age Level: Middle School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Forbeck, Matt 9781536200652 \$8.99 128 p.
Escape from Underdark, Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons Candlewick, 2018

You are a fighter, drugged and taken by evil Drow elves to the underground, where you will work as a slave for the rest of your short, brutish life. However, a chance for escape presents itself and will take you all over the underdark, trying to get out. Dragons, mushroom people, goblins etc... are just a few of the issues. Choose your own adventure, D&D style. 4th-7th

Age Level: Middle School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Forbeck, Matt 9781536202410 \$8.99 128 p.
Into the Jungle, Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons Candlewick, 2018

You play a Dwarf Cleric, searching a weird foreign country for a ring of power to bring back to your religious order, lest the ring be used for evil. You are given choices every two pages or so, it was hard, even choosing what I thought made the most sense, to move forward with the story and not die. I will say that my character died in new and unusual ways quite a few times. Nothing earth-shatteringly new here, perfect for non-choosy 4th-7th graders.

Age Level: Middle School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Forbeck, Matt 9781536200669 \$8.99 128 p.
To Catch a Thief, Endless Quest - Dungeons and Dragons Candlewick, 2018

You are a female thief, caught by the Lord of the town during a failed robbery, and given the choice to steal a baby griffon that has been stolen by a beholder (think 11-eyed floating eyeball), or spend the rest of your life in jail. Bugbears, elves, disguises, pirates, knights and hags are after you. 4th-7th

Age Level: Middle School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Friend, Natasha 978--0-374-30566-6 \$17.99 260 p.
How We Roll Farrar Strauss Giroux, 2018

Quinn starting her freshman year in a new school in a new town tries to remedy the mistakes she made in 8th grade over her alopecia. This time she wears one of her \$2000

wigs and a skirt and heels instead of a baseball cap over her bald head and old basketball shorts. Her act even fools the popular girls and she becomes one of them until she starts to catch the interest of new friend's ex who happens to be in a wheelchair. Quinn sees his struggle when her new friend reveals Nick just refuses to get out of the wheelchair and use his new prosthetic legs. Quinn also is dealing with an autistic younger brother, Julien who needs his life ordered around him. Quinn tries to settle in to her new life in constant fear of jostling and dislodging her wig revealing her secret to the whole school. Nick, ex-football star is dealing with losing his legs while all of his older brothers were football stars. Luckily he really has a talent for drawing and art which Quinn's mother helps him discover being an sculptress herself. Little too much playing up the wheelchair aspect—Nick spends too much time in it and author keeps him in it for the final scene where Quinn sits in his lap to show acceptance of each other's disability. Too pat.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Funke, Cornelia 9781338215533 \$17.99 393 p.

Dragon Rider: The Griffin's Feather, Dragon Rider #2 Chicken House, 2016

An older (2016) title intended for juvenile audiences. Buy it in paperback if there is interest.

Age Level: Too young for YA

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

Hanover, Rebecca 9781492665106 \$17.99 381 p.

The Similars (ARC) Sourcebooks Fire, 2019

Emmaline's best friend Oliver committed suicide over the summer and her first day back to school holds a nasty shock. Oliver's clone and the clones of 5 other Darkwood Academy students have joined her school. Now not only does Emmaline need to grieve and move on with her life, but she has to do it with Oliver's face around every corner. As Emmaline spends more time with the clones (called Similar), she learns disturbing secrets about them, even as she grows closer to Levi, Oliver's clone. The book just didn't wow me, the plot was intriguing but the characterization fell flat.

Age Level: Middle School, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Tracy Erickson, Redmond High School

Jensen, Lisa 978-0-7636-8880-6 \$18.99 337 p.

Beast: A Tale of Love and Revenge Candlewick, 2018

Lisa Jensen's retelling of the Beauty and the Beast story doesn't have singing teapots and dancing spoons, but an enchanted candlestick who was once a servant girl plays a big part. Beastly, spoiled Jean-Loup, Chevalier de Beaumont has ruined Lucie's life as well as the lives of countless others in his power. When Jean-Loup brings about his downfall through a final act of cruelty and is transformed into the Beast, Lucie wishes to watch him suffer. Lucie's wish is granted and she herself is enchanted. Time reveals that the Beast is a kind and compassionate creature and unaware of his previous beastly self. When a young

Olson, Norah 9780062347077 \$17.99 193 p.
Before Now Katherine Tegen, 2017

Before Now by Norah Olson starts out with a double suicide attempt where only the boy dies and then goes backwards from there so we see why Atty and Cole make the choices they did. I liked the characters, but the time shifts were hard to follow and jarring. I kept having to ask myself... where are we now? I wanted to be invested in the story, but found I just didn't care all that much. There were some really intense scenes, but because of the backward motion characters died and I didn't know or care about them until after they were dead and then I had no reason to invest my emotions in them and their story. I liked the concept of telling the story back to front, but the execution didn't work in my mind. I didn't like it and because of drug use and some sex it is not suitable for below HS.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Redd, Tara Wilson 978-1-5247-6687-0 \$17.99 280 p.
The Museum of Us Wendy Lamb Books, 2018

Sadie crashes her car into a tree (accident? suicide?) and ends up in the psychiatric hospital where she starts to ask what happened to George. We don't find out until many chapters later, George is imaginary. She seems perfectly normal through most of the book with George being a place she slips into and has vivid imaginings; she's a spy, a wizard, etc. When a fellow patient, Eleanor, tells her they will give her pills to stop her hallucination, she panics and starts cutting herself. Story jumps back and forth from Sadie's time with George to her reality with her rocker boyfriend and best friend, but the "dream" is much more appealing than the reality of getting drunk and having sex with her real boyfriend. The first chapters are off-putting at first with the perfect George and his perfect adventures: lighting cigarettes, drinking. The reality is so downplayed the reader wonders what's real and what's not. Not sure if the author has a point about mental illness or if this is just a plot contrivance.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Schroeder, Lisa 978-1-338-19574-3 \$16.99 246 p.
See You on a Starry Night Scholastic, 2018

12 year old Juliet must move to a small beach town near a San Diego when her parents' divorce means leaving Bakersfield (who would complain about leaving Bakersfield?) On her first night she meets the perfect friend, Emma and they throw bottles with messages into the ocean. Juliet's message is answered in an email by someone called "some kid" who challenges her to do something, to help someone and form a helping club. She and new friend Emma go around their community looking for people to help while unraveling the mystery of who "some kid" is. Ok. Light.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

made out to be a totally irrational caveman of a brother. Stella hasn't had any boyfriends, because her brother always scared them off. Now that he is at college she and her best friend Franklin decide to create a bracket to determine who should be her senior year boyfriend. Except that her longtime crush, Will, (also known as her brother's best friend, and also in college) keeps showing up. There are inconsistencies, the characters aren't well developed and they spend most of the book hiding their relationship.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School

Kuipers, Alice <i>Me and Me</i>	1443448826 HarperTrophy, 2017	\$12.32	288 p.
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I did not care for this book but teens might like it so I'm going to shrug it for 10th grade and up. There is on page nudity and some sex but I really don't remember if it was on or off page because it was a challenge for me to finish this. Lark is a singer in a band and her song lyrics are woven throughout the story, and that was the first thing that annoyed me, it read like a musical on a page which only works, well, maybe never. It's an alternate reality about a swimming accident where she had to choose between saving the little girl she used to baby sit or the hot guy she wants to have sex with. Everything is predictable and not believable at the same time so it's a weird combination. My suggestion is, if you get it for free go ahead and see if any teens like it. But if you don't get it for free don't waste your money on it.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

Redd, Tara Wilson <i>The Museum of Us</i>	9781524766870 Wendy Lamb Books, 2018	\$17.99	274 p.
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The Museum of Us, by Tara Wilson Redd is a contemporary realistic fiction book with an unreliable narrator. The main character, Sadie, has an invisible friend, George. The story is about her trying to come to grips with her own trauma so that she can let George go. But I couldn't suspend my own disbelief that George was that real to her. I wanted to care about the characters, but felt like they were caricatures and not real people.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Wilde, Jen <i>Brightsiders</i>	1250189713 Swoon Reads, 2018	\$11.89	304 p.
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I do not recommend this book for 9th grade and up. I wanted to like it because of the LGBTQ inclusion and unicorn glitter, but the LGBTQ community deserves better YA writing. The main character is in a band called Brightsiders and struggles with a drinking problem, Hollywood paparazzi, coming out as bi sexual, and a band romance conflict of interest. The writing is predictable and character development underwhelming. The Hollywood elements make the characters less instead of more relatable (so far the only YA author who gets that right in my opinion is Lauren Conrad) so I don't find it a sound investment.

There's drinking, clubbing, on page heavy petting which includes one scene with a unicorn onesie (which has kind of ruined how I think of unicorns now) and off page sex at the end (and it's impossible for that to be a spoiler because it's 100% predictable). If you get it for free it's probably okay for 9th grade and up, but don't spend your money on this.

Age Level: Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

GRAPHIC NOVELS – RECOMMENDED

Bagieu, Pénélope

1626728682

\$24.99

Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World

First Second, 2018

I got this book first thing one morning and started reading it as soon as I got home! It's not as quick of a read as most graphic novels are, a pages are covered in small panels using tiny text, so this isn't an amazing graphic novel for reluctant readers. It's a thrilling collection of stories about really incredible women! It's fairly diverse (could be more so, but not at all bad), and was a great way to learn about so many women I had never heard of before.

Some stand outs were Nzinga (Queen of Ndongo and Matamba), La Mariposas (Rebel Sisters), Wu Zetian (Empress), Betty Davis (Singer-Songwriter), and Nellie Bly (Journalist), although choosing favorites is a bit of a fools's errand as all the women were exciting and exceptional. The illustrations are fun, and the snapshots we see of these women's lives are exhilarating, compelling, and funny. This book talks about real women and their lives acknowledging violence and sex as relevant. I think woke teenagers will be excited about this book, though parents may find it objectionable. I highly recommend it, and think librarians should buy it for their collections anyways!

Age Level: Middle School, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS

Cliff, Tony

9781626728042

\$17.99

239 p.

Delilah Dirk and the Pillars of Hercules, Delilah Dirk #3

First Second, 2018

Delilah Dirk and the Pillars of Hercules, by Tony Cliff is a wonderful graphic novel and the third in the Delilah Dirk series. This one was better than the last! There is humor, adventure, and a kick-ass heroine. Delilah is in Turkey and needs to save a ship that is out to sea. In the process she meets "the Dutchman" and he leads her on a quest to find the third pillar of Hercules. But he is a con-man who is out to line his own pockets. Delilah's old nemesis, Merrick, shows up and tries to kill her, but she manages to out smart the evil man. It isn't until nearly the end that the Dutchman's true colors are revealed and Delilah has to save everyone's lives. This is historical fantasy, taking place in 1804, but there is very little historical reality in the story. Some off color humor that will pass over the heads of those too young. "My staff has let me down" "Not for the first time, I'll bet. I'll give you credit—most men would never."

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Gudsnuk, Kristen 978-1-338-13921-1 \$12.99 261 p.
Making Friends Scholastic, 2018

Looking at the cover, *Making Friends* gives the impression that this will be a read-alike for Raina Telgemeier or Shannon Hale's *Real Friends*. However, while this title does explore the awkwardness of middle school and the challenges of being apart from elementary school pals, it is also a fantasy story about a girl who discovers a magic notebook that makes real anything she draws. Were it just the story of a made up friend discovering her origins and getting angry, it would be a solid friendship read. But the presence of a bodiless evil prince from a manga twists it in ways that are a bit uncomfortable. Particularly so when the prince demands a body, which fails to attach to his head and must be buried in the back yard. That said, there will be plenty of crossover fans, but maybe not the kids seeking a heartfelt autobiography.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Recommended for Evergreen Award? No
Dawn Rutherford, Seattle Public Library

Gudsnuk, Kristen 1338139215 \$12.99
Making Friends Graphix, 2018

Dany is having a rough 7th grade year! She's in different classes than her friends, and none of the kids in her class really want to talk to her, unless they're bullying her. One day she draws the "misunderstood" Prince Neptune's head from her favorite anime in a sketch book she got from her great aunt's house, and his head becomes real before her eyes! The next day after a boy in her class makes her stupid she decides to draw a best friend, who always has a good come back, has impeccable style, can make her over and is in all her classes. And while Madison is an awesome friend, and an amazing social bridge to the girls in Dany's classes, things get pretty complicated when she starts to figure out she's not a normal girl. I think fans of "magic girl" anime will enjoy this silly magical story.

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

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. 9780545902489 \$14.99 300 p.
Hey, Kiddo (ARC) Scholastic Graphix, 2018

This memoir graphic novel was a finalist for the National Book Award. Krosoczka tells the story in muted gray tones with some occasional punches of burnt orange inspired by his grandfather's pocket squares to a some flair. Jarrett was raised by his grandfather and grandmother, because his mother (their daughter) constantly struggled with drug addiction including heroin. She was in-and-out of drug treatment facilities and prison throughout Jarrett's childhood rarely making it to special events like birthdays and graduations. Jarrett grows up not even knowing he has a father or his father's name until he is in his teens. His grandmother is a cranky chain-smoker and his grandfather and she likely have their own alcoholic tendencies, but they encourage Jarrett in his interest in art and cartooning. Krosoczka has a large extended family of aunts and uncles who are also around and help him make some sense of his grandparents and absent mother's ways. Ultimately, it will give hope to readers, because Krosoczka's resilience brings him out on the other side of what could have been a much darker and sadder story.

Age Level: Junior High, High School
Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Larson, Hope 978-0374310714 \$12.99 176 p.
All Summer Long Farrar Strauss Giroux, 2018

13-year old Bina is looking forward to her summer, hanging out with her best friend Austin. But Austin has soccer camp for a month, and he has been acting weird lately anyway. So, her plans are shot, and boredom ensues. However, she makes friends with Austin's strange older sister and they bond over music. Then Austin comes back and is acting strangely, because he has noticed that Bina is a girl and he is a guy. Colorful, well-illustrated and easily relatable for kids. 6th-10th grades, for interest, not content

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Recommended for Evergreen Award? No
Michael Fleming - Literacy Warrior - Juanita High School

Neri, G. 9781620148556 \$19.95 240 p.
Grand Theft Horse (ARC) Tu Books, 2018

Gail Ruffu owned part interest in a racehorse, but the other co-owners pushed Gail to race the horse too early and too fast, so she stole her own horse and was eventually charged with "Grand Theft Horse", a case judged by the California Supreme Court. No sex, no cussing, some violence (towards people and animals), some (horse) drugging situations. Strong female protagonist, and great artwork. This book would work for some memoir assignments.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School, Adult
Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Comments: This true story, told to the author by a cousin, will be fascinating to horse lovers of any age, but non-horse lovers may not see the point. Buy where there is interest. Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

Parks, James; Costa, Ben 0399556168 \$20.90
The Middle-Route Run, Rickety Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo #2 Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

A truly fantastic story, in the tradition of Jeff Smith's Bone. Rickety Stitch, a walking talking skeleton, and his companion are on a quest to find out who Rickety Stitch was in life. He thinks it had something to do with a great knight and a long lost land called Epoli. But his memories, when he has them, are confusing at best. In this leg of the story he is captured by a witch, finds himself among a goblin's epic dig, chases down berried treasure, is taken into a band of merry buskers, and heads out in a caravan across a great and treacherous expanse! Great fun! I was able to pick up the story from book two, but this promises to be a long series, so you're going to have to invest no matter what and I figure you might as well buy the first book.

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

Revoy, Antoine J. D. 9781626721838 \$16.99

Animus

First Second, 2018

This is a great creepy middle grade graphic novel! The sun has gone down and there are just two children left on the playground. The first tries to cross the sandbox to get his soccer ball and is suddenly swarmed by snakes! As he runs away his companion meets a new strange child in a mask, Toothless, who explains the strange and terrifying magic that the playground holds. As kids start to go missing, the two children from the first night go on a mission to try and find Toothless' body and put him to rest so the haunting will stop!

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS

Siegel, Mark, et. al.

9781101935897

\$20.99

245 p.

The Cobalt Prince, 5 Worlds #2

Random House, 2018

This volume opens with a prologue showing Commander Zayd, nee Jessa Lee, reminiscing about when she left her sister, Oona Lee, to work with the Cobalt Prince on Toki to take down the Mimic. She had every intention of going back to Oona, but life did not turn out the way she expected. Now that the first beacon has been lit, Zayd is trying to figure out what happened to the Queen's bones she help procure. She finds out that her dear Prince has become the Mimic's puppet, and now she must figure out how to make things right.

Meanwhile, on Mon Domani, Oona Lee and her friends begin a quest to light the other four beacons. Their adventures take many twists and turns as Oona needs to figure out who is telling truth and who is telling lies. It all culminates in Oona being reunited with her sister in a battle to prevent the Mimic from assuming all power. A fast-paced, action packed sequel that fans of the first are sure to enjoy.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School**Recommended for Evergreen Award?** No

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

Sun, Boya and Kate Reed Petty

9781626726048

\$17.99

113 p.

Chasma Knights

First Second, 2018

In the world of Chasma, there a various classes of knights (people) with different cores (oxygen, sulfur, neon, etc.), and most knights are able to catalyze toys to grow their powers. Neon knights are unable to catalyze toys. Beryl, a neon knights, is a tinkerer. She scours the land for "broken" toys and tries out various ways to combine them to makes something that works. Unfortunately, she cannot catalyze them. Enter: oxygen knight Coro. Coro is curious about Beryl's creations and together, with Coro's catalyzing ability, they make something spectacular. Chasma Knights is a quick read that inspires imagination and innovation.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, Also upper elementary**Recommended for Evergreen Award?** No

Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School

Westerfeld, Scott

1626721505

\$22.99

The Broken Vow, Spill Zone #2

First Second, 2018

A great conclusion to everything laid out in The Spill Zone. An action packed creepy and weird story fans of Stranger Things will love! Addison has successfully retrieved the strange package from the spill zone and delivered it to her buyer, securing her and her little

sister enough to live on comfortably for the rest of her days. Now she just has to deal with the fact that her little sister's doll is possessed by the creature that tore a hole between their worlds and created the spill zone AND that her finance will stop at nothing to find them. Plus Jae, the only survivor from North Korea's Spill Zone is trying to find Addison, AND he has super powers, which Addison might be developing too...

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Maggie Block, Skyway Library - KCLS

GRAPHIC NOVELS – SHRUG

Kondo, Robert 978-1-62672-427-3 \$21.99 153 p.

The Dam Keeper: World Without Darkness, Dam Keeper #2 First Second, 2018

The second book in the series, this book continues to tell the tale of Pig and his friends as they try to figure out the mystery of the fog that invades their world. As they head out an adventure to find their friend, they are captured by the mole queen, who tries to use the friends for her own evil gain. Will the friends live to see another day? There is a cast of quirky characters that keep this story moving, however, there is a much needed backstory to this book. You will want to have the first book, as it is not a standalone. The images throughout the story are very well done, but they seemed young – very cartoony that it might turn some middle school readers off. This book was just a shrug for me.

Age Level: Middle School, Too young for YA

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Shuky 978-1-68369-057-3 \$9.99 184 p.

Knights Club: The Bands of Bravery, Knights Club #1 Quirk Books, 2018

Dungeons and Dragons + Choose Your Own Adventure + Graphic Novel should be an instant winner...but this one is slow out of the gate. Too many page flips and not enough adventure for me.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Comments: The ARC is black/white, hopefully the color illustration of the final will be more appealing.

Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

NONFICTION – RECOMMENDED

Davis, Kenneth C. 9781250145123 \$19.99 291 p.

More Deadly than War Henry Holt, 2018

Kenneth Davis tells the story of the influence of the Spanish Flu during the first World War. Highlighted is the fact that more soldiers died from influenza than from battle. Poor nutrition, sanitation, and small living quarters added to the spread of disease. The mobility of troops from around the world introduced the disease to new hosts. The book gives anecdotal experiences from those in remote Alaskan villages, the nurses, famous enlistees, a brief history of the war, and how the flu may have affected its outcome. The appendices

give additional information about the history of disease and also the flu. The timelines included (for the war as well as the flu) are helpful. While it may be a bit untidy in organization, this book provides unique insight into the impact Spanish flu had on the Great War.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

Editors: Aronson, Marc and Susan Campbell Bartoletti

1968: Today's Authors Explore a Year of Rebellion, Revolution & Change

Candlewick, 2018 9780763689933 \$18.99 198 p.

1968 is a compilation of essays highlighting some of the controversial international issues of the year. Stories of assassinations in the United States, political upheaval in Mexico and Czechoslovakia, comedians with politically charged routines, college students challenging the status quo, and issues of race at the Mexico City Olympics showcase a variety of perspectives and global issues. This would be a great addition to any high school library for those looking at more details information about world-wide events of the 1960s.

Recommended for high school libraries.

Age Level: High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Katy Olson, Monticello & Cascade Middle Schools

Guerrero, Diane 978-1-250-13486-8 \$18.99 251 p.
My Family Divided Henry Holt, 2018

This book is adapted from the author's adult memoir. Diane Guerrero is an actress known for her roles in *Orange is the New Black* and *Superior Donuts*. She tells her story growing up with parents who came here on 90-day visas from Colombia but never left. She was always afraid of her parents being deported. The begins by defining key terms, such as documented and deported in a kid-friendly way. Diane writes her story as a way to enact change about how our country treats immigrants and their families--especially those with children born here to undocumented immigrants. But she also wants to let other kids who had parents deported when they were young (Diane was 14) that they can survive here in the U.S. too. It's a memoir that focuses on her teen and early college years as she struggled to find her identity while being separated from her parents. Her story is sad, heart-breaking, and yet ultimately uplifting as she shares her successes and failures. This is not a step-by-step guide to becoming an actor, but minority students, especially those with parents from other countries, will be inspired to chart their own path.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

Redding, Anna

Google It: How Two Students' Mission to Organize the Internet Changed the World

Feiwel & Friends, 2018 978-1-25014822-3 \$19.99
231 p.

Larry Page and Sergey Brin were college students who had a dream to make the internet more user friendly. They came up with a plan and quickly found themselves with a collection of computers acting as servers and a very full dorm room. This was the beginning of the company that would soon be known around the world – Google! This was a fascinating look at a company that has literally changed the way that the world operates. Written for middle school students who don't know a world without technology, there are great call outs that explain things like, how you would get directions before Google maps or how you would have to use a phone attached to the wall to make a call to your friend. I not only found the book easy to read, but well organized and included fascinating facts. My only frustration with the book was the choice of text color and font. There were times when I struggled to read the book because of the light font choice or the small writing. Other than that, highly recommended!

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Rosenberg, Liz 9780763660574 \$17.99 339 p.

House of Dreams: The Life of L.M. Montgomery Candlewick, 2018

L.M. "Maud" Montgomery is best known as the author of the *Anne of Green Gables* books, a series of sweet stories celebrating the goodness of life on Canada's Prince Edward Island. Montgomery's own life is very different: she experienced poverty, hardship, loneliness, and mental illness. Yet, she was able to create a world that endures--the "Anne" books have never gone out of print. The question of the author's death (suicide? accidental overdose?) is discussed, and the extent her achievements while hampered by mental illness is significant.

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

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk 9781338233025 \$17.99 245 p.

The War Below Scholastic, 2014, 2018

This inspiring little-known World War 2 historical fiction is also a pretty good survival adventure story. The action starts quickly with Luka escaping a Nazi labor camp in a cart full of his dead friends; then slows briefly to get Luka's backstory and plans set up. As Luka makes his way back home to Ukraine, he remembers the course of events that led to his imprisonment in the Polish Camp. He will end up joining the brave Ukrainian resistance that actually fought both vile totalitarian regimes: Nazi and communist. The satisfying and hopeful ending for Luka does not minimize the essential tragedy of the story. Author notes expand on the historical facts underlying the story. Highly recommended

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? Yes

Comments: Originally published in Canada, 1st U.S. publication

Kirsten Edwards, KCLS

Tate, Polo 9781250128522 \$10.48 352 p.

Deep Dark Blue Feiwel & Friends, 2018

I recommend this book for high school and up, maybe 10th grade. Polo Tate was 18 when she joined the USAFA. This memoir tells about her life leading up to the academy and also the events that led to the sexual assault that left her forever changed but not defeated. The content of the story is profoundly moving, especially in this current social political climate. The writing, however, is a weird combination of novice and compelling. Some of the descriptions I found a bit off, especially one near the beginning when she uses a sexual term (the o word) to describe a sunset, because of the nature of her story it seemed an odd choice to me. However, the rest of the memoir redeems that lack of word choice. After you get through the details of the assault, trial, and aftermath you forget about any writing bloopers. I think this is a must have in a high school library, and a good choice for any social justice unit.

Age Level: High School, Adult

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Kathleen Dunbar, Eastlake High School

- **Careers in Engineering series**

Abramovitz, Melissa	978-1-68282-343-9	\$29.95	64 p.
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A Career in Biomedical Engineering Reference Point Press, 2018

Currie-McGhee, Leanne	978-1-68282-353-8	\$29.95	64 p.
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A Career in Mechanical Engineering Reference Point Press, 2018

Kallen, Stuart A.	978-1-68282-351-4	\$29.95	64 p.
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A Career in Environmental Engineering Reference Point Press, 2018

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

This is a typical Reference Point Press research series on the topic of Engineering Careers. This series includes these engineering careers: biomedical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental and mechanical. Each book contains useful information about each specific career, including what each job entails, what skills and personal qualities matter for each job, how to go about pursuing this job, what career opportunities there are for each job, what the future outlook for each job is and a Q & A interview with someone who has that job. Tweens and teens will find the colorful layout appealing and the short chapters easy to navigate. Each book opens with an infographic that highlights each specific career “at a glance” that illustrates the number of jobs in each career, education requirements, future job outlook, certification/licensing requirements, and personal qualities needed for this career. There’s enough interesting color pictures, pull quotes and small sidebar stories to keep teens reading the entire book. Each book ends with source notes, additional resources/websites, and an index. However, the books are pricey as for \$30 you only get 64 pages of information.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School

- ***Debating History Series***

Titles include: *Crusades, Slave Trade, Holocaust, Soviet Union Collapse, Immigration,*

<i>9/11, Islamist Extremism</i>	Reference Point Press, 2019	\$29.95
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Each of the books give a nice investigation into the history of various historical events. Each begins with a timeline and a chapter on the history of the topic for context. Subsequent chapters ask and answer questions that affect us today giving alternating perspectives to events of the past – “Did 20th Century Immigration Threaten American Culture?”; “Could the Allies Have Reduced the Severity of the Holocaust?”; “Should the Descendants of Slaves Receive Reparations?” The goal of the Debating History series is to examine various perspectives to help understand the past and be able to make conclusions and sound judgements for the future. The books in this set are highly recommended for middle school students to help them understand the complexities of issues from the past. They are also good for high school as they are an easy to read/use resource for a research project.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

JoAnn Olsson, Liberty High School

- Discrimination in Society series

Parks, Peggy J.

9781682823897

\$33.28

80 p.

Sex Discrimination

Reference Point Press, 2019

Similar to other Reference Point Press series, this collection of 6 books is well designed with easy to navigate formatting and text features, allowing students to efficiently browse and locate content for research purposes. Additional discrimination topics in the series include: disability, age, LGBT, racial, and religious.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Sue McAllister, Kellogg Middle School

- Epic Fails series

Slader, Erik and Ben Thompson

9781250150615

\$15.99

152 p.

The Race to Space: Countdown to Liftoff

Roaring Brook Press, 2018

This smallish book is big on humor and history. Readers get an introduction to the first Chinese who serendipitously mixed up gunpowder when trying to concoct a life-giving potion that eventually evolved into rocket weaponry for fighting the Mongols. That same mixture was used by another Chinese man, Wan-Hu, that may have been the first who tried to use rockets to get to the moon via chair. Didn't work. Failed epically, hence the series title. The book goes on to detail the German scientist Von Braun who attempted to impress Hitler with rocket science during WW II, only to be dismissed and labelled a traitor for his outspoken views of Germany's unlikeliness of winning the war. The division of Germany after the war is highlighted as the book goes on to chronicle the space exploration events that contributed to the Cold War, ending with the detente mission of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. The book includes many black-and-white captioned photos and kitschy 60's-era stylized drawings that add to the historical feel of the book as well as a bibliography and index. The book could bridge discussions about mindset and perseverance.

Age Level: Middle School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Slader, Erik and Ben Thompson 9781250250561 \$6.99 120 p.
The Wright Brothers: Nose-Diving into History Roaring Brook Press, 2018

This first book in the Epic Fails series literally shares the ups and downs of the Wright brothers, as they failed over and over in trying to be the first to fly. The first chapters of the book are devoted to the many who came before them, though, crediting da Vinci with five hundred designs devoted to flight, the German Gustave Whitehead who claimed to have flown in 1902 before the Wright brothers but had little evidence to prove it, and three Frenchmen who tried various designs and failed, as well as many others. Bits of history including the flight of hot air balloons and dirigibles are also included. Readers will be compelled by the dogged determination of the Wright brothers, though, as they went back and forth from their home in Ohio to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina trying so many times to catch the perfect ocean wind to take flight only to be dumped on the sandy shores below the dunes where they thought would be the perfect place to practice taking flight. Photos and drawings throughout, keep the pages turning. Readers looking for STEM topics will find this an especially rewarding offering.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Recommended for Evergreen Award? No
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

- Technology's Impact series
Titles Include: ***How Artificial Intelligence Will Impact Society, How Drones Will Impact Society, How Self-Driving Cars Will Impact Society, How Virtual Reality will Impact Society, How 3D Printing Will Impact Society, How Nanotechnology Will Impact Society***

Reference Point Press, 2019 \$9.00 80 p.
Each 80 page volume starts with a timeline of how the technology has evolved and ends with great additional readings and index. The text is easy to follow and whenever unfamiliar words are used, they are highlighted and defined for the reader. The images are engaging with good subtitles and pros and cons of the technology are presented. While this is good and interesting information, my concern would be how quickly it would become outdated. With technology changing as quickly as it does, this is a great volume set for students right now, but may not be that useful in a few years.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

- The Push for Social Change series
Nardo, Dan 9781682824252 \$39.93 80 p.
The Women's Rights Movement Reference Point Press, 2018
As usual, ReferencePoint Press does a wonderful job providing insightful information while also modeling the importance of proper research. This proper modeling includes: Source Notes, For Further Research, Picture Credits, and information about the author. The books within The Push for Social Change series follow the same format, they all open with a timeline of the movement, followed by an introduction to the movement. After the introduction, the book walks readers through the early stages of the movement all the way

to present day and what is currently happening within the movement. *The Women's Rights Movement*, is a timely book for Middle School/High School students. Especially in regards to the current status of the movement, the book provides insightful information on its starting origins, to the ups and downs of the of the movement, and eventually brings the reader to present day. Overall, I see this series being a wonderful addition to any library in which students are curious about Social Movements or if there is a unit of study within the curriculum on Social Movements.

Age Level: Middle School, High School
Recommended for Evergreen Award? No
 Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School

NONFICTION – SHRUG

Saedi, Sara 9781524717797 \$17.99 280 p.

Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card Knopf, 2018

The memoir of a 13-year old girl from Iran. She didn't realize they were undocumented until her older sister could not get a job. Tells of her life in CA, working in her parents luggage store, different customs, family life, struggles to get visas, green cards. Some humor but also a bit pedantic, feels a bit like a lecture. Interesting look at someone from the Middle Eastern culture - but also removed from it. She moved here when she was 2. Regardless, it is her story, but I can see that those with a more strict upbringing might have difficulty with it. I enjoyed it but did not think it was excellent. (it's dated)

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Recommended for Evergreen Award? No
 Anne "dues are due" Dame, Einstein Middle School

- Stem Careers series

Hulick, Kathryn 978-1-68282-429-0 \$29.95 80 p.

Cybersecurity Careers Reference Point Press, 2018

Streissguth, Tom 978-1-68282-427-6 \$29.95 80 p.

Biotech Careers Reference Point Press, 2018

Wilcox, Christine 978-1-68282-431-3 \$29.95 80 p.

Engineering Careers Reference Point Press, 2018

Wilcox, Christine 978-1-68282-433-7 \$29.95 80 p.

Health Care Careers Reference Point Press, 2018

Kallen, Stuart A. 978-1-68282-435-1 \$29.95 80 p.

Info Tech Careers Reference Point Press, 2018

This is a typical Reference Point Press research series on the topic of STEM Careers. This series includes these STEM career fields: biotech, cybersecurity, engineering, health care, and info tech. Each book contains useful information about each specific career field and provides in-depth information on 8 specific careers and includes what each job entails, what skills and personal qualities matter for each job, how to go about pursuing this job, what career opportunities there are for each job, what the future outlook for each job is,

and places to go to find out more information. Each book also features a Q & A interview with a professional in that specific STEM career field as well as a list of dozens of other related jobs. Tweens and teens will find the colorful layout appealing and the short chapters easy to navigate. While this series does have pictures, it does not have the sidebars, and pull-out quotes that other books by this publisher usually contain. Each book ends only with an index. Unfortunately, this series does NOT provide source notes for the information contained in the book as other books by this publisher usually include. Also, for nearly \$30 you only get 80 pages of information.

Age Level: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award? No

Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School