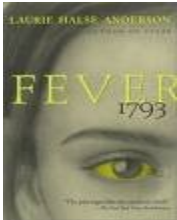


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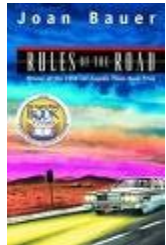
FICTION



Anderson, Laurie Hulse

Fever 1793

Yellow fever strikes! Fourteen-year-old Mattie has to fight to stay alive. This is the gripping story of Mattie's indomitable spirit during an American tragedy. Anderson has carefully researched this terrifying historical event and infuses her story with rich details, including the little-known role of African Americans in caring for the fever victims.



Bauer, Joan

Rules of the Road

Five-foot-eleven and hard-working, Jenna is an outsider at school. The fact that she spends most of her time selling shoes at Gladstone's (and loving it) doesn't help her social problems, and neither does her alcoholic father. Lucky for her, rich, curmudgeonly Mrs. Gladstone needs someone to chauffeur her to Texas to a stockholders' meeting and help her check out the Gladstone stores along the way. Jenna and Mrs. Gladstone take to the road. A funny, heart-warming book.



Black, Holly

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale

All about fairies, only this time a more sophisticated, edgier read. Watch out -- pixie dust may very well include blood spatter, sharp thorns and bits of broken glass. This suspenseful tale features sixteen-year-old Kaye Fierch who is not human but doesn't know it. Kaye soon discovers that she is a changeling, and that her one-time "imaginary" faerie playmates want her to pretend to be a human so they can use her as the Tithe ("the sacrifice of a beautiful and talented mortal") to earn their freedom for seven years. A gripping read.



Blacker, Terence

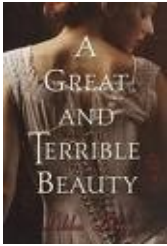
The Angel Factory

Thomas Wisdom's life is perfect -- until he finds out that it is a total sham. He and his friend Gip break into a computer file and find out that Thomas' parents aren't his parents, his sister isn't really his sister, and he is simply a pawn in a much larger plot...

Bray, Libba

A Great and Terrible Beauty

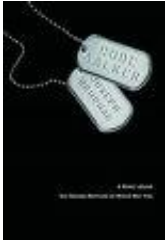
A Gothic tale of a Victorian boarding school with a deadly secret. Sixteen-year-old Gemma lives in India until the day she foresees her mother's death in a swirling vision that turns out to be true. Sent back to England, she is enrolled at a snobby girls' academy with a mysterious burned-out East Wing and a powerful clique of girls who snub her. Gemma is also disturbed to find that she has been followed from India by a young man who warns her to fight off her visions. The first in an absorbing trilogy.



Bruchac, Joseph

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two

The fictional narrator in this story is Ned Begay, a grandfather telling his story to his grandchildren. It begins when Ned is six years old and leaves his Navajo homeland to attend boarding school. Ned learns English, and when he is sixteen he enlists in the U.S. Marines. It is World War II and he is trained as a code talker -- he uses his native language to radio secret battlefield information. Ned tells of his experiences in Hawaii, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.



Card, Orson Scott

Ender's Game

Ender Wiggin is a third child, allowed to be born only because his older brother and sister were almost perfect, but not quite. His brother was too vicious, his sister not enough. Ender was born in the hopes that he would be the military genius who would be capable of leading the army in the Third Invasion against the Buggers. The Buggers have attacked twice and almost succeeded in destroying the human species. The commanders at Battle School are counting on Ender being the answer. It turns out Ender is master at the game and quickly moves up the ranks, despite his young age. The only thing is...is it really a game? If you haven't read this science fiction classic yet, you really must!

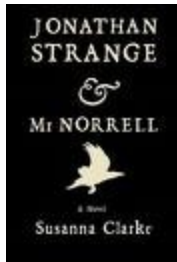


Charlton-Trujillo, E. E.

Prizefighter en Mi Casa

In a South Texas town, a car accident has left twelve-year-old Chula with "flashes," her father in a wheelchair, and the family destitute. Hoping to rescue the family from poverty, her father brings home an unusual house guest, a scarred prizefighter from Mexico who was a childhood friend. Chula's father risks the family savings to back El Jefe in a black-market fight against Golden Gloves, a local white boxer. In this beautiful first-person narrative, Chula uses a mix of Spanish and English to express her personal struggles with everything from epilepsy to homework as she finds the courage to learn from El Jefe and help her family through hard times.





Clarke, Susanna

Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell

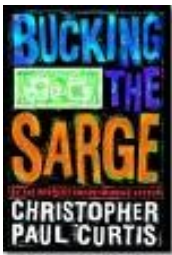
In 1806, Mr. Norrell, a stuffy scholarly type, claims to be the last magician in England. To prove it, he animates gargoyles and promises to help defeat Napoleon's forces. Jonathan Strange, an up-and-coming magician and the opposite of Norell, becomes his pupil. Their friendship and fantastical exploits make for great reading. Reviewers have claimed that this is a delightful mix of Philip Pullman, **Harry Potter**, and Jane Austin.



Creech, Sharon

The Wanderer

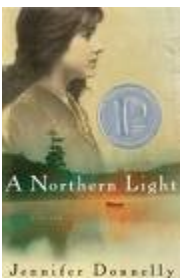
Thirteen-year-old Sophie hears the sea calling to her. Much to the dismay of her adoptive parents, she joins her uncles and male cousins on a sailing voyage from Connecticut across the Atlantic to England. Along the way, they endure terrible storms and fear that they will not make it to shore. The story unfolds as a series of journal entries, written by both Sophie and her cousin Cody.



Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bucking the Sarge

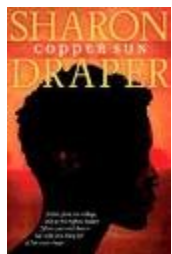
All Luther T. Farrell wants is to win the school science fair three years in a row. Too bad it's not that straightforward for poor *old* Luther, who is actually not that old. He is only 15, but he is responsible for his "crew," a group of elderly men with whom he lives and cares for at the Friendly Neighbors Group Home run by his scheming mother, also known as "the Sarge." Luther feeds his crew, does the laundry, drives them to rehab, and even cleans up their "accidents" from time to time. When it all gets to be too much, Luther comes up with a plan....



Donnelly, Jennifer

A Northern Light

The year is 1906. Sixteen-year-old Mattie Gokey, a gifted writer, dreams of attending Barnard College, but has no money and an obligation to help her father on their ruined farm. She takes a summer job at the Glenmore Hotel, where guest Grace Brown entrusts her with the task of burning a secret bundle of love letters. When Grace's drowned body is fished from the lake, Mattie and the letters become central to uncovering the grim truth. Set against the backdrop of the real murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's **An American Tragedy**, this novel is an absolute sensation.



Draper, Sharon

Copper Sun

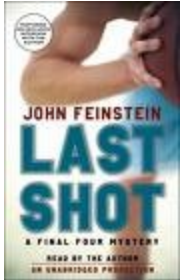
Amari is a fifteen-year-old Ashanti girl who is happily anticipating her marriage. Then, slavers arrive in her village, slaughter her family, and shatter her world. Shacked and terrified, she is led to the Cape Coast where she is branded and forced onto a boat of death for the infamous Middle Passage to the Carolinas. There, Percival Derby buys her as a gift for his son's 16th birthday. Trust and friendship develop between Amari and Polly, a white indentured servant, and when their mistress gives birth to a black baby, the teens try to cover up Mrs. Derby's transgression. However, Mr. Derby's violent fury spurs the teens to run away in search of freedom.



Fang, Linda

The Chi-Lin Purse: A Collection of Ancient Chinese Stories

These short stories were written by Fang, a professional storyteller. They are derived from the history of the Warring States Period (770-221 B.C.E) and operatic versions of popular stories. Funny and wise.



Feinstein, John

Last Shot

This is a mystery set at the NCAA Final Four men's basketball tournament. Steven and Susan Carol are two teens who have won the U.S. Basketball Writer's Association fourteen-and-under writing contest. Their prize is a trip, with press credentials and reporting responsibilities, to the Final Four in New Orleans. While exploring the Superdome, they overhear someone threatening Chip Graber, Minnesota State University's star player, with blackmail. Can Steven and Susan Carol uncover the truth and expose the scandal? Feinstein was originally a sports reporter, so this story rings true!



Going, K. L.

Saint Iggy

When Iggy Corso gets kicked out of high school, there's no one for him to tell. His mother has gone off, his father is stoned on the couch, and the phone's been disconnected, so even the social worker can't get through. Leaving his public housing behind, Iggy ventures into the world to make something of his life. It's not easy when you're sixteen, have no skills, and your only friend is mixed up with the dealer who got your mom hooked.



Gorman, Carol

Games

In alternating voices, two feuding middle schoolers describe the hostility that has brought them to blows. Book-lover and aspiring writer Mick Sullivan is a big kid who has no interest in sports, much to his alcoholic father's disappointment. Music-lover Boot Quinn, whose mother has left the family, is ignored, neglected, and sometimes abused by his father and older brother. The boys' private pain boils over in one another's presence as adolescent bravado lead them into frequent fistfights. Neither one is ready for the solution that the new principal has devised: for two periods each day, they are sequestered in his inner office to play board games until they can learn to get along.



Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Among the Hidden

This tells the story of Luke, the third child born into his family. He has to live in hiding because third children are not allowed in his society. Life seems pretty grim, but then he meets Jen, another shadow child, who shows him that it doesn't have to be this way. To what extent is Luke willing to defy the government in order to better his lot? There are six page-turners in this Shadow Children series: **Among the Impostors, Among the Betrayed, Among the Barons, Among the Brave, and Among the Enemies.**



Haddon, Mark

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Fifteen-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone is autistic. He takes everything at face value, and is unable to sort out the strange behavior of the people around him. Late one night, he comes across his neighbor's poodle impaled on a garden fork. Wellington's owner finds him cradling her dead dog in his arms, and has him arrested. After spending a night in jail, Christopher resolves to discover who has murdered Wellington. He is encouraged by the social worker at his school to write a book about his investigations. This is the book.



Han, Jenny

Shug

Seventh-grader Annemarie Wilcox (nicknamed Shug) has a popular older sister, an alcoholic mother who reads Foucault and despises their small southern town, and a father who's always away on business. She has also developed a huge crush on her childhood friend Mark, who does not reciprocate her feelings. As the school year begins, Shug must deal with Mark's rejection, her parents' fights, and worst of all, a falling out with her closest girlfriend.



Higson, Charlie

SilverFin: A James Bond Adventure

Meet Bond -- James Bond -- at fourteen. An orphan, he attends Eton and lives with his Aunt Charmian during school breaks. While visiting his dying uncle in Scotland, James discovers that his enemy at Eton is visiting his father, Lord Randolph, who owns the castle in the same town. The dark waters around the castle hold a sinister secret . . . SilverFin. The book will appeal to serious Bond fans.



Hoffman, Alice

Incantation

A rich tale set during the Spanish Inquisition. The narrator is 16-year-old Estrella deMadrigal, a Jew whose family follows their religion in secret, appearing as good Catholics to escape persecution. This is a story of Estrella's complex friendship with Christian Catalina, her love for Catalina's cousin Andres, and her strength as she attempts to save herself and her grandmother.

Holm, Jennifer L.

Penny From Heaven

It is the summer of 1953, and eleven-year-old Penny's life is changing. First, her mother begins dating the milkman, then Penny's arm goes through the wringer on the washing machine, and finally, the secrets behind her father's death begin to come out. Aunt Gina tells her about an incident that had horrifying consequences for her father because of the restrictions placed on Italian Americans during World War II. An absolutely "swell" book, and a Newbery Honor too.





Hoobler, Dorothy and Thomas

The Demon in the Teahouse.

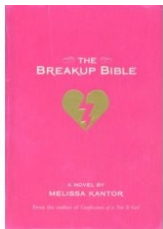
This historical mystery stars Seikei, the son of a tea merchant, who has been adopted by Judge Ooka in order to begin his training as a samurai. However, he finds himself investigating the mysterious deaths of several geishas in the “floating city” of pleasure. The Hooblers have written several other mysteries set in Japan -- check them out.



Horowitz, Anthony

Ark Angel: An Alex Rider Adventure

If you like action-adventure, this is the series for you. Alex Rider, the teenage secret agent, plans to give it all up. Life is just too dangerous. As he lies in the hospital bed recovering from a gunshot wound, he contemplates the end of his career with MI6, the British secret service. But then he saves the life of Paul Drevin, son of multi-billionaire Nikolei Drevin, and once again he is pulled into service. This time his mission involves eco-terrorists, rockets to space, maniacal killers, and a less-than-idyllic tropical island.



Kantor, Melissa

The Breakup Bible

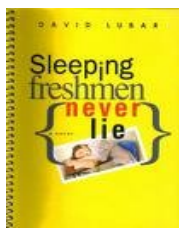
The newest by our own Ms. Kantor! This is the story of Jen, a high school junior who is also an ace reporter. The book opens with her boyfriend dumping her for this totally ridiculous girl with way too much hair. She also begins work on a new hot story for the school newspaper on the prickly topic of school race relations. Jen has her hands full, what with the newspaper, her broken heart, and a possible new love interest . . .



Kelleher, Victor

Dogboy

If you're a fan of Ursula LeGuin's **Earthsea Cycle**, you'll love this book. **Dogboy** follows the life of a nonverbal feral child, abandoned by his mother at birth and nurtured by a dog. As a baby he displays supernatural gifts, surviving not only winters outdoors but also attacks by an eagle, a bear, and a wolf pack. After great suffering, he becomes a water diviner, but begins to lose sight of his real values.



Lubar, David

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie

Scott is a high school freshman. Life is not easy; he's pretty nerdy, seniors harass him, and girls are completely unattainable. Could it get worse? Well, it does when Scott's mother announces that she's pregnant. Scott decides high school would be a lot less overwhelming if it came with a survival manual, so he begins to write one.



Lupica, Mike

Heat

Cuban refugee Michael Arroyo lives with his brother in the shadow of Yankee Stadium. His father has died, but Michael and his brother keep the news a secret in fear of being separated. For Michael, everything feels right only when he is on the baseball diamond. When a bitter rival spreads rumors that Michael is older than he appears, however, the league demands that he be benched until he can produce a birth certificate.



Mackler, Carolyn

The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things

Virginia Shreves is the blond, round, average daughter in a family of dark-haired, thin superstars. Her best friend has moved away, and she's on the fringes at her private Manhattan school. She wants a boyfriend, and ends up settling for Froggy Welsh. It soon turns out that things aren't always how they appear -- her brother and sister have problems too, and Froggy Welsh isn't so bad after all...



Marchetta, Melina

Saving Francesca

Francesca's mother is depressed and won't get out of bed. In addition, Francesca is one of just a few girls in a school that has recently turned co-ed. Actually, there are only thirty girls and seven hundred and fifty boys. Heaven? Think again. Slowly Francesca's life starts to improve as she figures out who she is and what she wants to do with her life. Poignant, yet still pretty amusing.



Morpurgo, Michael

Private Peaceful

At fifteen, Thomas lied about his age in order to follow his beloved older brother to fight in France during World War II. Now, nearly two years later, as Thomas sits in a trench waiting in the dark for the horror he knows will come at dawn, he remembers his childhood, growing up as a poor farm boy in a happy family. An unforgettable book.



Muchamore, Robert

The Recruit

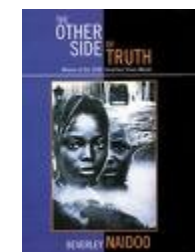
When James' mother dies, it's either school for juvenile delinquents or join CHERUB and become an international spy. He chooses the latter. It's a grueling one hundred-day training program -- will he make it? The first in an action-packed series.



Murdock, Catherine Gilbert

Dairy Queen

D.J. is a fifteen-year-old girl who lives in Wisconsin on the family-run dairy farm. Things haven't been going so well lately, however. Her dad broke his hip so she's doing a lot more work on the farm, her mom is never home since she's filling in for the middle school principal, and her two older brothers left for college and have barely called. Not to mention, D.J. is secretly training the quarterback from the rival high school's team who she just happens to have a crush on. Things get even more mixed up when D.J. decides to go out for her high school football team.



Naidoo, Beverly

The Other Side of Truth

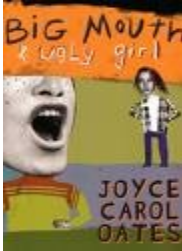
This is the story of two Nigerian children who get caught in the civil strife engulfing their country during the 1990's. Sade and her younger brother are smuggled out of the country after their mother is killed by a bullet that was meant for her father, an outspoken journalist. London is foreign and difficult for the two refugee children.



Novik, Naomi

His Majesty's Dragon (1st book in the *Temeraine* series)

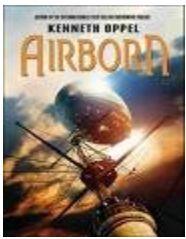
If you like fantasy books with dragons or historical fiction, this series has it all. Set against the backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars, this novel presents a world in which each country has its own special dragon breed. The British captain is fortunate to intercept a French ship carrying a special gift from China: a precious dragon egg. The captain and the dragon form a special bond and join the Aerial Corps together. Lots of battles ensue.



Oates, Joyce Carol

Big Mouth and Ugly Girl

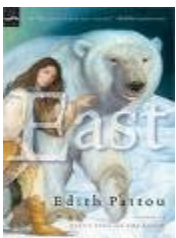
Wise-cracking Matt Donaghy mouths off left and right. When he gets pulled out of his fifth period class by plainclothes policemen, he realizes that his remarks have landed him in big trouble. It turns out, he is being accused of planning to bomb the school! The only person who sticks up for him is an acquaintance, Ursula Riggs, who is pretty wacky. She tries to convince the principal to revoke Matt's suspension, and that is just the beginning!



Oppel, Kenneth

Airborn

Matt Cruse is a cabin boy on the *Aurora*, a huge airship that sails hundreds of feet above the ocean, ferrying wealthy passengers from city to city. One night he meets a dying balloonist who speaks of beautiful creatures drifting through the skies. It is only after Matt meets the balloonist's granddaughter that he realizes that the man's ravings may in fact have been true -- the creatures are completely real and utterly mysterious.



Pattou, Edith

East

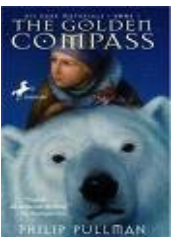
A beautiful expanded version of the folktale *East of the Sun and West of the Moon*. This is the story of Rose, from her birth as a replacement for a dead sister to her eventual happy marriage to Charles VI's son, the Dauphin. The story is told from the viewpoints of her father, her brother, the troll queen who enchanted the Dauphin, the Dauphin as the enchanted White Bear, and Rose herself.



Papademetriou, Lisa

The Witch, the Wizard and Two Girls from Jersey

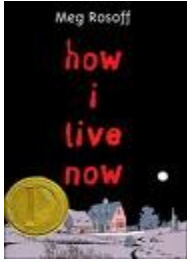
It is obvious that Jersey girls Veronica and Heather don't exactly like each other when they end up rolling on the floor of the Barnes and Noble, fighting over the last copy of a book. After being zapped by a barcode scanner, they find themselves plopped down smack in the middle of *The Queen of Twilight* -- the book that started all the trouble!



Pullman, Phillip

The Golden Compass

In an alternate world where people's souls exist as animal-like creatures called daemons, a sinister organization is kidnapping children to perform mysterious experiments on them. When Lyra Belacqua's best friend becomes the latest victim, Lyra sets out to save him. This is the first book in an enthralling trilogy. If you haven't read it yet, now is the time!



Rosoff, Meg

How I Live Now

Daisy is a fifteen-year-old disgruntled Manhattanite sent to live with her cousins on their remote English farm when all hell breaks loose. England is under seige and life becomes a matter of survival. This book is a page-turner, not to mention the 2005 winner of the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature.



Richter, Jutta

The Summer of the Pike

Anna's single mom works for the earl of a castle in Germany. So do Daniel and Lucas's parents -- they live across the courtyard, and the boys have been friends with Anna forever. Now, the children's carefree life romping about the castle is changing as the boys' mother loses her battle with cancer, and the boys become obsessed with fishing the murky moat waters for a legendary pike.



Slade, Arthur

Megiddo's Shadow

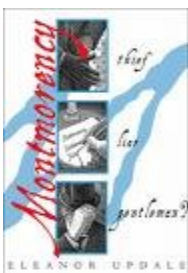
A powerful work of historical fiction set during World War I. Upon learning of his brother's death at the German front, sixteen-year-old Edward Bathe lies about his age and enlists. When he injures himself training a horse, he meets Emily Waters, an army nurse. Emily transfers to the front lines, and they correspond by letters. Full of realistic drama -- soldiers die from the heat and disease, horses fall in action, and friends die in battle.



Spielgelman, Art

Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History & Maus II: A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began

These graphic novels have become classics. They are narrated by Artie and tell the story of his father Vladek who managed to survive the Holocaust.



Updale, Eleanor

Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?

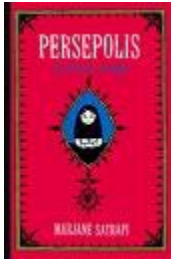
In the year 1875 in London, the thief Montmorency falls through a glass window while fleeing from the police. A brilliant doctor saves him and displays his newly-healed body at London's Scientific Society. At the conference, Montmorency has the good fortune to overhear a presentation on the city's new sewer system. Could they be used as an escape route for stealing from some of London's wealthiest neighborhoods? The series continues with **Montmorency on the Rocks: Doctor, Aristocrat, Murderer?**



Vreeland, Susan

Girl in Hyacinth Blue

A Dutch painting of a young girl, possibly a Vermeer, survives three and a half centuries through loss, floods, secrecy, theft, and even the Holocaust. This is the story of the painting's desperate owners whose lives are profoundly influenced by its mystery and beauty.



Satrapi, Marjane

Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood

This moving graphic novel is Marjane Satrapi's autobiography, the story of her young life in Iran under the Islamic Revolution. Descended from the last emperor of Iran, Satrapi was nine when fundamentalist rebels overthrew the Shah. While her radical parents and their community initially welcomed the ouster, they soon learn a new brand of totalitarianism is taking over. Also try **Persepolis 2**.



Westerfeld, Scott

Midnighters: The Secret Hour (Book One of the series)

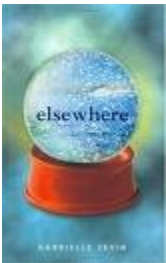
These books are by the same author as the favorite *Uglies* series. Fifteen-year-old Jessica Day moves to Bixby, Oklahoma. As if moving didn't cause enough problems, she discovers that she has magical powers. Part science fiction, part horror story, this novel is the beginning of the Midnighters, a group of teenagers whose birth at the stroke of midnight gives them the special ability to move about in a mysterious 25th hour.



Yang, Gene Luen

American Born Chinese

This indie graphic novel tells three stories: the efforts of the Chinese folk hero Monkey King to shed his humble roots and be revered as a god; the struggles faced by Jin Wang, a lonely Asian American middle school student who would do anything to fit in with his white classmates; and the sitcom plight of Danny, an All-American teen so shamed by his Chinese cousin Chin-Kee that he is forced to change schools.

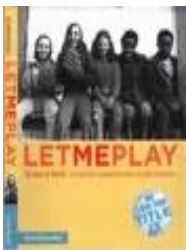


Zevin, Gabrielle

Elsewhere

Elsewhere is where fifteen-year-old Liz ends up, after she has died. It is a place like Earth in certain ways, and different in others. Here she will age backward from the day of her death until she becomes a baby again and returns to Earth. Initially sullen and depressed, Liz misses her family and wallows in the fact that she will not have a boyfriend or attend the prom. Gradually, however, she begins to realize that death is not so bad in Elsewhere.

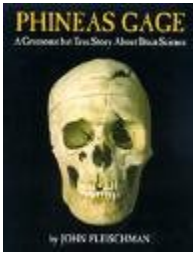
NONFICTION



Blumenthal, Karen

Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law that Changed the Future of Girls in America

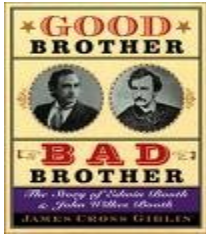
In 1972, a law was passed which forever changed the path of girls' and women's sports in America. This law was called Title IX. Blumenthal traces the birth of Title IX and the controversy surrounding it. She uses photographs, statistics, cartoons, personal stories and newspaper articles to document the impact of Title IX on the history of women's athletics.



Fleischman, John

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science

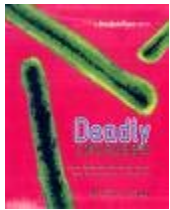
In 1848 Phineas Gage was the foreman of a crew working on building a railroad track. Their job was to blast through granite bedrock. On September 13th, an explosion went awry. The tamping iron (a long heavy pole) used to pack the explosives went through his head, entering under his left cheekbone and exiting out through the top of his forehead. Miraculously, he survived. Read and find out what happened to him.



Giblin, James Cross

Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth.

Edwin and John Wilkes Booth were both actors, a talent they inherited from their father, Junius. Both also had a fondness for alcohol. While Edwin spent his life perfecting his craft and building a reputation as a great classical actor, John was impulsive, popular with the ladies, and best known today as the man who assassinated Abraham Lincoln.



Grady, Denise

Deadly Invaders: Virus Outbreaks Around the World, from Marburg Fever to Avian Flu

New York Times reporter Denise Grady profiles deadly viruses from around the world, beginning with her trip to Angola in 2005 to cover an outbreak of Marburg fever. Fascinating and frightening.



Greenberg, Jan

Runaway Girl: The Artist Louise Bourgeois

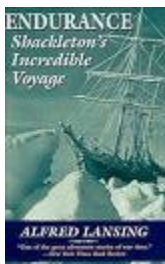
Part biography, part art exploration, this book is a wonderful glimpse into the life of one of the best-known living sculptors. Through interviews and photographs, the author introduces us to Louise Bourgeois, the first woman sculptor to have a retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art. According to the artist herself, her painful childhood inspires her sculpture, which includes themes of jealousy, betrayal, and shifting sexual identities.



Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston

Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the World War II Internment

The title speaks for itself. This is a first-person account of the Wakatsuki family's experiences in Manzanar, a Japanese internment camp in California during World War II. Jeanne was seven.



Lansing, Alfred

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

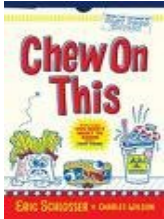
A true adventure book! In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 men sailed for the South Atlantic on the *Endurance* with the object of crossing the Antarctic. They didn't get very far -- still half a continent away from their intended base, the ship was trapped and then crushed in ice. It took them 17 months, but they made it back. This is a gripping, first-hand account of their trials and tribulations.



Sleator, William

Oddballs

What a lovely, goofy collection of autobiographical stories by author William Sleator, who wrote **The Last Universe** and **Interstellar Pig**, among others. Sleator has three siblings, a pediatrician mother, and a scientist father. Reading about family plays or the hijinks on long car trips is highly entertaining.



Colosseum, Eric

Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food

From the best-selling author of **Fast Food Nation**, Schlosser wrote this book for younger folks, although adults are known to read it. The book is packed with captivating interviews, visual tours, fast food history, recent statistics, and much more!

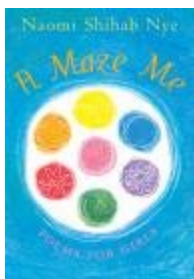
POETRY



Nelson, Marilyn

Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem

This is a beautiful though disturbing collection of poems. Fortune was a slave during the eighteenth century in Connecticut. When he died, his physician owner boiled down his bones and made them into an anatomy display. One haunting poem imagines what it must have been like for Fortune's wife, who was still alive, when she was forced to dust his bones.

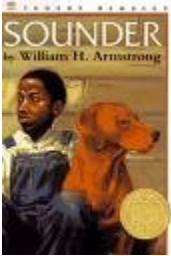


Nye, Naoimi Shahib

A Maze Me: Poems for Girls

In the introduction to her collection of poems, Nye writes, "Recently, a friend sent me a package in the mail. A tag was attached to it: *A small amount of debris is to be expected from the vibration of shipping.* Well, of course. But who tells us this when we are twelve? Who mentions that the passage from one era into another can make us feel as if we are being shaken up, as if our contents are shifting into new alignments?"(p.3) The poems in this book are about the new alignments that emerge as we begin to enter adulthood.

CLASSICS (Oldies but Goodies)



Armstrong, William H.

Sounder

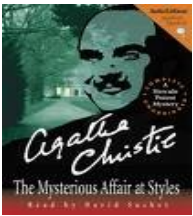
Sounder is no beauty, but as a coon dog, this loyal mongrel is unmatched. When the sharecropper who raised Sounder from a pup is hauled off to jail for stealing a hog, his family must suffer. A stunning, ultimately uplifting classic about race, community, and family relationships.



Bradbury, Ray

The Illustrated Man and The Martian Chronicles

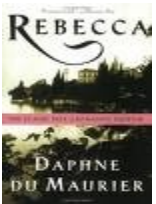
Like tattoos? How about Martians? No matter what the topic, Ray Bradbury is a master of suspense. The **Illustrated Man** is a chilling collection of fiction, fantasy, and horror. The **Martian Chronicles** makes real life feel like science fiction. Lucky for you, Bradbury was a prolific writer, so you have have many gripping tales ahead of you.



Christie, Agatha

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

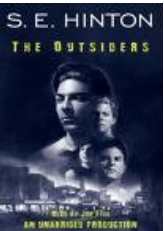
Dame Agatha wrote 66 novels, all feverish page-turners. This is the one that introduces the great Hercule Poirot. Once you start on Agatha Christie novels it can be difficult to stop . . . unless you wind up incapacitated . . . or even dead . . .



Du Maurier, Daphne

Rebecca

At the great Cornwall estate of Manderley, Maxim de Winter and his frightened new wife try to live with the haunting legacy of Maxim's first wife, the beautiful and cold Rebecca, who died in a sailing accident. A romantic and suspenseful novel.



Hinton, S. E.

The Outsiders

Ponyboy is fourteen, tough and confused, yet sensitive behind his bold front. Since his parents' death, his brothers and his gang have been his family. When his best friend kills a member of a rival gang, a violent nightmare begins. Hinton was sixteen when she wrote this.



Rawlings, M

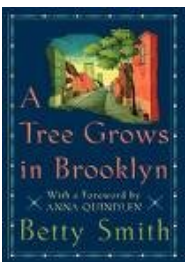
The Yearling

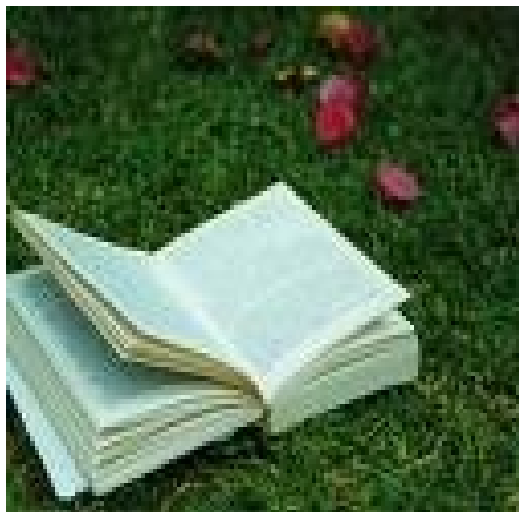
A story about a young boy and a deer. Sad and beautiful.

Smith, Betty

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Francie grows up in the slums of Brooklyn during the early part of the twentieth century with a sweet, tragic father, a severe mother, an aunt who gives her love too freely, and a brother who will always be the favored child. She learns early the meaning of hunger and the value of a penny. Do not miss this classic!





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