



Roslyn High High School Library  
**OUR NEW BOOKS  
& SOME OLD FAVORITES**

Dear Students,



The Roslyn High School Library created this list of fiction and nonfiction “Favorite Books” for beach reads, vacation trips, or to pass the lazy days of summer. Visit the public library or download via the free “Libby” app for your phone or tablet to access thousands of titles. All you need is your Bryant Library card.

If you would like other suggestions, or have your own favorite book you would like to recommend, please email me or stop by the library!

Enjoy!

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## Fiction

### *After the Shot Drops*

Randy Ribay

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.



### *Akata Witch*

Nnedi Okorafor

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.



### *Angel Thieves*

Kathi Appelt

The lives of four characters, including cemetery thief Cade Curtis, a runaway slave, and an illegally captured ocelot, flow together across time through their connections to the Houston bayou and an angel carved from Georgia marble.



### *Barely Missing Everything*

Matt Méndez

Learning that the father he believed dead is alive, a basketball athlete with dreams of a better life embarks on a road trip with his best friend while confronting how discrimination is affecting his prospects.



### *Children of Blood and Bone*

Tomi Adeyemi



Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

*Circe: A Novel*

Madeline Miller

Follows Circe, the banished witch daughter of Helios, as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.



*Crazy House*

Patterson, James

In a future world where teenagers are taken, imprisoned, and forced to fight for their survival, well-behaved Cassie will do whatever it takes to save her rebellious twin sister from Death Row.



*Dear Martin*

Nic Stone

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.



*Five Feet Apart*

Rachael Lippincott with Mikki Daughtry and Tobias Iaconis

Seventeen-year-olds Stella and Will, both suffering from cystic fibrosis, realize the only way to stay alive is to stay apart, but their love for each other is slowly pushing the boundaries of physical and emotional safety.



*The Hate U Give*

Angie Thomas

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.



*A Heart in a Body in the World*



Deb Caletti

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.

*Here to Stay*

Sara Farizan

When a cyberbully sends the entire high school a picture of basketball hero Bijan Majidi, photoshopped to look like a terrorist, the school administration promises to find and punish the culprit, but Bijan just wants to pretend the incident never happened and move on.



*I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*

Erika L. Sánchez.

When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.



*I, Claudia*

Mary McCoy

Over the course of her high school years, awkward Claudia McCarthy finds herself unwittingly drawn into the dark side of her school's student government, with dire consequences. Unexpectedly pulled into the tumultuous and high-profile world of the Senate and Honor Council, disaffected teen historian Claudia McCarthy resolves to use her influence to make positive changes at Imperial Day Academy only to be challenged by scandals, power-hungry rivals and political dilemmas.



*Imagine Us Happy*

Jennifer Yu

High school junior Stella lives with depression and when she meets a senior boy who understands what she is going through she grows closer to him, but neglects her friendships and responsibilities.



*Internment*

Samira Ahmed



Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. With the help of newly made friends also trapped within the internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards.

*King of Scars*

Leigh Bardugo

When the dark magical force within him challenges his effort to forge new alliances and build a defense against a new threat, Nikolai Lantsov, the young king of Ravka, embarks on a journey to his country's most magical places to vanquish it. A talented young king journeys to his country's most magical places to vanquish a dark magical force within him that is challenging his efforts to forge new alliances and build a defense against a rising threat.



*The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe*

Ally Condie

Seeking to avenge the murder of her true love while on a dredge ship searching for gold, fifteen-year-old captain Poe Blythe becomes the architect of new defenses designed to destroy her enemies.



*Lawn Boy : A Novel*

Jonathan Evison

Faced by a life of menial prospects in the years after high school, Mike Muñoz, a young Mexican-American, attempts over and over to change his life for the better and achieve the American dream, only to be stymied by social-class distinctions and cultural discrimination.



*Leah on the Offbeat*

Becky Albertalli

With prom and graduation around the corner, senior Leah Burke struggles when her group of friends start fighting.



*Love from A to Z*

S. K. Ali

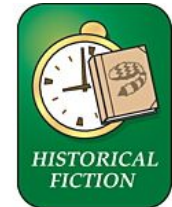


Suspended for standing up against a teacher's hate speech, a Muslim teen visits her aunt in Qatar, where she bonds with a motherless young man who is attempting to hide his multiple sclerosis diagnosis from his grieving father.

*Mapping the Bones*

Jane Yolen

In Poland in the 1940s, the lives of twins Chaim and Gittel feel like a fairy tale torn apart as they must rely on each other to endure life in a ghetto and the horrors of a concentration camp where they lose everything but each other.



*Monday's Not Coming*

Tiffany D. Jackson

When her friend Monday Charles goes missing and Monday's mother refuses to give her a straight answer, Claudia digs into her disappearance. Knowing when her best friend stops showing up at school that something is terribly wrong, Claudia, who depends heavily on her friend to defend her from bullies and help her navigate the toughest time in her life, is baffled when nobody around her seems to remember the last time they saw her friend.



*One of Us is Lying*

Karen M. McManus

When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.



*The Poet X*

Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.



*Puddin'*

Julie Murphy

When circumstances put Millie Michalchuk and Callie Reyes together over the course of a semester, the girls realize they have more in common than they ever imagined.



*Sadie*

Courtney Summers

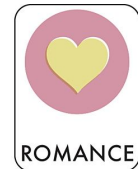
Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance..



*The Sun is Also a Star*

Nicola Yoon

Natasha, whose family is hours away from being deported, and Daniel, a first generation Korean American who strives to live up to his parents' expectations, unexpectedly fall in love and must determine which path they will choose in order to be together.



*A Very Large Expanse of Sea*

Tahereh Mafi

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. So she's built up protective walls and refuses to let anyone close enough to hurt her. But then she meets Ocean James. He's the first person in forever who really seems to want to get to know Shirin. It terrifies her-they seem to come from two irreconcilable worlds-and Shirin has had her guard up for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down.



*What If It's Us*

Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera

Told in two voices, when Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart. When Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, have a meet-cute at the post office they think the universe may have plans for them, but after three attempts at dating fail, they are not so sure.



*The Way You Make Me Feel*

Maurene Goo

Sentenced to a summer working on her father's food truck after taking a joke too far, prankster Korean-American Clara Shin unexpectedly bonds with a straitlaced co-worker and a cute boy on another food truck while reevaluating her relationship with her estranged mother.



*Where the Crawdads Sing*

Delia Owens

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. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.



*Where the Dead Sit Talking*

Brandon Hobson

With his single mother in jail, Sequoyah, a fifteen-year-old Cherokee boy, is placed in foster care with the Trout family. Literally and figuratively scarred by his mother's years of substance abuse, Sequoyah keeps mostly to himself, living with his emotions pressed deep below the surface. At least until he meets seventeen-year-old Rosemary, a troubled artist who also lives with the family.



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Non-Fiction

*ATTUCKS! Oscar Robertson and the Team that Awakened a City*





Phillip Hoose

In the 1950s, when Indianapolis was as segregated as the deep south and basketball was king, an all-black high school team works to not only become state champions, but also change local attitudes.

*Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"*

Zora Neale Hurston

Presents a previously unpublished work that illuminates the horror and injustices of slavery in the true story of one of the last known survivors of the Atlantic slave trade, Cudjo Lewis, who was abducted from Africa on the last "Black Cargo" ship to arrive in the United States.



*Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court*

Kareem Abdul-Jabarr

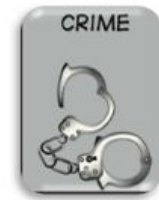
Who is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Much more than a basketball icon! At once a student of Bruce Lee, friend of Muhammad Ali, the NBA's all-time leading scorer, a Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, coach, civil rights activist, Sherlock Holmes fan, and actor and author, he is now also a US global cultural ambassador and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



*The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & the Trial of the Century*

Sarah Elizabeth Miller

Draws on sensationalized, period newspaper articles to recreate the events of the infamous Borden murders and the trial and acquittal of Lizzie Borden, sorting out fact from fiction to explore Lizzie's story and consider what probably happened.



*Eat the Apple: A Memoir*

Matt Young

A combat veteran and writing instructor traces the darkly comic story of his youth and masculinity as they were shaped in an age of continuous war, describing how he joined the Marines as a way to temper his reckless nature before enduring three Iraq deployments.



*Educated*

Tara Westover

Traces the author's experiences as a child born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, describing her participation in her family's paranoid stockpiling activities and her resolve to educate herself well enough to earn an acceptance into a prestigious university and the unfamiliar world beyond.



*First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong*

James R. Hansen

An authorized portrait of the first astronaut to set foot on the moon sheds light on other aspects of his career, from the honors he received as a naval aviator to the price he and his family paid for his professional dedication.



*The Future of Humanity: Terraforming Mars, Interstellar Travel, Immortality, and Our Destiny beyond Earth*

Dr. Michio Kaku

Traverses the frontiers of astrophysics, artificial intelligence, and technology to outline a remarkable vision of humanity's future in space, from colonizing Mars to traveling to distant galaxies.



*Ginger Kid: Mostly True Tales from a Former Nerd*

Steve Hofstetter

In *Ginger Kid*, popular comedian Steve Hofstetter grapples with life after seventh grade . . . when his world fell apart. Formatted as a series of personal essays, Steve walks his readers through awkward early dating, family turbulence, and the revenge of the bullied nerds.



*The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After*

Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil

Traces the author's harrowing experiences as a young child during the Rwanda massacres and displacements, which separated her from her parents and forced the author and her older sister to endure six years as refugees in



seven countries, foraging for survival and encountering unexpected acts of cruelty and kindness before she was granted asylum in a profoundly different America.

*Daring To Drive: A Saudi Woman's Awakening*

Manal al-Sharif

An intimate memoir by a devout Saudi Arabian woman who became the unexpected leader of a movement to support women's rights to drive describes how fundamentalism influenced her radical religious beliefs until her education, a job and legal contradictions changed her perspectives and made her an accidental activist.



*The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*

John Hendrix

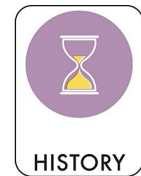
A true and gripping spy story, this graphic biography describes pivotal moments in the career of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whose religious faith led him to devote his life to the German Resistance to Hitler. Visual metaphors in the powerful illustrations convey the looming danger.



*A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919*

Claire Hartfield

A compelling introduction to the Chicago race riot of 1919 documents key events that led to days of urban violence that continue to reverberate a century later, offering insight into contributing factors in race relations, politics, business and culture.



*Gmorning, Gnight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You*

Lin-Manuel Miranda (illustrated by Jonny Sun)

Before he inspired the world with Hamilton and was catapulted to international fame, Lin-Manuel Miranda was inspiring his Twitter followers with words of encouragement at the beginning and end of each day. He wrote these original sayings, aphorisms, and poetry for himself as much as for others. But as Miranda's audience grew, these messages took on a life on their own. Now Miranda has gathered the best of his daily greetings into a beautiful collection illustrated by acclaimed artist (and fellow Twitter favorite) Jonny Sun. Full of comfort and motivation, *Gmorning, Gnight!* is a touchstone for anyone who needs a quick lift.



*The IF in Life: How to Get Off Life's Sidelines and Become Your Best Self*

Rashad Jennings

In his debut book, former NFL running back and Dancing with the Stars champion Rashad Jennings shares his inspiring story and experiences that will encourage readers to follow their dreams. As a kid, Rashad was overweight, had poor vision, asthma, and a 0.6 GPA yet he still hoped to one day play in the NFL. The odds were stacked against him, but through hard work and determination, Rashad became a record-setting running back who has played with the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Oakland Raiders, and the New York Giants. Rashad writes about the decisions that shaped his life. From overcoming injuries and setbacks to reaching goals and everything in between, Rashad's transparency about his journey will encourage readers to hold on to faith in the midst of uncertainty and win big in life.



*Let Your Mind Run: A Memoir of Thinking My Way to Victory*

Deena Kastor and Michelle Hamilton

The record-holding Olympic medalist runner presents a vividly inspirational memoir on the beneficial role of positive psychology and brain science of athletic achievements, describing how she only became an elite runner after she set aside the views about her raw talent to conquer the mental aspects of her goals.



*Nevertheless, We Persisted: 48 Voices of Defiance, Strength, and Courage.*

A . . . collection of essays from actors, activists, athletes, politicians, musicians, writers, and teens, including Senator Amy Klobuchar, actress Alia Shawkat, actor Maulik Pancholy, poet Azure Antoinette, teen activist Gavin Grimm, and many, many more, each writing about a time in their youth when they were held back because of their race, gender, or sexual identity--but persisted.



*SHOUT*

Laurie Halse Anderson



A poetic memoir and urgent call-to-action by the award-winning author of *Speak* blends free-verse reflections with deeply personal stories from her life to rally today's young people to stand up and fight the abuses, censorship and hatred of today's world.

*Spooked!*

Gail Jarrow

Details a radio broadcast from 1938 gone awry. H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds* (depicting a Martian invasion) was coming true - or so many thought!



*Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers*

Tanya Lee Stone

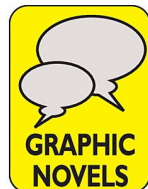
Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against little-known attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II, and "proved that the color of a man had nothing to do with his ability."



*Vincent and Theo The Van Gogh Brothers*

Deborah Heiligman

The bond between brothers was never stronger. Drawing on their lifelong correspondence, Heiligman plumbs their journey from an ascetic upbringing in a Protestant parsonage to the auction houses of Europe as Theo develops business acumen, all the while supporting volatile Vincent's groundbreaking artistic endeavors both materially and emotionally. Their devotion to each other was so profound that there could have been no Vincent van Gogh without Theo.



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Graphic Novels

*Andre the Giant: Life and Legend*

Box Brown

Drawing from historical records about Andre's life as well as a wealth of anecdotes from his colleagues in the wrestling world, including Hulk Hogan, and his film co-stars (Billy Crystal, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, etc), Brown has created in *Andre the Giant*, the first substantive biography of one of the twentieth century's most recognizable figures.

*Hey, Kiddo*

Jarrett J. Krosoczka

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.

*March Trilogy*

John Lewis and Andrew Aydin (illustrated by Nate Powell)

March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

*Sleepless. Volume 1*

Sarah Vaughn (illustrated by Leila Del Duca)

Lady 'Poppy' Pyppenia is guarded by the Sleepless Knight Cyrenic but becomes endangered when an assassin threatens her life in the new king's reign. As Poppy and Cyrenic try to discover who wants her dead, they must navigate the dangerous waters of life at court and of their growing feelings for one another.

*This One Summer*

Mariko Tamaki ; (illustrated by Jillian Tamaki)

Rose's latest summer at a beach lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens.

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## Popular Titles & Classics

### *Be More Chill*

Ned Vizzini

Badly in need of self-confidence and a change of image, high school nerd Jeremy Heere swallows a pill-sized supercomputer that is supposed to help him get whatever he wants.



### *Big Mouth & Ugly Girl*

Joyce Carol Oates

When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.



### *The Bluest Eye*

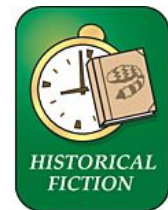
Toni Morrison

The story of Pecola Breedlove profiles an eleven-year-old black girl growing up in an America that values blue-eyed blondes and the tragedy that results from her longing to be accepted.

### *The Book Thief*

Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.



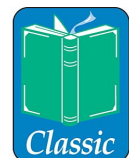
### *Brave New World*

Aldous Huxley

A satirical novel about the utopia of the future, a world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped.



### *The Color Purple*



Alice Walker

Tells the story of two African-American sisters: Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a child-wife living in the south, in the medium of their letters to each other and in Celie's case, the desperate letters she begins, "Dear God."

*Crank*

Ellen Hopkins

Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter, but she meets a boy who introduces her to drugs and becomes a very different person, struggling to control her life and her mind.



*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

Mark Haddon

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.



*The Diary of a Young Girl*

Anne Frank

An adolescent Jewish girl chronicles her experiences over the years she and several others hid from the Nazis in a secret apartment before being discovered and sent to concentration camps.



*Divergent*

Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.



*Dracula*





Bram Stoker

Presents the classic macabre tale of a vampire, Count Dracula of Transylvania, and the small group of people who vowed to rid the world of him.

*East of Eden*

John Steinbeck

Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families—the Trasks and the Hamiltons—whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel.



*Eleanor & Park*

Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

*Fahrenheit 451*

Ray Bradbury

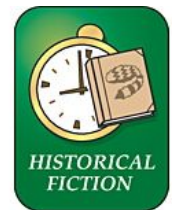
After learning that books are a vital part of a culture he never knew, a book-burning official in a future fascist state clandestinely pursues reading until he is betrayed.



*Fallen Angels*

Walter Dean Myers

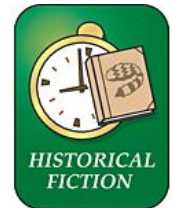
Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.



*The Help*

Kathryn Stockett

Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households, which includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.



*The Fault in Our Stars*

John Green

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.



*Feed*

M. T. Anderson

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.



*The Fellowship of the Ring: Being the First Part of The Lord of the Rings*

J. R. R Tolkien

Frodo the hobbit and a band of warriors from the different kingdoms set out to destroy the Ring of Power before the evil Sauron grasps control.



*The Golden Compass*

Philip Pullman

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.



*The Hunger Games*

Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death



*Jane Eyre*

Charlotte Brontë

Jane, a plain and penniless orphan in nineteenth-century England, accepts employment as a governess at Thornfield Hall and soon finds herself in love with her melancholy employer, Mr. Edward Rochester, a man with a terrible secret.



*The Joy Luck Club*

Amy Tan

The personal, often painful, histories of four Chinese American women who began meeting in San Francisco in 1949 to play mahjong are revealed as the daughter of one who has died searches for her sisters in China to tell them about the mother they never knew.

*The Knife Of Never Letting Go*

Patrick Ness

Todd, one month away from an important birthday, learns all the tough lessons of adulthood when he is forced to flee after discovering a secret near the town where he lives.



*Looking for Alaska : a Novel*

John Green

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

*Lucas*

Kevin Brooks

On an isolated English island, fifteen-year-old Caitlin McCann makes the painful journey from adolescence to adulthood through her experiences with a mysterious boy, whose presence has an unsettling effect on the island's inhabitants.

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

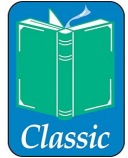
Stephen Chbosky

Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver.

*Pride and Prejudice*

Jane Austen

When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind. When she later discovers that Darcy has involved himself in the troubled relationship between his friend Bingley and her beloved sister Jane, she is determined to dislike him more than ever.



*Shoeless Joe*

W. P. Kinsella

The voice of a baseball announcer tells Iowa farmer, Ray Kinsella: "if you build it he will come." "He" is Shoeless Joe Jackson, Ray's hero. "It" is a baseball stadium, which Ray carves out of his cornfield

*Slaughterhouse-Five*

Kurt Vonnegut

A fourth-generation German-American is tortured by his memories of the firebombing of Dresden in 1944 which he witnessed while a prisoner of war.



*Uglies*

Scott Westerfeld

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen-year-old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she does not like.



*Whale Talk*

Chris Crutcher

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

