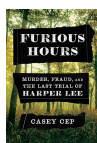


The Potomac School
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Suggested Titles for Summer Reading 2019

Compiled by Stephanie H. Hampton, Upper School Librarian
Summaries have been taken from Amazon.

Reading for Everyone



Furious Hours Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep (True Crime) 2019

In *Furious Hours*, Casey Cep unravels the mystery surrounding Harper Lee's first and only work of nonfiction, and the shocking true crimes at the center of it.



Miracle Creek by Angie Kim (Fiction, Thriller) 2019

A thrilling debut novel for fans of Liane Moriarty and Celeste Ng about how far we'll go to protect our families—and our deepest secrets.



Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (Dark Humor, Thriller) 2018

Could ten days at a health resort really change you forever? In Liane Moriarty's latest page-turner, nine perfect strangers are about to find out.



Pieces of Her: a novel by Karin Slaughter (Suspense Thriller) 2018

Mother. Hero. Liar. Killer. How can you tell when all you have is...PIECES OF HER
What if the person you thought you knew best turns out to be someone you never knew at all?



On the Come Up by Angie Thomas (Fiction, Racism, Homelessness) 2019

This is the second novel by Angie Thomas, the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling, award-winning *The Hate U Give*. Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. Or at least win her first battle.



Insurrecto by Gina Apostol (Fiction, Asian American) 2018

Two women, a Filipino translator and an American filmmaker, go on a road trip in Duterte's Philippines, collaborating and clashing in the writing of a film script about a massacre during the Philippine-American War.



The Dinner List by Rebecca Serle (Fiction) 2018

At one point or another, we've all been asked to name five people, living or dead, with whom we'd like to have dinner. Why do we choose the people we do? And what if that dinner was to actually happen? These are the questions Rebecca Serle contends with in her utterly captivating novel.



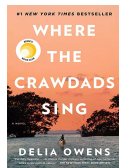
Supermarket by Bobby Hall (Fiction, Dark Humor) 2019

Flynn is stuck—depressed, recently dumped, and living at his mom's house. The supermarket was supposed to change all that. An ordinary job and a steady check. Work isn't work when it's saving you from yourself. But things aren't quite as they seem in these aisles.



Maybe You Should See Someone by Lori Gottlieb (Non-fiction, Psychology) 2019

From a *New York Times* best-selling author, psychotherapist, and national advice columnist, a hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprising new book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world--where her patients are looking for answers (and so is she).



Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (Fiction, Coming of Age) 2018

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say.



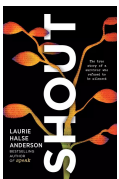
Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens by Marieke Nijkamp (Romance, Disabilities) 2018

This anthology explores disability in fictional tales told from the viewpoint of disabled characters, written by disabled creators. With stories in various genres about first loves, friendship, war, travel, and more, *Unbroken* will offer today's teen readers a glimpse into the lives of disabled people in the past, present, and future.



Hey Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Teen & Young Adult Family Issues) 2018

In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery -- Jarrett doesn't know where to find him, or even what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents -- two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along.



Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson (Poetry, Abuse) 2019

Bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson is known for the unflinching way she writes about, and advocates for, survivors of sexual assault. Now, inspired by her fans and enraged by how little in our culture has changed since her groundbreaking novel *Speak* was first published twenty years ago, she has written a poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless.



Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds (Fiction, Time Travel, Romance) 2019

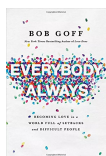
When Jack and Kate meet at a party, bonding until sunrise over their mutual love of Froot Loops and their favorite flicks, Jack knows he's falling—hard. Soon she's meeting his best friends, Jillian and Franny, and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack. But then Kate dies. And their story should end there.



Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner (Fiction, Death) 2017

Goodbye Days asks what you would do if you could spend one last day with someone you lost.

Where are you guys? Text me back. That's the last message Carver Briggs will ever send his three best friends, Mars, Eli, and Blake. He never thought that it would lead to their death.



Everybody Always by Bob Goff (Non-Fiction, Personal Growth) 2018

What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? In his entertaining and inspiring follow-up to the *New York Times* bestselling phenomenon *Love Does*, Bob Goff takes readers on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint, or worry. The path toward the liberated existence we all long for is found in a truth as simple to say as it is hard to do: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits.



A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult (Fiction, Drama) 2018

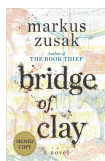
The warm fall day starts like any other at the Center—a women's reproductive health services clinic—its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. Then, in late morning, a desperate and distraught gunman bursts in and opens fire, taking all inside hostage. The author of *Small Great Things* returns with a powerful and provocative new novel about ordinary lives that intersect during a heart-stopping crisis.



How it Feels to Float by Helena Fox (Fiction, LGBTQ, Mental Health) 2019

A deeply hopeful YA novel about living with mental illness that's perfect for fans of *Girl in Pieces*.

Biz knows how to float. She has her people, her posse, her mom and the twins. She has Grace. And she has her dad, who tells her about the little kid she was, and who shouldn't be here but is. So Biz doesn't tell anyone anything.



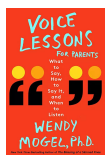
Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak (Fiction, Multigenerational Family Drama) 2018

An unforgettable and sweeping family saga from Markus Zusak, the storyteller who gave us the extraordinary bestseller *THE BOOK THIEF*, lauded by the *New York Times* as "the kind of book that can be life changing." The breathtaking story of five brothers who bring each other up in a world run by their own rules.



The Silence of The Girls by Pat Barker (Fiction, Ancient History Fiction) 2018

The ancient city of Troy has withstood a decade under siege of the powerful Greek army, who continue to wage bloody war over a stolen woman--Helen. In the Greek camp, another woman watches and waits for the war's outcome: Briseis. She was queen of one of Troy's neighboring kingdoms, until Achilles, Greece's greatest warrior, sacked her city and murdered her husband and brothers.



Voice Lessons for Parents by Wendy Mogel (Non-Fiction, Communication & Social Skills) 2018

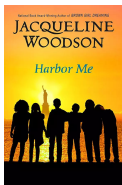
Renowned speaker, parenting expert, and *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Wendy Mogel offers an essential guide to the new art of talking to children, showing how a change in tone and demeanor can transform the relationship between parent and child.



What if It's Us by Becky Albertalli (Fiction, LGBTQ, Romance) 2018

Critically acclaimed and bestselling authors Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera combine their talents in this smart, funny, heartfelt collaboration about two very different boys who can't decide if the universe is pushing them together—or pulling them apart

Reading for Grade 9



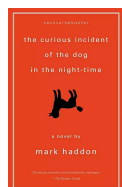
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson (Non-Fiction, Family life) 2018

"Six kids with very different life experiences narrate *Harbor Me*, award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson's powerful and timely novel. Through Woodson's characters, young readers will identify with the importance of sharing our stories and helping one another through times of prejudice and fear. Uplifting and hopeful, readers in fourth and fifth grade in particular will appreciate this magnificent novel." - Seira Wilson, Amazon Editor.



The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe (Historical Fiction) 2017

Fourteen-year-old Dita is one of the many imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz. Taken, along with her mother and father, from the Terezin ghetto in Prague, Dita is adjusting to the constant terror that is life in the camp. When Jewish leader Freddy Hirsch asks Dita to take charge of the eight precious volumes the prisoners have managed to sneak past the guards, she agrees. And so Dita becomes the librarian of Auschwitz.



Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon (Coming of Age Fiction) 2004

A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—about a boy with autism who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world.



The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah (Fiction, Immigration) 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. Suddenly, his parents' politics seem much more complicated.



This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel (Fiction, Family, LGBTQ) 2018

Laurie Frankel's *This Is How It Always Is* is a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it's about the ways this is how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again, parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts, children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever.



Five Feet Apart by Rachael Lippincott (Fiction, Romance, Death) 2018

Can you love someone you can never touch? Two teens fall in love with just one minor complication—they can't get within a few feet of each other without risking their lives. Will's *exactly* what Stella needs to stay away from. If he so much as breathes on Stella she could lose her spot on the transplant list. Either one of them could die. The only way to stay alive is to stay apart. But suddenly six feet doesn't feel like safety. It feels like punishment.



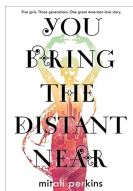
Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson (Fiction, African-American) 2018

Author Renee Watson offers a powerful story about a girl striving for success in a world that too often seems like it's trying to break her. Jade believes she must get out of her poor neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. Her mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. And Jade has: every day she rides the bus away from her friends and to the private school where she feels like an outsider, but where she has plenty of opportunities.



A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi (Fiction, Romance, Racism) 2018

From the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Shatter Me series comes a powerful, heartrending contemporary novel about fear, first love, and the devastating impact of prejudice. It's 2002, a year after 9/11. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially so for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped.



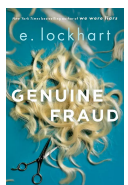
You Bring the Distant Near by Mitali Perkins (Fiction, Multigenerational Families) 2017

Five girls. Three generations. One great American love story that explores sisterhood, first loves, friendship, and the inheritance of culture or better or worse. Raneer, worried that her children are losing their Indian culture; Sonia, wrapped up in a forbidden biracial love affair; Tara, seeking the limelight to hide her true self; Shanti, desperately trying to make peace in the family; Anna, fighting to preserve her Bengali identity. Author Mitali Perkins weaves together a sweeping story of five women at once intimately relatable and yet entirely new.



If I'm Being Honest by Emily Wibberley (Fiction, Romance, Self-Esteem) 2019

Cameron Bright's reputation can be summed up in one word: b*tch. It's no surprise she's queen bee at her private L.A. high school--she's beautiful, talented, and notorious for her brutal honesty. But when she slips up in front of her crush, Andrew, any affection he may have had for her quickly fades. To win him over, Cameron resolves to "tame" herself, much like Shakespeare's infamous shrew, Katherine. If she makes amends with everyone she's ever wronged, Andrew will have to take notice.



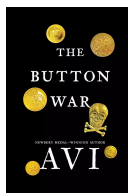
Genuine Fraud by E. Lockhart (Fiction, Mystery, Thriller) 2017

Imogen lives at the Playa Grande Resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. She spends her days working out in the hotel gym and telling other guests how she was forced out of Stanford. But Imogen isn't really Imogen. She's Jule. And she's on the run from something. Or someone. Which means . . . where is the real Imogen?



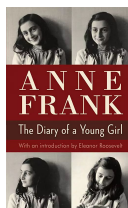
Girls Like Me by Lola Stvil (Fiction, Bullying, Self-Esteem) 2016

Fifteen-year-old Shay Summers is trying to cope with the death of her father, being overweight, and threats from a girl bully in school. When she falls in love with Blake, a mysterious boy online, insecure Shay doesn't want to tell him who she is. But with the help of her two best friends, as well as an assist by Kermit and Miss Piggy, ultimately Shay and Blake's love prevails.



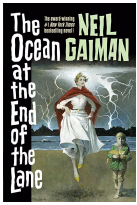
The Button War by Avi (Military, Historical Fiction) 2018

Twelve-year-old Patryk knows little of the world beyond his tiny Polish village; the Russians have occupied the land for as long as anyone can remember, but otherwise life is unremarkable. Patryk and his friends entertain themselves by coming up with dares — some more harmful than others — until the Germans drop a bomb on the schoolhouse and the Great War comes crashing in.



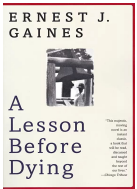
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank (Nonfiction; memoir; classic) 1945.

The journal of a Jewish girl describes the joys and torments of daily life through two years spent in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Holland.



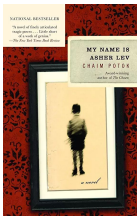
***The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman (*Fantasy*) 2013.**

When a middle-aged man returns to his childhood home in Sussex, England, for a funeral, he remembers eerie childhood events relating to the neighbor girl who promised to protect him.



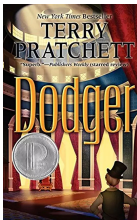
***A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines (*Historical Fiction*) 1994.**

This novel explores the unlikely friendship and respect that arises between two African American men, one a teacher and the other an inmate on death row.



***My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok (*Classic fiction*) 1972.**

When his uncle dies, orthodox Jew Asher Lev, a loner with artistic aspirations, must return to his native Brooklyn, where his art causes conflicts with his family and community.



***Dodger* by Terry Pratchett (*Adventure fiction*) 2002.**

In an alternative version of Victorian London, a seventeen-year-old Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and foils Sweeney Todd.



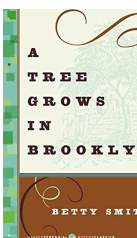
***X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon (*Historical fiction*) 2015.**

Recounts the childhood of civil rights leader Malcolm X to his imprisonment at age twenty, when he found the faith that would lead him towards activism and justice.



***Betsey Brown* by Ntozake Shange (*Historical fiction*) 1985.**

Betsey is an African American seventh-grader growing up in St. Louis. This novel is based closely on the history of the school desegregation and Civil Rights movements in America.



***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith (*Classic*) 1943.**

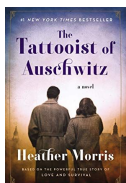
A novel based in part on the author's life, this book charts the coming-of-age of Francie in a hardscrabble part of Brooklyn where Francie struggles and grows.

Reading for Grade 10



***They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera (Fiction, LGBTQ) 2017**

Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day.



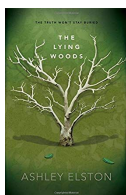
***The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris (Historical Fiction) 2018**

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity.



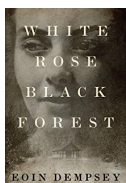
***The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff (Historical Fiction) 2019**

“Fraught with danger, filled with mystery, and meticulously researched, *The Lost Girls of Paris* is a fascinating tale of the hidden women who helped to win the war.” —Lisa Wingate, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours*.



***The Lying Woods* by Ashley Elston (Fiction, Mystery) 2018**

Owen Foster has never wanted for anything. Then his mother shows up at his elite New Orleans boarding school cradling a bombshell: his privileged life has been funded by stolen money. After using the family business, the single largest employer in his small Louisiana town, to embezzle millions and drain the employees' retirement accounts, Owen's father vanished without a trace, leaving Owen and his mother to deal with the fallout.



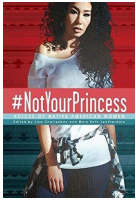
***White Rose, Black Forest* by Mitali Perkins (WWII Historical Fiction, Romance) 2018**

In the shadows of World War II, trust becomes the greatest risk of all for two strangers. December 1943. In the years before the rise of Hitler, the Gerber family's summer cottage was filled with laughter. Now, as deep drifts of snow blanket the Black Forest, German dissenter Franka Gerber is alone and hopeless. Fervor and brutality have swept through her homeland, taking away both her father and her brother and leaving her with no reason to live.



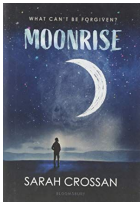
***Lovely War* by Julie Berry (Fiction, Historical Romance) 2019**

They are Hazel, James, Aubrey, and Colette. A classical pianist from London, a British would-be architect-turned-soldier, a Harlem-born ragtime genius in the U.S. Army, and a Belgian orphan with a gorgeous voice and a devastating past. Their story, as told by goddess Aphrodite, who must spin the tale or face judgment on Mount Olympus, is filled with hope and heartbreak, prejudice and passion, and reveals that, though War is a formidable force, it's no match for the transcendent power of Love.



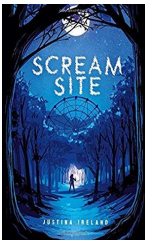
#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women by Lisa Charleyboy (Non-Fic, Social Issues) 2017

#NotYourPrincess presents an eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that combine to express the experience of being a Native woman. Stories of abuse, humiliation, and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women making themselves heard and demanding change. Sometimes angry, often reflective, but always strong, the women in this book will give teen readers insight into the lives of women who, for so long, have been virtually invisible.



Moonrise by Sarah Crossan (Fiction, Law & Crime) 2018

Seventeen-year-old Joe hasn't seen his brother in ten years. Ed didn't walk out on the family, not exactly. It's something more brutal. Ed's locked up -- on death row. Now his execution date has been set, and the clock is ticking. Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with his brother, no matter what other people think ... and no matter whether Ed committed the crime. But did he? And does it matter, in the end?



Scream Site by Justina Ireland (Fiction, Drugs & Alcohol) 2018

Sabrina Sebastian's goal in life is to be an investigative reporter. For her first big story, she researches a popular website called Scream Site, where people post scary videos and compete for the most "screams." While Sabrina's friends and her sister, Faith, talk nonstop about the creepy viral videos, Sabrina just hopes that covering this trend will get her the internship she's wishing for. But as she digs into the truth behind the website, she begins to suspect that these aren't only aspiring actors and videographers at work. Some clips seem a little too real. And when Faith goes missing, Sabrina must race against time to save her sister from becoming the next video "star."



Stealing Home by Becky Wallace (Fiction, Sports, Romance) 2019

Ryan Russell has life perfectly planned. She's going to take over her family's team, the Buckley Beavers, and become one of the only female General Managers in minor league baseball. Then Sawyer Campbell shows up, and Ryan's carefully laid plans are thrown a major curveball. Sawyer is far more charming than the arrogant jocks she usually manages, though fraternizing is against every rule in the Beaver's handbook.



Last Girl Lied To by Laurie Flynn (Fiction, Mystery Thriller) 2019

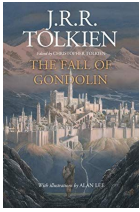
*Something made him angry that night. Something made her cry.
Something made Trixie disappear. What if it was all the same thing?*

Fiona claims she doesn't remember anything about the night her best friend left a party early and walked into the ocean. But the truth is, she wishes she could forget.



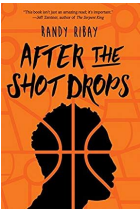
Brave Enough by Kati Gardner (Fiction, Dance) 2018

Teenager Cason Martin is the youngest ballerina in the Atlanta Ballet Conservatory. She never really had a choice of whether she learned to dance or not. Her mother, the conservatory's artistic director, has made all the decisions in Cason's life. But that's about to change. Cason has been hiding an injury, and it's much worse than anyone imagines.



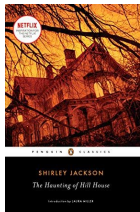
The Fall of Gondolin by J.R.R. Tolkien (Fiction, Fantasy) 2018

Gondolin was a fabulous secret city of Elves in the First Age of Middle-Earth. *The Fall of Gondolin* tells of the founding of the city; of the arrival there of Tuor, a prince of Men; of the betrayal of the city to Morgoth by the king's nephew, Maeglin; and of its subsequent catastrophic destruction by Morgoth's armies. It also relates the flight of the fugitives to the Havens of Sirion, the wedding of Tuor and Idril, as well as the childhood of Earendil.



After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay (Fiction, Sports, Basketball) 2018

Bunny and Nasir have been best friends forever, but when Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, Nasir feels betrayed. While Bunny tries to fit in with his new, privileged peers, Nasir spends more time with his cousin, Wallace, who is being evicted. Nasir can't help but wonder why the neighborhood is falling over itself to help Bunny when *Wallace* is in trouble. When Wallace makes a bet against Bunny, Nasir is faced with an impossible decision—maybe a dangerous one.



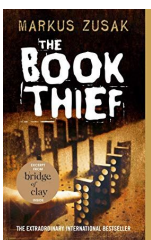
The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson (Fiction, Ghost Stories) 2006

First published in 1959, Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House* has been hailed as a perfect work of unnerving terror. It is the story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House: Dr. Montague, an occult scholar looking for solid evidence of a "haunting"; Theodora, his lighthearted assistant; Eleanor, a friendless, fragile young woman well acquainted with poltergeists; and Luke, the future heir of Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phenomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers—and soon it will choose one of them to make its own.



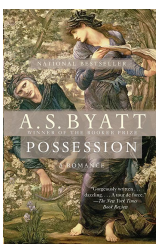
Again, but Better by Christine Riccio (Fiction, Friendship, Comedy) 2019

Shane has been doing college all wrong. Pre-med, stellar grades, and happy parents...sounds ideal -- but Shane's made zero friends, goes home every weekend, and romance...what's that? Her life has been dorm, dining hall, class, repeat. Time's a ticking, and she needs a change -- there's nothing like moving to a new country to really mix things up. Shane signs up for a semester abroad in London. She's going to right all her college mistakes: make friends, pursue boys, and find adventure!



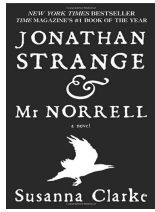
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (Historical Fiction, Holocaust) 2007

Markus Zusak's unforgettable story is about the ability of books to feed the soul. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.



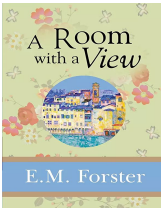
Possession by A.S. Byatt (Historical fiction; Mystery) 1990.

Booker Prize winner. The tale of two young scholars researching the lives of two Victorian poets; a novel of wit and romance, at once an intellectual mystery and a triumphant love story.



***Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell* by Susanna Clarke (*Fantasy*) 2010.**

In 1806, most people believe magic to be dead in England--until the reclusive Mr. Norrell reveals his powers, and another magician emerges: the young, daring Jonathan Strange.



***A Room With A View* by E.M. Forster (*Classic*) 1908.**

A charming young English woman is at war with the snobbery of her own class and with her conflicting desires when she finds herself attracted to someone deemed unsuitable for her.

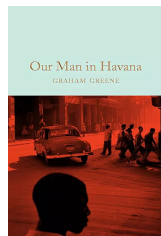


***Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett (*Fantasy; humor*) 1996.**

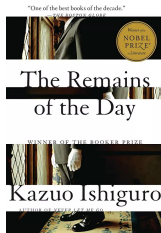
The world will come to an end on next Saturday. Except: a fast-living demon and a fussy angel have grown fond of Earth's mortals and decide to try to stop the Apocalypse.



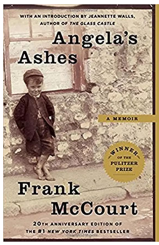
***Cold Comfort Farm* by Stella Gibbons (*Classic; humor*) 1932.** Flora Poste finds herself in a gloomy, overwrought world and proceeds to organize everyone out of their romantic tragedies and into the pleasures of modern life in the 1930s.



***Our Man in Havana* by Graham Greene (*Adventure*) 1958.** A vacuum cleaner salesman who is short of money accepts an assignment as an M16 agent in Havana, where soon his faked intelligence reports start coming true.

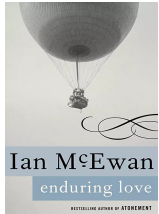


***The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro (*Classic*) 1990.** Stevens, a butler at the end of three decades of service at Darlington Hall, recalls his career and tries to assure himself that he has served humanity by serving the "great gentleman," Lord Darlington.



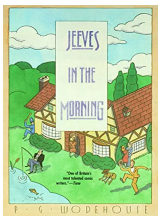
***Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt (Nonfiction; memoir) 1996.**

The luminous memoir of Frank McCourt, born in Depression-era Brooklyn to recent Irish immigrants and raised in the slums of Limerick, Ireland.



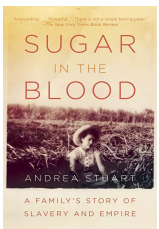
***Enduring Love* by Ian McEwan (Realistic fiction) 1997.**

After a chance meeting, Jed Perry begins to stalk author Joe Rose. Driven by religious zeal and misdirected love, the strange young man will slowly unravel each strand of Joe's life.

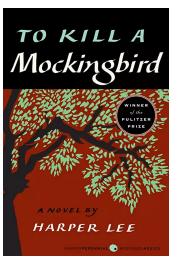


***Jeeves in the Morning* by P.G. Wodehouse (Classic, humor) 1946.**

Bertie Wooster, dimwitted aristocrat with a heart of gold, is soon embroiled in a host of calamitous mishaps. Fortunately, Bertie's butler, Jeeves, is always nearby to perform a rescue.



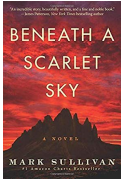
***Sugar in the Blood: A Family's Story of Slavery and Empire* by Andrea Stuart (Nonfiction; history) 2013.** Stuart uses her own family's Caribbean story as the pivot for this epic tale of migration, colonialism, slavery, settlement, and survival.



***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (Fiction, Classic American Literature) 1960.**

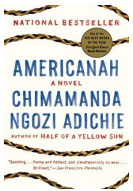
A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.

Reading for Grade 11



Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan (Biographical Historical Fiction) 2017.

Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps. This is based on the true story.



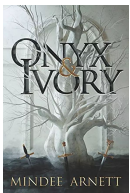
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Cultural Heritage Fiction) 2014.

Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a newly democratic Nigeria, and reignite their passion—for each other and for their homeland.



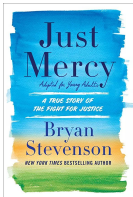
Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen M. McManus (Fiction, Mystery, Thriller, Suspense) 2019.

"When it comes to YA suspense, Karen M. McManus is in a league of her own. Fresh off her best-selling breakout *One of Us Is Lying* . . . the author has returned with a juicy second novel. It's even better than what came before." --*EW* Echo Ridge is small-town America. Ellery's never been there, but she's heard all about it. Her aunt went missing there at age seventeen. And only five years ago, a homecoming queen put the town on the map when she was killed. Now Ellery has to move there to live with a grandmother she barely knows.



Onyx and Ivory by Mindee Arnett (Fiction, Epic Fantasy, Romance) 2018.

They call her Traitor Kate. It's a title Kate Brighton inherited from her father after he tried to assassinate the high king years ago. Now Kate lives as an outcast, clinging to the fringes of society as a member of the Relay, the imperial courier service. Only those most skilled in riding and bow hunting ride for the Relay; and only the fastest survive, for when dark falls, the night drakes—deadly flightless dragons—come out to hunt.



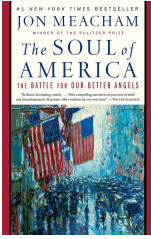
Just Mercy Adapted for Young Adults by Bryan Stevenson (Non-Fic, Social Activist, Justice) 2018.

In this very personal work--adapted from the original #1 bestseller, which the *New York Times* calls "as compelling as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and in some ways more so"--acclaimed lawyer and social justice advocate Bryan Stevenson offers a glimpse into the lives of the wrongfully imprisoned and his efforts to fight for their freedom.



Send Down the Rain by Charles Martin (Fiction, Contemporary Christian Romance) 2018.

Allie is still recovering from the loss of her family's beloved waterfront restaurant on Florida's Gulf Coast when she loses her second husband to a terrifying highway accident. Devastated and losing hope, she shudders to contemplate the future—until a cherished person from her past returns.



The Soul of America: A Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham (Non-Fic, Civil Liberties) 2018.

While the American story has not always—or even often—been heroic, we have been sustained by a belief in progress even in the gloomiest of times. In this inspiring book, Meacham reassures us, “The good news is that we have come through such darkness before”—as, time and again, Lincoln’s better angels have found a way to prevail.



Night Music by Jenn Marie Thorne (Fiction, Romantic Comedy) 2019.

Ruby has always been Ruby *Chertok*: future classical pianist and daughter of renowned composer Martin Chertok. But after her horrendous audition for the prestigious music school where her father is on faculty, it's clear that music has publicly dumped her. Now Ruby is suddenly just . . . Ruby. And who is that again? All she knows is that she wants away from the world of classical music for good.



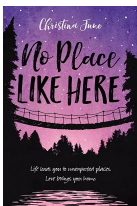
Four Dead Queens by Astrid Scholte (Fiction, Fantasy, Thriller) 2019.

Seventeen-year-old Keralie Corrington may seem harmless, but she’s, in fact, one of Quadara’s most skilled thieves and a liar. Varin, on the other hand, is an honest, upstanding citizen of Quadara’s most enlightened region, Eonia. He runs afoul of Keralie when she steals a package from him, putting his life in danger. When Varin attempts to retrieve the package, he and Keralie both find themselves entangled in a conspiracy that leaves all four of Quadara’s queens dead.



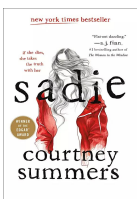
We Regret to Inform You by Ariel Kaplan (Fiction, Humor) 2018.

Mischa Abramavicius is a walking, talking, top-scoring, perfectly well-rounded college application in human form. So when she's rejected not only by the Ivies, but her loathsome safety school, she is shocked and devastated. All the sacrifices her mother made to send her to prep school, the late nights cramming for tests, the blatantly résumé-padding extracurriculars (read: Students for Sober Driving), the feelings of burnout ... all that for nothing.



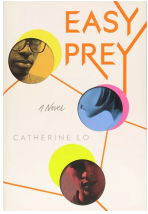
No Place Like Here by Christina June (Fiction, Fairy Tale & Folklore) 2019.

Ashlyn Zanotti has big plans for the summer. She's just spent a year at boarding school and can't wait to get home. But when Ashlyn's father is arrested for tax evasion and her mother enters a rehab facility for "exhaustion," a.k.a. depression, her life is turned upside down.



Sadie by Courtney Summers (Fiction, Mystery & Thriller) 2018.

A missing girl on a journey of revenge. A *Serial*—like podcast following the clues she's left behind. And an ending you won't be able to stop talking about.



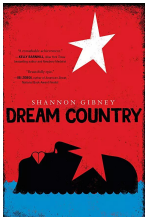
Easy Prey by Catherine Lo (Fiction, Law & Crime, Dating) 2018.

Only three students had access to a teacher's racy photos before they went viral. There's Mouse, a brainy overachiever so desperate to escape his father and go to MIT that he would do almost anything, legal or not. Then there's Drew, the star athlete who can get any girl's number—and private photos—with his charm but has a history of passing those photos around. And finally there's Jenna, a good girl turned rebel after her own shocking photos made the rounds at school last year, who is still waiting for justice. All three deny leaking the photos, but someone has to take the fall. This edgy whodunit tackles hot-button issues of sexting and gossip and will have readers tearing through the pages to reach the final reveal.



The Wrong Bachelor by Alexandra Moody (Fiction, Romantic Comedy) 2018.

Bachelor: A desirable potential boyfriend. AKA not Cole Kingston. Seventeen-year-old Madison (Madi) Matthews wants nothing to do with the dating competition her school is holding to raise money for charity. She's never been interested in chasing a guy before and she certainly isn't interested in competing for one in front of the whole school. But, when Madi is voted as one of the ten "lucky" contestants, she's given no choice but to vie for the heart of Lincoln High's most eligible bachelor. The problem is, they've chosen the wrong guy.



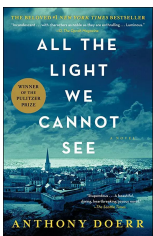
Dream Country by Shannon Gibney (Historical Fiction, Multigenerational Family) 2018.

In *Dream Country*, Shannon Gibney spins a riveting tale of the nightmarish spiral of death and exile connecting America and Africa, and of how one determined young dreamer tries to break free and gain control of her destiny. The heartbreaking story of five generations of young people from a single African-and-American family pursuing an elusive dream of freedom.



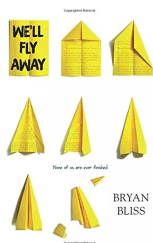
Odd One Out by Nic Stone (Fiction, LGBTQ, Romance, Prejudice & Racism) 2018.

Courtney Cooper and Jupiter Sanchez (Coop & Jupe!) have been next-door neighbors and best friends since they were seven-years-old. She's his partner-in-crime and other half. But lately, Cooper can't ignore he might want something more than friendship from Jupiter.



All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (Military Historical Fiction) 2017.

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the stunningly beautiful instant *New York Times* bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.



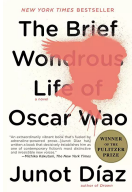
We'll Fly Away by Bryan Bliss (Fiction, Crime Stories) 2018.

Luke and Toby have always had each other's backs. **But then one choice—or maybe it is a series of choices—sets them down an irrevocable path.** *We'll Fly Away* weaves together Luke and Toby's senior year of high school with letters Luke writes to Toby later—from death row.



***Leah on the Offbeat* by Becky Albertalli (Fiction, LGBTQ, Friendship, Romance) 2018.**

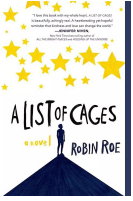
In this sequel to the acclaimed *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*—now a major motion picture, *Love, Simon*—we follow Simon’s BFF Leah as she grapples with changing friendships, first love, and senior year angst. When it comes to drumming, Leah Burke is usually on beat—but real life isn’t always so rhythmic.



***The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Díaz (Hispanic American Culture) 2008.**

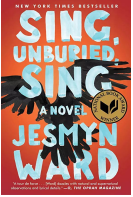
Oscar is a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd who—from the New Jersey home he shares with his old world mother and rebellious sister—dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, finding love. But Oscar may never get what he wants. Blame the fukú—a curse that has haunted Oscar’s family for generations, following them on their epic journey from Santo Domingo to the USA. Encapsulating Dominican-American history, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* opens our eyes to an astonishing vision of the contemporary American experience and explores the endless human capacity to persevere—and risk it all—in the name of love.

Reading for Grade 12



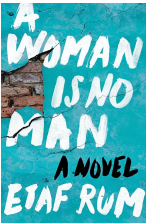
A List of Cages by Robin Roe (Fiction, Foster Homes) 2017.

When Adam Blake lands the best elective ever in his senior year, serving as an aide to the school psychologist, he thinks he's got it made. Sure, it means a lot of sitting around, which isn't easy for a guy with ADHD, but he can't complain, since he gets to spend the period texting all his friends. Then the doctor asks him to track down the troubled freshman who keeps dodging her, and Adam discovers that the boy is Julian--the foster brother he hasn't seen in five years.



Sing Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Bard (Fiction, African American Cultural) 2018.

In Jesmyn Ward's first novel since her National Book Award-winning *Salvage the Bones*, this singular American writer brings the archetypal road novel into rural twenty-first-century America. An intimate portrait of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* journeys through Mississippi's past and present, examining the ugly truths at the heart of the American story and the power—and limitations—of family bonds.



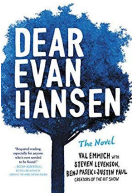
A Woman is No Man a novel by Etaf Rum (Cultural Heritage Fiction) 2019.

Set in an America at once foreign to many and staggeringly close at hand, *A Woman Is No Man* is a story of culture and honor, secrets and betrayals, love and violence. It is an intimate glimpse into a controlling and closed cultural world, and a universal tale about family and the ways silence and shame can destroy those we have sworn to protect.



Emergency Contact by Mary H. K. Choi (Fiction, Romance) 2018.

For Penny Lee high school was a total nonevent. Her friends were okay, her grades were fine, and while she somehow managed to land a boyfriend, he doesn't actually know anything about her. When Penny heads to college in Austin, Texas, to learn how to become a writer, it's seventy-nine miles and a zillion light years away from everything she can't wait to leave behind.



Dear Evan Hansen by Val Emmich (Fiction, Suicide) 2018.

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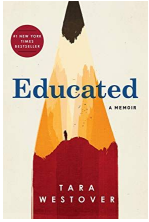
Today's going to be an amazing day and here's why...

When a letter that was never meant to be seen by anyone draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's grief over the loss of their son, he is given the chance of a lifetime: to belong. He just has to stick to a lie he never meant to tell, that the notoriously troubled Connor Murphy was his secret best friend.



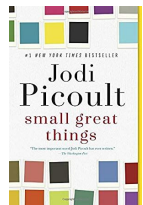
Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia (Fiction, Self-Esteem, Mental Illness) 2017.

Eighteen-year-old Eliza Mirk is the anonymous creator of the wildly popular webcomic *Monstrous Sea*, but when a new boy at school tempts her to live a life offline, everything she's worked for begins to crumble.



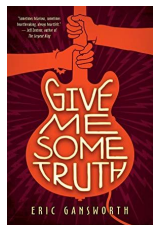
Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover (Non-Fiction, Biography) 2018.

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.



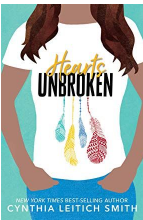
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult (Fiction, Drama) 2018.

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?



Give Me Some Truth by Eric Gansworth (Fiction, Music, Coming of Age) 2018.

Carson Mastick is entering his senior year of high school and desperate to make his mark, on the reservation and off. A rock band -- and winning Battle of the Bands -- is his best shot. But things keep getting in the way. Small matters like the lack of an actual band, or his brother getting shot by the racist owner of a local restaurant.



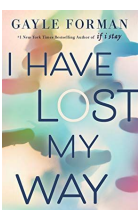
Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Fiction, Dating, Romance) 2018.

When Louise Wolfe's first real boyfriend mocks and disrespects Native people in front of her, she breaks things off and dumps him over e-mail. It's her senior year, anyway, and she'd rather spend her time with her family and friends and working on the school newspaper. The editors pair her up with Joey Kairouz, the ambitious new photojournalist, and in no time the paper's staff find themselves with a major story to cover: the school musical director's inclusive approach to casting *The Wizard of Oz* has been provoking backlash in their mostly white, middle-class Kansas town.



All of This Is True by Lygia Day Peñaflor (Fiction, Coming of Age) 2018.

In this genre-defying page-turner from Lygia Day Peñaflor, four teens befriend their favorite novelist, only to find their deepest, darkest secrets in the pages of her next book—with devastating consequences. Perfect for fans of *One of Us Is Lying*—and told as a series of interviews, journal entries, and even pages from the book within the book—this gripping story of a fictional scandal will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end.



I Have Lost My Way by Gayle Forman (Fiction, LGBTQ, Romance, Mental Illness, Depression) 2018.

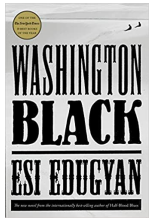
A fateful accident draws three strangers together over the course of a single day:

Freya who has lost her voice while recording her debut album.

Harun who is making plans to run away from everyone he has ever loved.

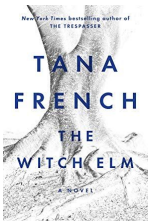
Nathaniel who has just arrived in New York City with a backpack, a desperate plan, and nothing left to lose.

As the day progresses, their secrets start to unravel and they begin to understand that the way out of their own loss might just lie in helping the others out of theirs.



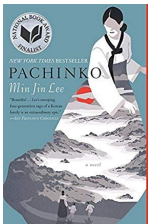
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan (African-American Historical Fiction) 2018.

Eleven-year-old George Washington Black—or Wash—a field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is initially terrified when he is chosen as the manservant of his master’s brother. To his surprise, however, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning, and where two people, separated by an impossible divide, can begin to see each other as human.



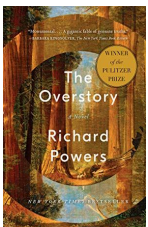
The Witch Elm by Tana French (Fiction, Suspense Thriller, Mystery) 2018.

Toby is a happy-go-lucky charmer who's dodged a scrape at work and is celebrating with friends when the night takes a turn that will change his life - he surprises two burglars who beat him and leave him for dead. Struggling to recover from his injuries, beginning to understand that he might never be the same man again, he takes refuge at his family's ancestral home to care for his dying uncle Hugo. Then a skull is found in the trunk of an elm tree in the garden - and as detectives close in, Toby is forced to face the possibility that his past may not be what he has always believed.



Pachinko by Min Jin Lee (Fiction, Asian American Cultural) 2017.

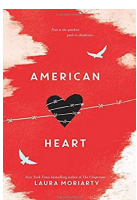
In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant--and that her lover is married--she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.



The Overstory by Richard Powers (Fiction, Political issues) 2019.

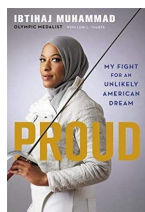
The Overstory, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers’s twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding

catastrophe.



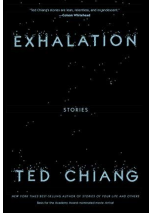
American Heart by Laura Moriarty (Fiction, Muslim Americans, Prejudice) 2018.

Imagine a United States in which registries and detainment camps for Muslim-Americans are a reality. Fifteen-year-old Sarah-Mary Williams of Hannibal, Missouri, lives in this world, and though she has strong opinions on almost everything, she isn’t concerned with the internments because she doesn’t know any Muslims. She assumes that everything she reads and sees in the news is true, and that these plans are better for everyone’s safety.



Proud: My Fight for an Unlikely American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (Biography, Muslim) 2018.

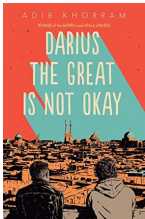
Growing up in New Jersey as the only African American Muslim at school, Ibtihaj Muhammad always had to find her own way. When she discovered fencing, a sport traditionally reserved for the wealthy, she had to defy expectations and make a place for herself in a sport she grew to love.



Exhalation Stories by Ted Chiang (Science Fiction, Short Stories) 2019.

In these nine stunningly original, provocative, and poignant stories, Ted Chiang tackles some of humanity's oldest questions along with new quandaries only he could imagine.

In "The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate," a portal through time forces a fabric seller in ancient Baghdad to grapple with past mistakes and second chances. In "Exhalation," an alien scientist makes a shocking discovery with ramifications that are literally universal. In "Anxiety Is the Dizziness of Freedom," the ability to glimpse into alternate universes necessitates a radically new examination of the concepts of choice and free will.



Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram (Fiction, Multigenerational Family) 2018.

Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's a Fractional Persian—half, his mom's side—and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life.

Other Suggested Readings - Book Series

The Nyxia Triad Series by Scott Reintgen (Fiction, Survival Stories)
The Smoke Thieves Series by Sally Green (Fiction, Action & Adventure, Fantasy)
Miss Oliver's School for Girls Series by Stephen Davenport (Fiction, Contemporary Women Literature)
The Samuel Johnson Series by John Connolly (Fiction, Humor, Thriller)
Simon Snow Series by Rainbow Rowell (LGBTQ, Romance, Fantasy)
The Hazel Wood Series by Melissa Albert (Fiction, Contemporary Fantasy)
Dance of Thieves by Mary E. Pearson (Science Fiction, Fantasy)
The Belles Series by Dhonielle Clayton (Fiction, Dark Fantasy, Girls & Women)
Not Even Bones by Rebecca Schaeffer (Fiction, Dark Fantasy, Action & Adventure)
The Mirage Series by Somaiya Daud (Fiction, Epic Fantasy, Prejudice & Racism)
Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children Series by Ransom Riggs (Fiction, Fantasy)
March Series by John Lewis (Non-Fiction, African-American History, Graphic Novel)
Everyday Series by David Levithan (Fiction, LGBTQ)
Warcross Series by Marie Lu (Fiction, Fantasy)
The Royals Series by Erin Watt (Fiction, Stepfamilies, Romance)
Shatter Me Series by Tahereh Mafi (Science Fiction, Dystopian Romance, Paranormal)
The Illuminae Files Series by Amie Kaufman (Fiction, Space, Sc-Fi)
Truly Devious Series by Maureen Johnson (Fiction, Ghost Stories, Mystery Thriller)
Chloe Snow Diary Series by Emma Chastain (Fiction, Humor, Dating)
Chronicles of Nick Series by Sherrilyn Kenyon (Fiction, Urban Fantasy, Adventure)