



Staff Favorites

Our recommendations for teens ages 10-18



Hillary's Picks



The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner

Historical Fantasy • Adventure • Mythology

Gen can steal anything—or so he says. When his boasting lands him in prison and the king's magus invites him on a quest to steal a legendary object, he's in no position to refuse. The magus thinks he has the right tool for the job, but Gen has plans of his own.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby



Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Fantasy • Adventure • Crime Caper

A convict with a thirst for revenge, a sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager, a runaway with a privileged past, a spy known as the Wraith, a Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums, and a thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist.

Availability: CSL • Libby



Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan

Fantasy • Action/Adventure

When fifteen year old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and finds himself protecting the kingdom from danger.

Availability: CSL • Libby



The Magnolia Sword by Sherry Thomas

Adventure • Retelling • Romance

All her life, Mulan has trained for one purpose: to win the duel that every generation in her family must fight. Then a messenger from the Emperor arrives, demanding that all families send one soldier to fight the Rouran invaders in the north. So she ties up her hair, takes up her sword, and joins the army as a man.

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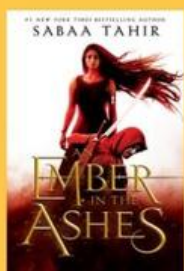


Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Historical Fiction • WWII

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping all the secrets that she can.

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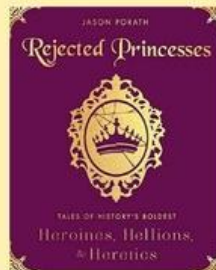


Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir

Fantasy • Adventure • Dystopian

This thought-provoking, heart-wrenching and pulse-pounding debut is set in a rich, high-fantasy world with echoes of ancient Rome. In this brutal world Laia, a slave fighting for her family, and Elias, a young soldier fighting for his freedom, find their destinies intertwined.

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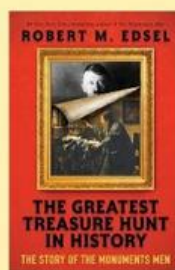


Rejected Princesses by Jason Porath

Biography • History

100 women from the pages of history, literature, and folklore. Fearless, bold, fierce, these are the Rejected Princesses. This book pays homage to an awesome collection of strong, fierce, and yes, sometimes weird, women: warrior queens, soldiers, villains, spies, revolutionaries, and more who refused to behave and meekly accept their place.

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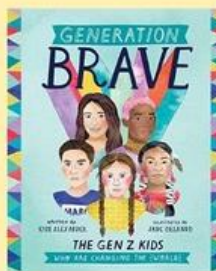


The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History by Robert M. Edsel

History • WWII

This book recounts the astonishing true story of eleven men and one woman who risked their lives amidst the bloodshed of World War II to preserve churches, libraries, monuments, and works of art that for centuries defined the heritage of Western civilization.

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Generation Brave by Kate Alexander

Biography • Current Events • Activism

A celebration of Gen Z activists fighting to make our world a better place. They are bold and original thinkers and not afraid to stand up to authority and conventional wisdom. From the March for Our Lives to the fight for human rights and climate change awareness, this generation is leading the way toward truth and hope like no generation before.

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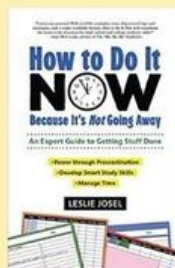


The Hero's Closet by Gillian Conahan

DIY • Sewing • Cosplay

Sewing for cosplay and costuming. This essential handbook offers detailed, step-by-step instructions that cover the basics of sewing costumes to help even the most novice sewists create the costumes of their dreams.

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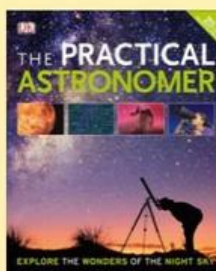


How to Do It Now Because It's Not Going Away by Leslie Josel

Self Help • Procrastination

A straight-talking guide filled with real-life solutions to help students get done what they need to get done. Now. Packed with easily digestible tips, as well as stories from real students, this book teaches readers to stay on top of homework, develop time management skills, create easy-to-follow routines, balance distractions and motivation, establish smart study habits, and get unstuck and started.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla



The Practical Astronomer by Will Gater

Astronomy • Science

A complete introduction to observing and understanding the night sky, explaining and demystifying stargazing to recognize objects and explain how they move through the sky over the night and the year.

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Allia's Picks

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard *Fantasy • Dystopian*

This is a world divided by blood - red or silver. The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like superpowers. Seventeen-year-old Mare, a common girl, discovers a hidden magical power of her own that draws her into the dangerous world of the elite ruling class.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby • Rb Digital

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer *Fantasy • Crime Caper*

No human being had ever got the better of a fairy, but twelve-year old Artemis Fowl, a criminal genius, is determined to get hold of the famous fairy gold and put his brilliant master plan into action. But these are no ordinary fairies.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby • Rb Digital

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez *Realistic Fiction • Family • Coming of Age*

A poignant but often laugh-out-loud funny contemporary novel about a teenage girl who loses her sister and finds herself amid the pressures, expectations, and stereotypes of growing up in a Mexican-American home.

Availability: CSL • Libby

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei *Graphic Memoir • History • WWII*

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Your Brain Needs a Hug by Rae Earl *Self Care • Mental Health*

A judgement-free guide full of friendly advice, coping strategies and laugh-out-loud moments to get you through the difficult days. Witty, honest, and enlightening, this is the perfect read for feeling happier and healthier and learning to navigate life without feeling overwhelmed or isolated.

Availability: CSL

Carol's Picks

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas *Realistic Fiction • Social Justice • Police Shooting*

THE HATE U GIVE is a groundbreaking, thought-provoking debut novel inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, about a teen girl who is the only witness to her friend's fatal shooting by a police officer.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak *Historical Fiction • WWII*

Set during World War II in Germany, Zusak's groundbreaking novel is the story of a Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside Munich. Liesel, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing, encounters something she can't resist: books.

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The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh *Realistic Fiction • Romance • Foster Care*

After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, Victoria is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, she realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter and a painful secret make her question whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

Availability: Libby

Manuelito by Elisa Amado *Graphic Novel • Realistic Fiction • Refugees*

Thirteen-year-old Manuelito lives with his family in a tiny village in the Guatemalan countryside. Fearing their son will be forced to join a gang, his parents make the desperate decision to send him to live with his aunt in the United States. With just a bus ticket and a small amount of cash in hand, Manuelito begins his hazardous journey to Mexico, then the U.S., in search of asylum.

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Stick It! 99 DIY Duct Tape Projects by TL Bonnadio *DIY • Crafting*

This invaluable guide will lead you through 99 different craft projects including wacked-out wallets, wild wearables, punked-out paper goods, and funky jewelry that will bedazzle any outfit fit for all occasions!

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Samantha's Picks



'Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

Realistic Fiction • Coming of Age • Romance

Questioning her plus-sized body for the first time when an athletic boy appears to return her affections, Willowdean enters her city's beauty pageant and uses her sassy styles and talents to compete against thinner contestants.

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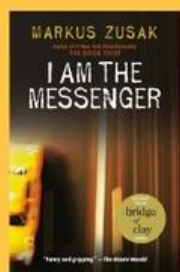


A Land of Permanent Goodbyes by Atia Abawi

Realistic Fiction • War • Refugees

After their home in Syria is bombed, Tareq, his father, and his younger sister seek refuge, first with extended family in Raqqa, a stronghold for the militant group, Daesh, and then abroad.

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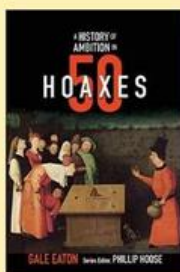


I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak

Realistic Fiction • Coming of Age

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cabdriver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

Availability: CSL • Libby



The History of Ambition in 50 Hoaxes by Gale Eaton

History • Hoaxes

What do the Trojan Horse, Piltdown Man, Keely Motor Company, and Ponzi Scheme have in common? They were all famous hoaxes, carefully designed and bolstered with false evidence. This book shares the stories of fifty hoaxes from history and the motivations behind them, including the Piltdown man, the cursed tomb of the last Aztec emperor, and crop circles.

Availability: CSL



The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe

WWII • Graphical Fiction

Based on the experience of real-life Auschwitz prisoner Dita Kraus, this is the incredible story of a girl who risked her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust. Out of one of the darkest chapters of human history comes this extraordinary story of courage and hope.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby



Anne Frank's Diary by David Polonsky

Autobiography • Graphic Novel • Holocaust

This adaptation of Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl into a graphic version maintains the integrity and power of the original work. With stunning, expressive illustrations and ample direct quotation from the diary, this edition will expand the readership for this important and lasting work of history and literature.

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Teresa's Picks



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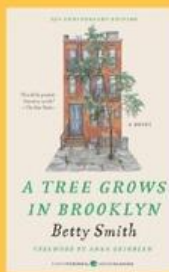


The Outsiders by SE Hinton

Realistic Fiction • Coming of Age

Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

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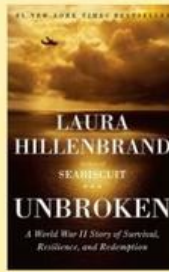


A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Historical Fiction • Coming of Age

Growing up in the slums of Brooklyn, Francie Nolan lives under the burden of suffering that is the lot of the great city's poor. But her imagination and resourcefulness help her to thrive even under these rough conditions.

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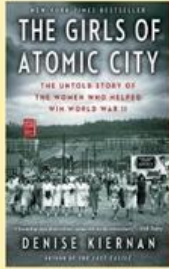


Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Biography • WWII • Prisoner of War

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared--Lt. Louis Zamperini. Captured by the Japanese and driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor.

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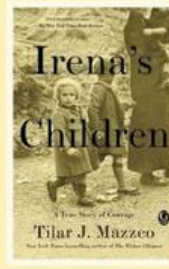


The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan

History • WWII

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was created from scratch 1942. One of the Manhattan Project's secret cities, it didn't appear on maps until 1949. Yet at the height of World War II it was home to more than 75,000 people, many of them young women recruited from small towns across the South, doing crucial -- and top secret -- war work.

Availability: CSL • Libby



Irena's Children by Tilar J. Mazzeo

History • WWII

An extraordinary and gripping true account of Irena Sendler - the "female Oskar Schindler" - who took staggering risks to save 2,500 children from death and deportation in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II.

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Marissa's Picks

***A Deadly Education* by Naomi Novik**

Fantasy • Horror

Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered: There are no teachers, no holidays, and no friendships save strategic ones. Survival is more important than any letter grade, for the school won't allow its students to leave until they graduate . . . or die. The rules are deceptively simple: Don't walk the halls alone. And beware of the monsters who lurk everywhere.

Availability: CSL • Libby

***East* by Edith Pattou**

Fantasy • Retelling

A young woman journeys to a distant castle on the back of a great white bear who is the victim of a cruel enchantment. An adaptation of an old Norwegian folktale entitled East of the Sun and West of the Moon.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby

***Space Boy* by Stephen McCranie**

Sci-fi • Graphic Novel

A sci-fi drama of a high-school-aged girl who belongs in a different time, a boy possessed by emptiness as deep as space, an alien artifact, mysterious murder, and a love that crosses light years.

Availability: CSL • Libby

***Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts* by Susan Cain**

Psychology • Self Help

This book illuminates the strengths and struggles of being an introverted child or teen, sharing the stories of real-life kids who have met the challenges and made their mark in quiet ways.

Availability: CSL • Libby

***Why My Cat is More Impressive Than Your Baby* by Matthew Inman**

Comic • Humor

This book is chockfull of comics about cats, babies, dogs, lasers, selfies, and pigeons. It contains a vast wealth of never-before-seen comics, including informative guides, such as How to comfortably sleep next to your cat, 10 ways to befriend a misanthropic cat, How to hold a baby when you are not used to holding babies, and A dog's guide to walking a human being.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla

***Adulting 101* by Josh Burnette**

Self Help • DIY

Adulting (verb) To do grown-up things and have responsibilities such as a working full time, paying rent, or owning a car. This book aims to help high school graduates navigate the difficulties of early adulthood, from working full time and paying rent to owning a car and communicating professionally.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla

Kendra's Picks

***The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett**

Fantasy • Adventure • Humor

A young witch-to-be name Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby

***Instant Karma* by Marissa Meyer**

Magical Realism • Romance

Chronic overachiever Prudence Barnett is always quick to cast judgment on the lazy, rude, and arrogant residents of her coastal town. Her dreams of karmic justice are fulfilled when, after a night out with her friends, she wakes up with the sudden ability to cast instant karma on those around her.

Availability: CSL • Libby

***Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones**

Fantasy • Adventure • Humor

When Sophie unwittingly attracts the ire of the Witch of the Waste, she finds herself under a horrid spell that transforms her into an old lady. To untangle the enchantment, Sophie must handle the heartless Wizard Howl, strike a bargain with a fire demon, and meet the Witch of the Waste head-on.

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Cookbook

A comic book cookbook with accessible ramen recipes for the home cook, including simple weeknight bowls, weekend project stocks, homemade noodles, and an array of delicious accompaniments, with insights and tips from notable ramen luminaries.

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***March* by John Lewis**

Graphic Memoir • History • Civil Rights

March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby

***Packing for Mars* by Mary Roach**

Science • Space

Space is a world devoid of the things we need to live and thrive: air, gravity, hot showers, fresh produce, privacy, beer. Space exploration is in some ways an exploration of what it means to be human. This book considers all the consequences of space travel and how we can investigate such things here on Earth.

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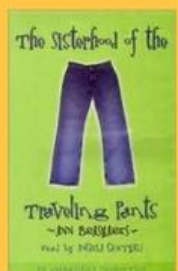
Makayla's Picks



Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens by Maieke Nijkamp Short Story Anthology

This anthology explores disability in fictional tales told from the viewpoint of disabled characters, written by disabled creators. With stories about first loves, friendship, war, travel, and more, this collection offers a glimpse into the lives of disabled people in the past, present, and future.

Availability: CSL



The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

Realistic Fiction • Friendship • Coming of Age
During their first summer apart, four teenage girls, best friends since earliest childhood, stay in touch through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures and affects their attitudes to their different summer experiences.

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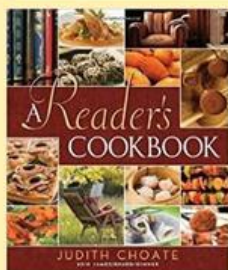


Only the Good Spy Young by Ally Carter Realistic Fiction • Adventure • Romance

Cammie may be an elite spy in training, but she's just beginning her most dangerous mission: falling in love.

*If you're new to the Gallagher Girls series, you may want to start with the first book, *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You*.

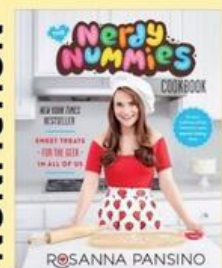
Availability: CSL • Libby



A Reader's Cookbook by Judith Choate Cookbook

A reader delving into a world gone awry needs luscious food! Choices allow the word-inspired chef to cook dinner, host a book-club tea or prepare an easily-transported treat. The literary palate is also explored in a smorgasbord of writer quotes on food favorites and other soulful nourishments.

Availability: CSL



The Nerdy Nummies Cookbook by Rosanna Pasino Cookbook

This quirky, fun book share recipes with bakers of all experience levels that draw their inspiration from video games, science fiction, math, comics, and other nerdy things.

Availability: CSL



Garden to Table by Katherine Hengel DIY • Gardening • Cookbook

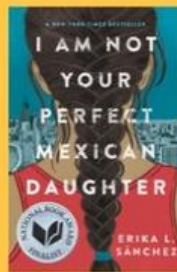
Fill your plate with fresh, self-sustained produce that comes straight from your garden. Step-by-step planting, care and harvesting tips give the beginning gardener a good basic understanding of the growing process. Over 30 delicious recipes made with basil, carrots, green beans, leaf lettuce, potatoes, and tomatoes, come complete with step-by-step photos. You'll be bringing your homegrown foods to the table to share with others.

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Sandra's Picks



I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez

Realistic Fiction • Family • Coming of Age
A poignant but often laugh-out-loud funny contemporary novel about a teenage girl who loses her sister and finds herself amid the pressures, expectations, and stereotypes of growing up in a Mexican-American home.

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The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Realistic Fiction • Coming of Age
A series of letters to an unknown correspondent reveals the life of Charlie, a freshman in high school who is a wallflower, shy and introspective, and very intelligent. It's a story of what it's like to grow up in high school, tracing a course through uncharted territory in the world of first dates, family dramas and new friends.

Availability: CSL • Libby



Gabi, a Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero Realistic Fiction • Coming of Age

Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy's pregnancy, friend Sebastian's coming out, her father's meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.

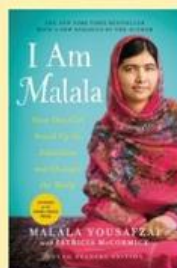
Availability: CSL • Hoopla • Libby



Five Feet Apart by Rachael Lippincott

Realistic Fiction • Romance • Chronic Illness
Seventeen-year-olds Stella and Will, both suffering from cystic fibrosis, realize the only way to stay alive is to stay apart, but their love for each other is slowly pushing the boundaries of physical and emotional safety.

Availability: CSL • Libby



I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Autobiography • Women's Rights • Education
When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price.

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