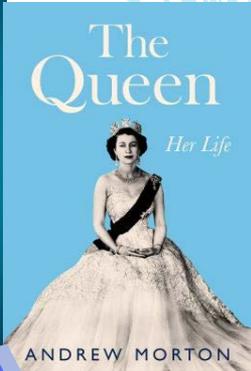
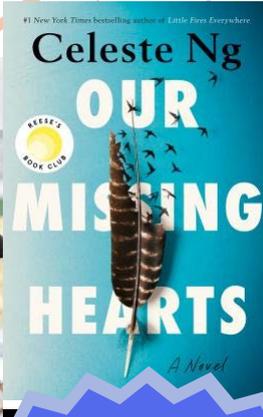
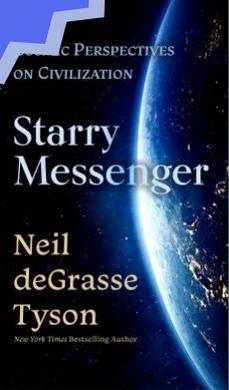
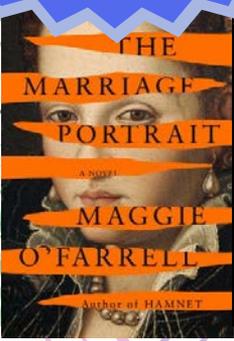
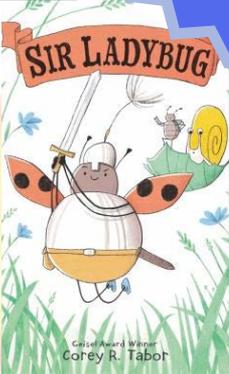
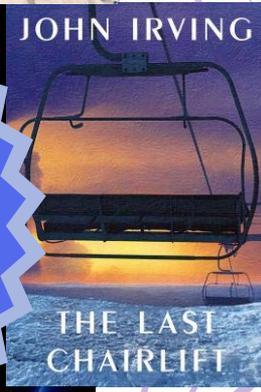


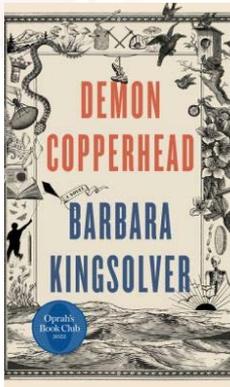
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Best Books of 2022



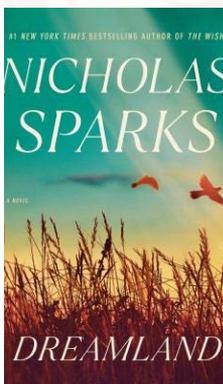
Adult Fiction



Demon Copperhead

Barbara Kingsolver

The teenage son of an Appalachian single mother, who dies when he is 11, uses his good looks, wit, and instincts to survive foster care, child labor, addiction, disastrous loves and crushing losses. *



Dreamland

Nicholas Sparks

A poignant love story about two young people who risk everything for a dream and try to leave the past behind. They will navigate the exhilarating heights and heartbreak of first love. *

The Last Chairlift

John Irving

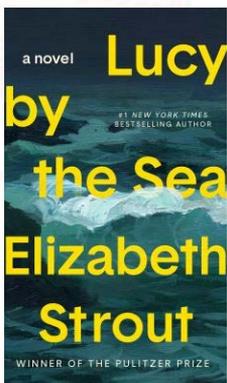
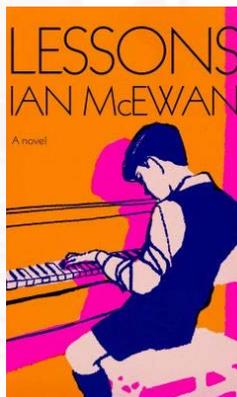
A young man moves from N.H. to Aspen, Colo., where he was conceived, to learn the truth about his mother, a former slalom skier and ski instructor. He meets some ghosts there involving his past. *



Lessons

Ian McEwan

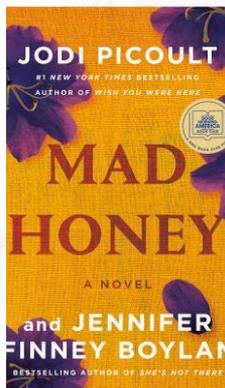
The story of one man's life across generations and historical upheavals from his childhood in a boarding school to his marriage. As he searches for his vanished wife, he is forced to confront his restless existence. *



Lucy by the Sea

Elizabeth Strout

As the pandemic forces the world into lockdown, Lucy is uprooted from her life in NYC and whisked away to a small town in Maine by her ex-husband. For several months, they relive their complex past together. *



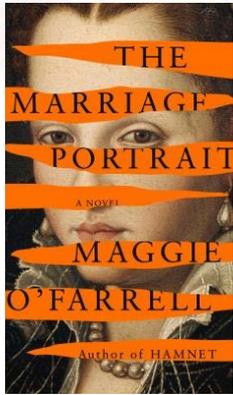
Mad Honey

Jodi Picoult

A married woman uproots from her ideal life in Boston to return to her hometown in N.H. to start over. Her teenage son then becomes a suspect in a murder when his new girlfriend is suspiciously killed. *

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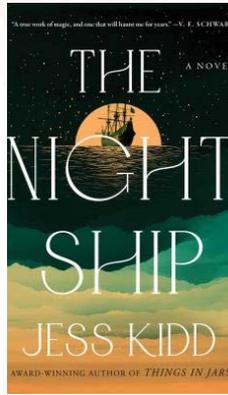
Adult Fiction



Marriage Portrait

Maggie O'Farrell

A compelling story about the young duchess Lucrezia de Medici who is thrust into the limelight upon the death of her older sister. She must adjust to an unfamiliar court where she's not universally welcomed. *



The Night Ship

Jess Kidd

In 1629, a young orphaned girl is bound for the Dutch East Indies on the Batavia, one of the greatest ships of the Dutch Golden Age. She spends the long journey searching for a mythical monster above and below deck. *

Our Missing Hearts

Celeste Ng

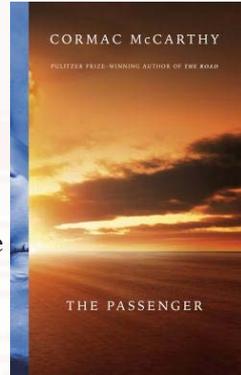
A 12 year-old Asian boy receives a mysterious letter and sets out on a quest to find his mother, a Chinese-American poet who left when he was nine. His journey leads him to NYC where a new act of defiance may bring about change. *



The Passenger

Cormac McCarthy

After a plane crash in 1980, a salvage diver discovers that the pilot's flight bag, the plane's black box, and the 10th passenger are missing. He is drawn into a conspiracy beyond his understanding. *

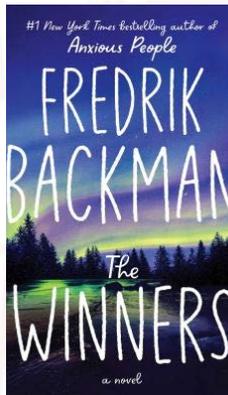
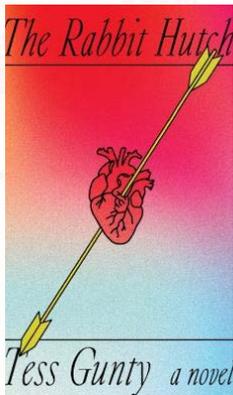


The Rabbit Hutch

Tess Gunty

An odd assortment of residents are struggling to survive in a low-cost and crumbling housing complex in the post-industrial Midwest. A bizarre act of violence finally changes all of their trapped and lonely lives forever. *

2022 National Book Award Winner



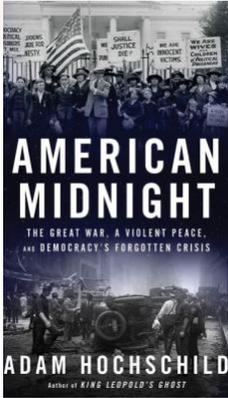
The Winners

Fredrik Backman

Two young Swedish people return to their small forest town and reunite with childhood friends. A new ice rink has been built, which has given folks optimism. However, an act of violence may change the mood. *

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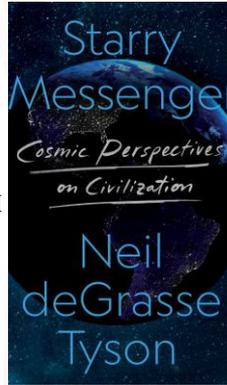
Adult Nonfiction



American Midnight...

Adam Hochschild

A character-driven look at a pivotal period in American history, 1917-1920. The tumultuous home front during WWII and its aftermath when violence broke out across the country due to the first Red Scare, labor strife, and immigration battles.



Starry Messenger...

Neil deGrasse Tyson

Tyson brings his cosmic perspective to civilization on Earth by shining new light on the crucial fault lines of our times: war, politics, religion, truth, beauty, gender, and race. His views stimulate a deeper sense of unity for us all. *

Go-To Dinners...

Ina Garten

The popular cooking show host shares her strategies for making delicious, satisfying, and uncomplicated dinners. She includes such dishes as overnight mac & cheese, Tuscan white bean soup, chicken in a pot with orzo, etc. *

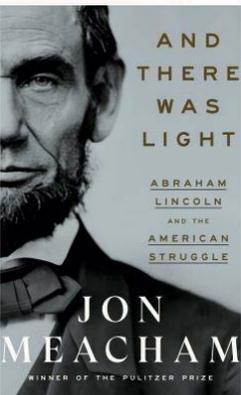


Cookbooks

Plantyou

Carleigh Bodrug

140+ easy and delicious plant-based oil free recipes. No special ingredients, tools, or know-how are required and helpful infographics are included. Great for beginner cooks. *

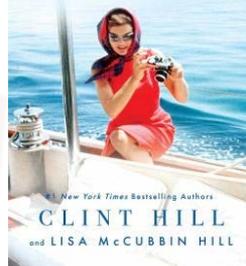


And There Was Light

Jon Meacham

This illuminating new portrait of Lincoln and the American struggle shows a very human, yet imperfect man. His moral antislavery commitment was essential to the story of justice in America. *

My Travels with Mrs. Kennedy



My Travels with Mrs. Kennedy

Clint Hill

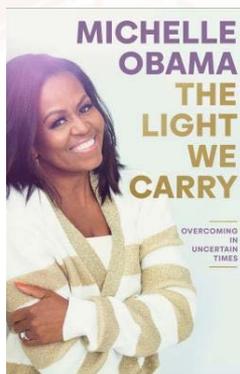
Jackie Kennedy's secret service agent reminisces about private moments, shared laughs, & crazy adventures during her time as First Lady and the year following JFK's assassination. *

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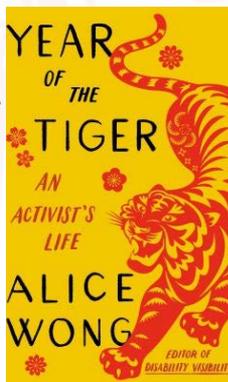
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Year of the Tiger



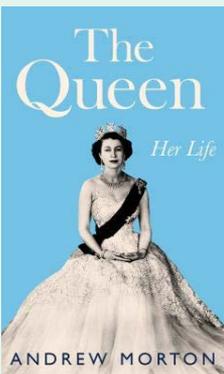
The Light We Carry.
Michelle Obama
A series of fresh stories and insightful reflections on change, challenge, and power. She shares the habits and principles she has developed to successfully adapt to change and overcome various obstacles. *



Alice Wong
Essays, conversations, graphics, and photos are used as a scrapbook of Wong's life as an Asian American disabled activist. She traces her origins, tells her story, and creates a space for disabled people to be in conversation with each other. *

The Queen: Her Life

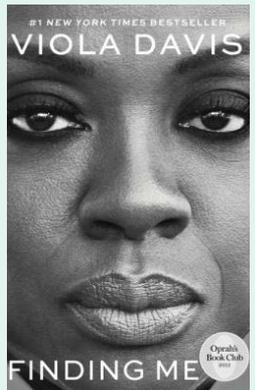
Andrew Morton
An in-depth look at Britain's longest reigning monarch and how she influenced both Britain and the world for much of the last century, This reluctant, but resolute Queen was one of the greatest sovereigns of the modern era. *



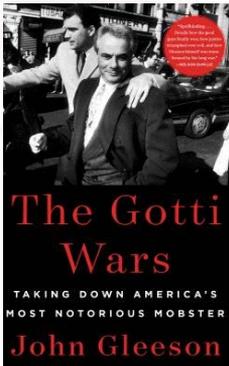
Memoirs

Finding Me

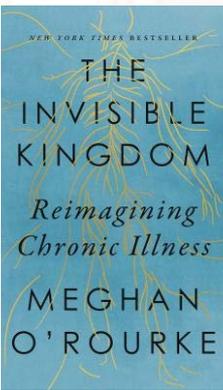
Viola Davis
An emotional story from a crumbling apartment in R.I. to the stage in NYC and beyond. Award-winning actress and icon, Davis examines her life journey with honesty & humility. *



The Gotti Wars



John Gleeson
A riveting chronicle from the determined young prosecutor who, in two of America's most celebrated trials, managed to convict famed mob boss John Gotti and subsequently shut down the Mafia altogether.

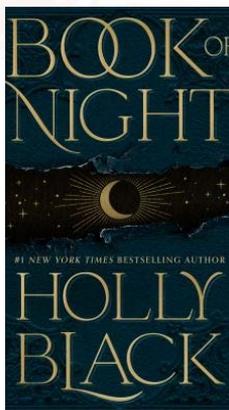


Invisible Kingdom

Meghan O'Rourke
A landmark exploration of the rise of chronic illness and autoimmune diseases. These diseases are poorly understood, marginalized, and undiagnosed. A revealing investigation into "invisible" illnesses. *

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Sci-fi/Fantasy



Book of Night

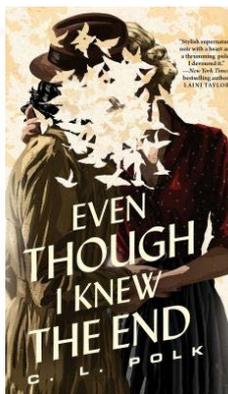
Holly Black

In this alternate reality, people have their shadows slightly augmented by adding horns and wings or shadows are used for devious purposes such as spying or controlling others. A reformed thief learns about this as she becomes engulfed in a dark plot for power. *

Even Though I Knew the End

C.L. Polk

A supernatural noir which takes inspiration from *The Great Gatsby* and is set in an alternative Chicago in the 20th century. Magic and demons are real and deals at the crossroads can cost your soul.



The Dawnhounds

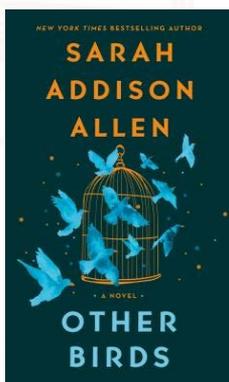
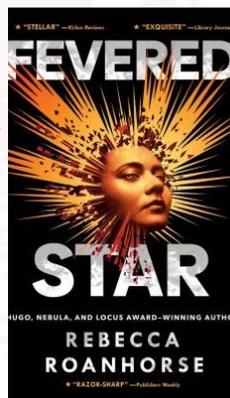
Sascha Stronach

A fast-paced story set in a post-apocalyptic world where modern technology revolves around biomechanical plant and fungus. When a former thief, turned police officer, is murdered, she is brought back to life by a monkey god. *

Fevered Star

Rebecca Roanhorse

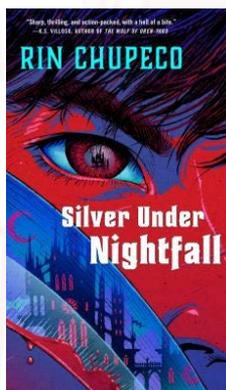
A series set in a fantasy pre-Columbian American continent that is alive with strong-willed characters. Native myths and legends involving a siren and a powerful crow god are the focus. *



Other Birds

Sarah Addison Allen

In this magical realism charmer, some condos on Mallow Island in S.C. are hidden down an alley and the residents are also hiding. Then an 18-year-old girl arrives and helps residents deal with ghosts from the past. *



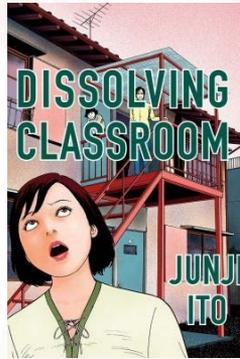
Silver Under Nightfall

Rin Chupeco

Inspired by the game or Netflix series *Castlevania*, this story focuses on a rogue vampire hunter who is drawn to a vampire couple. They may be his true loves or could lead him to lose all he has worked for. *

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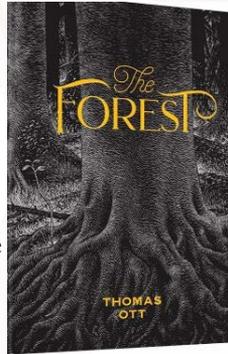
Graphic Novels



Dissolving Classroom

Junji Ito

A pair of twisted siblings - Yuuma, a young man obsessed with the devil, and Chizumi, the worst little sister in recorded history - cause all sorts of tragic and terrifying things to happen.



The Forest

Thomas Ott

A young boy sneaks away from a family funeral and sinks into the forest depths, where he confronts man's greatest fear and must choose his path. An eerie, horror-filled morality tale.

Rooster Fighter V.1

Shu Sakuratani

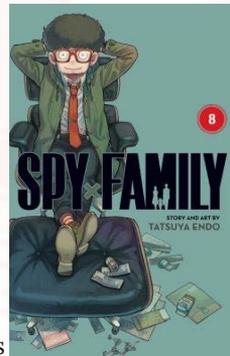
Giant demonic monsters wreak havoc and level Japanese cities. While the citizens flee in terror, it's up to one brave rooster to stand his ground and fight off the monsters and save humanity.



Spy x Family Vol. 8

Tatsuya Endo

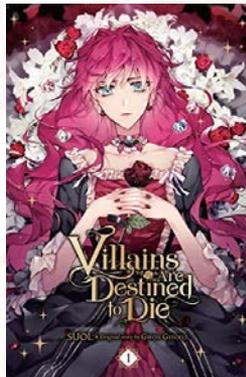
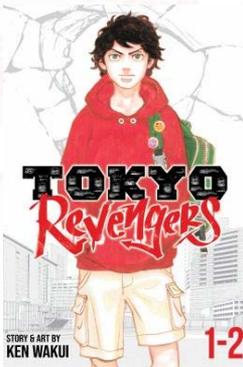
Yor is assigned to be a bodyguard for a mafia family on a cruise ship by the secret organization Garden. But with Lloyd and Anya also on board thanks to a giveaway they won, Yor is starting to have doubts about her secret life as an assassin.



Tokyo Revengers 1-2

Ken Wakui

Watching the news, Hanagaki learns his junior high girlfriend Tachibana has died. Suddenly he is sent 12 years into the past to face Tokyo Manji Gang that once made his life hell and is responsible for Tachibana's death.*



Villains Are

Destined to Die

Gwon Gyeoeul

In Daughter of the Duke Love Project!, you play as Ivonne, the duke's long-lost daughter. In Hard Mode, you play as "villainess" Penelope Eckhart. One girl finds herself thrust into the hostile world of the game when she wakes as Penelope.*

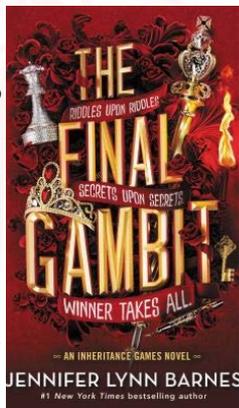
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Young Adults



The Agathas

Kathleen Glasgow
Set against the backdrop of a wealthy oceanside town, this story follows two teenage girls - rich and popular Alice and her less popular, less rich tutor, Iris - as they work together to solve the murder of Alice's ex-best friend. *



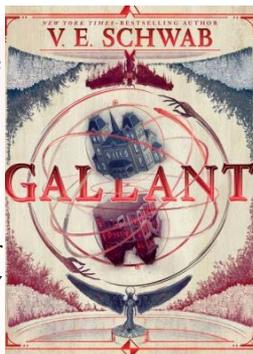
The Final Gambit

Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Avery's fortune, life, and loves are on the line in the game that everyone will be talking about. To inherit billions, all Avery has to do is survive a few more weeks living in Hawthorne House, but the paparazzi are dogging her. *

Gallant

V.E. Schwab

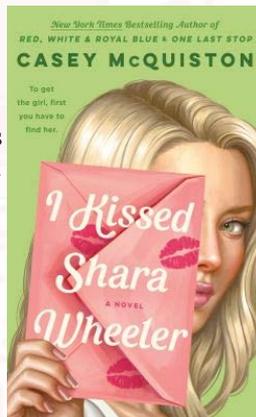
This atmospheric tale follows the story of Olivia, a young girl living at Merilance School for Girls. Her mother disappeared and she has spent her days being taunted by girls at school. Then, she is sent to live at Gallant, the family estate. *



I Kissed Shara

Wheeler

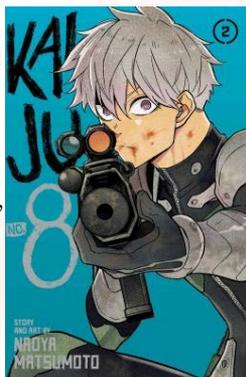
Casey McQuiston
Chloe moves to Alabama and discovers she is the only student at her Catholic high school who is openly queer. She makes it her goal to become valedictorian, but must compete with the most popular girl at school. *



Jujutsu Kaisen V. 14

Gege Akutami

An action-packed comedy about a fake family that includes a spy, an assassin, and a telepath. To gain power, they must save their friend from a cursed spirit, but get caught in a horrific war of the supernatural.



Kaiju no. 8 vol. 2

Naoya Matsumoto
Kafka, a kaiju-corpse cleanup man, has always dreamed of joining the force. But when he gets another shot at achieving his childhood dream, he undergoes an unexpected transformation.

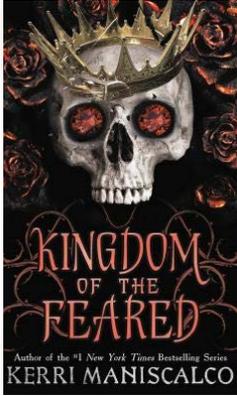
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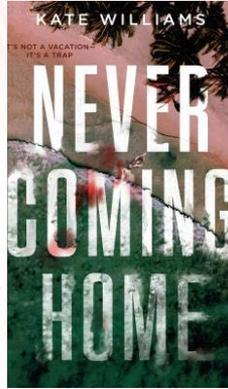
Kingdom of the Feared

Kerri Maniscalco
Emilia is determined to clear her sister's name when she is implicated in the murder of a high-ranking member of a rival demon court. Her investigation forces her to face the demons of her own past and challenge the Prince of Wrath. *



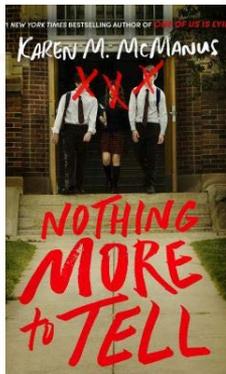
Never Coming Home

Kate Williams
Ten teen influencers arrive on Unknown Island expecting to find a tropical paradise, but instead they discover a deserted resort, poisonous snakes, and secrets worth killing for. Will anyone survive? *



Nothing More to Tell

Karen M. McManus
Four years ago, Brynn left St. Ambrose School following the shocking murder of her favorite teacher. The story made headlines after the teacher's body was found by 3 students in the woods behind the school. *



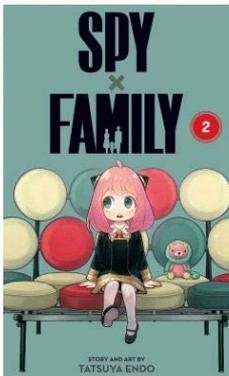
Once Upon a K-Prom

Kat Cho
Instead of going to prom, 17 year-old Elena wants to spend her time saving the local community center. Then, her childhood best friend, now a K-pop superstar, returns to make good on their old pact to attend prom together. *



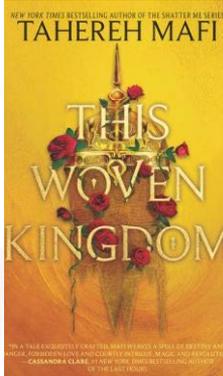
Spy x Family Vol. 2

Tatsuya Endo
An action-packed comedy about a fake family that includes a spy, an assassin, and a telepath. Master spy Twilight is unparalleled when it comes to going undercover on dangerous missions to improve the world. *



This Woven Kingdom

Tahereh Mafi
A romance between two main characters with roots in Persian mythology. The story follows Alizeh, heir to the Jinn crown, forced to seek refuge as a servant girl to evade those who would have her killed. *

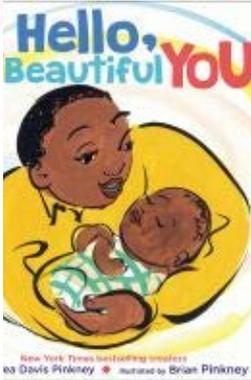


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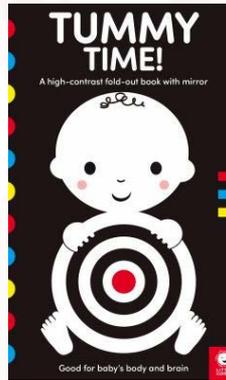


Board Books



Hello, Beautiful You!

Andrea Davis Pinkey
This sweet book celebrates just how beautiful your little one is! Perfect to read while snuggling up together, this book is filled with rhythmic text and delightful illustrations that celebrate your little one.



Tummy Time

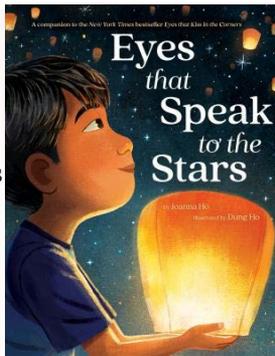
Mama Makes Books
Your little one will love this interactive, double-sided book that engages their senses. Filled with vivid images, a mirror, as well as instructions parents can do with their little ones. It's exactly as the name suggests, taken up to new heights.

Picture Books

Eyes that Speak to the Stars

Joanna Ho

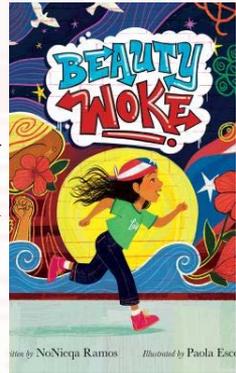
A young Asian boy notices that his eyes look different from his peers'. His father tells him that his eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars, shine like sunlit rays, & glimpse trails of light from those who came before.



Beauty Woke

NoNieqa Ramos

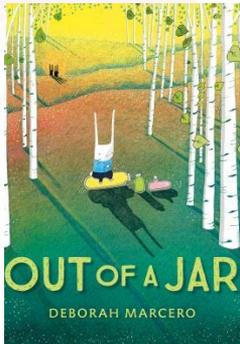
Beauty - who is of Taino Indian, African and Boricua heritage - is raised by her loving family to have pride in who she is and where she comes from. But hatred toward people who look like her bruises her heart.



Out of a Jar

Deborah Marcero

Llewellyn, a little bunny overwhelmed by his emotions, hides away his feelings in glass jars. Then he discovers it's not good to bottle up your feelings and life is more colorful when he sets his emotions free.



The Year We Learned to Fly

Jacqueline Woodson

A brother and sister are stuck inside on a rainy day. Bored, they are told by their wise grandmother to use their imaginations, they are able to fly high above the city.

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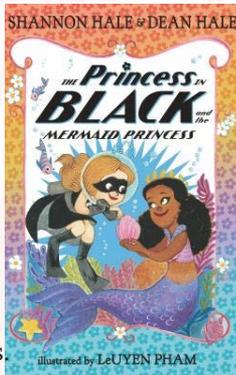


Easy Readers



Sir Ladybug

Corey R. Tabor,
Sir Ladybug is a gentle knight who, along with his friends, is called on a quest to rescue a caterpillar from being eaten by a hungry chickadee. This funny story offers a good start for young readers.



Princess in Black and Mermaid Princess

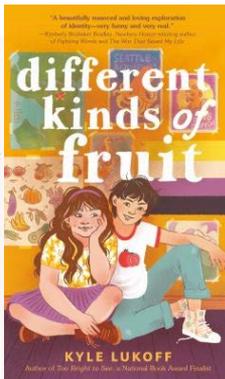
Shannon Hale

The Princess in Black and her friends are enjoying a day of sun and sea on the royal boat when a real, live mermaid Princess emerges from the waves. She needs their help protecting her sea goats from being eaten by a greedy kraken. *

Different Kinds of Fruit

Kyle Lukoff

Annabelle enters the 6th grade and makes friends with Bailey, the new nonbinary kid in town. Then she discovers that her father has something in common with Bailey and she begins to see herself and her family in a whole new light.



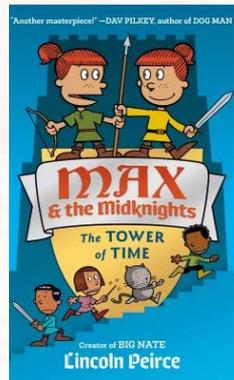
Chapter Books

Max and the

Midnights: Tower of Time no. 3

Lincoln Peirce

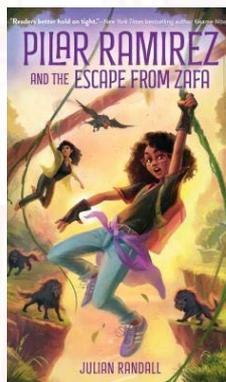
Max's twin sister Mary is public enemy number one and has gone missing. It's up to Max and the Midnights to find her and avoid crossing paths with trolls, pirates, and ruthless Kings. *



Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game

Chris Grabenstein

A 13 year-old boy named Luigi Lemoncello dreams of being a showman. He gets his chance when a carnival comes to town and a famous barker offers him a summer job involving a puzzle and treasure hunt. *



Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa

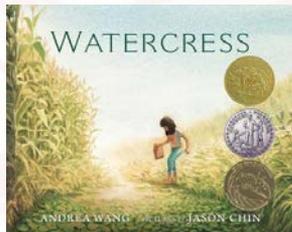
Julian Randall

While researching her documentary about her missing cousin, 12 year-old Pilar is transported to the magical island of Zafa. Here Dominican myths and legends come to life and her cousin is being held captive in a prison. *

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Picture Book for Children



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Andrea Wang

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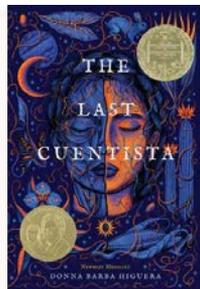
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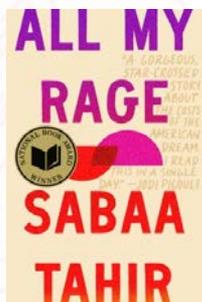
Donna Barba Higuera

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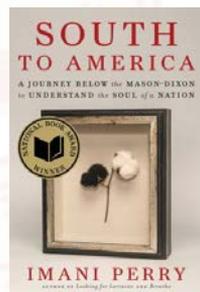
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Imani Perry

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