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# **WRA SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2018**

## Western Reserve Academy Leisure Summer Reading 2018

Most members of the Reserve community find pleasure in reading. For those of us tied to the academic calendar, summers and holidays give us what we need most—time. With that in mind, we offer students this list of recommended books for summer reading.

This list is intended for student **LEISURE** reading. We hope the variety piques student interest and provides the opportunity to expand horizons, satisfy curiosity, and/or offer an enjoyable escape. Titles include: “classics” to recently published titles, relatively easy to challenging reading levels, and a variety of genres covering diverse subjects. Also included is a list of recommended websites to locate further suggestions for award-winning books and titles of interest.

This list is updated annually by members of the John D. Ong library staff. Titles are recommended by members of the WRA community or by respected review sources including the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. A few titles have frank passages that mirror some aspects of life explicitly. Therefore, we urge parents to explore the titles your teenagers choose and discuss the book as well as the choice with them.

All the books on this list should be available in libraries and/or bookstores. The Ong Library will also arrange for a special “summer checkout” for anyone interested. Just ask at the library front desk.

Enjoy your summer and your free time, and try to spend some of it reading! Your feedback about any title on this list is welcome—and we also welcome your recommendations for titles to add in the future.

*The John D. Ong Library Staff*

**PLEASE NOTE:** This list should not be confused with the English Department’s Required Reading summer program. Please go to Summer Reading and click on “Required Reading” for that information. Visit <https://www.wra.net/academics/library> to read previous issues of the Summer Reading Booklist.

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## Summer Reading for Ninth/Tenth Graders

### Fiction:

***Afterlife of Stars (The)*** (Joseph Kertes, 2017) As Russian tanks roll through the cobblestone streets of Budapest and shots ring out, young Robert and Attila Beck, inseparable brothers, peer from the boot of a toppled statue of Stalin at the first grisly signs of revolution. The year is 1956. That October day, Russian soldiers will storm their family home, prompting the boys' hurried escape from the city with their parents, grandmother, and two cousins. Not all will survive.\*

***All Systems Red: The Murderbot Diaries*** (Martha Wells, 2017) In a corporate-dominated spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety. But in a society where contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn't a primary concern.\*

***All the Birds in the Sky*** (Charlie Jane Anders, 2016) Childhood friends Patricia Delfine and Laurence Armstead didn't expect to see each other again after parting ways under mysterious circumstances during middle school. After all, the development of magical powers and the invention of a two-second time machine could hardly fail to alarm one's peers and families. But now they're both adults, living in the hipster mecca San Francisco, and the planet is falling apart around them.\*

***Animal Farm*** (George Orwell, 1946) Taking as his starting point the betrayed promise of the Russian Revolution, Orwell lays out a vision that, in its bitter wisdom, gives us the clearest understanding we possess of the possible consequences of our social and political acts.\*

***Armada*** (Ernest Cline, 2015) Zack Lightman has spent his life dreaming. Dreaming that the real world could be a little more like the countless science-fiction books, movies, and videogames he's spent his life consuming.... But hey, there's nothing wrong with a little escapism, right? And then he sees the flying saucer.\*

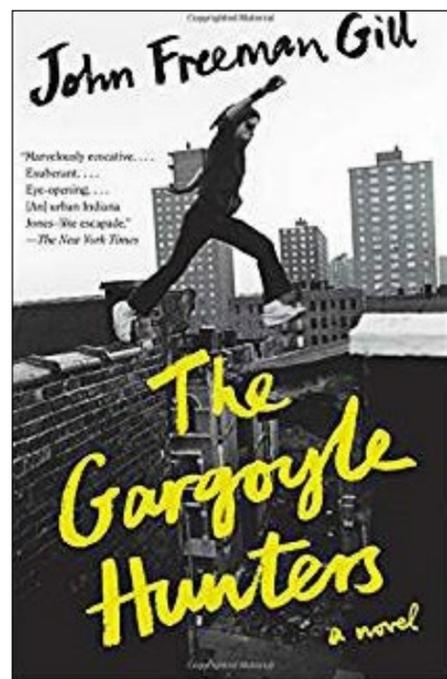
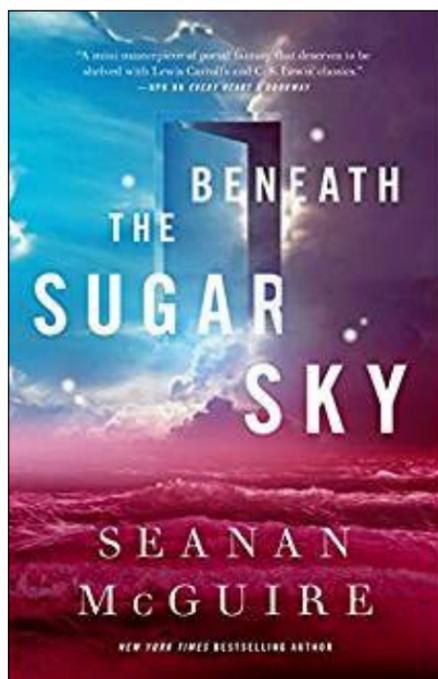
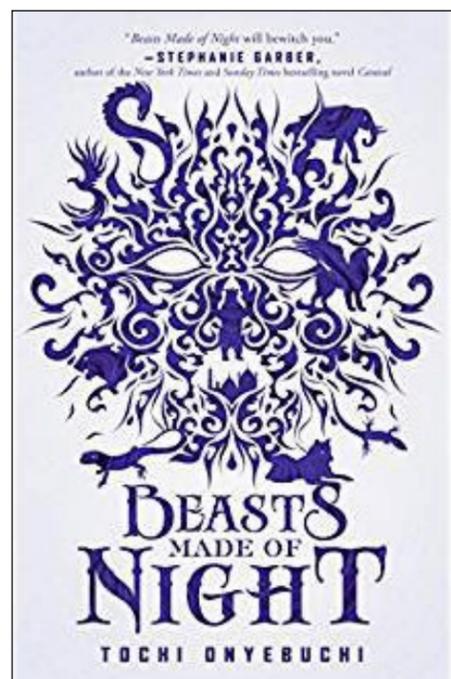
***Astrologer's Daughter (The)*** (Rebecca Lim, 2015) Avicenna Crowe's mother is missing. The police suspect foul play. Joanne is an astrologer, predicting strangers' futures from their star charts. Maybe one of her clients had a bad reading? But Avicenna has inherited the gift. Armed with Joanne's journal, she begins her own investigation that leads into the city's dark underworld. The clock is ticking, and as each clue unravels Avicenna finds her life ever more in danger.\*

**Beasts Made of Night** (Tochi Onyebuch, 2017) In the walled city of Kos, corrupt mages can magically call forth sin from a sinner in the form of sin-beasts—lethal creatures spawned from feelings of guilt. Taj is the most talented of the *aki*, young sin-eaters indentured by the mages to slay the sin-beasts. But Taj’s livelihood comes at a terrible cost.\*

**Beneath the Sugar Sky** (Seanan McGuire, 2018) [Book 3] in this series returns to Eleanor West’s Home for Wayward Children. At this magical boarding school, children who have experienced fantasy adventures are reintroduced to the "real" world.\* Check out the other standalone books in the *Wayward Children* series: Book 1: *Every Heart a Doorway* (2016) and Book 2: *Down among the Sticks and Bones* (2017).

**Bones & All: A Novel** (Camille DeAngelis, 2015) Maren Yearly is a young woman who wants the same things we all do. She wants to be someone people admire and respect. She wants to be loved. But her secret, shameful needs have forced her into exile. Because Maren Yearly doesn't just break hearts, she devours them.\*

**Book of Harlan (The)** (Bernice L. McFadden, 2016) When Harlan and his best friend, trumpeter Lizard Robbins, are invited to perform at a popular cabaret in the Parisian enclave of Montmartre—affectionately referred to as "The Harlem of Paris" by black American musicians—Harlan jumps at the



opportunity, convincing Lizard to join him. But after the City of Light falls under Nazi occupation, Harlan and Lizard are thrown into Buchenwald—the notorious concentration camp in Weimar, Germany—irreparably changing the course of Harlan's life.\*

**Case for Jamie (The)** (Brittany Cavallaro, 2018) It's been a year since the shocking death of August Moriarty, and Jamie and Charlotte haven't spoken. Holmes and Watson may not be looking to reconcile, but when strange things start happening, it's clear that someone wants the team back together.\* The third installment in the *Charlotte Holmes* series featuring the teen descendants of Sherlock Holmes and John Watson in *A Study in Charlotte* (2014) and *The Last of August* (2017).

**Detective/Crime/Mystery Writers:** Try any book by the following mystery writers: **Donna Andrews** (featuring blacksmith Meg Langslow in a humorous series); **Nancy Atherton** (featuring amateur sleuth Lori Shepard with help from her ghostly Aunt Dimity); **Jennifer Lynn Barnes** (featuring 17-year-old Cassie Hobbes in the *Naturals* series); **Stephanie Barron** (featuring 19th century author Jane Austen as an amateur sleuth); **Heather Blake** (featuring "Wishcrafter" —a witch who can grant wishes—Darcy Merriweather); **Mary Daheim** (featuring amateur detective Judith McMonigle in the *Bed and Breakfast* series and Emma Lord as the protagonist in the *Alpine* series); **Joanna Fluke** (featuring bakery owner and amateur sleuth Hannah Swensen); **Laurie R. King** (featuring Mary Russell, former protégé to Sherlock Holmes); **Edward Marston** (the *Railway Detective* series, featuring Scotland Yard detectives Inspector Robert Colbeck and Sergeant Victor Leeming, set in the 1850s); **Alexander McCall Smith** (featuring Mma Precious Ramotswe, owner of Botswana's #1 Ladies Detective Agency); **Spencer Quinn** (featuring down-on-his-luck private investigator Bernie and his faithful canine companion—and series narrator, Chet); **Kathy Reichs and Brendan Reichs** (*Virals* series featuring teen sleuth Tory Brennan); or **Les Roberts** (featuring Cleveland private detective Milan Jacovich).

**Emma** (Jane Austen, 1815) Beautiful, clever, rich—and single—Emma Woodhouse is perfectly content with her life and sees no need for either love or marriage. Nothing, however, delights her more than interfering in the romantic lives of others. But when she ignores the warnings of her good friend Mr. Knightley and attempts to arrange a suitable match for her protegee Harriet Smith, her carefully laid plans soon unravel and have consequences that she never expected.\*

**Gargoyle Hunters (The): A Novel** (John Freeman Gill, 2017) With both his family and his city fracturing, thirteen-year-old Griffin Watts is recruited into his estranged father's illicit and dangerous architectural salvage business. Small and nimble, Griffin is charged with stealing exuberantly expressive nineteenth-century architectural sculptures—gargoyles—right off the faces of unsung tenements and iconic skyscrapers all over town.\*

**Ghostly Echoes** (William Ritter, 2016) Jenny Cavanaugh, the ghostly lady of 926 Augur Lane, has enlisted the investigative services of her fellow residents to solve a decade-old murder—her own. Abigail Rook and her eccentric employer, R. F. Jackaby, dive into the cold case, starting with a search for Jenny's fiancé, who went missing the night she died.\* Third in the *Jackaby* series following *Jackaby* (2014) and *Beastly Bones* (2015).

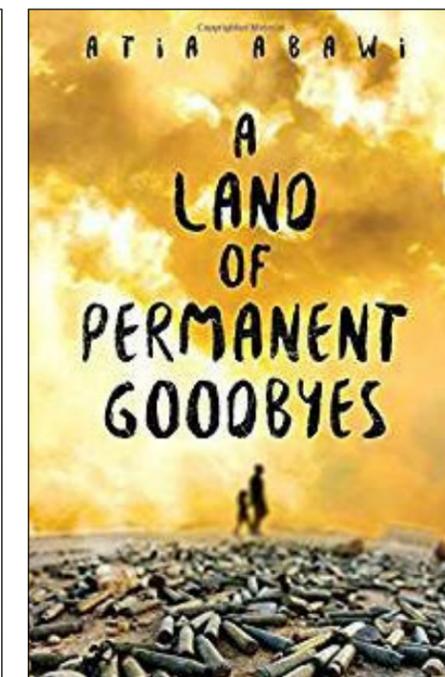
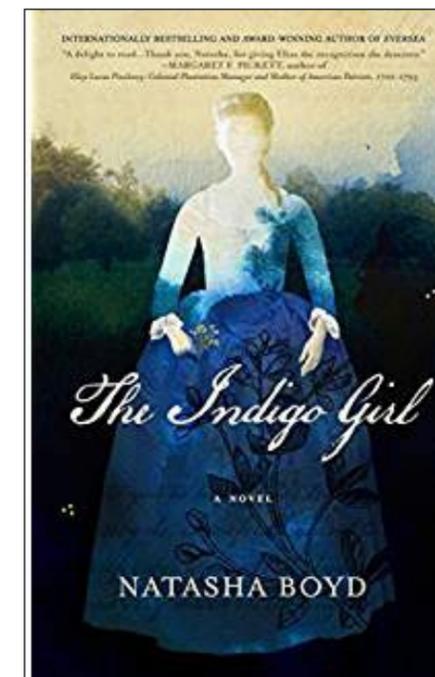
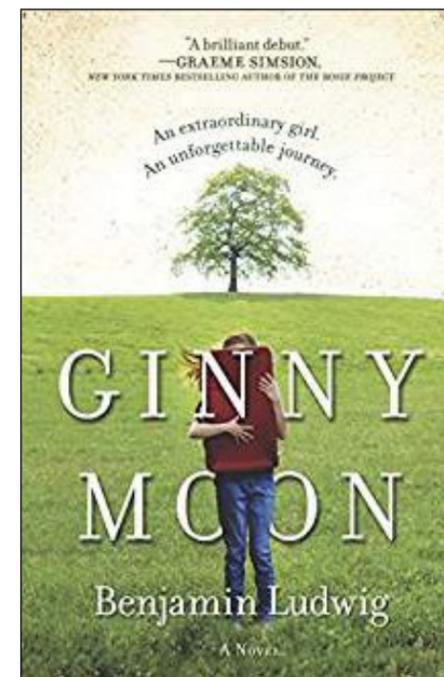
**Ginny Moon: A Novel** (Benjamin Ludwig, 2017) Ginny Moon is exceptional. Everyone knows it—her friends at school, teammates on the basketball team, and especially her new adoptive parents. They all love her, even if they don't quite understand her. They want her to feel like she belongs. What they don't know is that Ginny has no intention of belonging.\*

**Gunslinger Girl** (Lyndsay Ely, 2017) Seventeen-year-old Serendipity "Pity" Jones inherited two things from her mother: a pair of six shooters and perfect aim. She's been offered a life of fame and fortune in Cessation, a glittering city where lawlessness is a way of life. But the price she pays for her freedom may be too great...\*

**Half Lost** (Sally Green, 2016) The Alliance is losing. Their most critical weapon, seventeen-year-old witch Nathan Brynn, has killed fifty-two people, and yet he's no closer to ending the tyrannical, abusive rule of the Council of White Witches in England. Nor is Nathan any closer to his personal goal: getting revenge on Annalise, the girl he once loved, before she committed an unthinkable crime.\* The final entry in *The Half Bad Trilogy: Half Bad* (2014) and *Half Wild* (2015).

**Haters (The)** (Jesse Andrews, 2016) For Wes and his best friend, Corey, jazz camp turns out to be lame. It's pretty much all dudes talking in Jazz Voice. But then they jam with Ash, a charismatic girl with an unusual sound, and the three just click. It's three and a half hours of pure musical magic, and Ash makes a decision: They need to hit the road.\*

**How I Became a North Korean: A Novel** (Krys Lee, 2016) Yongju is an accomplished student from one of North Korea's most prominent families. Jangmi, on the other hand, has had to fend for herself since childhood, most recently by smuggling goods across the border. Then there is Danny, a Chinese-American teenager whose quirks and precocious intelligence have long made him an outcast in his California high school. These three disparate lives converge when they flee their homes, finding themselves in a small Chinese town just across the river from North Korea.\*



**Indigo Girl (The)** (Natasha Boyd, 2017) The year is 1739. Eliza Lucas is sixteen years old when her father leaves her in charge of their family's three plantations in rural South Carolina and then proceeds to bleed the estates dry in pursuit of his military ambitions... Upon hearing how much the French pay for indigo dye, Eliza believes it's the key to their salvation. But everyone tells her it's impossible, and no one will share the secret to making it.\* Based on historical documents.

**Ink, Iron, and Glass** (Gwendolyn Clare, 2018) A certain pen, a certain book, and a certain person can craft entirely new worlds through a branch of science called scriptology. Elsa comes from one such world that was written into creation, where her mother—a noted scriptologist—constantly alters and expands their reality. But when her home is attacked and her mother kidnapped, Elsa is forced to cross into the real world and use her own scriptology gifts to find her.\* First entry in a new series.

**Land of Permanent Goodbyes (A)** (Atia Abawi, 2018) In a country ripped apart by war [Syria], Tareq lives with his big and loving family...until the bombs strike. His city is in ruins. His life is destroyed. And those who have survived are left to figure out their uncertain future.\*

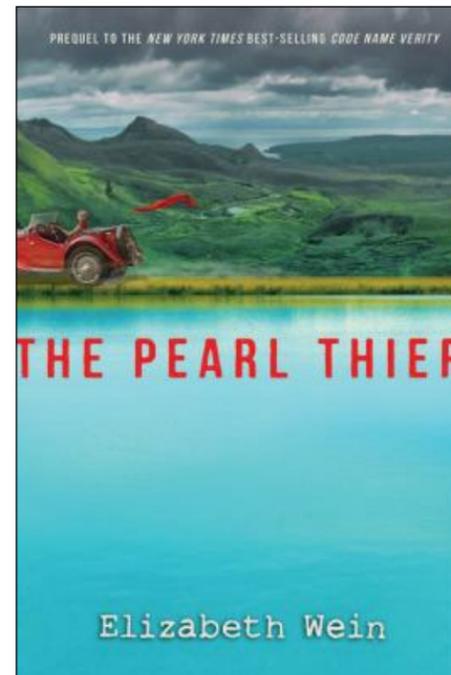
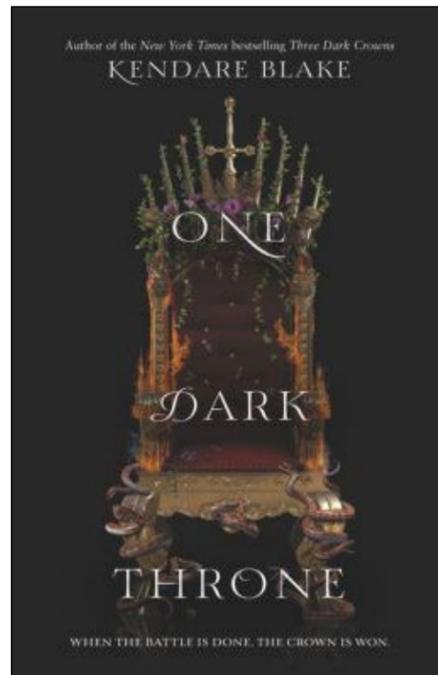
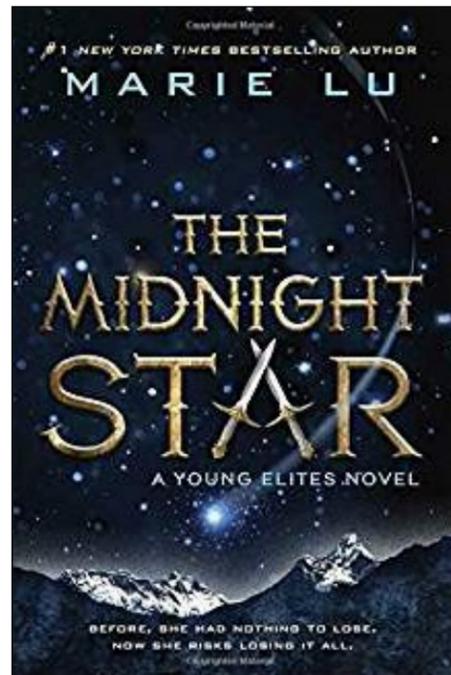
**Lie Tree (The)** (Frances Hardinge, 2016) Faith Sunderly leads a double life. To most people, she is reliable, dull, trustworthy—a proper young lady who knows her place as inferior to men. But inside, Faith is full of questions and curiosity, and she cannot resist mysteries: an unattended envelope, an unlocked door. She knows secrets no one suspects her of knowing.\*

***Marrow Thieves (The)*** (Cherie Dimaline, 2017) In a futuristic world ravaged by global warming, people have lost the ability to dream, and the dreamlessness has led to widespread madness. The only people still able to dream are North America's Indigenous people, and it is their marrow that holds the cure for the rest of the world.\*

***Midnight Star (The)*** (Marie Lu, 2015) Adelina Amouteru is done suffering. She's turned her back on those who have betrayed her and achieved the ultimate revenge: victory. Her reign as the White Wolf has been a triumphant one, but with each conquest her cruelty only grows.\* Final entry in the *Young Elites* series: *The Young Elites* (2014) and *The Rose Society* (2015).

***Nemesis*** (Brendan Reichs, 2017) It's been happening since Min was eight. Every two years, on her birthday, a strange man finds her and murders her in cold blood.... Across the valley, Noah just wants to be like everyone else. But he's not. Nightmares of murder and death plague him, though he does his best to hide the signs.... The planet has a bigger problem. The Anvil, an enormous asteroid threatening all life on Earth, leaves little room for two troubled teens.\* First book in the planned series *Nemesis Project*.

***On the Edge of Gone*** (Corinne Duyvis, 2016) January 29, 2035. That's the day the comet is scheduled to hit—the big one.\*



***One Dark Throne*** (Kendare Blake, 2017) Fennbirn's deadliest queens must face the one thing standing in their way of the crown: each other.\* This is the second installment in the *Three Dark Crowns* series begun in *Three Dark Crowns* (2016).

***Only Alien on the Planet (The)*** (Kristen Randle, 2009) They've all gotten used to him. The one who never speaks. The one who never smiles. They all say he's retarded. So, though his name is Smitty, they call him "The Alien." And from the moment Ginny sees him she knows she has to meet him.\*

***Pearl Thief (The)*** (Elizabeth Wein, 2017) When fifteen-year-old Julia Beaufort-Stuart wakes up in the hospital, she knows the lazy summer break she'd imagined won't be exactly what she anticipated. And once she returns to her grandfather's estate, a bit banged up but alive, she begins to realize that her injury might not have been an accident.\*

***Raven King (The)*** (Maggie Stiefvater, 2016) All her life, Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love's death. She doesn't believe in true love and never thought this would be a problem, but as her life becomes caught up in the strange and sinister world of the Raven Boys, she's not so sure anymore.\* The final installment in *The Raven Cycle* series featuring *The Raven Boys* (2013), *The Dream Thieves* (2014), and *Blue Lily, Lily Blue* (2014).

***Replica*** (Lauren Oliver, 2016) Two girls, two stories, one epic novel...an epic, masterful novel that explores issues of individuality, identity, and humanity.\*

***Silmarillion*** (J.R.R. Tolkien, 1977) This is the story of the creation of the world and the happenings of the First Age, the ancient drama to which the characters in *The Lord of the Rings* look back and in whose events some of them, such as Elrond and Galadriel, took part.\*

***Six of Crows*** (Leigh Bardugo, 2015) Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone.... \*

***Slaughter House-Five*** (Kurt Vonnegut, 1969) Centering on the infamous firebombing of Dresden, Billy Pilgrim's odyssey through time reflects the mythic journey of our own fractured lives as we search for meaning in what we fear most.\*

**Speaker (The)** (Tracy Chee, 2017) Having barely escaped the clutches of the Guard, Sefia and Archer are back on the run, slipping into the safety of the forest to tend to their wounds and plan their next move.\* Book 2 in the *Sea of Ink and Gold* series following *The Reader* (2016).

**Tales** (Edgar Allan Poe, 1952) One of the many compilations of tales from the master of horror—mysterious, complex, sometimes horrifying, occasionally psychotic, and always suspenseful. Look for Poe's stories and poems in a variety of collections of works by the author.

**Tales from the Thousand and One Nights** (Unknown) The tales told by Scheherazade over a thousand and one nights to delay her execution by the vengeful King Shahryar have become among the most popular in both Eastern and Western literature.\*

**We Are the Ants** (Shaun David Hutchinson, 2016) Henry Denton has spent years being periodically abducted by aliens. Then the aliens give him an ultimatum: The world will end in 144 days, and all Henry has to do to stop it is push a big red button. Only he isn't sure he wants to.\*

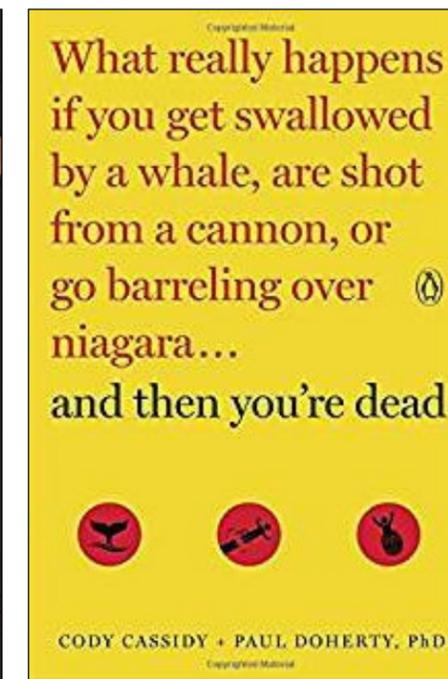
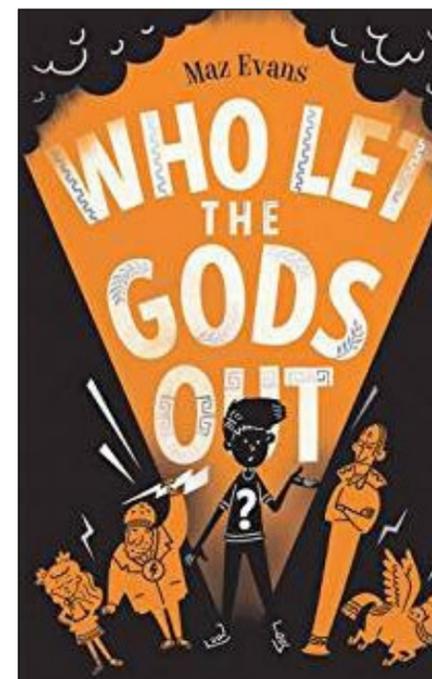
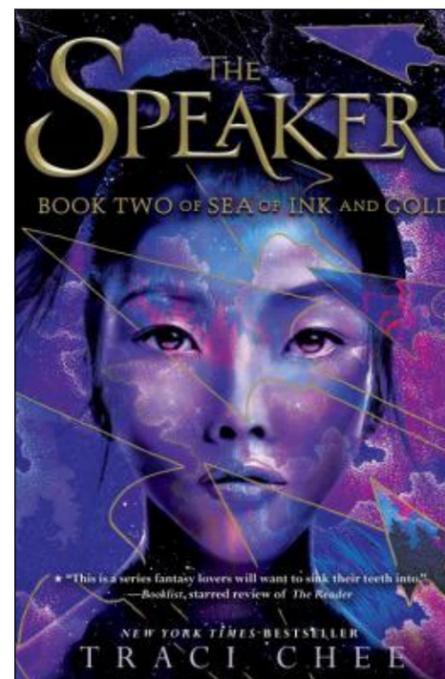
**Who Let the Gods Out?** (Maz Evans, 2017) After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world...?\*

## Non-fiction:

**And Then You're Dead: What Really Happens If You Get Swallowed by a Whale, Are Shot from a Cannon, or Go Barreling over Niagara** (Cody Cassidy and Paul Doherty, 2017) A gleefully gruesome look at the actual science behind the most outlandish, cartoonish, and impossible deaths you can imagine.\*

**AsapSCIENCE: Answers to the World's Weirdest Questions, Most Persistent Rumors, and Unexplained Phenomena** (Mitchell Moffit and Greg Brown, 2015) *AsapSCIENCE* takes the underpinnings of biology, chemistry, physics, and other hard sciences and applies them to everyday life through quirky and relatable examples that will appeal to both science nerds and those who didn't ace chemistry.\*

**Big Necessity (The): The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why It Matters** (Rose George, 2008) An utterly original exploration of the world of human waste that will surprise, outrage—and entertain.\*



**Black Count (The): Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo** (Tom Reiss, 2012) Here is the remarkable true story of the real Count of Monte Cristo—a stunning feat of historical sleuthing that brings to life the forgotten hero who inspired such classics as *The Count of Monte Cristo* and *The Three Musketeers*.

**Born Free (The): Writing with the Girls of Gugulethu** (Kimberly Burge, 2015) Born into post-apartheid South Africa, the young women of the townships around Cape Town still face daunting challenges. Their families and communities have been ravaged by poverty, violence, sexual abuse, and AIDS. Yet, as Kimberly Burge discovered when she set up a writing group in the township of Gugulethu, the spirit of these girls outshines their circumstances.\*

**Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen** (Christopher McDougall, 2009) Christopher McDougall sets off to find a tribe of the world's greatest distance runners and learn their secrets, and in the process shows us that everything we thought we knew about running is wrong.\*

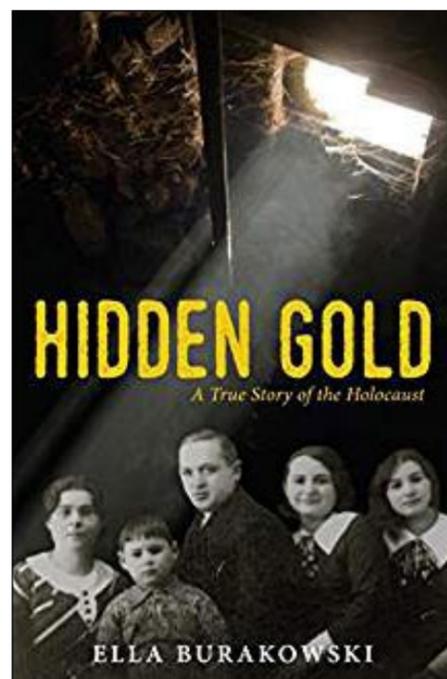
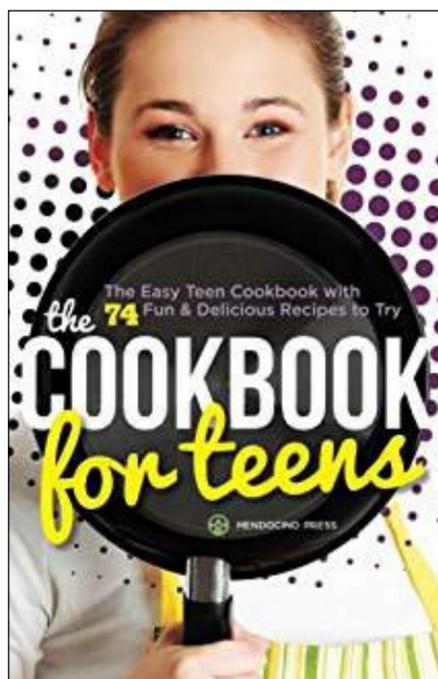
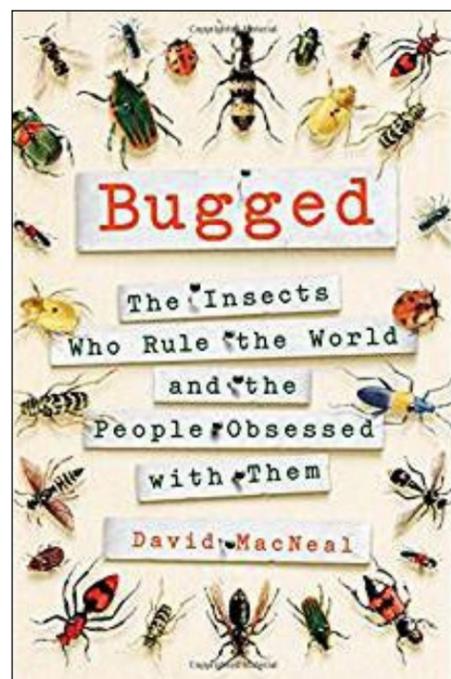
**Boys Who Challenged Hitler (The): Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club** (Philip Hoose, 2015) At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not.\*

***Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America*** (Gail Jarrow, 2016) *Bubonic Panic* tells the true story of America's first plague epidemic—the public health doctors who desperately fought to end it, the political leaders who tried to keep it hidden, and the brave scientists who uncovered the plague's secrets.\*

***Bugged: The Insects Who Rule the World and the People Obsessed with Them*** (David MacNeal, 2017) Insects have been shaping our ecological world and plant life for over 400 million years. In fact, our world is essentially run by bugs—there are 1.4 billion for every human on the planet. In *Bugged*, journalist David MacNeal takes us on an off-beat scientific journey that weaves together history, travel, and culture in order to define our relationship with these mini-monsters.\*

***Comics Confidential: Thirteen Graphic Novelists Talk Story, Craft, and Life Outside the Box*** (Leonard S. Marcus [ed.], 2017) Powerful influences from manga to the movies to underground comix have influenced the thirteen artists and writers interviewed in these pages to create their own word-and-picture narratives. Here are their moving, funny, inspirational stories: true tales from the crucible of creative struggles that led each to become a master of one of today's most vibrant art forms.\*

***Cookbook for Teens: The Easy Teen Cookbook with 74 Fun & Delicious Recipes to Try*** (Mendocino Press, 2014) This teen cookbook the perfect introduction to the art of cooking, even for teenagers



who have never cooked more than a slice of toast. With this teen cookbook you will learn introductory preparation and cooking techniques, how to read recipes, and how to shop for groceries.\*

***Draw Faces in 15 Minutes*** (Jake Spicer, 2014) Artist and life-drawing expert Jake Spicer takes you through a series of carefully crafted tutorials, from how to put together a basic portrait sketch to developing your portraits and then taking your drawings further.\*

***Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*** (Margot Lee Shetterly, 2016) Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation.\*

***Hidden Gold: A True Story of the Holocaust*** (Ella Burakowski, 2015) The Gold family lived an idyllic life in pre-war Poland, each doing their part to run the family grocery store and tobacco concession... But that life is shattered in 1939 when Germany invades Poland and Jewish people are forced into the streets; their homes, schools, and businesses burned.\*

***Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories of Survival*** (Marcel Prins and Peter Henk Steenhuis, 2014) Fourteen unforgettable true stories of children hidden away during World War II.\*

***How to Break Up with Your Phone: The 30-Day Plan to Take Back Your Life*** (Catherine Price, 2017) Is your phone the first thing you reach for in the morning and the last thing you touch before bed? Do you frequently pick it up “just to check,” only to look up forty-five minutes later wondering where the time has gone? Do you say you want to spend less time on your phone—but have no idea how to do so without giving it up completely? If so, this book is your solution.\*

***Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (The)*** (Rebecca Skloot, 2010) Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine.\*

***Killing the Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan*** (Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, 2016) Autumn 1944. World War II is nearly over in Europe but is escalating in the Pacific, where American soldiers face an opponent who will go to any length to avoid defeat.\*

***Last Unicorn (The): A Search for One of Earth's Rarest Creatures*** (William DeBuys, 2015) In 1992, in a remote mountain range, a team of scientists discovered the remains of an unusual animal with exquisite long horns. It turned out to be a living species new to Western science—a saola, the first large land mammal discovered in fifty years. Rare then and rarer now, a live saola had never been glimpsed by a Westerner in the wild when Pulitzer Prize finalist and nature writer William deBuys and conservation biologist William Robichaud set off to search for it in central Laos.\*

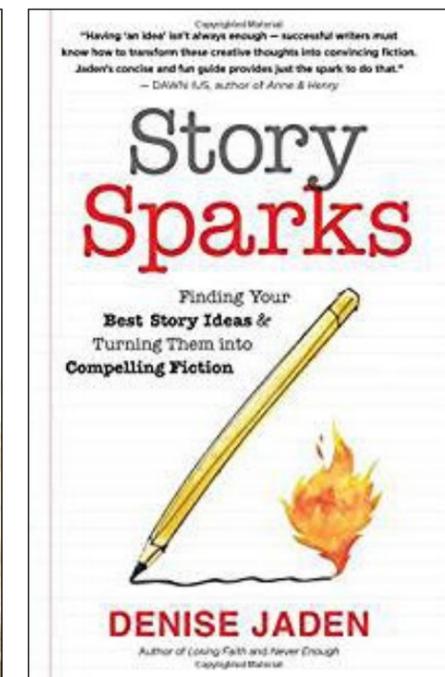
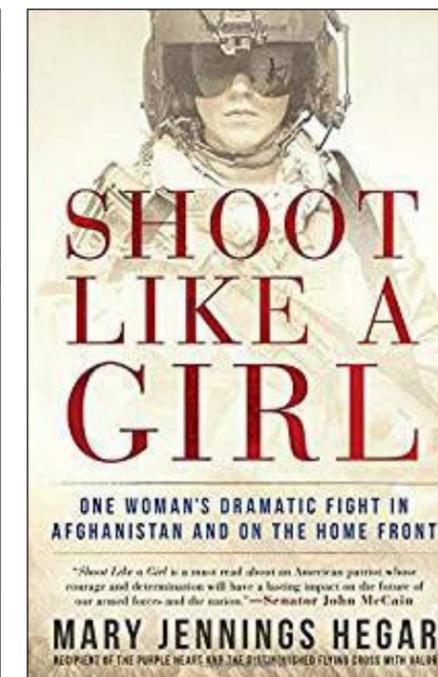
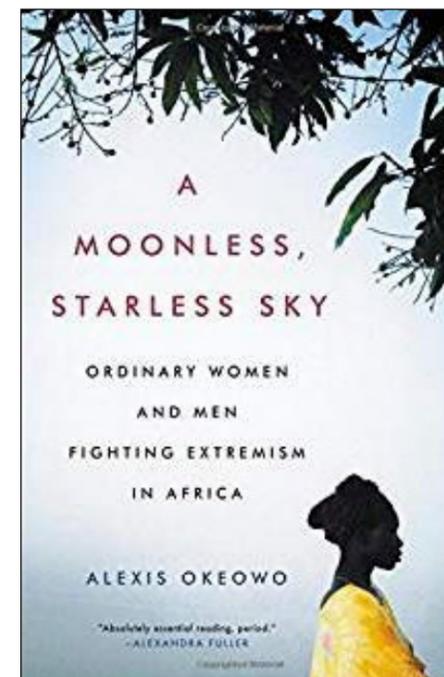
***Madness and Memory: The Discovery of Prions—A New Biological Principle of Disease*** (Stanley B. Prusiner, 2014) In this book, Prusiner tells the remarkable story of his discovery of prions—infectious proteins that replicate and cause disease but surprisingly contain no genetic material—and reveals how superb and meticulous science is actually practiced with talented teams of researchers who persevere.\*

***Monopolists (The): Obsession, Fury, and the Scandal Behind the World's Favorite Board Game*** (Mary Pilon, 2015) *The Monopolists* reveals the unknown story of how Monopoly came into existence, the reinvention of its history by Parker Brothers and multiple media outlets, the lost female originator of the game, and one man's lifelong obsession to tell the true story about the game's questionable origins.\*

***Moonless, Starless Sky (A): Ordinary Women and Men Fighting Extremism in Africa*** (Alexis Okeowo, 2017) Okeowo weaves together four narratives that form a powerful tapestry of modern Africa: a young couple, kidnap victims of Joseph Kony's LRA; a Mauritanian waging a lonely campaign against modern-day slavery; a women's basketball team flourishing amid war-torn Somalia; and a vigilante who takes up arms against the extremist group Boko Haram.\*

***Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*** (Edith Hamilton, 1942) *Mythology* succeeds like no other book in bringing to life for the modern reader the Greek, Roman, and Norse myths and legends that are the keystone of Western culture—the stories of gods and heroes that have inspired human creativity from antiquity to the present.\*

***One Child: The Story of China's Most Radical Experiment*** (Mei Fong, 2016) An intimate investigation of the world's largest experiment in social engineering, revealing how its effects will shape China for decades to come, and what that means for the rest of the world.\*



***Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship*** (Robert Kurson, 2015) Finding and identifying a pirate ship is the hardest thing to do under the sea. But two men—John Chatterton and John Mattered—are willing to risk everything to find the Golden Fleece, the ship of the infamous pirate Joseph Bannister.\*

***Profiles in Courage*** (John F. Kennedy, 1956) The inspiring true accounts of eight unsung heroic acts by American patriots at different junctures in our nation's history...\*

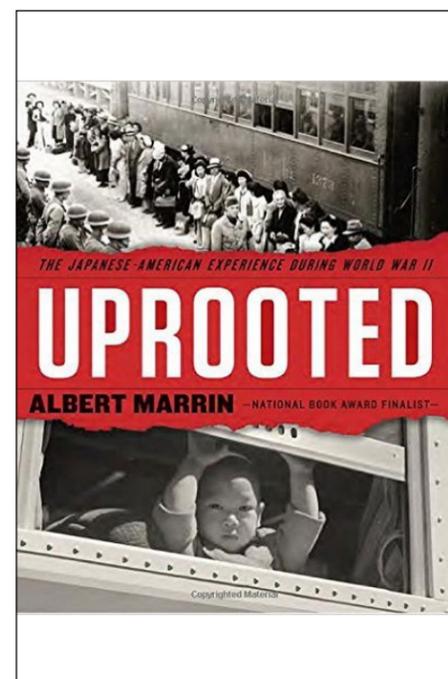
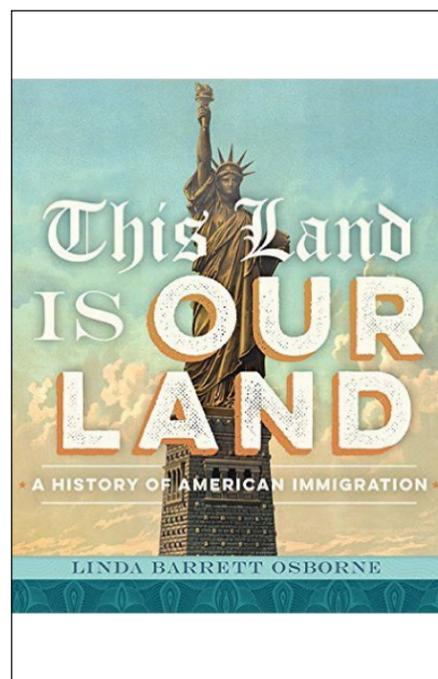
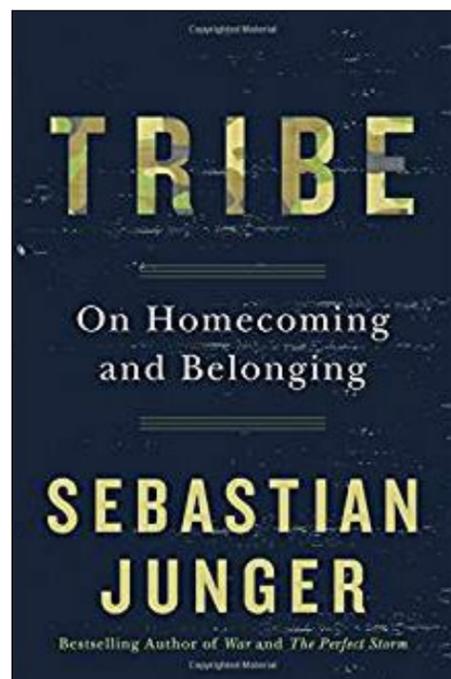
***Revenge of Analog (The): Real Things and Why They Matter*** (David Sax, 2016) Sax's work reveals a deep truth about how humans shop, interact, and even think. Blending psychology and observant wit with first-rate reportage, Sax shows the limited appeal of the purely digital life—and the robust future of the real world outside it.\*

***Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune*** (Pamela S. Turner, 2016) Minamoto Yoshitsune should not have been a samurai. But his story is legend in this real-life saga. This epic warrior tale reads like a novel, but this is the true story of the greatest samurai in Japanese history.\*

**Shoot Like a Girl: One Woman's Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Home Front** (Mary Jennings Hager, 2017) After being commissioned into the U.S. Air Force, MJ Hegar was selected for pilot training by the Air National Guard, finished at the top of her class, then served three tours in Afghanistan, flying combat search-and-rescue missions, culminating in a harrowing rescue attempt that would earn MJ the Purple Heart as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device. But it was on American soil that Hegar would embark on her greatest challenge—to eliminate the military's Ground Combat Exclusion Policy, which kept female armed service members from officially serving in combat roles despite their long-standing record of doing so with honor.\*

**Soul of an Octopus (The): A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness** (Sy Montgomery, 2015) Sy Montgomery explores the emotional and physical world of the octopus—a surprisingly complex, intelligent, and spirited creature—and the remarkable connections it makes with humans.\*

**Stones of Contention: A History of Africa's Diamonds** (Todd Cleveland, 2014) Africa supplies the majority of the world's diamonds, yet consumers generally know little about the origins and history of these precious stones beyond sensationalized media accounts of so-called blood diamonds. *Stones of Contention* explores the major developments in the remarkable history of Africa's diamonds, from the first stirrings of international interest in the continent's mineral wealth in the first millennium A.D. to the present day.\*



**Story Sparks: Finding Your Best Story Ideas and Turning Them into Compelling Fiction** (Denise Jaden, 2017) Practical and inspiring, Jaden's approach celebrates the imaginative sparks that make innovations of all kinds possible while pinpointing the precise tools writers need to fan their unique creative flames.\*

**This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration** (Linda Barrett Osborne, 2016) This book explores the way government policy and popular responses to immigrant groups evolved throughout U.S. history, particularly between 1800 and 1965.\*

**Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War that Changed American History** (Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger, 2015) This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America's third president decided to stand up to intimidation.\*

**Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging** (Sebastian Junger, 2016) Tribal society has been exerting an almost gravitational pull on Westerners for hundreds of years, and the reason lies deep in our evolutionary past as a communal species. Combining history, psychology, and anthropology, *Tribe* explores what we can learn from tribal societies about loyalty, belonging, and the eternal human quest for meaning.\*

**Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience during World War II** (Albert Marrin, 2016) Just seventy-five years ago, the American government did something that most would consider unthinkable today: it rounded up over 100,000 of its own citizens based on nothing more than their ancestry and, suspicious of their loyalty, kept them in concentration camps for the better part of four years. How could this have happened?\*

**Way Things Work Now (The)** (David McCauley, 2016) Famously packed with information on the inner workings of everything from windmills to Wi-Fi, this extraordinary and humorous book both guides readers through the fundamental principles of machines, and shows how the developments of the past are building the world of tomorrow.\*

**We Should Hang Out Sometime: Embarrassingly, a True Story** (Josh Sundquist, 2014) Josh Sundquist only ever had one girlfriend. For twenty-three hours. In eighth grade. Why was Josh still single? To find out, he tracked down the girls he had tried to date and asked them straight up: What went wrong?\*

***When Hitler Took Cocaine and Lenin Lost His Brain: History's Unknown Chapters*** (Giles Milton, 2016) Covering everything from adventure, war, murder and slavery to espionage, including the stories of the female Robinson Crusoe, Hitler's final hours, Japan's deadly balloon bomb and the emperor of the United States, these tales deserve to be told.\*

***Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History*** (Sam Maggs, 2016) In *Wonder Women*, author Sam Maggs tells the stories of the brilliant, brainy, and totally rad women in history who broke barriers as scientists, engineers, mathematicians, adventurers, and inventors.\*

### Biographies/Memoirs:

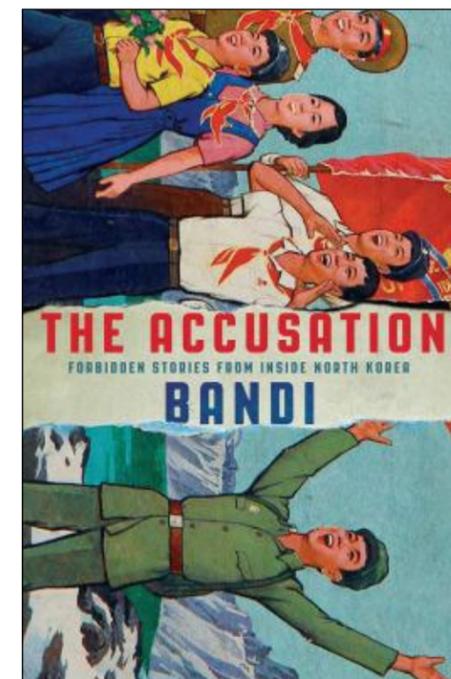
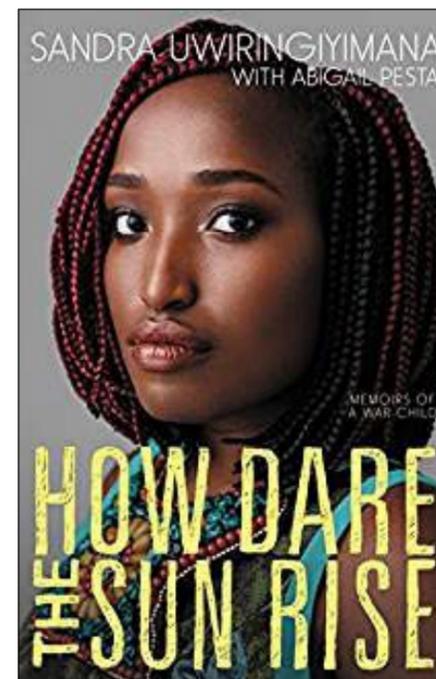
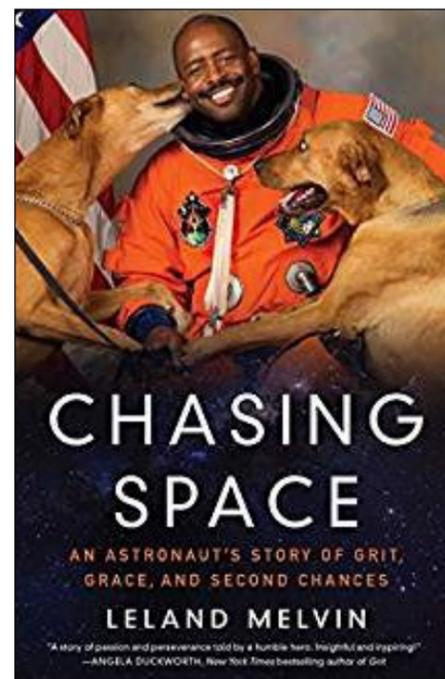
***Born a Crime: Stories from an African Childhood*** (Trevor Noah, 2016) Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.\*

***Chasing Space: An Astronaut's Story of Grit, Grace, and Second Chances*** (Leland Melvin, 2017) As a chemist, athlete, engineer and space traveler, Leland's life story is a study in the science of achievement. His personal insights illuminate how grit and grace, are the keys to overcoming adversity and rising to success.\*

***How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of War Child*** (Sandra Uwiringiyimana, 2017) This profoundly moving memoir is the remarkable and inspiring true story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.\*

***Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*** (Misty Copeland, 2014) Misty Copeland makes history, telling the story of her journey to become the first African-American principal ballerina at the prestigious American Ballet Theatre. But when she first placed her hands on the barre at an after-school community center, no one expected the undersized, underprivileged, and anxious thirteen-year-old to become one of America's most groundbreaking dancers.\*

***This Boy's Life: A Memoir*** (Tobias Wolff, 1989) In and out of trouble in his youth, this charter member of the "Bad Boy's Club" survives a boyhood that stretches from Florida to the Pacific Northwest.\*



## Summer Reading for Eleventh/Twelfth Graders

### Fiction:

***Accusation (The): Forbidden Stories from Inside North Korea*** (Bandi, 2017) *The Accusation* is a deeply moving and eye-opening work of fiction that paints a powerful portrait of life under the North Korean regime. Set during the period of Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il's leadership, the seven stories that make up *The Accusation* give voice to people living under this most bizarre and horrifying of dictatorships.\*

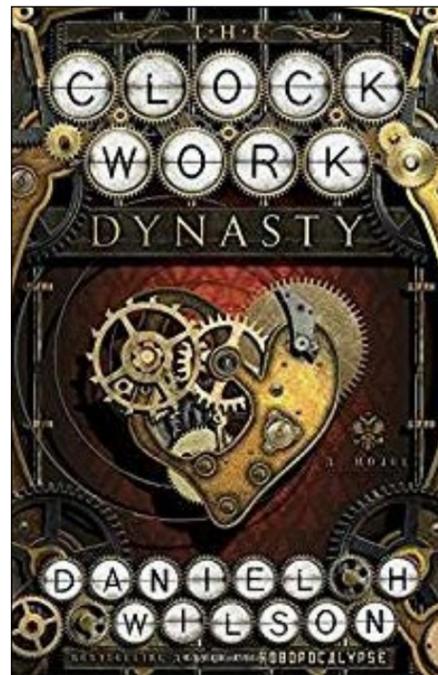
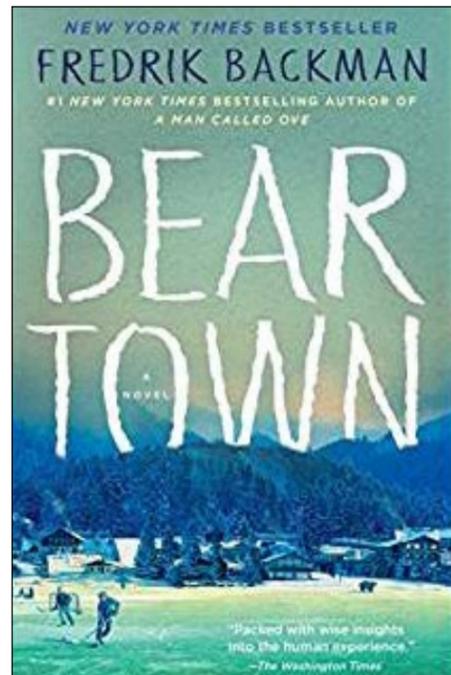
***All Involved: A Novel*** (Ryan Gattis, 2015) At 3:15 p.m. on April 29, 1992, a jury acquitted three white Los Angeles Police Department officers charged with using excessive force to subdue a black man named Rodney King, and failed to reach a verdict on the same charges involving a fourth officer. Less than two hours later, the city exploded in violence that lasted six days.... A gritty and cinematic work of fiction, *All Involved* vividly re-creates this turbulent and terrifying time, set in a sliver of Los Angeles largely ignored by the media during the riots.\*

**Beartown** (Fredrik Backman, 2017) People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today.\*

**Bite** (K.S. Merbeth, 2016) Hungry, thirsty and alone in a desert wasteland, she's picked up on the side of the road by Wolf, Dolly, Tank and Pretty Boy—outlaws with big reputations and even bigger guns.\*

**Borne** (Jeff VanderMeer, 2017) In *Borne*, a young woman named Rachel survives as a scavenger in a ruined city half destroyed by drought and conflict. The city is dangerous, littered with discarded experiments from the Company—a biotech firm now derelict—and punished by the unpredictable predations of a giant bear.\*

**Clockwork Dynasty (The)** (Daniel Wilson, 2017) When June Stefanov, a young anthropologist specializing in ancient technology, uncovers a terrible secret concealed in the workings of a three-hundred-year-old mechanical doll, she finds herself in the middle of a hidden war that has raged for centuries.\*



**Cutting for Stone** (Abraham Verghese, 2009) Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

**Detective/Crime/Mystery Writers:** Try any book by the following mystery writers: **Nevada Barr** (featuring National Park Ranger Amanda Pigeon; novels are set in various U.S. National Parks); **C. J. Box** (featuring Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett); **Agatha Christie** (featuring detective Hercule Poirot); **Janet Evanovich** (featuring bail bondswoman Stephanie Plum in an outrageously funny series set in the "Burg" in New Jersey); **Dick Francis** (featuring a variety of sleuths and locations); **Sue Grafton** (featuring female sleuth Kinsey Millhone); **Charlaine Harris** (featuring a variety of sleuths and locations, including the Midnight, Texas series); **Lisa Lutz** (featuring P.I. Izzy Spellman who works in her family's detective agency in this humorous series); **Thomas Perry** (featuring Native American Jane Whitefield, a guide who helps people disappear); **Dana Stabenow** (set in Alaska, featuring native Alaskan ex-DA investigator Kate Shugat); **Will Thomas** (featuring "enquiry agent" Cyrus Barker and his young assistant Thomas Llewelyn in Victorian England); **Jacqueline Winspear** (featuring Maisie Dobbs, a psychologist and investigator" in post-First World War London.

**Dodgers: A Novel** (Bill Beverly, 2016) It is the story of a young LA gang member named East, who is sent by his uncle along with some other teenage boys—including East's hothead younger brother—to kill a key witness hiding out in Wisconsin. The journey takes East out of a city he's never left and into an America that is entirely alien to him, ultimately forcing him to grapple with his place in the world and decide what kind of man he wants to become.\*

**Exit West** (Mohsin Hamid, 2017) When Nadia and Saeed fall in love in a distant unnamed city, they are just like any other young couple. But soon bullets begin to fly, fighter jets streak the sky, and curfews fall. As the spell of violence spreads, they flee their country, leaving behind their loved ones.\*

**Fire Sermon (The)** (Francesca Haig, 2014) Four hundred years in the future, the Earth has turned primitive following a nuclear fire that has laid waste to civilization and nature. Though the radiation fallout has ended, for some unknowable reason every person is born with a twin. Of each pair, one is an Alpha—physically perfect in every way; and the other an Omega—burdened with deformity, small or large.\* Book one in a new series.

**First Time She Drowned (The)** (Kerry Kletter, 2016) Cassie O'Malley has spent the past two and a half years in a mental institution—dumped there by her mother, against her will. Now, at 18, Cassie emancipates herself, determined to start over.\*

**Flannery** (Lisa Moore, 2016) Sixteen-year-old Flannery Malone has it bad. She's been in love with Tyrone O'Rourke since the days she still believed in Santa Claus. But Tyrone has grown from a dorky kid into an outlaw graffiti artist, the rebel-with-a-cause of Flannery's dreams, literally too cool for school.\*

**Girl in Pieces** (Kathleen Glasgow, 2016) Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people do in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget.\*

**Go Tell It on the Mountain** (James Baldwin, 1953) Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935.\*

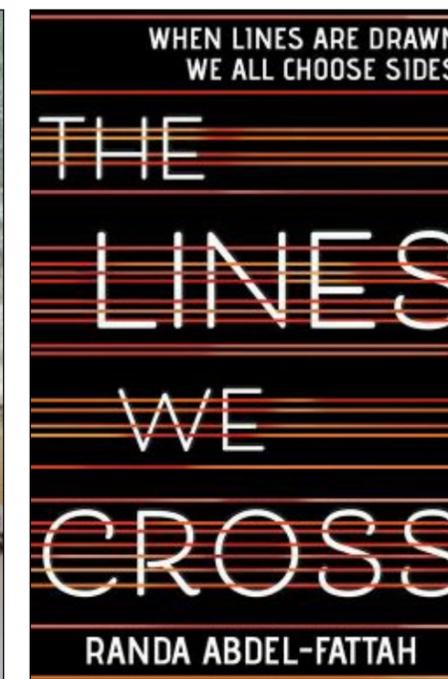
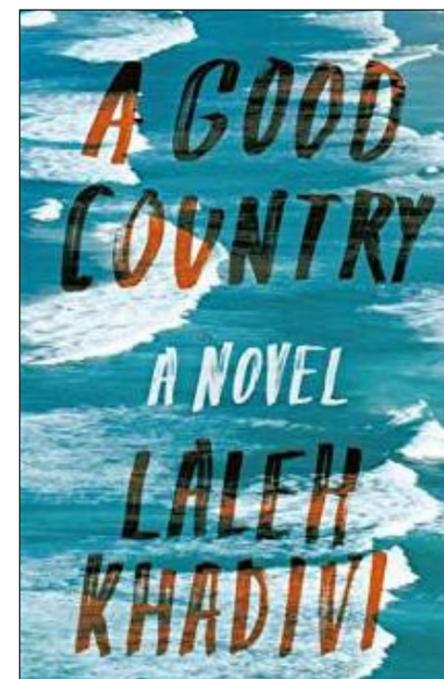
**Good Country (A)** (Laleh Khadivi, 2017) A timely novel about the radicalization of a Muslim teen in California—about where identity truly lies, and how we find it.\*

**Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko (The): A Novel** (Scott Stambach, 2016) Seventeen-year-old Ivan Isaenko is a life-long resident of the Mazyr Hospital for Gravely Ill Children in Belarus. For the most part, every day is exactly the same for Ivan, which is why he turns everything into a game, manipulating people and events around him for his own amusement. Until Polina arrives.\*

**Kid Moses: A Novel** (Mark Thornton, 2015) Moses longs for something outside the grim existence he has known. He and his friend Kioso hitch a ride out of the city [Dar es Salaam, Tanzania] on the back of a truck only to find themselves in the wilderness where their street wisdom no longer helps them.\*

**King's Cage** (Victoria Aveyard, 2017) When the Lightning Girl's spark is gone, who will light the way for the rebellion? (from book cover) This is the final installment in the *Red Queen* trilogy: *Red Queen* (2015) and *Glass Sword* (2016).

**Kite Runner (The)** (Khaled Hosseini, 2003) An epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, that takes us from Afghanistan in the final days of the monarchy to the atrocities of the present.\*



**Last True Love Story** (Brendan Kiely, 2016) Hendrix and Corrina bust Hendrix's grandfather out of assisted living, and leave LA for New York in pursuit of freedom, truth, and love. (Provided by publisher)

**Le Morte D'Arthur: King Arthur and the Legends of the Round Table** (Sir Thomas Malory, 1485) From the incredible wizardry of Merlin to the passion of Sir Lancelot, these tales of Arthur and his knights offer epic adventures with the supernatural as well as timeless battles with our own humanity.\*

**Lilac Girls** (Martha Hall Kelly, 2017) New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon.... Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement.... For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life.... The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women.\*

**Lines We Cross (The)** (Randa Abdel-Fattah, 2017) Michael likes to hang out with his friends and play with the latest graphic design software. His parents drag him to rallies held by their anti-immigrant group, which rails against the tide of refugees flooding the country. And it all makes sense to Michael. Until Mina, a beautiful girl from the other side of the protest lines, shows up at his school, and turns out to be funny, smart—and a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan.\*

**Little Fires Everywhere** (Celeste Ng, 2017) A riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.\*

**Memory Book (The)** (Lara Avery, 2016) Sammie McCoy is a girl with a plan: graduate at the top of her class and get out of her small town as soon as possible. Nothing will stand in her way—not even the rare genetic disorder the doctors say will slowly steal her memories and then her health.\*

**News of the World** (Paulette Jiles, 2016) It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio.\*

**Nightingale (The)** (Kristin Hannah, 2015) In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do....\*

**Orphan Train** (Christina Baker Kline, 2015) Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse.... As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions

and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.\*

**Parrotfish** (Ellen Wittlinger, 2007) Angela Katz-McNair has never felt quite right as a girl. Her whole life is leading up to the day she decides to become Grady, a guy. While coming out as transgendered feels right to Grady, he isn't prepared for the reaction he gets from everyone else.\*

**Portrait of a Lady (The)** (Henry James, 1881) *Portrait of a Lady* is at once a dramatic Victorian tale of betrayal and a wholly modern psychological study of a woman caught in a web of relations she only comes to understand too late.\*

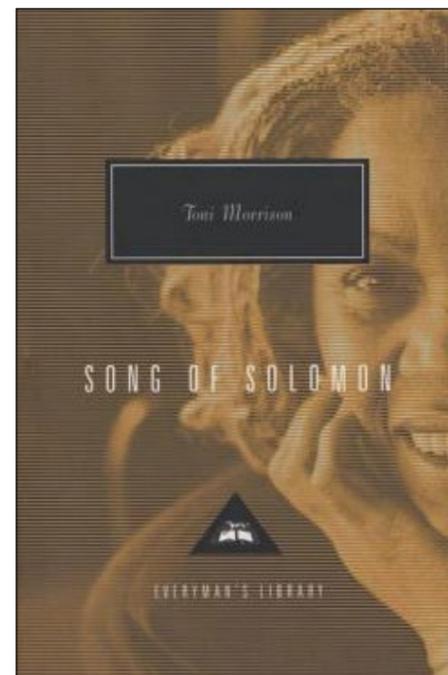
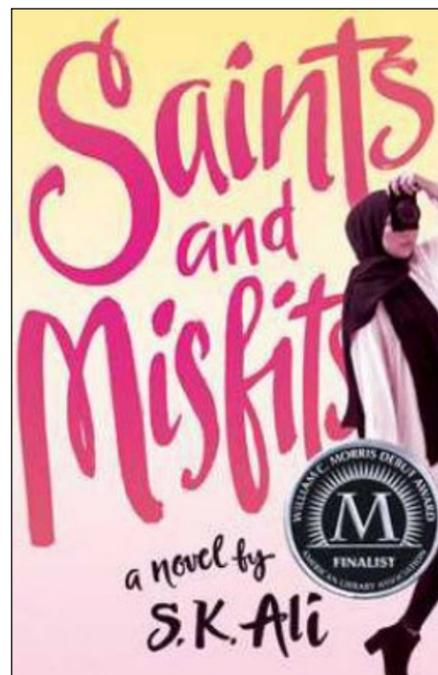
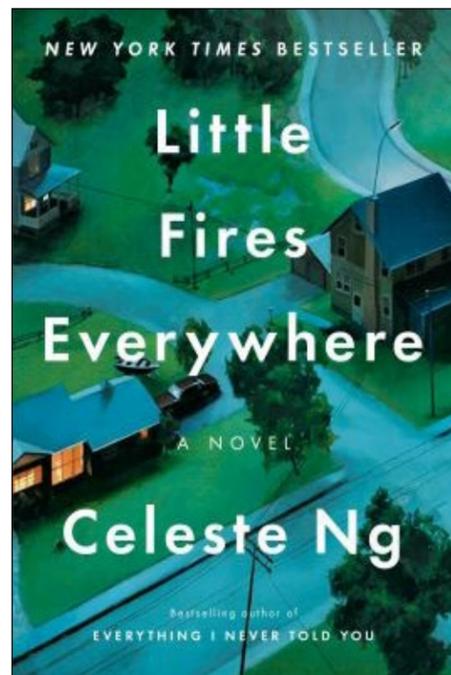
**Saints and Misfits** (S. K. Ali, 2017) A nuanced story about a young [Muslim] woman exploring her identity through friendship, family, and faith.\*

**Salt to the Sea** (Ruta Sepetys, 2015) World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the *Wilhelm Gustloff*. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety.\*

**Sirens of Titan (The)** (Kurt Vonnegut, 1959) The richest, most depraved man on Earth, Malachi Constant, is offered a chance to take a space journey to distant worlds with a beautiful woman at his side. Of course there's a catch to the invitation—and a prophetic vision about the purpose of human life that only Vonnegut has the courage to tell.\*

**Song of Solomon** (Toni Morrison, 1977) Milkman Dead was born shortly after a neighborhood eccentric hurled himself off a rooftop in a vain attempt at flight. For the rest of his life he, too, will be trying to fly.\*

**Sun is Also a Star (The)** (Nicola Yoon, 2016) Over the course of a single day in New York City, two teenagers who have nothing in common randomly meet and fall in love.\*



**Swan Riders (The)** (Erin Bow, 2016) Greta Stuart has become AI. New transmitters have silvered her fingerprints. New receptors have transformed her vision. And the whole of her memory has become one book in a vast library of instant knowledge. Greta is ready to rule the world. But the new technology is also killing her.\* Book two in the *Prisoners of Peace* series following *The Scorpion Rules* (2015).

**Things We Have in Common** (Tasha Kavanagh, 2017) Fifteen-year-old Yasmin Doner is a social misfit—obese, obsessive and deemed a freak by her peers at school. With her father dead and her mother in a new relationship, Yasmin yearns for a sense of belonging, finding comfort only in food and the fantasy of being close to Alice Taylor, a girl at school. Yasmin will do anything to become friends with pretty and popular Alice—even if Alice, like everyone else, thinks she's a freak.\*

**Unkindness of Magicians (An)** (Kat Howard, 2017) In New York City, magic controls everything. But the power of magic is fading. No one knows what is happening, except for Sydney—a new, rare magician with incredible power that has been unmatched in decades, and she may be the only person who is able to stop the darkness that is weakening the magic. But Sydney doesn't want to help the system, she wants to destroy it.\*

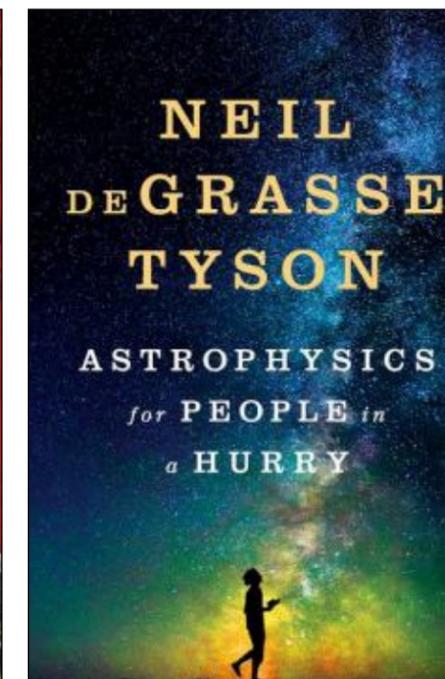
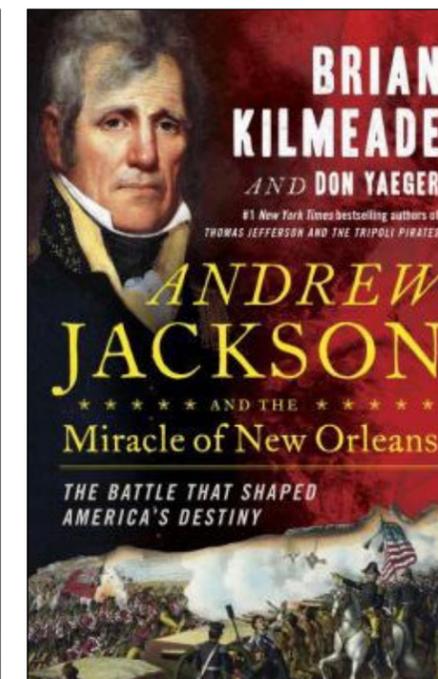
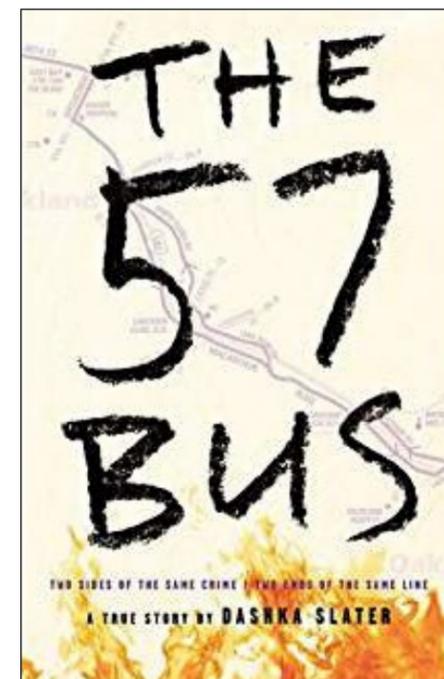
**Wonder (The)** (Emma Donoghue, 2016) An English nurse brought to a small Irish village to observe what appears to be a miracle—a girl said to have survived without food for months—soon finds herself fighting to save the child's life.\*

**Yellow Raft in Blue Water (A): A Novel** (Michael Dorris, 1987) A fierce saga of three generations of Indian women beset by hardship and torn by angry secrets, yet bound together by kinship, set in the Pacific Northwest and on a Montana Indian reservation.\*

## Non-fiction:

**57 Bus (The): A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives** (Dashka Slater, 2017) One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever.\*

**81 Days below Zero: The Incredible Survival Story of a World War II Pilot in Alaska's Frozen Wilderness** (Brian Murphy, 2015) Shortly before Christmas in 1943, five Army aviators left Alaska's Ladd Field on a routine flight to test their hastily retrofitted B-24 Liberator in harsh winter conditions. The



mission ended in a crash that claimed all but one—Leon Crane, a city kid from Philadelphia with no wilderness experience. With little more than a parachute for cover and an old Boy Scout knife in his pocket, Crane now found himself alone in subzero temperatures.\*

**American Miracle (The): Divine Providence in the Rise of the Republic** (Michael Medved, 2016) The history of the United States displays an uncanny pattern: At moments of crisis, when the odds against success seem overwhelming and disaster looks imminent, fate intervenes to provide deliverance and progress. Historians may categorize these incidents as happy accidents, callous crimes, or the product of brilliant leadership, but the most notable leaders of the past four hundred years have identified this good fortune as something else—a reflection of divine providence.\*

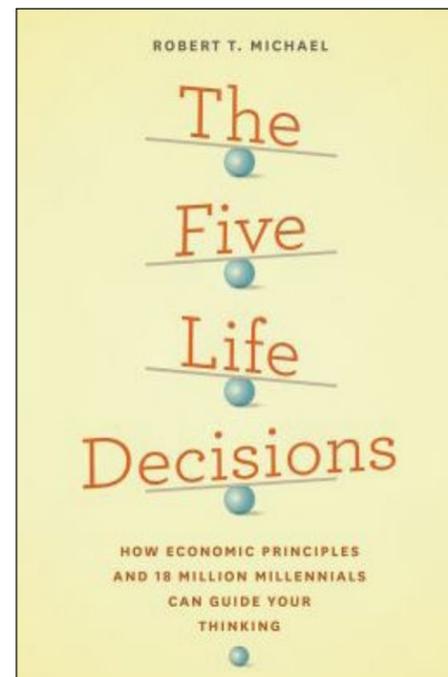
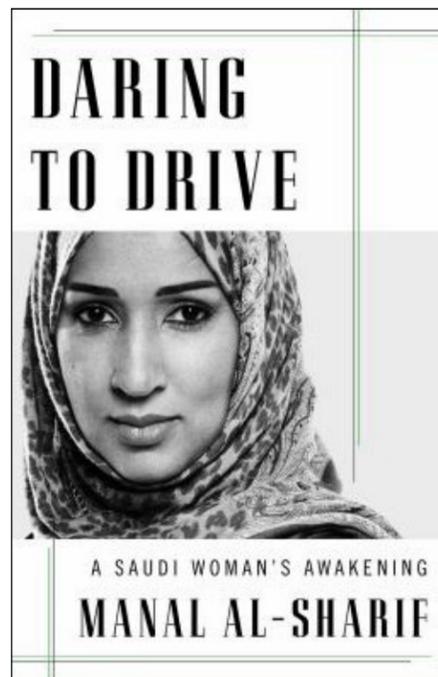
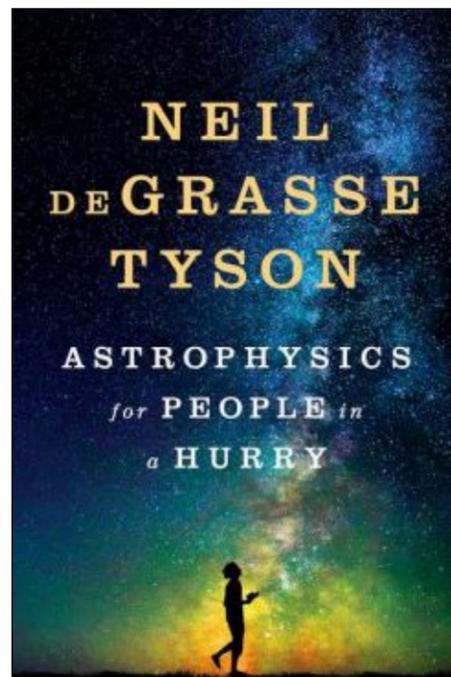
**Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans: The Battle That Shaped America's Destiny** (Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger, 2017) The War of 1812 saw America threatened on every side.... Into this dire situation stepped Major General Andrew Jackson. A native of Tennessee who had witnessed the horrors of the Revolutionary War and Indian attacks, he was glad America had finally decided to confront repeated British aggression. But he feared that President Madison's men were overlooking the most important target of all: New Orleans.\*

***Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?*** (Frans de Waal, 2016) What separates your mind from an animal's? Maybe you think it's your ability to design tools, your sense of self, or your grasp of past and future—all traits that have helped us define ourselves as the planet's preeminent species. But in recent decades, these claims have eroded, or even been disproven outright, by a revolution in the study of animal cognition.\*

***Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*** (Neil deGrasse Tyson, 2017) What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? Today, few of us have time to contemplate the cosmos. So Tyson brings the universe down to Earth succinctly and clearly, with sparkling wit, in tasty chapters consumable anytime and anywhere in your busy day.\*

***Bolshoi Confidential: Secrets of the Russian Ballet from the Rule of the Tsars to Today*** (Simon Morrison, 2016) An enthralling, definitive new history of the Bolshoi Ballet, where visionary performances onstage compete with political machinations backstage.

***Daring to Drive: A Saudi Women's Awakening*** (Manal Al-Sharif, 2017) Memoir by a devout woman from a modest family in Saudi Arabia who became the unexpected leader of a courageous movement to support women's right to drive.\*



***Dorito Effect (The): The Surprising New Truth about Food and Flavor*** (Mark Schatzker, 2015) In *The Dorito Effect*, Mark Schatzker shows us how our approach to the nation's number one public health crisis has gotten it wrong. The epidemics of obesity, heart disease, and diabetes are not tied to the overabundance of fat or carbs or any other specific nutrient. Instead, we have been led astray by the growing divide between flavor—the tastes we crave—and the underlying nutrition.\*

***Dragon behind the Glass (The): A True Story of Power, Obsession, and the World's Most Coveted Fish*** (Emily Voight, 2017) *The Dragon behind the Glass* tells the story of a fish like none other. Treasured as a status symbol believed to bring good luck, the Asian arowana, or "dragon fish," is a dramatic example of a modern paradox: the mass-produced endangered species.\*

***End of Plenty (The): The Race to Feed a Crowded World*** (Joel K. Bourne, Jr., 2015) With a skyrocketing world population and tightening global grain supplies spurring riots and revolutions, humanity must produce as much food in the next four decades as it has since the beginning of civilization to avoid a Malthusian catastrophe.\*

***Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*** (Matthew Desmond, 2016) Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today.\*

***Federalist Papers (The)*** (Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, 1788). An authoritative analysis of the Constitution of the United States and an enduring classic of political philosophy.\*

***First Bite: How We Learn to Eat*** (Bee Wilson, 2016) Award-winning food writer Bee Wilson draws on the latest research from food psychologists and neuroscientists to reveal that our food habits are shaped by a host of factors: family and culture, memory and gender, hunger and love.\*

***Five Life Decisions (The): How Economic Principles and 18 Million Millennials Can Guide Your Thinking*** (Robert T. Michael, 2017) Choices matter. And in your teens and twenties, some of the biggest life decisions come about when you feel the least prepared to tackle them. Economist Robert T. Michael won't tell you what to choose. Instead, he'll show you how to make smarter choices. Michael focuses on five critical decisions we all face about college, career, partners, health, and parenting.\*

**Furry Logic: The Physics of Animal Life** (Matin Durrani and Liz Kalaugher, 2016) The principles of physics lie behind many of the ways animals go about their daily lives.... Each of *Furry Logic's* six chapters tackles a separate branch of physics and, through more than 30 animal case studies, examines each creature's key features before describing the ways physics is at play in its life, how the connection between physics and animal behavior was discovered, and what remains to be found out.\*

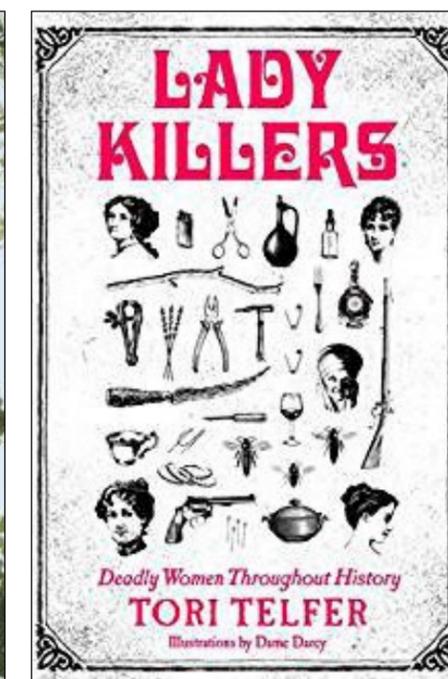
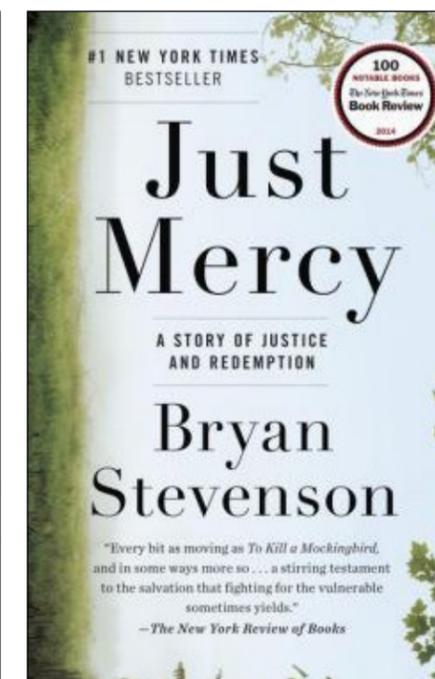
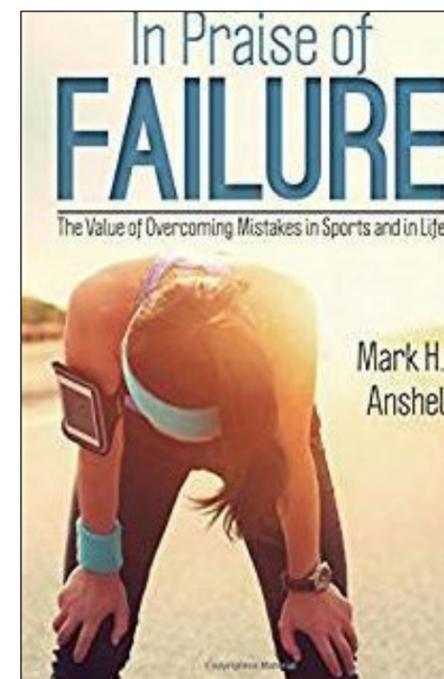
**Gay Revolution (The): The Story of the Struggle** (Lillian Faderman, 2015) The sweeping story of the modern struggle for gay, lesbian, and trans rights—from the 1950s to the present—based on amazing interviews with politicians, military figures, legal activists, and members of the entire LGBT community who face these challenges every day.\*

**Glass Universe (The): How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars** (Dava Sobel, 2016) In the mid-nineteenth century, the Harvard College Observatory began employing women as calculators, or “human computers,” to interpret the observations their male counterparts made via telescope each night. At the outset this group included the wives, sisters, and daughters of the resident astronomers, but soon the female corps included graduates of the new women’s colleges—Vassar, Wellesley, and Smith.\*

**Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War** (Mary Roach, 2016) In her latest book, *Grunt*, she explores how our soldiers combat their non-gun-wielding opponents—panic, heat exhaustion, the runs, and more. It will give you a new appreciation not only for our men and women in uniform (and by the way, one of the innumerable things you’ll learn is how and why they choose the fabric for those uniforms), but for the unsung scientist-soldiers tasked with coming up with ways to keep the “grunts” alive and well.\*

**In Praise of Failure: The Value of Overcoming Mistakes in Sports and in Life** (Mark H. Anshel, 2016) Many of our greatest athletes, scientists, and entertainers failed repeatedly throughout their careers, yet they refused to allow past mistakes stop them from striving for future success. Instead, they turned those so-called failures into opportunities to learn, improve, and eventually earn the achievements they are celebrated for today. Why, then, is failure considered negative in our society? Perhaps failure is not, in fact, something to be avoided, but something to be encouraged.\*

**In the Company of Women: Inspiration and Advice from over 100 Makers, Artists, and Entrepreneurs** (Grace Bonney, 2016) Across the globe, women are embracing the entrepreneurial spirit and starting creative businesses. *In the Company of Women* profiles over 100 of these influential and creative women from all ages, races, backgrounds, and industries.\*



**Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption** (Bryan Stevenson, 2014) *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer’s coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.\*

**Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** (David Grann, 2017) In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, they rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off.\*

**Killing England: The Brutal Struggle for American Independence** (Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard, 2017) Told through the eyes of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Great Britain’s King George III, *Killing England* chronicles the path to independence in gripping detail, taking the reader from the battlefields of America to the royal courts of Europe.\*

**Lady Killers: Deadly Women throughout History** (Tori Telfer, 2017) This thrilling and entertaining compendium investigates female serial killers and their crimes through the ages.\*

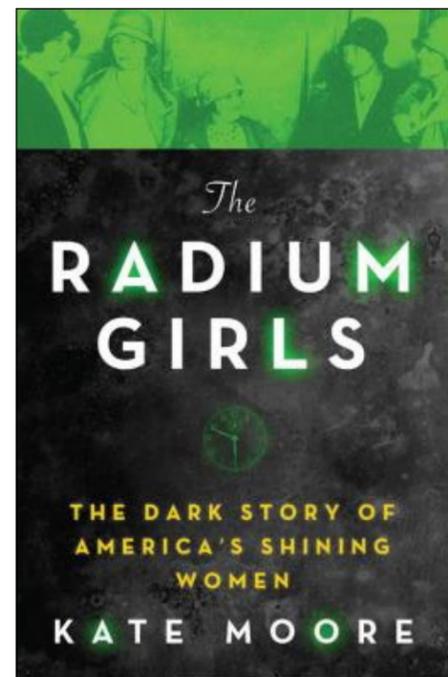
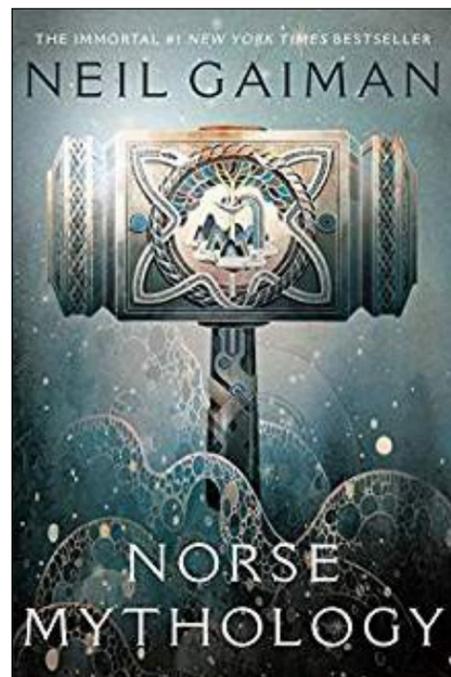
***Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War*** (Karen Abbott, 2014) Karen Abbott illuminates one of the most fascinating yet little known aspects of the Civil War: the stories of four courageous women—a socialite, a farm girl, an abolitionist, and a widow—who were spies.\*

***Lost City of the Monkey God (The): A True Story*** (Douglas Preston, 2017) A five-hundred-year-old legend. An ancient curse. A stunning medical mystery. And a pioneering journey into the unknown heart of the world's densest jungle.\*

***Nicomachean Ethics*** (Aristotle, 3XX B.C.) In the *Nicomachean Ethics*...Aristotle's guiding question is what is the best thing for a human being? His answer is happiness. "Happiness," he wrote, "is the best, noblest, and most pleasant thing in the world." But he means not something we feel, not an emotion, but rather an especially good kind of life.\*

***Norse Mythology*** (Neil Gaiman, 2017) Neil Gaiman, long inspired by ancient mythology in creating the fantastical realms of his fiction, presents a bravura rendition of the Norse gods and their world from their origin through their upheaval in Ragnarok.\*

***On Liberty*** (John Stuart Mill, 1859) Mill asks and answers provocative questions relating to the boundaries of social authority and individual sovereignty.\*



***On Trails: An Exploration*** (Robert Moor, 2016) In 2009, while thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail, Robert Moor began to wonder about the paths that lie beneath our feet: *How do they form? Why do some improve over time while others fade? What makes us follow or strike off on our own?* Over the course of the next seven years, Moor traveled the globe, exploring trails of all kinds, from the miniscule to the massive.\*

***One Breath: Freediving, Death, and the Quest to Shatter Human Limits*** (Adam Skolnick, 2016) Competitive freediving—a sport built on diving as deep as possible on a single breath—tests the limits of human ability in the most hostile environment on earth.\*

***Plotted: A Literary Atlas*** (Andrew DeGraff and Daniel Harmon, 2015) This incredibly wide-ranging collection of maps—all inspired by literary classics—offers readers a new way of looking at their favorite fictional worlds.\*

***Powerful Moments in Sports: The Most Significant Sporting Events in American History*** (Martin Gitlin, 2017) This book looks at how a particular event revolutionized a sport, how a contest of speed inspired a nation, or even how a humble victory affected the world.\*

***Radium Girls (The): The Dark Story of America's Shining Women*** (Kate Moore, 2017) *The Radium Girls* fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives....\*

***SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*** (Mary Beard, 2015) Ancient Rome was an imposing city even by modern standards, a sprawling imperial metropolis of more than a million inhabitants, a "mixture of luxury and filth, liberty and exploitation, civic pride and murderous civil war" that served as the seat of power for an empire that spanned from Spain to Syria. Yet how did all this emerge from what was once an insignificant village in central Italy?\*

***Time Travel: A History*** (James Gleick, 2016) Here is a mind-bending exploration of time travel: its subversive origins, its evolution in literature and science, and its influence on our understanding of time itself.\*

***Uproot: Travels in 21st-Century Music and Digital Culture*** (Jace Clayton, 2016) Just as the music world made its fitful, uncertain transition from analog to digital, Clayton found himself on the front lines of creative upheavals of art production in the twenty-first century globalized world. *Uproot* is a guided tour of this newly-opened cultural space.\*

***Wonderland: How Play Made the Modern World*** (Steven Johnson, 2016) This lushly illustrated history of popular entertainment takes a long-zoom approach, contending that the pursuit of novelty and wonder is a powerful driver of world-shaping technological change. Steven Johnson argues that, throughout history, the cutting edge of innovation lies wherever people are working the hardest to keep themselves and others amused.\*

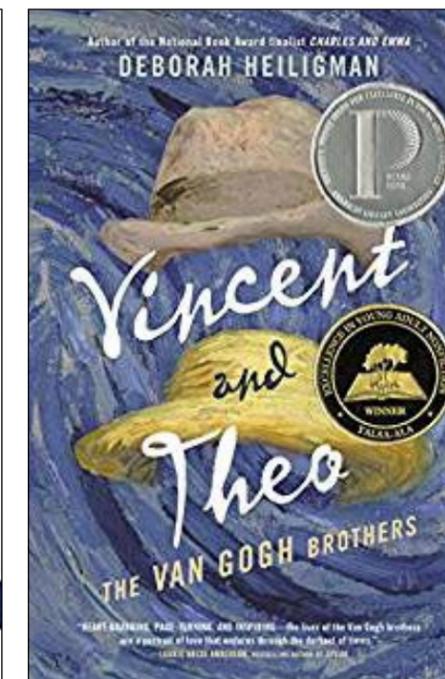
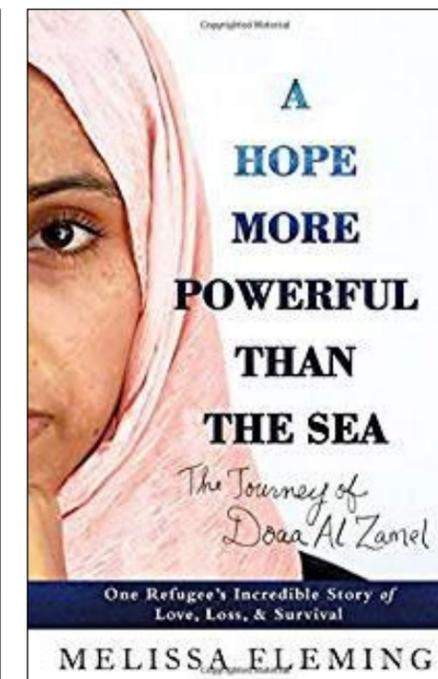
***World without Mind: The Existential Threat of Big Tech*** (Franklin Foer, 2017) Over the past few decades there has been a revolution in terms of who controls knowledge and information. This rapid change has imperiled the way we think. Without pausing to consider the cost, the world has rushed to embrace the products and services of four titanic corporations.\*

## Biographies/Memoirs:

***George Lucas: A Life*** (Brian Jay Jones, 2016) A long-awaited, revelatory look into the life and times of the man who created Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Indiana Jones.\*

***Hope More Powerful Than the Sea (A): One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss and Survival*** (Melissa Fleming, 2017) Adrift in a frigid sea, no land in sight, just debris from the ship's wreckage and floating corpses all around, nineteen-year-old Doaa Al Zamel stays afloat on a small inflatable ring and clutches two little girls—barely toddlers—to her body. The children had been thrust into Doaa's arms by their drowning relatives, all refugees who boarded a dangerously overcrowded ship bound for Italy and a new life. For days as Doaa drifts, she prays for rescue and sings to the babies in her arms. She must stay alive for them. She must not lose hope.\*

***Jack London: A Writer's Fight for a Better America*** (Cecelia Tichi, 2016) A onetime child laborer, London led a life of poverty in the Gilded Age before rising to worldwide acclaim for stories, novels, and essays designed to hasten the social, economic, and political advance of America. In this major



reinterpretation of London's career, Tichi examines how the beloved writer leveraged his written words as a force for the future.\*

***Lab Girl*** (Hope Jahren, 2016) An illuminating debut memoir of a woman in science; a moving portrait of a longtime friendship; and a stunningly fresh look at plants that will forever change how you see the natural world.\*

***Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*** (Deborah Heiligman, 2017) The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend—Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life.\*

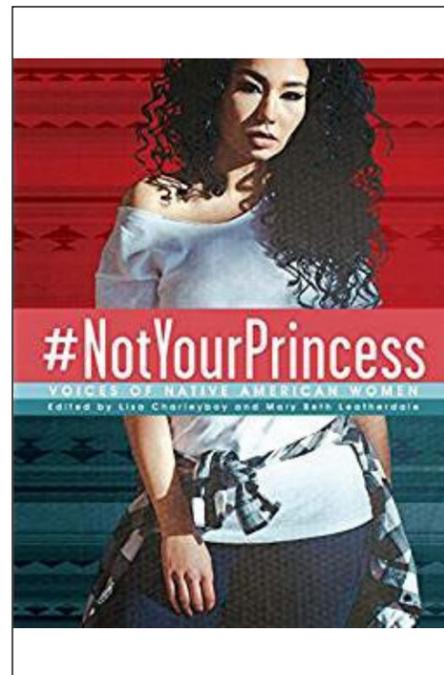
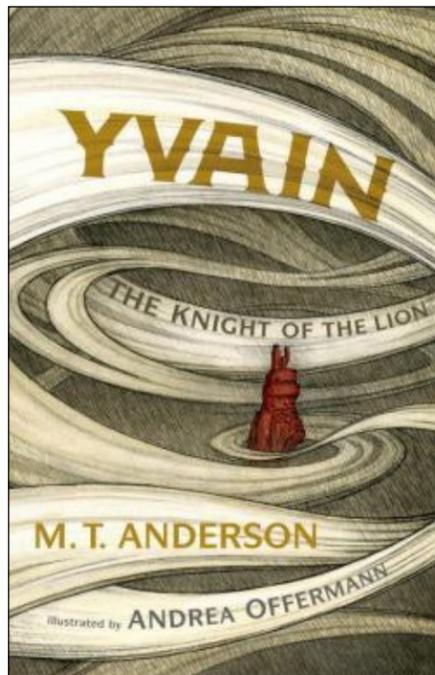
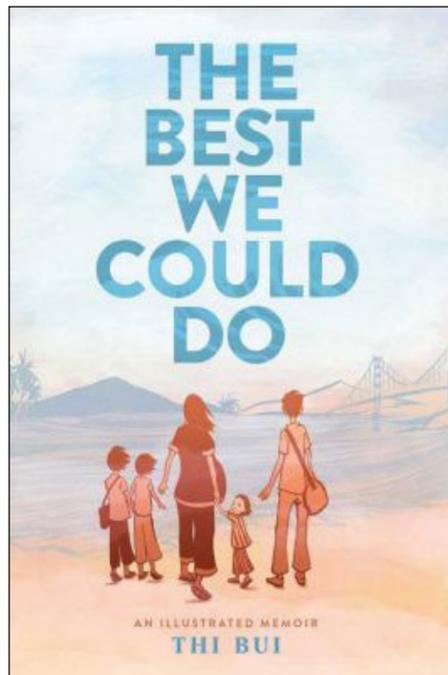
## Graphic Novels/Non-fiction

**Best We Could Do (The): An Illustrated Memoir** (Thi Bui, 2017) Bui documents the story of her family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s and the difficulties they faced building new lives for themselves.\*

**Cartoon Introduction to Philosophy (The)** (Michael F. Patton and Kevin Cannon, 2015) *The Cartoon Introduction to Philosophy* puts the fun back into the quest for fundamental truths, imparting a love of wisdom to anyone willing to grab a paddle and join the ride.\*

**Everything Is Teeth** (Evie Wyld, 2016) When she was a little girl, passing her summers in the heat of coastal Australia, Evie Wyld was captivated by sharks—by their innate ruthlessness, stealth, and immeasurable power—and they have never released their hold on her imagination.\*

**Sacred Heart** (Liz Surburbia, 2015) The children of U.S. small-town Alexandria are just trying to live like normal teens until their parents' promised return from a mysterious, four-year religious pilgrimage, and Ben Schiller is no exception.\*



**Yvain: The Knight of the Lion** (M.T. Anderson and Andrea Offermann, 2017) Eager for glory and heedless of others, Sir Yvain sets out from King Arthur's court and defeats a local lord in battle, unknowingly intertwining his future with the lives of two compelling women: Lady Laudine, the beautiful widow of the fallen lord, and her sly maid Lunette.

## Collections: Short Stories, Essays and more...

**#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women** (Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale [eds.], 2017) Whether looking back to a troubled past or welcoming a hopeful future, the powerful voices of Indigenous women across North America resound in this book...an eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that combine to express the experience of being a Native woman.\*

**Children of the New World: Stories** (Alexander Weinstein, 2016) *Children of the New World* introduces readers to a near-future world of social media implants, memory manufacturers, dangerously immersive virtual reality games, and alarmingly intuitive robots.\*

**Ghost Summer: Stories** (Tananarive Due, 2015) Fifteen horrors stories based on African American history and culture.

**Real Heroes: Inspiring True Stories of Courage, Character, and Conviction** (Lawrence W. Reed, 2016) This lively, accessible book gives you real, flesh-and-blood models of character, courage, and conviction—men and women you won't just admire but also can emulate.\*

**Wild Swan (A): And Other Tales** (Michael Cunningham, 2015) In *A Wild Swan and Other Tales*, the people and the talismans of lands far, far away—the mythic figures of our childhoods and the source of so much of our wonder—are transformed by Michael Cunningham into stories of sublime revelation.\*

## Something for Everyone: Informational Titles for Teenagers

***Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders*** (Joshua Foer, Dylan Thuras, and Ella Morton, 2016) It's time to get off the beaten path. Inspiring equal parts wonder and wanderlust, *Atlas Obscura* celebrates over 700 of the strangest and most curious places in the world.\*

***Books for Living: Some Thoughts on Reading, Reflecting, and Embracing Life*** (Will Schwalbe, 2016) In this delightful celebration of reading, Schwalbe invites us along on his quest for books that speak to the specific challenges of living in our modern world, with all its noise and distractions.\*

***Presence: Bringing Your Boldest Self to Your Biggest Challenges*** (Amy Cuddy, 2016) By accessing our personal power, we can achieve "presence," the state in which we stop worrying about the impression we're making on others and instead adjust the impression we've been making on ourselves. As Harvard professor Amy Cuddy's revolutionary book reveals, we don't need to embark on a grand spiritual quest or complete an inner transformation to harness the power of presence.\*

***Soonish: Ten Emerging Technologies That'll Improve and/or Ruin Everything*** (Kelly Weinersmith and Zach Weinersmith, 2017) In this smart and funny book, celebrated cartoonist Zach Weinersmith and noted researcher Dr. Kelly Weinersmith give us a snapshot of what's coming next—from robot swarms to nuclear fusion powered-toasters.\*

***Why Poetry*** (Matthew Zapruder, 2017) An impassioned call for a return to reading poetry and an incisive argument for poetry's accessibility to all readers....\*

## Poetry, Anyone?

***Americans' Favorite Poems*** (Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz [eds.], 1999) The selections in this anthology were chosen from the personal letters of thousands of Americans who responded to Robert Pinsky's invitation to write to him about their favorite poems.\*

***I Just Hope It's Lethal: Poems of Sadness, Madness, and Joy*** (Liz Rosenberg and Deena November [eds.], 2005) The teenage years are a time filled with sadness, madness, joy, and all the messy stuff in between.... It is moments like these that have inspired the touching, honest, and gripping poems found in *I Just Hope It's Lethal: Poems of Sadness, Madness, and Joy*.\*

***Leave This Song Behind: Teen Poetry at Its Best*** (John Meyer, Stephanie Meyer, Adam Halwitz, and Cindy Spertner [eds.], 2016) It's been 10 years since the last book in the *Teen Ink* series *Written in the Dirt* was published. Now, a whole new batch of teen writers has emerged with their own unique voices.\*

***Poems to Learn by Heart*** (Caroline Kennedy [ed.], 2013) In this diverse collection Caroline Kennedy has chosen more than a hundred poems that speak to all of us: the young and young at heart, readers new to poetry and devoted fans.\*

***Time You Let Me In: 25 Poets under 25*** (Naomi Shihab Nye [ed.], 2010) A collection of poetry from young contemporary writers selected by the acclaimed poet, Naomi Shihab Nye.

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## Looking for a Good Book? Some Web Sites to Help You...

Below are some web sites that offer book recommendations in a number of categories as well as tools for finding your next good read. While by no means all-inclusive, these may offer a good place to start looking...

### AllReaders.com

<http://allreaders.com>

Look for books by plot, theme, character or setting. Book reviews are also available.

### Book Series in Order

<https://www.bookseriesinorder.com>

Need to know the order of books in your favorite series? This is the place for you!

### Bookwire: Book Awards

<http://www.bookwire.com/>

This web site offers links to a wide variety of books by genre. Bestsellers, new releases, and links to book reviews are also included.

### Edgar Awards

<http://www.mysterywriters.org>

Click on "The 2018 Edgar® Nominees" to find the current nominees for the annual Edgar Allan Poe Awards given by the Mystery Writers of America for writing achievement in the mystery field. Locate previous winners by clicking on the "TheEdgars.com" link under "Edgar Awards" at the top of the page.

### Fantastic Fiction

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/>

Access to thousands of fiction titles, including titles not yet released.

### Goodreads

<http://www.goodreads.com/>

This website provides access to a wide variety of books by genre as well as "Goodreads Choice Awards" winners.

### Horror Writers Association

<http://horror.org/2017-bram-stoker-awards-winners/>

Access titles honored by the Horror Writers Association for achievement in horror writing, including current nominees and previous winners (see link at bottom of page).

### Hugo Awards

<http://www.thehugoawards.org>

Fan-voted awards for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy. Check out the home page for the current winners for this award. Click on "Current/Past Hugos" for past winners.

### Literature-Map

<http://www.literature-map.com/>

Type in your favorite author's name and get a list of similar titles to read.

### National Book Awards

<http://www.nationalbook.org/index.html>

Annual awards presented by the National Book Foundation for literary achievement in four categories: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and young people's literature. At the top of the page, select "Awards/Winners and Finalists" for access to previous winners by decade.

### National Book Critics Circle: Awards

<http://bookcritics.org>

Prestigious awards given for the year's best books in six categories: fiction, general nonfiction, criticism, poetry, biography and autobiography. Select "Awards" at the top of the page for access to current winners.

### Pulitzer Prizes

<http://www.pulitzer.org>

Click on "Prize Winners" link and select any year to view the annual awards for distinguished writing by The Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

### Western Writers of America

<http://www.westernwriters.org>

Click on "Spur Awards/Winners" to access titles that have received the Spur Awards for distinguished writing about the American West established by the Western Writers of America.

### What Should I Read Next?

<http://whatshouldireadnext.com/>

Similar to Literature-Map, this website recommends books similar to those written by your favorite authors.

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