

## NON-FICTION / BIOGRAPHY

***The Bullie\$ of Wall St: This is How Greed Messed Up Our Economy***—Sheila Bair

This book explores the circumstances surrounding the financial crisis that occurred in 2008 and discusses ways that future financial crises can be avoided.

***\*Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War***—Steve Sheinkin

A tense, narrative nonfiction account of what the New York Times deemed "the greatest story of the century" : how whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg transformed from obscure government analyst into "the most dangerous man in America," and risked everything to expose years of government lies during the Nixon / Cold War era.

***This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon***—Nancy Plain

In this insightful biography, Plain demonstrates how naturalist and artist John James Audubon's groundbreaking *The Birds of America*, published in England in 1827, rocked the art and science worlds through its depictions of birds in naturalistic poses and in their own habitats. Readers will get a strong sense of how devoted the man was to his cause, often leaving his family to roam the American wilderness hunting birds or to work on his book in England.

***How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming***—Mike Brown

A heartfelt and personal journey filled with both humor and drama, this book is for anyone, young or old, who has ever imagined exploring the universe.

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**Best Books for Young Adults**

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## ADVENTURE

***Con Academy***—Joe Schreiber

It's his senior year and Will Shea has conned his way into one of the country's most elite prep schools, but he soon runs into Andrea, a fellow con-artist. With the school not big enough for both of them, they make a bet that whoever can con Brandt Rush, the richest, most privileged student in the school, out of \$50K gets to stay at the school. The plot thickens as Will starts falling for fellow student Gatsby, and some of Will's lies start to catch up with him. In this tale of scams, secrets, lies and deception, it is hard to figure out who is conning who!

***Zeroes***—Scott Westerfeld

*X-Men* meets *Heroes* in this new action adventure series. Told from separate viewpoints, teens Scam, Crash, Flicker, Anonymous, Bellwether, and Kelsie, all born in the year 2000 and living in Cambria, California, have superhuman abilities that give them interesting but not heroic lives until they must work as a community to respond to a high-stakes crisis.

\*Denotes a 2017 Reading Olympics Title

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

***Audacity***—Melanie Crowder

This gripping historical verse novel is based on the life of Clara Lemlich, a Russian Jewish immigrant who worked tirelessly to help unionize and establish rights for fellow young women factory employees in the early twentieth century. Clara's driven and emotional voice radiates strength amid her doubts, fears, conflicts, and conviction to create a more equal world for women.

***The Hired Girl***—Laura Amy Schlitz

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself--because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of--a woman with a future.

\* ***X: A Novel***—Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon  
This fictionalized account of Malcolm X's teen years poignantly presents the young man's struggles with identity, racism, and crime.

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***The Bitter Side of Sweet***—Tara Sullivan

Kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a young girl arrives at the camp who rekindles their urge to escape.

### ***\*Dumplin’***—Julie Murphy

Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl. So, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, she and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.

### ***Dig Too Deep***—Amy Allgeyer

When a nearby mountaintop removal mine is suspected of contaminating the water and sickening the residents of a small Kentucky town, sixteen-year-old Liberty Briscoe searches for answers.

### ***Everything That Makes You***—Moriah McStay

In alternating voices, Fiona Doyle experiences her teen years in two ways, with and without a disfiguring accident that occurred at age six, dealing with its effects on her family, friendships, dating life, involvement in sports and hobbies, her future plans, and especially her self-image.

### ***Kissing in America***—Margo Rabb

After the boy Eva falls in love with moves to Los Angeles, she finagles a way for her and her best friend Anna to take a bus trip from New York City to California to visit him.

### ***The Scar Boys : a Novel***—Len Vlahos

In attempting to describe himself in his college application essay, Harbinger (Harry) Jones goes way beyond the 250-word limit and gives a full account of his life defined by the hideous scars he hid behind, and how forming a band brought him self-confidence and friendship.

## SCIENCE FICTION / FANTASY

### ***An Ember in the Ashes***—Sabaa Tahir

Surrounded by unspeakable brutality, Laia, a slave, and Elias, a soldier, discover their destinies are intertwined as they struggle to find freedom from the tyranny around them.

### ***\*Illuminae***—Amie Kaufman

The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy while their ship's artificial intelligence system, and a deadly plague, may be the end of them all.

### ***Library of Souls: The Third Novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children***—Ransom Riggs

This installment of the "Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children" series picks up where *Hollow City* left off without missing a beat, catapulting the children on a dark chase through London and various time loops in a final confrontation against the evil wights and the monstrous hollowgasts. In *Hollow City*, the children were trying to save Miss Peregrine. In *Library of Souls*, the fate of all Peculiardom is at stake.

### ***\*The Rest of Us Just Live Here***—Patrick Ness

With prom and graduation weeks away, Mikey and his friends just want to enjoy their final days together, but another story is unfolding, one that involves their classmates, a mysterious blue light, and the end of the world.

### ***\*Six of Crows***—Leigh Bardugo

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction--if they don't kill each other first.

### ***A Court of Thorns and Roses***—Sarah J. Maas

Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from stories, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, High Lord of the Faeries. As her feelings toward him transform from hostility to a fiery passion, the threats against the faerie lands grow and Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse or she will lose Tamlin forever.

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

### ***\*Nimona***—Noelle Stevenson

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.

### ***Meteor Men***—Jeff Parker

On a summer night, Alden Baylor sits in a field watching the largest meteor shower in human history. What begins as teenage adventure becomes something more--the celestial event brings travelers who will change the world completely and Alden discovers a connection to one of them. How does a young man who had to grow up fast handle the invasion of his planet? Can Alden keep humanity from oblivion?

### ***The Shadow Hero***—Gene Luen Yang

In the comics boom of the 1940s, a legend was born: the Green Turtle. He solved crimes and fought injustice just like other comics characters. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something more than a run-of-the-mill secret identity. The Green Turtle was the first Asian-American super hero. The acclaimed author of *American Born Chinese*, Gene Luen Yang, has revived this character in *Shadow Hero*, a graphic novel that creates an origin story for the Green Turtle. With artwork by Sonny Liew, this gorgeous, funny comics adventure for teens is a new spin on the long, rich tradition of American comics lore.