



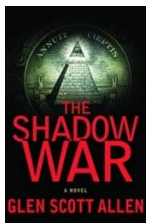
10th, 11th, & 12th Grade

(Not Your School's Required Reading List!)

By Allison Madsen 4/11

This booklist is a mixed bag of teen & adult titles, both fiction and non-fiction. Titles were chosen based on professional reviews, topics of special interest to the high school-age teen, and popularity among their peers. These are *just plain good books* that will keep you reading. In fact most of them you won't be able to put down.

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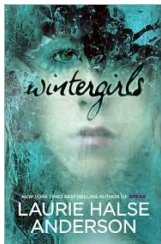
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The Shadow War

By Glen Scott Allen

Call #: F Allen

A series of codes, forged documents and secret family histories all point to the existence of a centuries-old conspiracy. Benjamin teams up with a beautiful Russian cultural attaché named Natalya Orlova, whose own family has a dark history with the KGB, to unravel the truth.



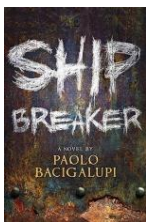
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Wintergirls

By Laurie Halse Anderson

Call #: YF Anderson

Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in fragile bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the thinnest. But then Cassie suffers the ultimate loss—her life—and Lia is left behind, haunted by her friend's memory and racked with guilt for not being able to help save her.



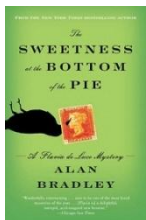
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Ship Breaker

By Paolo Bacigalupi

Call #: YF Bacigalupi

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailor scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.



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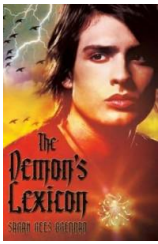
The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

By Alan Bradley

Call #: F Bradley

Eleven-year-old amateur scientist Flavia de Luce hurries to solve the murder and clear her father's name after a dead body arises in their cucumber patch.





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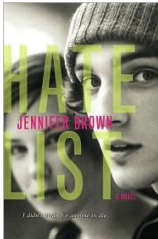
The Demon's Lexicon

By Sarah Rees Brennan



Call #: YF Brennan

Sixteen-year-old Nick and his family have battled magicians and demons for most of his life, but when his brother, Alan, is marked for death while helping new friends Jamie and Mae, Nick's determination to save Alan leads him to uncover a devastating secret.



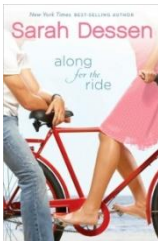
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Hate List

By Jennifer Brown

Call #: YF Brown

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.



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Along for the Ride

By Sarah Dessen



Call #: YF Dessen

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.



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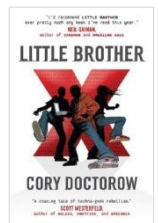
Something Missing

By Matthew Dicks



Call #: F Dicks

A career criminal with OCD tendencies, Martin considers himself one of the best in the biz. After all, he's been able to steal from the same people for years on end—virtually undetected. Of course, this could also be attributed to his unique business model—he takes only items that will go unnoticed by the homeowner.



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Little Brother

By Cory Doctorow



Call #: YF Doctorow

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, 17-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.



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Revolution

By Jennifer Donnelly



Call #: YF Donnelly

An angry, grieving 17-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy—Louis Charles, the lost king of France.





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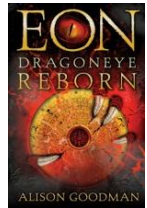
If I Stay

By Gayle Forman



Call #: YF Forman

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, 17-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.



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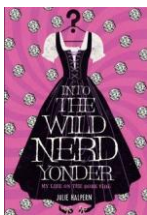
Eon: Dragoneye Reborn

By Alison Goodman



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Sixteen-year-old Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune and learn to be its main interpreter, but to do so will require much, including keeping secret that she is a girl.



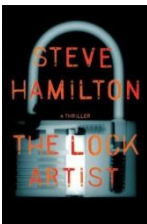
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Into the Wild Nerd Yonder

By Julie Halpern

Call #: YF Halpern

When high school sophomore Jessie's long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons.



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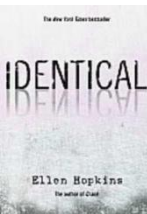
The Lock Artist

By Steve Hamilton



Call #: F Hamilton

Traumatized at the age of eight and pushed into a life of crime by reason of his unforgivable talent—lock picking—Michael sees his chance to escape, and with one desperate gamble risks everything to come back home to the only person he ever loved, and to unlock the secret that has kept him silent for so long.



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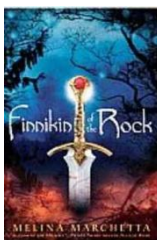
Identical

By Ellen Hopkins



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Sixteen-year-old identical twin daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the US House of Representatives, Kaeleigh and Raeanne Gardella desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart.



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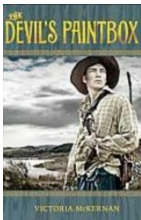
Finnikin of the Rock

By Melina Marchetta

Call #: YF Marchetta

Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.





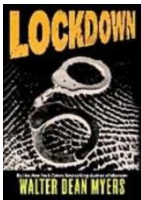
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The Devil's Paintbox

By Victoria McKernan

Call #: YF McKernan

In 1866, 15-year-old Aidan and his 13-year-old sister Maddy, penniless orphans, leave drought-stricken Kansas on a wagon train hoping for a better life in Seattle, but find there are still many hardships to be faced.



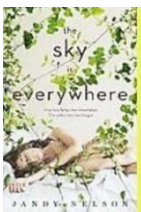
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Lockdown

By Walter Dean Myers

Call #: YF Myers

Teenage Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making it through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.



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The Sky is Everywhere

By Jandy Nelson

Call #: YF Nelson

In the months after her sister dies, 17-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician.



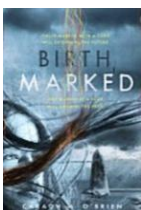
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The Knife of Never Letting Go

By Patrick Ness

Call #: YF Ness

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.



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Birthmarked

By Caragh M. O'Brien

Call #: YF O'Brien

In a future world baked dry by the sun and divided into those who live inside the wall and those who live outside it, 16-year-old midwife Gaia Stone is forced into a difficult choice when her parents are arrested and taken into the city.



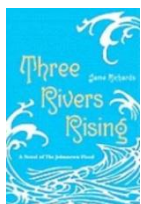
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The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had to

By DC Pierson

Call #: YF Pierson

Fifteen-year-old Darren, a social misfit who spends his time at school trying not to be noticed while drawing characters for a planned film series and book tie-ins, befriends Eric, another outcast who reveals that he never sleeps.



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Three Rivers Rising: A Novel of the Johnstown Flood

By Jame Richards

Call #: YF Richards

This searing novel in verse explores a cross-class romance and a tragic event in U.S. history, the Johnstown Flood of 1889.





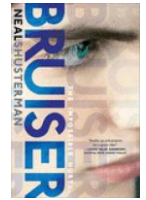
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The Unwritten Rule

By Elizabeth Scott

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Petite and young-looking, 17-year-old Sarah has been best friends with the glamorous and seductive Brianna forever, but when she starts liking Brianna's boyfriend, their friendship becomes precarious.



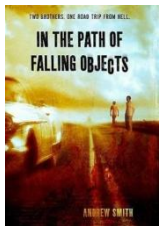
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Bruiser

By Neal Shusterman

Call #: YF Shusterman

Inexplicable events occur when 16-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontë befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody.



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In the Path of Falling Objects

By Andrew Smith

Call #: F Smith

In 1970, after their older brother is shipped off to Vietnam, 16-year-old Jonah and his younger brother Simon leave home to find their father, who is being released from an Arizona prison, but soon find themselves hitching a ride with a violent killer.



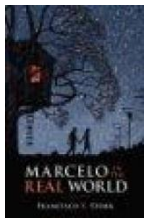
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After Ever After

By Jordan Sonnenblick

Call #: YF Sonnenblick

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for 8th grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.



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Marcelo in the Real World

By Francisco X. Stork

Call #: YF Stork

Marcelo Sandoval, a 17-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.



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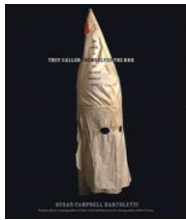
Broken Soup

By Jenny Valentine

Call #: YF Valentine

A photographic negative and two surprising new friends become the catalyst for healing as 15-year-old Rowan struggles to keep her family and her life together after her brother's death.





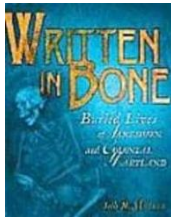
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They Called Themselves the KKK

By Susan Campbell Bartoletti

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This is the story of how a secret terrorist group took root in America's democracy. Filled with chilling and vivid personal accounts unearthed from oral histories, congressional documents, and diaries, it is a book to read and remember.



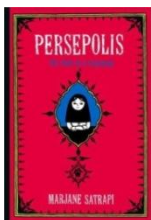
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Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland

By Sally M. Walker

Call #: Y614.17 Wal

This book reports on the work of forensic scientists who are excavating grave sites in James Fort, in Jamestown, Virginia, to understand the people who lived in the Chesapeake Bay area in the 1600s and 1700s.



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Persepolis

By Marjane Satrapi

Call #: 741.594 Sat

An intelligent and outspoken only child, Satrapi—the daughter of radical Marxists and the great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor—bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country.



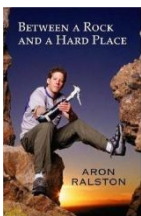
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The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum

By Candice Fleming

Call #: J791.309

Biography of P.T. Barnum, showman and founder of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Readers can visit Barnum's American Museum; meet Tom Thumb, the miniature man (only 39 in. tall) and his tinier bride (32 in.); experience the thrill Barnum must have felt when, at age 60, he joined the circus; and discover Barnum's legacy.



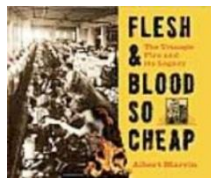
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127 Hours: Between a Rock and a Hard Place

By Aron Ralston

Call #: 796.522 Ral

One of the most extraordinary survival stories ever told—Aron Ralston's searing account of his six days trapped in one of the most remote spots in America, and how one inspired act of bravery brought him home.



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Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy

By Albert Marrin

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On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burst into flames. The factory was crowded. The doors were locked to ensure workers stay inside. One hundred forty-six people—mostly women—perished; it was one of the most lethal workplace fires in American history until September 11, 2001.





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Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing

By Ann Angel

Call #: Y92 Joplin

Forty years after her death, Janis Joplin remains among the most compelling and influential figures in rock-and-roll history. Her story—told here with depth and sensitivity by author Ann Angel—is one of a girl who struggled against rules and limitations, yet worked diligently to improve as a singer.