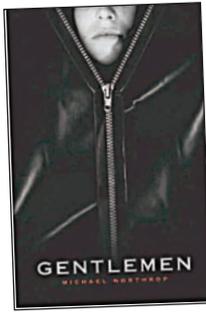


Y NORTHROP **Gentlemen**

- by Michael Northrop.

Mike, Tommy, Mixer, and Bones are known as troublemakers at their small-town high school. When one of them goes missing, his friends become suspicious of their teacher Mr. Haberman, who acts very suspiciously while teaching Crime and Punishment.



Y WARD **Numbers**

- by Rachel Ward.

Jem has a terrible gift - when she looks into someone's eyes, she sees the date of his or her death. She knows how much (or little) time they have left...her mother, her new friend Spider, and all the tourists standing in line for the London Eye Ferris wheel....

Y WERLIN **Impossible**

- by Nancy Werlin.

Magic, romance, and a family curse are combined in a contemporary fairy-tale based on the song "Scarborough Fair." When Lucy reads her crazy mother's diary, she learns that she, too, is destined for madness unless she performs the three impossible tasks in the song.

Y ZUSAK **The Book Thief**

- by Markus Zusak.

Death itself narrates the unforgettable story of Liesel, a foster child in Nazi Germany, whose book stealing and storytelling support the spirits of neighbors and the Jewish man hiding in her basement.

YG LAT **Kampung Boy**

- by Lat.

Though written as fiction, this graphic novel shares the author's experiences growing up on a rubber plantation in Malaysia in the '70s.

YG YANG **American Born Chinese**

- by Gene Luen Yang.

Combining three different stories, one drawn from Chinese mythology, this graphic novel explores racism and self hatred as a young boy struggles to come to terms with his heritage.

616.83 FRIEDMAN **Med Head: My Knock-Down, Drag-Out, Drugged-Up Battle with my Brain**

- by James Patterson & Hal Friedman.

An account of Cory Friedman's thirteen-year nightmare with Tourette's syndrome and obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). Cory's life changed forever sometime before his fifth birthday. Now seventeen, he looks back and shares all the struggles he managed to survive.

996.6203 COOPER **The House at Sugar Beach**

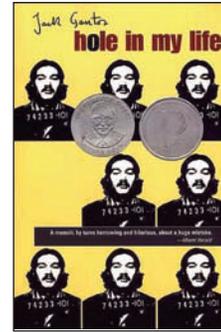
- by Helene Cooper.

A harrowing and personal memoir of growing up in Liberia during a bloody political coup. Helene's family escapes Liberia and moves to America, leaving Helene's sister behind. This coming-of-age story-with a near-death experience- brings Helene back to Africa in search of the family member she lost.

B GANTOS **Hole in My Life**

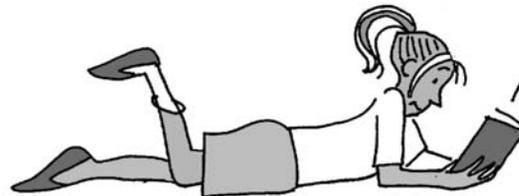
- by Jack Gantos.

A popular author chronicles his young adult life as a drug user, smuggler, and convicted felon, who eventually completes college and becomes a writer.



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# GREAT READS

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Y ALEXIE **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

- by Sherman Alexie.

When lovable and geeky Arnold "Junior" Spirit transfers from his troubled Spokane Indian Reservation school to Reardon High, he finds that he is the only Native American in an all-white school.

Y ANDERSON **Chains**

- by Laurie Halse Anderson.

Isabel and her 5-year-old sister were wrongfully sold as slaves to an abusive Loyalist couple during the Revolutionary War. Isabel quickly learns to trust no one, as she spies for the rebels and plots her own escape.

Y ANDERSON **The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Vol. 1: The Pox Party**

- by M.T. Anderson.

Raised as an experiment and considered property, young Octavian undergoes even greater changes with the arrival of America's own revolutionary war.

Y ASHER **13 Reasons Why**

- by Jay Asher.

13 teens are each sent a box of audiotapes recorded by their classmate Hannah and mailed on the day she committed suicide. On the cassettes, Hannah says "I'm about to tell you... why my life ended. And if you're listening to these tapes, you're one of the reasons why." 

Y BRADBURY **Shift**

- by Jennifer Bradbury.

Best friends Chris and Win have been planning their post-graduation cross country bicycle trek for years. But Win disappears somewhere in Montana, Chris is forced to return home alone. And Win's overprotective father--and the FBI!--are convinced that Chris knows something.



Y CASHORE **Graceling**

- by Kristin Cashore.

In a land of seven kingdoms, people with special talents are called Gracelings. Katsa's Grace, a talent for killing, forces her into the service of her corrupt uncle, who uses her to punish and torture his enemies. When Katsa meets a strange prince whose Grace matches her own, she realizes that her gift may not only be a curse. Book 1 of the Seven Kingdoms trilogy.

Y CLARE **City of Bones**

- by Cassandra Clare.

Clary Fray thought she was just another normal, if slightly geeky, kid. But normal kids don't witness invisible people committing murders with no trace, and normal kids' mothers aren't captured by horrible monsters. Now Clary has to embrace the bizarre world of the Shadowhunters in order to rescue her mother and understand her own family's secrets. Book 1 of the Mortal Instruments series.

Y COHN **Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist**

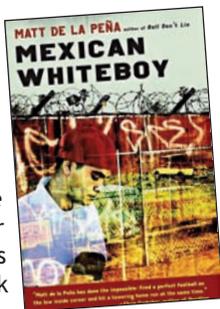
- by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan.

When rocker Nick O'Leary asks Norah, in a New York punk club, to be his girlfriend for five minutes, bedlam and romance begins.

Y DE LA PENA **Mexican Whiteboy**

- by Matt De La Peña.

Sixteen-year-old Danny feels like an outsider - both in school where he is seen as Mexican, and with his family where he is seen as white. Danny finds answers for himself while spending a summer with his cousin on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego.



Y DESSEN **Along for the Ride**

- by Sarah Dessen.

Auden always did exactly what her parents expected. However, at the beginning of the summer before college, she makes the split-second decision to live with her father, new stepmother, and newborn sister-- to the shocked dismay of her mother. She quickly falls into old habits of shutting others out and driving alone all night - but when she meets Eli, things start to change.

Y DONNELLY **A Northern Light**

- by Jennifer Donnelly.

In 1906, 16-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn and discovers the truth about the death of a guest.

Y DOWD **Bog Child**

- by Siobhan Dowd.

It is a dangerous time in Northern Ireland when Fergus, while digging peat in the mountains, makes a shocking discovery: the body of a child.

Y FARMER **House of the Scorpion**

- by Nancy Farmer.

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Y FORMAN **If I Stay**

- by Gayle Forman.

In a coma after her family is killed in a car accident, Mia observes her friends' reactions, reflects on her past, and considers her possible future, as she struggles to decide whether to live or die.

Y GREEN **Paper Towns**

- by John Green.

When Margo Roth Spiegelman, the unattainable girl of Quentin's dreams, climbs through his bedroom window dressed as a ninja, he agrees to help her with a campaign of revenge. The enigmatic Margo leads Quentin through a series of nighttime adventures... until she disappears.

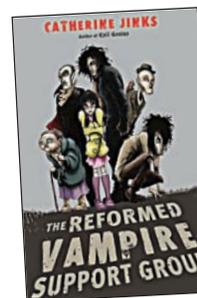
Y HAUTMAN **Godless** - by Pete Hautman.

Jason questions everything about his family's Catholicism, which leads him to invent his own God and, with the help of several friends, a religion too.

Y JINKS **The Reformed Vampire Support Group**

- by Catherine Jinks.

Teen vampire Nina, along with the other members of her support group, are not the romantic superheroes of typical vampire stories. But when one of them is killed, Nina must lead her dysfunctional crew of bloodsuckers on a mission to halt vampire persecution!



Y LEVITHAN **Boy Meets Boy** - by David Levithan.

Paul's simple high school life is confused by his desire for another boy, who seems unattainable until Paul's friends help him find the courage to pursue him.

Y LOCKHART **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks**

- by E. Lockhart.

When Matthew shuts his girlfriend Frankie out of the secret society that he and his friends belong to- because she is a girl- Frankie takes action. Little do the members of the Loyal Order of the Basset Hound know that Frankie is the mastermind behind their ingenious pranks!

Y McCORMICK **Sold** - by Patricia McCormick.

Tricked by her stepfather and sold into prostitution in India, 13-year-old Lakshmi lives in a nightmare. Her only comfort is the friendship she forms with the other girls, which helps her to survive - and eventually escape.

Y NESS **The Knife of Never Letting Go**

- by Patrick Ness.

In a dystopian society of men who hear each others' every thought, young Todd is surprised to hear "a hole in the Noise." This unfamiliar pocket of silence turns out to be a girl --Viola-- whose existence proves that the whole society Todd knows is built on lies. Can Todd and Viola escape to freedom, and find the truth of his history? Book 1 in the Chaos Walking series.

