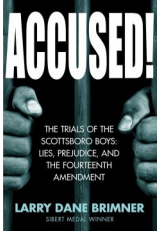




Young Adult Book Award

SC Association of School Librarians | 2021-2022 Book Award Nominees

Books geared towards grades 9th - 12th



Accused! The Trials of the Scottsboro Boys: Lies, Prejudice, and the Fourteenth Amendment

Larry Dane Brimner

Tells the story of the Scottsboro Boys, nine African-American teenagers who, when riding the rails during the Great Depression, found their lives destroyed after two white women falsely accused them of rape. The author explains how it took more than eighty years for their wrongful convictions to be overturned.



Don't Date Rosa Santos

Nina Moreno

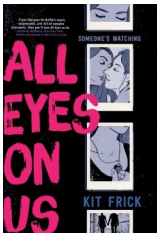
Rosa Santos, a Cuban American, works to save her Florida town, seeks admittance to study abroad in her homeland, and wonders if love can break her family's curse.



Five Midnights

Ann Davila Cardinal

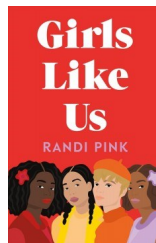
If Lupe Davila and Javier Utiere can survive each other's company, together they can solve a series of grisly murders sweeping through Puerto Rico. But the clues lead them out of the real world and into the realm of myths and legends. And if they want to catch the killer, they'll have to step into the shadows to see what's lurking there — murderer, or monster?



All Eyes On Us

Kit Frick

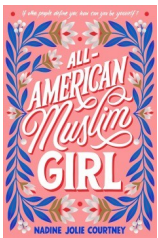
When an anonymous texter threatens to expose the boy they are both dating, a girl from a family of social climbers and a closeted gay teen with Christian fundamentalist parents become unlikely allies in a fight to unmask their blackmailer before he reveals their secrets.



Girls Like Us

Randi Pink

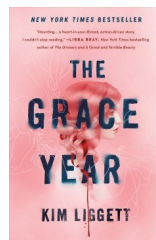
In the summer of 1972, three girls from very different backgrounds struggle to come to terms with being pregnant.



All-American Muslim Girl

Nadine Jolie Courtney

Sixteen-year-old Allie, aged seven when she knew her family was different and feared, struggles to claim her Muslim and Arabic heritage while finding her place as an American teenager.



The Grace Year

Kim Liggett

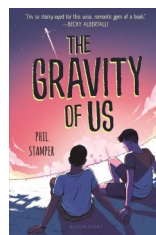
Tierney James, sixteen, struggles to endure the year in which she and other young women are banished to the wild until, purified, the survivors are allowed to return home and marry.



Break the Fall

Jennifer Iacopelli

A year ago, she could barely do a push up as she recovered from a spine surgery, one that could have paralyzed her. And now? She's made the United States' gymnastics team with her best friend, Emma, just like they both dreamed about since they were kids. She's on top of the world.



The Gravity of Us

Phil Stamper

When his volatile father is picked to become an astronaut for NASA's mission to Mars, seventeen-year-old Cal, an aspiring journalist, reluctantly moves from Brooklyn to Houston, Texas, and looks for a story to report, finding an ally (and crush) in Jeremy, the son of another astronaut.



Dancing at the Pity Party

Tyler Feder

Tyler Feder shares her story of her mother's first oncology appointment to facing reality as a motherless daughter in this frank and refreshingly funny graphic memoir.



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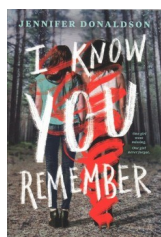
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Heroine

Mindy McGinnis

When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot as the catcher for a team expected to make a historic tournament run, and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there. But as the pressure to be Mickey Catalan heightens, her need increases, and it becomes less about pain and more about want, something that could send her spiraling out of control.



I Know You Remember

Jennifer Donaldson

After moving back to Anchorage and discovering the mysterious disappearance of her best friend, high school senior Ruthie embarks on a search that reveals dark secrets.



Jane Anonymous

Laurie Faria Stolarz

In chapters alternating between "then" and "now," seventeen-year-old Jane Anonymous chronicles the events leading up to her abduction and seven-month captivity and her painful return to family and friends.



Kent State

Deborah Wiles

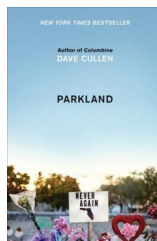
Told from different points of view--protesters, students, National Guardsmen, and "townies"--recounts the story of what happened at Kent State in May 1970, when four college students were killed by National Guardsmen, and a student protest was turned into a bloody battlefield.



The Library of Lost Things

Laura Taylor Namee

Darcy Wells finds refuge in her books as she deals with her mother's compulsive hoarding, but her life is changed when she meets Asher Fleet, a former teen pilot, who forces her to realize that she needs to stop hiding.



Parkland

Dave Cullen

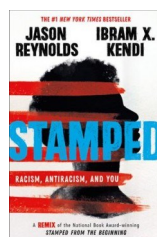
The author of Columbine offers a deeply moving account of the extraordinary teenage survivors of Parkland who became activists and pushed back against the NRA and Congressional leaders--inspiring millions of Americans to join their grassroots #neveragain movement.



The Shadows Between Us

Tricia Levenseller

Avoiding relationships after a heartbreak, ambitious Alessandra plots to seduce the ruler of the land and usurp his place before unexpectedly meeting her match in the newly crowned Shadow King.



Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

Jason Reynolds

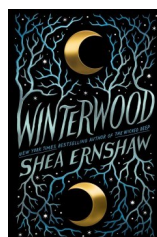
A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner Stamped from the Beginning.



When I Was Summer

J. B. Howard

Sixteen-year-old Nora has always felt like an outsider in her own family. Her parents and older sister love her, but they don't understand anything about her. Nora has always imagined that her biological mother might somehow provide the answer as to why she feels like such an outsider. Through internet stalking and leaps of logic, Nora identifies three women living elsewhere in California who seem like they could be her biological mother. So she sets out to track them each down.



Winterwood

Shea Ershaw

Rumored to be a witch, Nora Walker attempts to uncover the truth about a boy she discovers in the woods who went missing weeks ago during a brutal winter storm, only to learn that he wasn't the only one to go missing all those weeks ago.