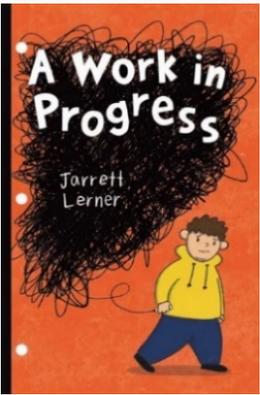
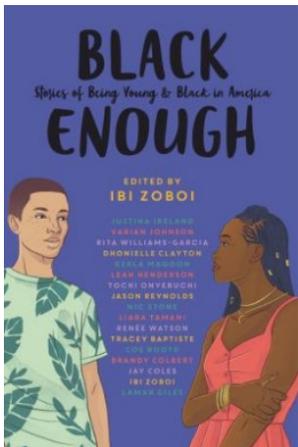
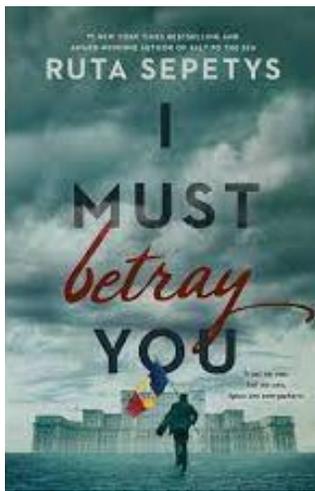


WPHS Summer Reading 2025

Check out these titles for each grade level; available in the WPHS Library Media Center & The White Plains Public Library.

Rising 9th Graders

	<p>A Work in Progress by Jarrett Lerner</p> <p>A young boy struggles with body image in this poignant middle grade journey to self-acceptance told through prose, verse, and illustration.</p>
	<p>Aisle Nine by Ian X. Cho</p> <p>It's another boring day for Jasper at Here For You discount mart. Not only does he deal with severe amnesia, but at any moment there might be a mess in Aisle Nine. This rundown store is just one of many sites all around the world with a portal to Hell that opens and spews out demons.</p> <p>Cho's debut captures the mundane humor of a dead-end job, the chaos and panic of a world where random demonic attacks are commonplace, and all the drama of young adult love, set against the backdrop of an oncoming holiday shopping season</p>
	<p>Black Enough, Stories of Being Young & Black in America Edited by National Book Award finalist Ibi Zoboi</p> <p>Black is...sisters navigating their relationship at summer camp in Portland, Oregon, as written by Renée Watson.</p> <p>Black is...three friends walking back from the community pool talking about nothing and everything, in a story by Jason Reynolds.</p> <p>Black is...Nic Stone's high-class beauty dating a boy her momma would never approve of.</p> <p>Black is urban and rural, wealthy and poor, mixed race, immigrants, and more—because <i>there are countless ways to be Black enough</i>.</p>

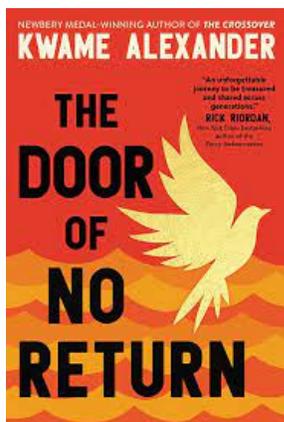


I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

*Trust no one.
Tell no one
Spies are everywhere.*

Romania, 1989. In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.

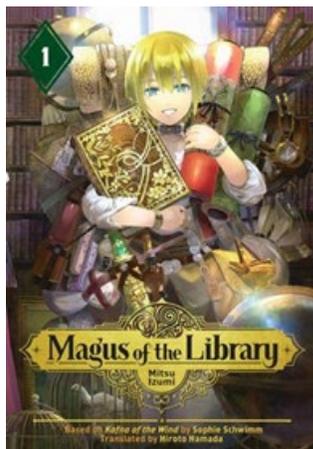
He eagerly joins the revolution to fight for change when the time arrives. But what is the cost of freedom?



The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander

In his village in Upper Kwanta, 11-year-old Kofi loves his family, playing *oware* with his grandfather and swimming in the river Offin. He's warned though, to never go to the river at night. His brother tells him "*There are things about the water you do not know.*" *Like what?* Kofi asks. "*The beasts.*" His brother answers.

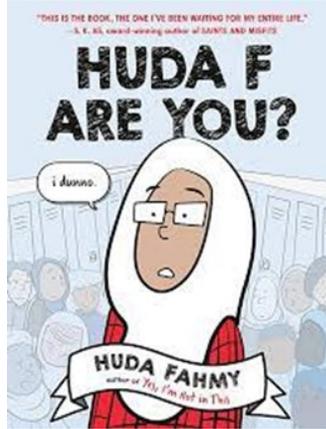
One fateful night, the unthinkable happens and in a flash, Kofi's world turns upside down. Kofi soon ends up in a fight for his life and what happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves.



Magus of the Library by Mitsu Izumi

A story about the (literal) magic of reading, *Magus of the Library* is a beautifully drawn, spirited fantasy adventure, like a ***Fullmetal Alchemist*** for all ages!

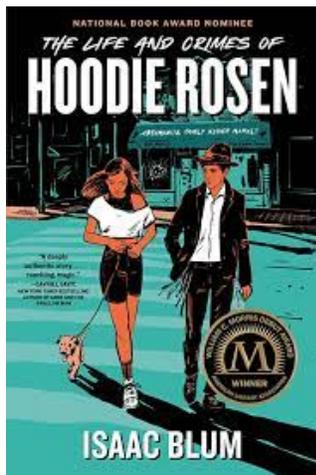
In the small village of Amun lives a poor boy named Theo. Theo adores books, but because of his pointed ears and impoverished life, he isn't allowed to use the village library. As he endures the prejudice and hatred of the village, he dreams of going where such things don't exist: Aftzaak, City of Books. But one day, Theo chances to meet a *Kafna*--a librarian who works for the great library of Aftzaak--and his life changes forever...



Huda F Are You? by Huda Fahmy

A graphic novel about a young American Muslim growing up and figuring out who she is. Huda and her family just moved to Dearborn, Michigan, a small town with a big Muslim population. But Huda doesn't fit in--when everyone is Muslim, there's no Muslim clique like there was in her last town, and Huda's not a sporty hijabi or a fashionista hijabi or a gamer hijabi. She's just Huda, and she's not sure what that means.

She tries on all kinds of identities and friends, but nothing fits quite right. Until she realizes that it'll take finding out who she isn't to figure out who she is.

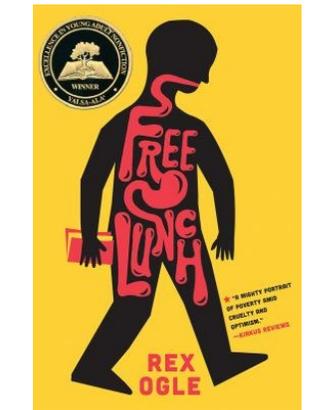
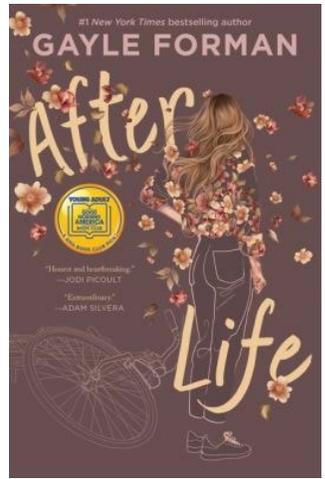


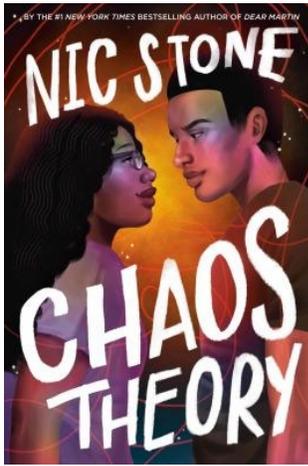
The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Bloom

Hoodie Rosen's life isn't that bad. Sure, his entire Orthodox Jewish community has just picked up and moved to the quiet, mostly non-Jewish town of Tregaron, but Hoodie's world hasn't changed that much. He's got basketball to play, studies to avoid, and a supermarket full of delicious kosher snacks to eat. The people of Tregaron aren't happy that so many Orthodox Jews are moving in at once, but that's not Hoodie's problem. That is, until he meets and falls for Anna-Marie Diaz-O'Leary--who happens to be the daughter of the headstrong mayor trying to keep Hoodie's community out of the town. And things only get more complicated when Tregaron is struck by a series of antisemitic crimes that quickly escalate to deadly violence.

As his community turns on him for siding with the enemy, Hoodie finds himself caught between his first love and the only world he's ever known.

Rising 10th Graders

	<p>Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo</p> <p>Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people...</p> <p>In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.</p> <p>Separated by distance—and Papi's secrets—the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead, and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. A novel in verse told in two voices.</p>
	<p>Free Lunch by Rex Ogle</p> <p>Rex Ogle recounts his first semester in sixth grade in which he and his younger brother often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and were short of school supplies and he was on his school's free lunch program.</p> <p>Grounded in the immediacy of physical hunger and the humiliation of having to announce it every day in the school lunch line, Rex's is a compelling story of a more profound hunger--that of a child for his parents' love and care.</p>
	<p>After Life by Gayle Forman</p> <p>One spring afternoon after school, Amber arrives home on her bike. It's just another perfectly normal day. But when Amber's mom sees her, she screams. Because Amber died seven years ago, hit by a car while on the very same bicycle she's inexplicably riding now.</p> <p>This return doesn't only impact Amber. Her sister, Melissa, now seven years older, must be a new kind of sibling to Amber. Amber's estranged parents are battling over her. And the changes ripple farther and farther out: Amber's friends, boyfriend, and even people she met only once have been deeply affected by her life and death. Amid everyone's turmoil, Amber is struggling with herself. What kind of person was she? How and why was she given this second chance?</p> <p>This story brilliantly explores the porous veil between life and death, examines the impact that one person can have on the world.</p>



Chaos Theory by Nic Stone

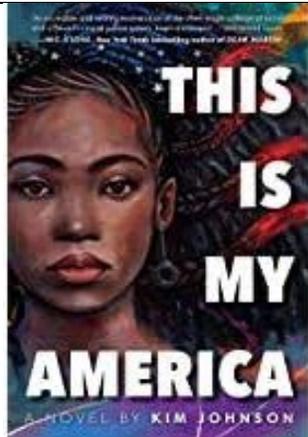
Andy and Shelbi find love while navigating mental health challenges in suburban Georgia. It all starts when 18-year-old Andy Criddle drunkenly texts the wrong number. The mistaken recipient ends up offering him emotional support and asks him not to drive drunk. Despite agreeing, he gets behind the wheel—and into an accident. After being charged with a DUI, Andy, the son of a congresswoman running for Senate, is barred from attending his graduation and shamed in the press.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old AP physics student Shelbi Augustine, who finds car crashes interesting for scientific reasons, picks up Andy’s wallet at the scene of the wreck. She returns it to him in class and gives him a pep talk before nervously rushing away. The judge orders Andy to complete community service at a soup kitchen where Shelbi regularly volunteers, and when their paths cross again, she confesses that she was the person he was texting. As they grow closer, Shelbi, who has bipolar depression, has Andy sign a friendship agreement. Rule No. 6 reads, “Do not, under any circumstances, fall in love with Shelbi.” Naturally, this is a rule destined to be broken.

Kirkus Reviews

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nic Stone delivers a tour de force about living with grief, prioritizing mental health, and finding love amid the chaos.

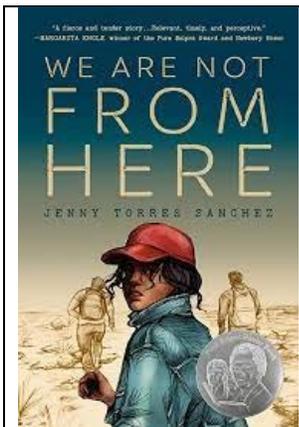
Rising 11th Graders



This Is My America by Kim Johnson

Every week, seventeen-year-old Tracy Beaumont writes letters to Innocence X, asking the organization to help her father, an innocent Black man on death row. After seven years, Tracy is running out of time--her dad has only 267 days left. Then the unthinkable happens. The police arrive in the night, and Tracy's older brother, Jamal, goes from being a bright, promising track star to a "thug" on the run, accused of killing a white girl.

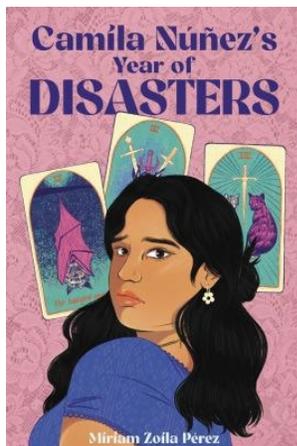
Determined to save her brother, Tracy investigates what really happened between Jamal and Angela down at the Pike. But will Tracy and her family survive the uncovering of the skeletons of their Texas town's racist history that still haunt the present?



We Are Not from Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

Three teenagers, Pulga, Chico, and Pequeña, are desperate to leave the terror, violence, and corruption of their hometown. They embark on a treacherous journey, to escape Guatemala through Mexico, and attempt to reach the U.S. border by stowing away on *La Bestia*, “the name given by migrants to the train that claims the limbs and lives of many who flee violence.”

A tale of the survival and family that will have readers gripped until the very end.

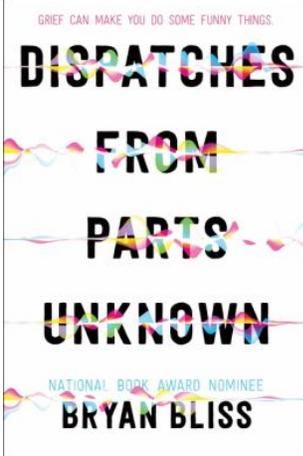


Camila Nunez’s Year of Disasters by Miriam Zoila Perez

Cuban American Camila Nunez has always been afraid of the future. She's been working hard to keep her anxieties in check, but with so many new experiences--first love, trouble with her dogwalking job, her mother's judgments about her body, learning to drive, her father being too busy with work--there's just so much to worry about.

So, when Camila’s best friend gives her a tarot card reading for her sixteenth birthday, she believes it when the cards predict terrible things to come. As the year unfolds, the cards seem to be spot-on—is her papi having an affair? Will her best friend’s love life ruin their friendship? Are all her relationships doomed to fail?

Whether she’s ready or not, Camila will have to reckon with all the ways her fear about the future is ruining her life and learn to find peace amidst it all.



Dispatches from Parts Unknown by Bryan Bliss

Ever since 18-year-old Julie's dad died three years ago, she's been looking for ways to hold on to him. While her mom has become obsessed with health and has started dating again, Julie has been pushing people away, obsessively drinking Orange Julius at the Mall of America, watching her dad's favorite wrestling VHS tapes, and trying to live her life despite her ever-present sadness. Oh, and ever since her dad died, Julie's been hearing the voice of his favorite professional wrestler in her head: the Masked Man.

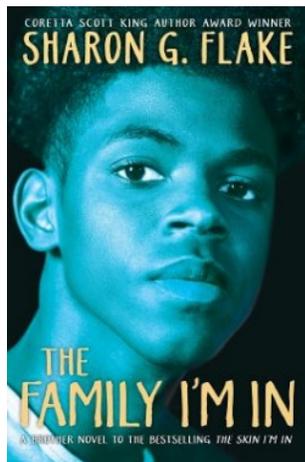
Meanwhile, a concerned teacher pushes Julie out of her comfort zone, and with the help of friends old and new-and a cute-but-goofy prom-obsessed skateboarder named Leg-she may just find the strength to move forward. - *School Library Journal*



The Do-Over by Lynn Painter

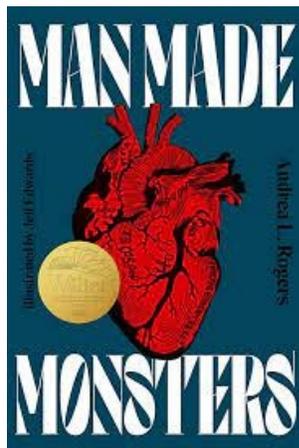
Sixteen-year-old Emilie Hornby must relive a disastrous Valentine's Day over and over in this laugh-out-loud Groundhog Day-inspired rom-com. Type-A Emilie might have a plan for everything, but nothing could've prepared her for what she feels is the worst Valentine's Day ever: first, she rear-ends her cantankerous chemistry partner Nick's truck. Then she discovers that the prestigious journalism scholarship she won was in fact wrongly awarded, jeopardizing her Northwestern University dreams. And finally, she catches her "perfect" boyfriend Josh kissing his ex-girlfriend. But her troubles have only just begun. When she wakes up the next morning, she discovers that it's still Valentine's Day. Seemingly fated to repeat that awful day, Emilie turns to Nick, the only person she believes might be able to help.

- *Publishers Weekly*



The Family I'm In by Sharon G. Flake

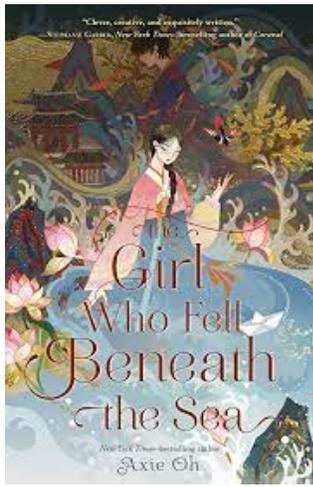
John-John isn't quite like other boys his age. A self-described nerd, he's into archery and Star Wars, and he's the only boy in book club. He's never been on a date or kissed a girl, a source of distress for him and even more so for his dad, Big John, a neighborhood personality who runs a successful salvage business and constantly pressures his son to be more like him. John has a lot going on: static with his dad's new wife, a desperate crush on classmate Ashley (whose conservative mother won't allow her to date or talk to boys on the phone), mounting tension with Caleb around family stress, his fruitless attempts to find a date for the junior prom. A carjacking incident and misplaced attempt to stand up for themselves leads the boys to a nearly catastrophic climax. - *School Library Journal*



Man Made Monsters by Andrea L. Rogers

Chilling stories tell about generations of a Cherokee family's encounters with the supernatural and violence. Beginning on the Trail of Tears, when Ama is turned into the Undead, and continuing through 2039, the stories of Ama's various family members and descendants are told.

Each story is accompanied by haunting illustrations from Cherokee artist Jeff Edwards, incorporating the Cherokee syllabary for a truly immersive experience.



The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea by Axie Oh

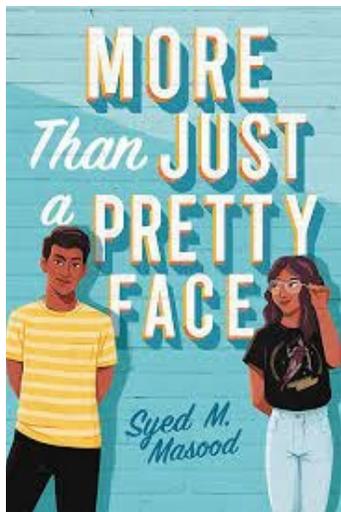
In this gorgeous fantasy novel, Oh gives a spin to the classic Korean folktale of Shim Cheong, the devoted daughter. A perfect fit for readers who love *Spirited Away*.

When Shim Cheong is to be sacrificed to the sea god to end the woes of their land, a young girl named Mina jumps into the water instead—her brother, Joon, is Shim Cheong’s beloved, and Mina, the devoted sister, cannot bear to see her brother’s heart break.

Swept away to the Spirit Realm, a magical city of lesser gods and mythical beasts, Mina seeks out the Sea God, only to find him caught in an enchanted sleep. With the help of a mysterious young man named Shin—as well as a motley crew of demons, gods and spirits—Mina sets out to wake the Sea God and bring an end to the killer storms once and for all.

But she doesn’t have much time: A human cannot live long in the land of the spirits. And there are those who would do anything to keep the Sea God from waking...

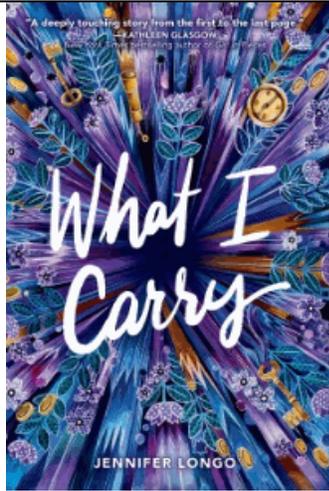
Rising 12th Graders



More Than Just a Pretty Face by Syed M. Masood

Danyal Jilani doesn't lack confidence. He may not be the smartest guy in the room, but he's funny, gorgeous, and going to make a great chef one day. His father doesn't approve of his career choice, but that hardly matters. What *does* matter is the opinion of Danyal's longtime crush, the perfect-in-all-ways Kaval, and her family, who consider him a less-than-ideal arranged marriage prospect.

When Danyal gets selected for Renaissance Man, a school-wide academic championship, it's the perfect opportunity to show everyone he's smarter than they think. He recruits the brilliant, totally-uninterested-in-him Bisma to help with the competition, but the more time Danyal spends with her...the more he learns from her...the more he cooks for her...the more he realizes that happiness may be staring him right in his pretty face.

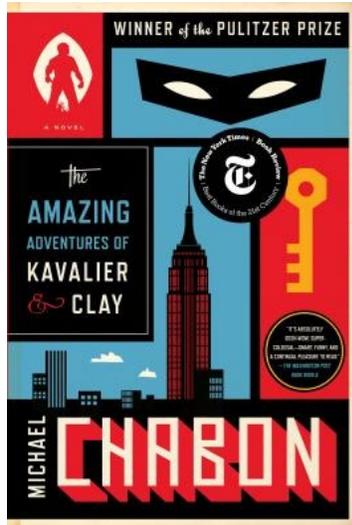


What I Carry by Jennifer Longo

Soon-to-be 18-year-old Muiriel (Muir) has been in Seattle's foster care system since infancy. Moving to her final foster house before aging out, she knows exactly what to do: keep her head down, don't get attached, and pack only what she can carry.

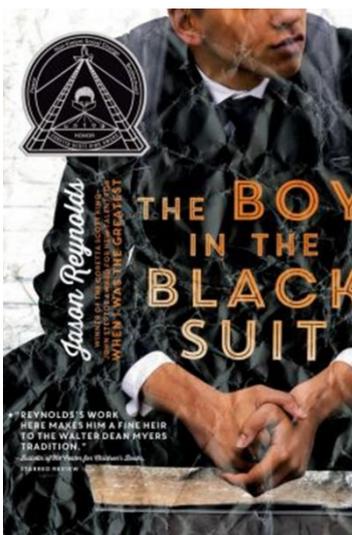
When Muir's new housing situation starts to feel like a real home, she must figure out if some things she carries are okay to let go.

An author's note provides more resources on the foster system and how the author's experience inspired this story.



The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay by Michael Chabon

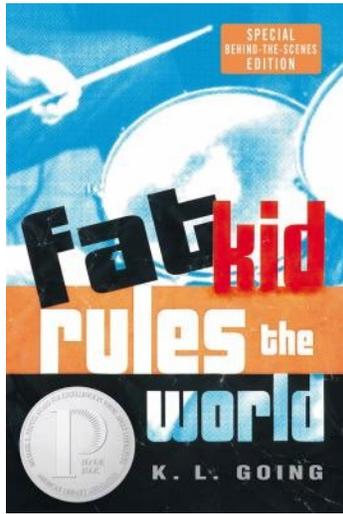
New York City, 1939. A young escape artist and budding magician named Joe Kavalier arrives on the doorstep of his cousin, Sammy Clay. While the long shadow of Hitler falls across Europe, America is happily in thrall to the Golden Age of comic books, and in a distant corner of Brooklyn, Sammy is looking for a way to cash in on the craze. He finds the ideal partner in the aloof, artistically gifted Joe, and together they embark on an adventure that takes them deep into the heart of Manhattan, and the heart of old-fashioned American ambition. From the shared fears, dreams, and desires of two teenage boys, they spin comic book tales of the heroic, fascist-fighting Escapist and the beautiful, mysterious Luna Moth, otherworldly mistress of the night. Climbing from the streets of Brooklyn to the top of the Empire State Building, Joe and Sammy carve out lives, and careers, as vivid as cyan and magenta ink.



The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds **A 2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book**

Matt wears a black suit every day. No, not because his mom died—although she did, and it sucks. But he wears the suit for his gig at the local funeral home, which pays way better than the Cluck Bucket, and he needs the income since his dad can't handle the bills (or anything, really) on his own.

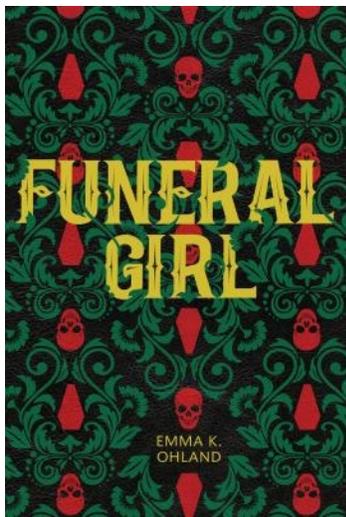
Then Matt meets Lovey. Crazy name, and she's been through more crazy stuff than he can imagine. Yet Lovey never cries. She's tough. Really tough. Tough in the way Matt wishes he could be. Which is maybe why he's drawn to her, and definitely why he can't seem to shake her. Because there's nothing more hopeful than finding a person who understands your loneliness—and who can maybe even help take it away.



Fat Kid Rules the World by K.L. Going

Troy Billings is seventeen, 296 pounds, friendless, utterly miserable, and about to step off a New York subway platform in front of an oncoming train. Until he meets Curt MacCrae, an emaciated, semi-homeless, high school dropout guitar genius, the stuff of which Lower East Side punk rock legends are made. Never mind that Troy's dad thinks Curt's a drug addict and Troy's brother thinks Troy's the biggest (literally) loser in Manhattan. Soon, Curt's recruited Troy as his new drummer—even though Troy can't play the drums. Together, Curt and Troy will change the world of punk, and Troy's own life, forever.

In an outstanding, funny, edgy debut, K.L. Going presents two unlikely friends who ultimately save each other.



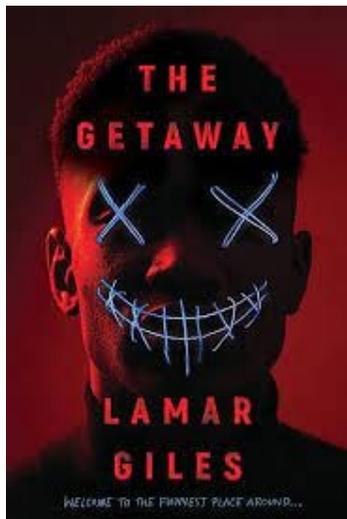
Funeral Girl by Emma K. Ohland

Sixteen-year-old Georgia Richter feels conflicted about the funeral home her parents run—especially because she has the ability to summon ghosts.

With one touch of any body that passes through Richter Funeral Home, she can awaken the spirit of the departed. With one more touch, she makes the spirit disappear, to a fate that remains mysterious to Georgia. To cope with her deep anxiety about death, she does her best to fulfill the final wishes of the deceased whose ghosts she briefly revives.

Then her classmate Milo's body arrives at Richter—and his spirit wants help with unfinished business, forcing Georgia to reckon with her relationship to grief and mortality.

Recommended for all grades

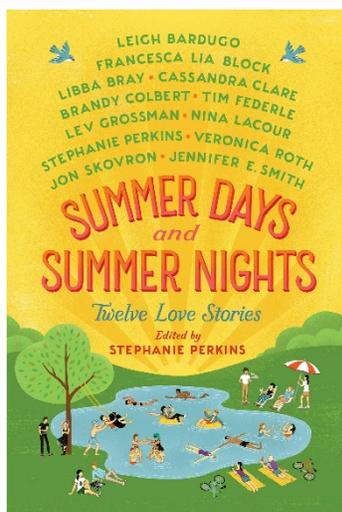


The Getaway by Lamar Giles

Jay is living his best life at Karloff Country, one of the world's most famous resorts. He's got his family, his crew, and an incredible after-school job at the property's main theme park. Life isn't so great for the rest of the world, but when people come here to vacation, it's to get away from all that.

As things outside get worse, trouble starts seeping into Karloff. First, Jay's friend Connie and her family disappear in the middle of the night, and no one will talk about it. Then the richest and most powerful families start arriving, only... they aren't leaving. Unknown to the employees, the resort has been selling shares in an end-of-the-world oasis. The best of the best at the end of days. And to deliver the top-notch customer service the wealthy clientele paid for, the employees will be at their total beck and call. Whether they like it or not.

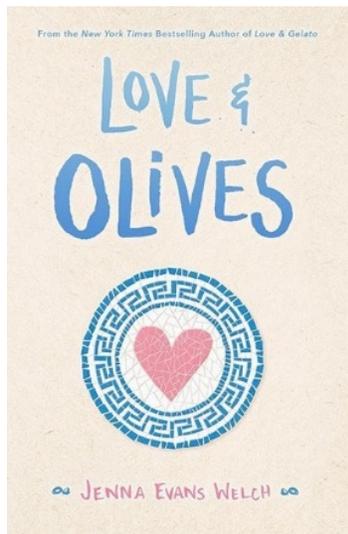
Yet Karloff Country didn't count on Jay and his crew--and just how far they'll go to find out the truth and save themselves. But what's more dangerous: the monster you know in your home or the unknown nightmare outside the walls?



Summer Days and Summer Nights

Maybe it's the long, lazy days, or maybe it's the heat making everyone a little bit crazy. Whatever the reason, summer is the perfect time for love to bloom.

Summer Days and Summer Nights: Twelve Love Stories, written by twelve bestselling young adult writers and edited by the international bestselling Stephanie Perkins, will have you dreaming of sunset strolls by the lake. So set out your beach chair and grab your sunglasses. You have twelve reasons this summer to soak up the sun and fall in love.



Love & Olives by Jenna Evans Welch

Liv, short for Olive, is off to Santorini before her senior year of high school to see her father who wants her to help him find Atlantis. When Liv's dad left when she was eight, he left behind 26 items. Each chapter is introduced with a different item and what it meant to him. This creative touch allows readers to understand her father, despite his absence and obsession with the lost city of Atlantis.

Liv is not only concerned for her dad but also for her boyfriend, Dax, and a young man, Theo, who she meets at her dad's bookstore. Liv has many adventures with her dad and grapples with feelings for Theo as well as Dax before she learns that the truth behind her dad's preoccupation with searching for Atlantis is much deeper than it appears. - *School Library Journal*



Pumpkin Heads by Faith Erin Hicks

High school seniors Deja and Josiah ("Josie") are working their final shift at the world's corniest pumpkin patch. Josie already misses his days at the patch, while Deja is on a mission to experience as many things as possible on her last night, including eating plenty of Frito pie. Along the way, she wants to yank Josie out of his comfort zone and open up his world-no regrets allowed.

The characters in this graphic novel are so expressive and authentic, it's impossible not to love them. The dialogue is cute, funny, and punny, and the speech bubbles are well placed. Adorably illustrated and titled chapter headings will heighten readers' anticipation of wacky moments. The palette is charmingly autumnal, and dynamic backgrounds, with vivid reds, oranges, yellows, and twilight purples and blues, convey the fall festival atmosphere. The panel layouts advance the action smoothly and evoke the feeling of young love and of breathlessly standing on the brink of change. - *School Library Journal*