

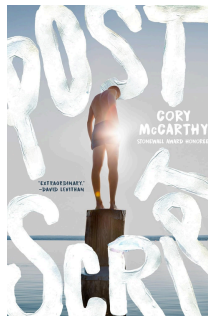
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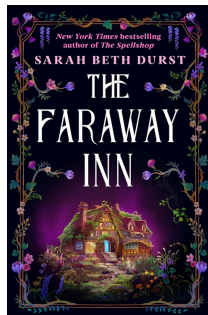
Librarian Favorites



Postscript by Cory McCarthy

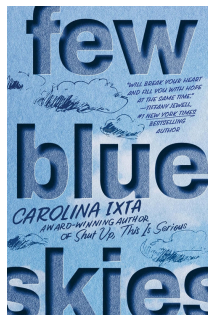
On the far side of a swift and unknowable apocalypse, a few sapiens are surviving off the last scraps of humanity. No longer recognizable as Cape Cod, the dunes of their archipelago are empty apart from regrets and ruins—until West blows in like a storm.

West's unbridled love and grief challenge the survivors to defy extinction with the most beautifully human thing imaginable: a family.



The Faraway Inn by Sarah Beth Durst

Calisa's looking forward to getting out of Brooklyn for the summer after learning her boyfriend, Ethan, had been cheating on her. She's headed to Vermont to work at the Faraway Inn, owned by her great aunt, but Auntie Zee is not entirely happy to see Calisa on her doorstep. Auntie Zee wants her gone, but Calisa insists on staying, hoping to heal her heartbreak as she tries to do what she can to restore the dilapidated (and definitely magical) inn.



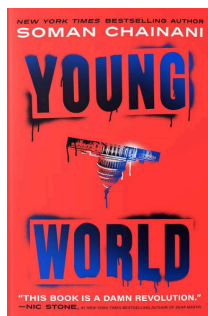
Few Blue Skies by Carolina Ixta

Paloma and her ex boyfriend Julio were driven apart from grief. Julio's dad passed away from health complications linked to Selva, the massive e-commerce conglomerate that is slowly taking over their whole town and making it harder to breathe and see the sky. But Paloma wants to stay even though townfolk are being driven out—because when the smog clears, there is still hope. That hope drives Paloma to reconnect with Julio to expose and challenge the dangers that Selva introduces to their community.



The Sun and the Starmaker by Rachel Griffin

For generations, stories have been told of how the remote village of Reverie is forever spared from darkness. Long ago, the Sun descended to the village and fell in love with a mortal. Though bound to return to the sky, she could not leave without a gift. She bestowed upon her beloved the power to draw from her light, creating the first Starmaker. Ever since, an immortal Starmaker has watched over Reverie, ensuring its light never fades. Aurora grew up with this tale of magic but never imagined she would find herself a part of it.



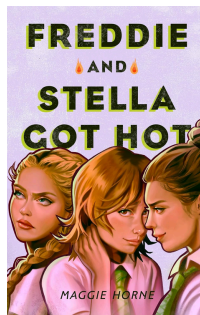
Young World by Soman Chainani

America is on the brink of collapse, and the youth have lost all faith in their leaders. Benton Young, a high school senior trying to impress a girl, impulsively uploads a video, daring everyone to interfere with the vote and write him in for President. The video explodes online, igniting election chaos and a national revolt, until the Supreme Court intervenes to put Benton in the White House. This sparks a global revolution and soon eight of the world's most powerful nations are led by teenagers. But then of them is murdered at their first summit and Benton is the prime suspect.



I Could Give You the Moon by Ann Liang

Everyone loves Chanel Cao—except Ares Yin. While Chanel has spent her entire life curating a picture-perfect social media personality—from her body to her hair to her camera-ready smile—Ares has spent his trying to hide in the shadows. But Ares's brother is missing, and Chanel's parents have secretly separated, and their only hope is each other. Ares is willing to do whatever it takes to find his brother, and Chanel will do anything to keep her parents' secret.



Freddie and Stella Got Hot by Maggie Horne

Freddie and Stella are on a mission: take down their former best friend turned queen bee Levi Preston by depriving her of the one thing she wants more than anything: The Beaumont-Gardiner Award. Only the coolest, smartest, and—let's face it—hottest girls win. . . so Freddie and Stella are going to have to get a whole lot cooler, smarter, and hotter. The higher they rise, though, the more uneasy Freddie starts to feel.



Skating Wilder by Brandon Dumais & A.J. Dungo (Illustrator)

This book flies through skateboarding's weird history, and grinds through AJ and Brandon's best (and worst) skateboarding memories. They're not experts, but they know how much this sport means to the communities that have embraced it and made it their own. From the first boards to the handmade zines of the punk movement, weaving through the VHS heydays and landing hard in the glitzy video game era, get ready for a ride through the ages.



Beth is Dead by Katie Bernet

When Beth March is found dead in the woods on New Year's Day, her sisters vow to uncover her murderer.

Suspects abound. There's the neighbor who has feelings for not one but two of the girls. Meg's manipulative best friend. Amy's flirtatious mentor. And Beth's lionhearted first love. But it doesn't take the surviving sisters much digging to uncover motives each one of the March girls had for doing the unthinkable.



Love Me Tomorrow by Emiko Jean

Seventeen-year-old Emma Nakamura-Thatcher doesn't believe in love, not after her parents' bitter divorce. So when she attends the festival of Tanabata, her wish is simple: proof that love is real and can last. Emma thinks little of her wish...until she finds a note from someone claiming to be her greatest love writing to her from the future. Emma is soon forced to accept the impossible: Someone is actually reaching out to her from across time.



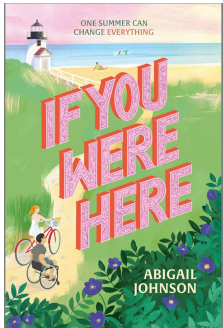
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REALISTIC FICTION



If You Were Here
by Abigail Johnson

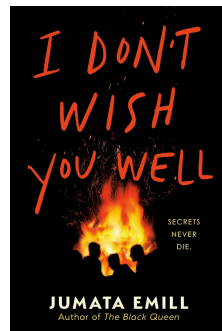


Landing in Place by
Sherine Hamdy &
Myra El Mir
(Illustrator)



According to Plan
by Christen Randall

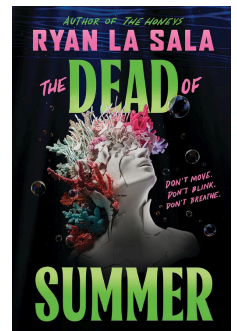
MYSTERY AND THRILLER



I Don't Wish You Well
by Jumata Emill

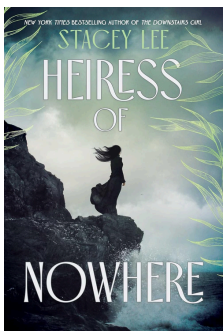


The Escape Game
by Marissa Meyer &
Tamara Moss

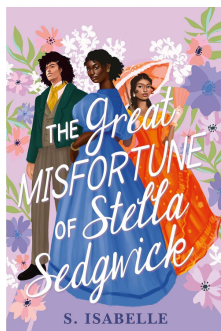


The Dead of Summer
by Ryan La Sala

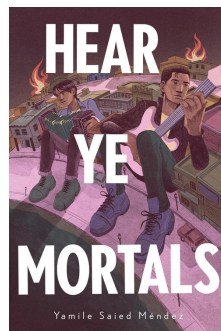
HISTORICAL FICTION



Heiress of Nowhere
by Stacey Lee

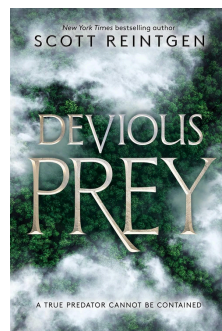


The Great Misfortune
of Stella Sedgwick
by S. Isabelle



Hear Ye Mortals
by Yamile Saied
Méndez

FANTASY



Devious Prey
by Scott Reintgen

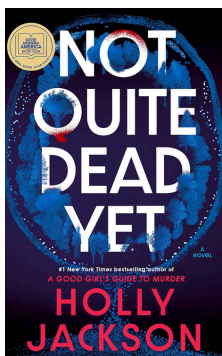


Forgive Me Not
by Mari Costa



Thorn Season
by Kiera Azar

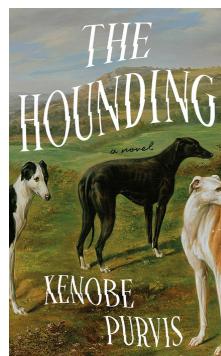
ADULT BOOKS FOR TEENS



Not Quite Dead
by Holly Jackson



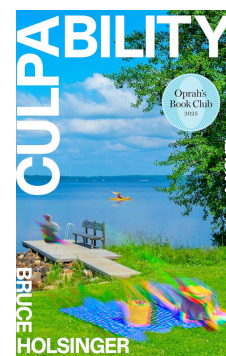
The Book Witch
by Meg Shaffer



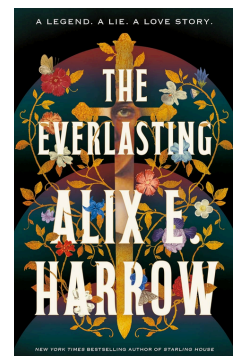
The Hounding
by Xenobe Purvis



The Compound
by Aisling Rawle



Culpability
by Bruce Holsinger



The Everlasting
by Alix E. Harrow

