

IN THE NEWS

LIBRARIES - LET FREEDOM READ

Ink and Bone: The Great Library Rachel Caine

Ruthless and supremely powerful, the Great Library is now a presence in every major city, governing the flow of knowledge to the masses. Alchemy allows the Library to deliver the content of the greatest works of history instantly—but the personal ownership of books is expressly forbidden. Jess Brightwell believes in the value of the Library, but his loyalties are tested when his friend inadvertently commits heresy by creating a device that could change the world. Those who control the Great Library believe knowledge is more valuable than a human life.



The Library of Lost Things by Laura Taylor Namey

From the moment she first learned to read, literary genius Darcy Wells has spent most of her time living in the world of books. There, she can avoid the crushing reality of her mother's hoarding and pretend her life is simply ordinary. But then Asher Fleet, a former teen pilot with an unexpectedly shattered future, walks into the bookstore where she works...and straight into her heart. For the first time in her life, Darcy can't seem to find the right words. Fairy tales are one thing, but real love makes her want to hide behind her carefully constructed ink-and-paper wall.

The Book Thief Markus Zusak

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.

Stray Cat Finds a New Life in the Public Library

Benny the cat is an attendant at Swanton Public Library in Ohio. Encouraging children to read by visiting them during storytime, or zooming around the place thanks to the conspicuous absence of books on the bottom shelves. He's becoming a little star among the library staff.

The tuxedo cat was rescued by the Wood County Humane Society after being thrown out of a truck window. He was adopted by Anna Burwell, the adult services coordinator at the library, who decided to bring the little fellow to work one day.

Benny begins each day by running around the aisles via passageways left for him on the lowest shelves, and even though he's not technically on the payroll, he's an irreplaceable member of the team.

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*Young adult books that
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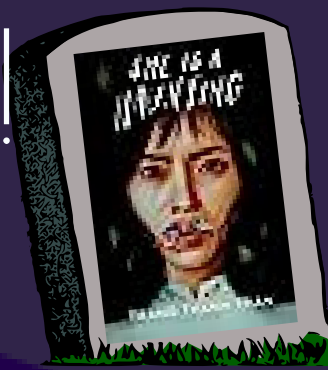
The Girls Are Never Gone by Sarah Glenn Marsh

Dare Chase does not believe in ghosts. Privately, she's a supernatural skeptic. But publicly, she's keeping her doubts to herself – because she's the voice of Attachments, her brand-new paranormal investigation podcast, and she needs her ghost-loving listeners to tune in.

That is what brings her to Arrington Estates. She comes certain that she will find nothing. But Arrington is full of surprises. Good ones like Quinn, the cute daughter of the house's new owner. And baffling ones like the threatening messages left scrawled in paint on Quinn's walls, the ghastly face that appears behind Dare's own in the mirror, and the unnatural current that nearly drowns their friend Holly in the lake.

The Taking of Jake Livingston by Ryan Douglass

Sixteen-year-old Jake Livingston sees dead people everywhere. But he can't decide what's worse: being a medium forced to watch the dead play out their last moments on a loop or being at the mercy of racist teachers as one of the few Black students at St. Clair Prep. Unfortunately, life as a medium is getting worse. Sawyer Doon wants much more from Jake. In life, Sawyer was a troubled teen who shot and killed six kids at a local high school before taking his own life. Now he's a powerful, vengeful ghost and he has plans for Jake.



She Is a Haunting by Trang Thanh Tran

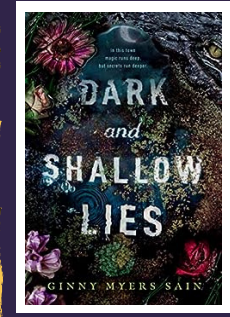
When Jade Nguyen arrives in Vietnam for a visit with her estranged father, she has one goal: survive five weeks pretending to be a happy family in the French colonial house Ba is restoring. But the house has other plans.

Night after night, she wakes up paralyzed. The walls thrum, and bugs leave their legs and feelers in places they don't belong. She finds traces of her ancestors in the gardens they once tended. And at night Jade can't ignore the ghost of the beautiful bride who leaves her warnings: Don't eat. Neither Ba nor her sweet sister Lily believe that there is anything strange happening. With help from a delinquent girl, Jade will prove this house will not rest until it destroys them. Maybe this time she can keep her family together.

Extasia by Claire Legrand

Her name is unimportant. All you must know is that today she will become one of the four saints of Haven. The elders will mark her and place a red hood on her head. With her sisters, she will stand against the evil power that lives beneath the black mountain—an evil which has already killed nine of her village's men. She will tell no one of the white-eyed beasts that follow her. Or the faceless gray women tall as houses. Or the girls she saw kissing in the elm grove.

Today she will be a saint of Haven. She will rid her family of her mother's shame at last and save her people from destruction. She is not afraid. Are you?



Dark and Shallow Lies by Ginny Myers Sain

La Cachette, Louisiana, is the worst place to be if you have something to hide. This tiny town is where

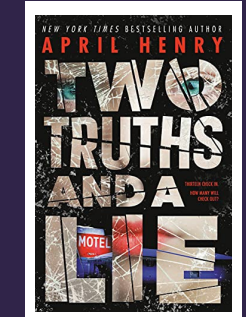
Grey's best friend disappeared six months earlier. Grey can't believe that nobody in a town full of psychics knows what happened. But as she digs into the night that her friend went missing, she begins to realize that everybody in town is hiding something—her grandmother; her childhood crush; and even her late mother, whose secrets call Grey from beyond the grave.

When a mysterious stormy-eyed stranger emerges from the bayou—Grey realizes that La Cachette's past is far more present and dangerous than she'd ever understood.

Five Survive by Holly Jackson

Eight hours. Six friends. Five survive. Red Kenny is on a road trip for spring break with five friends. When their RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere with no cell service, they soon realize this is no accident. They have been trapped by someone out there in the dark, someone who clearly wants one of them dead.

With eight hours until dawn, the six friends must escape, or figure out which of them is the target. But is there a liar among them?



Two Truths and a Lie by April Henry

On the way to a contest, Nell's acting troupe gets caught in a blizzard. Stranding them in a creepy motel. Soon they

meet a group of strangers from another high school—including the mysterious and handsome Knox, who insists they play the game Two Truths and a Lie. When it's Nell's turn, she draws a slip of paper written in unfamiliar handwriting:

"I like to watch people die."
"I've lost count of how many people I've killed."

As guests go missing, it becomes clear that a murderer is hiding in their midst ready to strike again.

I'm the Girl by Courtney Summers

All sixteen-year-old Georgia Avis wants is everything, but the poverty and hardship that defines her life has kept her from the beautiful and special things she knows she deserves. When she stumbles upon the dead body of thirteen-year-old Ashley James, Georgia teams up with Ashley's older sister Nora, to find the killer. Their investigation throws Georgia into a glittering world of unimaginable privilege and wealth. But behind every dream lurks a nightmare, and Georgia must reconcile her heart's desires with what it really takes to survive.



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See You Yesterday by Rachel Lynn Solomon

Barrett Bloom has a disastrous first day of college ending with setting a frat on fire and being locked out of her dorm room.

When she wakes up, it is the same day, September 21st all over again. And after a confrontation with Miles, the guy from Physics 101, she learns she's not alone—he's been trapped for months.

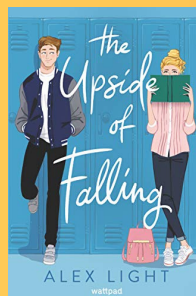
When her attempts to fix her timeline fail, she agrees to work with Miles to find a way out. Soon they're exploring the mysterious underbelly of the university and going on wild, romantic adventures.



Better Than the Movies by Lynn Painter

Perpetual daydreamer Liz Buxbaum gave her heart to Michael a long time ago. But her crush never really saw her before he moved away. Now that he's back in town, Liz will do whatever it takes to get on his radar—even befriend Wes Bennet.

The annoyingly attractive next-door neighbor might seem like a prime candidate for romantic comedy fantasies, but Wes has only been a pain in Liz's butt since they were kids. Yet, somehow, Wes and Michael are hitting it off, which means Wes is Liz's in. But as Liz and Wes scheme to get Liz noticed by Michael, she's shocked to discover that she likes being around Wes.



The Upside of Falling by Alex Light

It's been years since seventeen-year-old Becca Hart believed in true love.

But when her former best friend teases her for not having had a boyfriend, Becca impulsively pretends she's been secretly seeing someone.

Brett Wells has it all. He should have no problem finding someone to date, but he's always been more focused on his future than who to bring to prom.

When he overhears Becca's lie, Brett decides to step in and be the mystery guy. Acting like the perfect couple isn't easy, though, especially when you barely know the other person. Is this fake romance the realest thing in either of their lives?

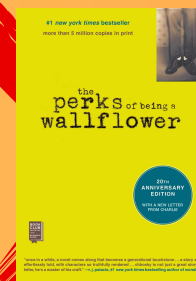


American Royals by Katharine McGee

Two and a half centuries after the Revolutionary War, the House of Washington still sits on the throne. Like most royal families, the Washingtons have an heir and a spare. As Princess Beatrice gets closer to becoming America's first queen regnant, the duty she has embraced her entire life suddenly feels stifling.

Nobody cares about the spare except when she's breaking the rules, so Princess Samantha doesn't care much about anything, either . . . except the one boy who is distinctly off-limits to her.

Most of America adores their devastatingly handsome prince . . . but two very different girls are vying to capture his heart.



The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

This book follows observant "wallflower" Charlie as he charts a course through the strange world between adolescence and adulthood. First dates, family drama, and new friends. Sex, drugs, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Devastating loss, young love, and life on the fringes. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie must learn to navigate those wild and poignant roller-coaster days known as growing up.

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

Lyra is rushing to the cold, far North, where witch clans and armored bears rule. North, where the Gobblers take the children they steal—including her friend Roger. North, where her fearsome uncle Asriel is trying to build a bridge to a parallel world. Can one small girl make a difference in such great and terrible endeavors? This is Lyra, a savage, a schemer, a liar, and as fierce and true a champion as Roger or Asriel could want. But what Lyra doesn't know is that to help one of them will be to betray the other...



Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

"Speak up for yourself—we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is a friendless outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

Miles Halter is fascinated by famous last words—and tired of his safe life at home. He leaves for boarding school to see what the dying poet François Rabelais called the "Great Perhaps." Much awaits Miles at Culver Creek, including Alaska Young, who will pull Miles into her labyrinth and catapult him into the Great Perhaps.



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With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

With her daughter to care for and her abuela to help support, high school senior Emoni Santiago has to make tough

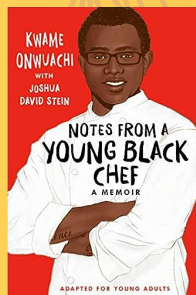
decisions, and do what must be done. The one place she can let her responsibilities go is in the kitchen, where she adds a little something magical to everything she cooks, turning her food into straight-up goodness.

Still, she knows she doesn't have enough time for her school's new culinary arts class, doesn't have the money for the class's trip to Spain—and shouldn't still be dreaming of someday working in a real kitchen. But even with all the rules she has for her life—and all the rules everyone expects her to play by—once Emoni starts cooking, her only real choice is to let her talent break free.

Notes from a Young Black Chef by Kwame Onwuachi

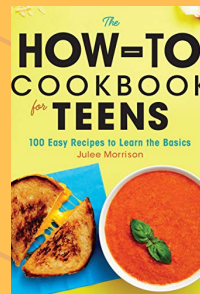
Food was Kwame Onwuachi's first great love. He connected to cooking via his mother, in the family's modest Bronx apartment.

From that spark, he launched his own catering company with twenty thousand dollars he made selling candy on the subway and trained in the kitchens of some of the most acclaimed restaurants in the country. He faced many challenges on the road to success, including breaking free of a dangerous downward spiral due to temptation and easy money, and grappling with just how unwelcoming the world of fine dining can be for people of color.



The How-To Cookbook for Teens by Julee Morrison

With simple recipes and step-by-step instructions, this introductory cookbook for teens guides young chefs-to-be from the first day in the kitchen to cooking full, flavorful meals for the whole family.



Tweet Cute by Emma Lord

Pepper is swim team captain, chronic overachiever, and all-around perfectionist. Jack is a class clown and constant thorn in Pepper's side. Pepper secretly runs the Twitter for the burger chain Big League Burger, and Jack knows that Big League stole his grandmother's grilled cheese recipe. Pepper and Jack's spat turns into a viral Twitter war. Little do they know, while they're publicly duking it out with snarky memes and retweet battles, they're also falling for each other in real life — on an anonymous chat app Jack built.



Let's Make Ramen by Hugh Amano

Playful and instructive, this hybrid cookbook/graphic novel introduces the history of ramen and provides more than 40 recipes for everything you need to make the perfect bowl at home including tares, broths, noodles, and toppings.



Mooncakes by Wendy Xu



Nova is a teen witch that works at her grandmother's bookshop, loaning out spell books and investigating supernatural occurrences in their town. One night she follows reports of a white wolf into the woods and comes across her childhood friend, Tam, battling a demon in the woods as a werewolf.

Together, they take on the dark forces, rekindling their latent feelings.

Lightfall: The Girl & the Galdurian by Tim Probert

The granddaughter of a renowned wizard helps craft the potions and medicines that people come from miles around to purchase. But when Bea runs into a Galdurian one day, a member of an ancient race thought to be extinct, her life changes completely. The Galdurian, Cad, believes Bea's grandfather might be the one person able to help find her missing people. But the Pig Wizard has gone missing. Now, these two unexpected friends must set off on a quest to find Bea's grandfather in order for him to help Cad find the rest of her fellow Galdurians in turn.



Check, Please! by Ngozi Ukazu

Eric Bittle may be a former junior figure skating champion, vlogger extraordinaire, and very talented amateur pâtissier, but being a freshman on the Samwell University hockey team is a whole new challenge. It is nothing like co-ed club hockey back in Georgia! First of all? There's checking (anything that hinders the player with possession of the puck, ranging from a stick check all the way to a physical sweep). And then, there is Jack—his very attractive but moody captain.

Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell

Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked together at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world. They say good-bye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September 1. But this Halloween is different—this is the last season they have at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last good-bye.

Josiah's ready to spend the whole night feeling sad about it. Deja isn't ready to let him. She's got a plan: What if—instead of moping and the usual slinging lima beans down at the Succotash Hut—they went out with a bang?



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