June 1, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

We are happy to announce the 2018 BHS summer reading program. This year, we have been inspired by students at BHS, in the U.S., and worldwide who have spoken up and taken action on issues that affect them. What does this have to do with reading? Books challenge youth to think about – and beyond – the moment they are living in, the power they possess and the ways in which they can create the world they want.

Therefore, the 2018 BHS Summer Reading program will focus on the power of young people to make change in their lives and our world. Students were directly involved in the process of generating a list of books featuring young people making change. For detailed information on the plots, themes, and content of many books on these lists, we recommend Common Sense Media Book Reviews. This summer, all BHS students will be asked to read one book (fiction or non-fiction) focusing on this topic.

In addition to one book on the theme, students will read any two books of their own choosing. The Brookline High School librarians compiled a list of recommended titles for summer reading. These and many other appealing books are available from the BHS Library, the Brookline Public Library, and Brookline Booksmith. Students entering grades 9-12 will be able to check out books from the BHS Library for the entire summer.

When students return to classes in September, they will be asked to make a list of the books they read over the summer. They will also reflect on their reading about young people making change. This packet includes questions for students to think about while they read, and space to copy quotes and jot notes. This will help them recall their reading when they return to school.

People who develop a habit of reading tend to do better in school. We hope that reading one book on a common theme and freely choosing other books will encourage students to read more-- and to enjoy it. Thank you in advance for your support of summer reading. Together we will cultivate a strong culture of literature and intellectual curiosity at Brookline High School.

Please feel free to contact Mary_Burchenal@psbma.org if you have questions.

Sincerely,

The BHS Summer Reading Team
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter lives in two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.

Afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, while others are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Everyone wants to know what really went down that night. The only person who can answer that is Starr, but what she does—or does not—say could upend her world.

March, Books 1-3 by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
Congressman John Lewis is an American icon, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper’s farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from President Obama. March tells his story as a graphic novel. If comics aren’t your thing, try his memoir, Walking with the Wind.

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb
When the Taliban took control of her home in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. When she was fifteen, she was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala’s miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. I Am Malala tells her story.

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
It is 2045, and the only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade has devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this digital world, puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them. Wade’s search soon has him facing down sinister corporations eager to take control of the digital world and the real one.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba
William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him a wizard—crazy—but William refused to let go of his dreams. With a small pile of Once-Forgotten Science Textbooks; some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves; and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him.

Boxers and Saints by Gene Luen Yang
In two volumes, Boxers & Saints tells two parallel stories. The first is of Little Bao, a Chinese peasant boy whose village is abused and plundered by Westerners claiming the role of missionaries. Little Bao, inspired by visions of the Chinese gods, joins a violent uprising against the Western interlopers. Against all odds, their grass-roots rebellion is successful. But in the second volume, Yang lays out the opposite side of the conflict. A girl whose village has no place for her is taken in by Christian missionaries and finds, for the first time, a home with them. As the Boxer Rebellion gains momentum, Vibiana must decide whether to abandon her Christian friends or to commit herself fully to Christianity.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
In this new West African-inspired fantasy novel, Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu
Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with an administration at her high school that thinks the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment, and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules. Viv's mom was a tough-as-nails, punk rock Riot Grrrl in the '90s, and now Viv takes a page from her mother's past and creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She's just blowing off steam, but other girls respond. As Viv forges friendships with other young women across the divides of cliques and popularity rankings, she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution.

Symptoms of Being Human by Jeff Garvin
Riley Cavanaugh is gender fluid; some days Riley identifies as a boy, and others as a girl. And between starting a new school and having a congressman father running for reelection in über-conservative Orange County, the pressure is building up in Riley's life. Riley starts an anonymous blog to vent those pent-up feelings. But just as Riley's starting to settle in at school, the blog goes viral, and an unnamed commenter discovers Riley's real identity, threatening exposure and leaving Riley with a choice: walk away from what the blog has created—a lifeline, new friends, a cause to believe in—or stand up, come out, and risk everything.

One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together by Amy Bass
When thousands of Somali refugees resettled in Lewiston, Maine, a struggling, overwhelmingly white town, longtime residents grew uneasy. Then the mayor wrote a letter asking Somalis to stop coming, which became a national story. While scandal threatened to consume the town, its high school's soccer coach integrated Somali kids onto his team, and their passion began to heal old wounds. In the tradition of Friday Night Lights, One Goal takes readers behind the tumult of this controversial team and onto the field where the teammates vied to become state champions and achieved a vital sense of understanding.

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of Quinn’s best friend. Told through Rashad and Quint's alternating viewpoints, All American Boys is the story of two teens—one black, one white—as they grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

#NeverAgain: A New Generation Draws the Line by David and Lauren Hogg
On February 14, 2018, seventeen-year-old David Hogg and his fourteen-year-old sister, Lauren, went to school at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, like any normal Wednesday. By the next morning, with seventeen classmates and faculty dead, they had joined the leadership of a movement to save their own lives, and the lives of all other young people in America. It's a leadership position they did not seek, and did not want—but events gave them no choice. Through their actions and words in this book, and beyond, a new generation has made it clear that problems previously deemed unsolvable due to powerful lobbies and political cowardice will be theirs to solve.
Memoir/Biography/Autobiography

Until We Are Free by Shirin Abadi
Girl Boss by Sophia Amoruso
Some Assembly Required by Arin Andrews
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
Warriors Don’t Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals
Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun by Geoffreys Canada
The Queen of Katwe by Tim Crothers
The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande
Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen
by Jay Jennings
Stokely: A Life by Peniel Joseph
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice
by Phillip Hoose
The Innovators by Walter Isaacson
Mountains Beyond Mountains
by Tracy Kidder
The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Martin Luther King, Jr.
Shoe Dog by Phil Knight
I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced by
Delphine Minoui and Nujood Ali
The Underground Girls of Kabul
by Jenny Nordberg
In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl’s
Journey to Freedom by Yeonmi Park
Omaha Beach and Beyond: The Long March
of Sergeant Bob Slaughter
by John Robert Slaughter

Historical Fiction

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Summer We Got Saved by Pat Cunningham Devoto
The Orphan’s Tale by Pam Jenoff
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz
Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Science Fiction & Fantasy

The Power by Naomi Alderman
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
5 to 1 by Holly Bodger
Red Rising by Pierce Brown
Undertow by Michael Buckley
Kindred by Octavia Butler
Graceling by Kristin Cashore
City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Beto by Rachel Cohn
Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
Little Brother by Cory Doctorow
Pirate Radio by Cory Doctorow
Dune by Frank Herbert
We are the Ants by Shaun David Hutchinson
Iluminae and Amie Kaufman and
Jay Kristoff
Warcross by Marie Lu
Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
The Unwanted by Lisa McMann
Cinder by Marissa Meyer
The Country of Ice Cream Star
by Sandra Newman
Rini by Needi Okorofar
Dorothy Must Die by Danielle Paige
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Divergent by Veronica Roth
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
by J.K. Rowling
Midnight’s Children by Salman Rushdie
Unwind by Neal Shusterman
The Diamond Age by Neal Stephenson
Quarantine by Lex Thomas
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Realistic Fiction

He Said, She Said by Kwame Alexander
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by
Becky Albertalli
Flight by Sherman Alexie
Breakaway by Michael Betcherman
Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coles
Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes
The Vigilante Poets of Selhvyn Academy by
Kate Hattemer
Spirit of a Mountain Wolf by
Rosanne Hawke
The Task that Did the Damage
by Tania James
Openly Straight by Bill Konigsberg
Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
Trell by Dick Lehr
The Word for Yes by Claire Needell
You Bring the Distant Near by
Mitali Perkins
The Way I Used To Be by Amber Smith
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
The Lesser Blessed by Richard Van Camp
The Running Dream by
Wendelin Van Draanen
The Female Persuasion by Megan Wagter
American Street by Ibi Zoboi

Non-Fiction

So Much I Want to Tell You: Letters to My
Little Sister by Anna Akana
The New Arabs by Juan Cole
Young Enough to Change the World by
Michael Connolly and Brie Goobis
If We Could Change the World: Young
People and America’s Long Struggle for
Racial Equality by Rebecca De Schweinitz
This Is An Uprising by Mark Engler and
Paul Engler
Freedom Writers by Erin Gruwell
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler
by Phillip Hoose
War Is Not Over When It’s Over
by Ann Jones
Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak
Out by Susan Kuklin
Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty
Questions by Valeria Luiselli
Letters from Mississippi, edited by
Elizabeth Martinez
The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of
America’s Shining Women by Kate Moore
Be the One by Byron Pitts
I Have the Right To by Chessy Prout
The Good Citizen by Michael Schudson

Comics & Graphic Novels

Young Avengers by Allan Heinberg
My Hero Academia by Kohei Horikoshi
Students for a Democratic Society: A
Graphic History by Harvey Pekar
Paper Girls by Brian K. Vaughan
Darkroom: A Memoir in Black and White by
Lila Quintero Weaver
Ms. Marvel by G. Willow Wilson

Poetry

Of Poetry and Protest: From Emmett Till to
Trayvon Martin, compiled by
Phil Cusihway
Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur
Counting Down by Clint Smith
Voices of the Future, presented by
Etan Thomas
This summer, you are reading one book about a young changemaker, as well as two books of your choice.

In September, your English teacher will ask you to write about your changemaker and...

- Examine how trying to make a change in their world led to a change in the character.

OR

- Compare their story to the story of a real changemaker in the news.

OR

- Make connections between your own experiences seeking change and their experiences in the book.

So that you can be ready to do this whether you read in June, July, or August, use this sheet to take some helpful notes as you read! Maybe fold it up and use it as a bookmark!

QUOTES & NOTES
(Aim for three quotes for each section!)

MOTIVATION
What leads your changemaker(s) to want to make a difference in their world?
MAKING THE CHANGE

What does your changemaker do to change their world?

What obstacles do they face? How do they respond to those?

AFTERMATH

What are the consequences of your changemaker’s actions?
For them?
For their world?
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi. AMERICANAH
A knockout of a novel about immigration, American dreams, the power of first love, and the shifting meanings of skin color. . . . A marvel. (NPR) FIC Adi

Alexander, Kwame. THE CROSSOVER
Twin brothers Josh and Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood—he’s a rapper and his beats tell his family’s story in verse. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story’s heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family. FIC Ale

Kaufman, Arnie. ILLUMINAE
“Out of this world awesome”—Kirkus Reviews
This morning, Kady thought breaking up with Ezra was the hardest thing she’d have to do. This afternoon, her planet was invaded. Kady and Ezra—who are barely even talking to each other—are forced to evacuate with a hostile warship in hot pursuit. But their problems are just getting started.... FIC Kau

Kaur, Rupi. MILK AND HONEY
This bestselling collection of poetry and prose is about survival, the experience of violence, abuse, love, loss, and feminism. Milk and Honey takes the reader through a journey of the most bitter moments in life and finds sweetness in them—because there is sweetness everywhere if you are just willing to look. 811.6 Kau

Lyga, Barry. I HUNT KILLERS
Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious “Dear Old Dad.” Believing he can fight his own urges and right some of his father’s wrongs, Jazz helps the police catch the town’s newest murderer, “The Impressionist,” but, in doing so, he discovers he may have more in common with his father than he thought. FIC Lyg

McManus, Karen M. ONE OF US IS LYING
It’s a murder mystery, Breakfast Club–style: five students from different social spheres walk into detention. Only four walk out. FIC McM

Ward, Jesmyn. SING, UNBURIED, SING.
Jojo, a young Mississippi boy and his baby sister are being raised by his grandparents because his mother is addicted to drugs and his father is in prison . When Jojo’s dad is released from prison, Jojo’s mother shows up, packs the kids in the car, picks up her meth addicted friend and drives north. Their nightmarish journey weaves in and out of the present as it reminds us of the ways humans create cruelty and suffering, and offers a glimmer of hope. FIC War

Yoon, Nicola. THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR
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. FIC Yoo

Ahmadi, A. EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY
A Harvard sociologist examines the challenge of eviction as a formidable cause of poverty in America, revealing how millions of people are wrongly forced from their homes and reduced to cycles of extreme disadvantage that are reinforced by dysfunctional legal systems. 339.46 Des

Jensen, Kelly, ed. HERE WE ARE: FEMINISM FOR THE REAL WORLD
A collection of essays and illustrations from 44 writers reflecting on what feminism means to them, from body positivity to intersectionality. 305.42 Her

Pollack, Eileen. THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM: WHY SCIENCE IS STILL A BOYS’ CLUB
The author explains how her abandonment of science, despite graduating Yale as one of the University’s first women to earn a physics degree, reflects the culture of discrimination in the STEM fields. 305.42 Pol

Stephens-Davidowitz, Seth. EVERYBODY LIES: BIG DATA, NEW DATA, AND WHAT THE INTERNET CAN TELL US ABOUT WHO WE REALLY ARE
A former Google data scientist presents an insider’s look at what the vast, instantly available amounts of information from the Internet can reveal about human civilization and society. 302.23 Ste

Aciman, André. CALL ME BY YOUR NAME
Seventeen-year-old Elio, anticipating a boring summer at his parents’ home on the Italian coast, finds himself powerfully attracted to Oliver, a handsome young American who has come to assist Elio’s father for the summer. Their relationship influences the course of their lives. FIC Aci

Albertalli, Becky. SIMON VS. THE HOMO SAPIENS AGENDA (“LOVE, SIMON”)
Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. If he doesn’t play wingman for class clown Martin, his sexual identity will become everyone’s business. Worse, the privacy of Blue, the pen name of the boy he’s been emailing with, will be jeopardized. FIC Alb

Bracken, Alexandra. THE DARKEST MINDS
When Ruby woke up on her tenth birthday, something about her had changed. Something alarming enough to make her parents lock her in the garage and call the police. Something that got her sent to Thurmond, a brutal government "rehabilitation camp." She might have survived the mysterious disease that killed most of America’s children, but she and the others emerged with something far worse: frightening abilities they cannot control. Now sixteen, Ruby is one of the dangerous ones. FIC Bra

Kwan, Kevin. CRAZY RICH ASIANS
Envisioning a summer vacation in the humble Singapore home of a boy she hopes to marry, Chinese American Rachel Chu is unexpectedly introduced to an unbelievably rich and scheming clan that strongly opposes their son’s relationship with an American girl. FIC Kwa
Levithan, David. EVERY DAY
Every morning, “A” wakes in a different person’s body, in a different person’s life, learning over the years to never get too attached...until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin’s girlfriend. FIC Lev

Murphy, Julie. DUNPLIN’
Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs. FIC Mur

Kiely, Brendan. TRADITION
Meet two teens--a football player and a feminist-- who become friends at a private high school, even as they are both drowning in secrets. Their secrets spill out when a party goes horribly wrong, and Jamie has to decide if he will support Julie in her time of need, and break a long-standing tradition of silence. (Booklist) FIC Kie

Ng, Celeste, LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE
Traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. Fic Ng

Reed, Amy, THE NOWHERE GIRLS
Enraged by unpunished sexual assaults and the unchallenged rape culture at their high school, three new friends resolve to take action. FIC Ree

Rivera, Gabby. Juliet Takes a Breath
Juliet Milagros Palante is leaving the Bronx and headed to Portland, OR. She just came out to her family and isn’t sure if her mom will ever speak to her again. But she has a plan, sort of, one that’s going to help her figure out this whole ‘Puerto Rican lesbian’ thing. FIC Riv

Russo, Meredith. IF I WAS YOUR GIRL
Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she’s determined not to get too close to anyone. Because at her old school, she used to be Andrew. Will the truth cost Amanda her new life, and her new love? FIC Rus

Saedi, Sara. AMERICANIZED: REBEL WITHOUT A GREEN CARD
In San Jose, California, in the 1990s, teenaged Sara keeps a diary of life as an Iranian American and her discovery that she and her family entered as undocumented immigrants. FIC Sae

Sanchez, Erika L. I AM NOT YOUR PERFECT MEXICAN DAUGHTER
When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, the rebellious daughter 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. FIC San

Stone, Nic, DEAR MARTIN
Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him. FIC Sto

Sullivan, Tara, THE BITTER SIDE OF SWEET
kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a young girl arrives at the camp who rekindles the urge to escape. FIC Sul

Albert, Melissa. THE HAZEL WOOD
Alice’s mother has always forbidden her from having any contact with her grandmother — even banning Alice from reading her grandmother’s mysterious classic book of fairy tales, “Tales from the Hinterland.” But when Alice’s mother is kidnapped, Alice discovers that the Hinterland is not just a story, and that its strange supernatural forces lie behind her mother’s disappearance. FIC Alb

McBride, Lish. HOLD ME CLOSER, NECROMANCER
Sam thought the creepy nightmares of his childhood were benign, never realizing they were part of his ability to commune with the dead. Once he’s recognized by an evil necromancer, Sam must quickly learn how to marshal his paranormal abilities in order to save his friends and avoid being destroyed. FIC McB

Older, Daniel José. SHADOWSHAPER
When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on. She discovers her Puerto Rican family is made up of shadowshapers, and she finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends. FIC Old

Onyebuchi, Tochi. BEASTS MADE OF NIGHT
In this Nigerian influenced fantasy Taj is an aki, a sin-eater. But when the supposedly pure King has Taj eat one of his sins, Taj is caught in a battle between the all-powerful members of the royal family over the true role of the aki and their powers. FIC Ony

Asher, Jay. PIPER.
“Long ago in a small village in the middle of a deep, dark forest, there lived a lonely, deaf girl named Maggie ...” GN 741.5 Ash

Bui, Thi. THE BEST WE COULD DO.
An intimate memoir of one family’s journey from their war-torn home in Vietnam to their new lives in America. GN 921 Bui

Del Duca; Art by Kit Seaton. AFAR: Boetema suddenly develops the ability to astrally project to other worlds, unintentionally possessing the bodies of people light years away. GN 741.5 Del

Sis, Peter. THE WALL: GROWING UP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. Annotated illustrations, maps, and dreamscapes explore how the artist-author’s life was shaped while growing up in Czechoslovakia during the Cold War, in a powerful graphic memoir. GN 921 Sis
Wilson, G. Willos. MS. MARVEL (Series)
Sixteen-year-old Kamala always seemed like the odd one out, growing up Muslim in Jersey City, but when a Terrigen mist descend upon the city she is transformed into Ms. Marvel, a new crime-fighting superhero with the power to shrink, enlarge, and morph into any shape and size. GN 741.5 Wil

O’Gulín, Peadar. THE CALL
For the last twenty-five years every teenager in Ireland has been subject to “the call” which takes them away to the land of the Sidhe, where they are hunted for twenty four hours (though only three minutes pass in this world)—handicapped by her twisted legs, Nessa Doherty knows that very few return alive, but she is determined to be one of them. FIC Ogu

Hesse, Monica. GIRL IN THE BLUE COAT
In this page-turner set during WWI, Hanneke, a procurer of black-market goods in Amsterdam is compelled to help a desperate neighbor track down a missing Jewish teen who had been hiding from the Nazis. As she searches for the girl, Hanneke stumbles into a pocket of the resistance and begins to understand the depths of the horror facing her country and the immensity of the Nazi evil. FIC Hes

Sepetys, Ruta. SALT TO THE SEA
Racing to freedom with thousands of other refugees as Russian forces close in on their homes in East Prussia, Joanna, Emilia, and Florian meet aboard the doomed ship Wilhelm Gustloff and are forced to trust each other in order to survive. FIC Sep

Whitehead, Colson. THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: A NOVEL
After Cora, a slave in pre-Civil War Georgia, escapes with another slave, Caesar, they seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade a slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return to them. FIC Whi

Medina, Meg. BURN BABY BURN
Nora Lopez is seventeen during the infamous New York summer of 1977, when the city is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam who shoots young women on the streets. While New York seemed balanced on a knife-edge, with tempers and temperatures running high, Nora faces struggles at home and discovers that the greatest dangers are often closer than we like to admit. FIC Med

Ajayi, Luuvie. I’M JUDGING YOU: THE DO-BETTER MANUAL
Comedian, activist, and popular culture blogger Luuvie Ajay dissects our cultural obsessions and calls out bad behavior in our increasingly digital, connected lives. This witty book doles out the hard truths and provides a road map for bringing some “act right” to our popular culture, social media, and our lives. 818.6 Aja

Edwards, Chris. BALLS: IT TAKE SOME TO GET SOME
For Chris Edwards, the decision to transition from female to male was black and white. The question was, did he have the balls to do it? Did he have the balls to come out at a company board meeting made up of white, middle-aged executives? To endure 28 painful and extensive surgeries? Show up at his 10-year high school reunion? Date a member of the Nashville Bikini Team? 921 Edw

Farsad, Negin. HOW TO MAKE WHITE PEOPLE LAUGH
Negin Farsad, an Iranian-American Muslim and stand-up female comedian shares her experiences growing up with a hyphenated identity in an American culture that made her feel like "the other," and how, in the end, she learned to combat racism, stereotypes, and exclusion through humor and wit. 921 Far

Lawson, Jenny. FURIOUSLY HAPPY (A FUNNY BOOK ABOUT HORRIBLE THINGS)
The popular blogger presents a humorous and candid memoir about her lifelong battle with severe depression and anxiety, discussing how embracing both the flawed and the beautiful parts of life have enabled her to find joy in outrageous ways. 921 Law

McCammon, R. WORKS WELL WITH OTHERS: AN OUTSIDER’S GUIDE TO SHAKING HANDS, SHUTTING UP, HANDLING JERKS AND OTHER CRUCIAL SKILLS IN BUSINESS THAT NO ONE EVER TEACHES YOU
A hilarious and indispensable guide to the weirdness of the workplace from Esquire editor and Entrepreneur etiquette columnist Ross Mc LSM. 818.6 McC

Yee, F. C. THE EPIC CRUSH OF GENIE LO
The struggle to get into a top-tier college consumes Genie's every waking thought. But when she discovers she's a celestial spirit who's powerful enough to bash through the gates of heaven with her fists, her perfectionist existence is shattered. Enter Quentin, a mysterious transfer student from China who becomes Genie's self-appointed guide to battling demons. Suddenly, acing the SATs is the least of Genie’s worries. FIC Yee

Black, Holly. THE COLDEST GIRL IN COLDTOWN
Tana lives in a world where walled cities called Coldtowns exist. In them, quarantined monsters and monsters in a decayingly bloody mix of predator and prey. The only problem is, once you pass through Coldtown’s gates, you can never leave. FIC Bla

Blake, Kendare. ANNA DRESSED IN BLOOD
For three years, seventeen-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father’s work of dispatching the murderous dead, traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before. FIC Bla

Fickling, David. THE WRONG TRAIN
Light the candles and shut the door, The Wrong Train is a deliciously creepy and terrifyingly good collection of scary stories, for fans of Patrick Ness, R.L. Stine, and Emily Carroll. FIC Fic

Hunt, Leo. 13 DAYS OF MIDNIGHT
When his father dies Luke finds himself the unwitting beneficiary of eight enslaved and angry ghosts seeking bloody vengeance in this in this devilishly dark and funny book. FIC Hun

Carey, Anna. BLACKBIRD
A teenage girl wakes up on the Los Angeles subway tracks with no memory of who she is or how she got there. One thing she does know is that people are trying to kill her, and she must race to uncover her past and outwit her hunters before it’s too late. FIC Car
Cooney, Caroline B. NO SUCH PERSON
A murder mystery in a small town raises suspicions when a member of a well-regarded family in the community is implicated. FIC Coo

Gratz, Alan. CODE OF HONOR
When Iranian-American Kamran Smith learns that his big brother, Darius, has been labelled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the codes and clues that will save his brother’s life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack. FIC Gra

Hartinger, Brent. THREE TRUTHS AND A LIE
On a weekend retreat in the woods an innocent game of three truths and a lie goes horribly wrong. FIC Har

Henry, April. THE GIRL I USED TO BE
When Olivia’s mother was killed, everyone suspected her father, but he couldn’t be found. Fast forward fourteen years. New evidence now proves Olivia’s father was actually murdered on the same fateful day her mother died. That means there’s a killer still at large. It’s up to Olivia to uncover who that may be. But can she do that before the killer tracks her down first? FIC Hen

Savage, Kim. AFTER THE WOODS
Julia witnesses her friend Liv get attacked by a stranger in the woods. She intervenes, and is abducted by the stranger. Julia escapes two days later, and is certain that she survived the attack unscathed. But when a body surfaces in the same woods a year later, Julia begins to realize that there’s more to the story than anyone knew. FIC Sav

Colbert, Brandy. LITTLE AND LION
Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl, pushing Lionel’s bipolar disorder to spin out of control and forcing Suzette to confront her own demons. FIC Col

Depestre, Rene. HADRIANA IN ALL MY DREAMS
On the morning of her wedding to a Hawaiian man from a prominent family, Hadriana drinks a potion and collapses on the altar. She turns into a zombie and so her wedding is now her funeral. FIC Dep

Gebhart, Ryan. OF JENNY AND THE ALIENS
Desperate to win over Jennifer Novak, the love of his life, Derek will try anything, even seeking advice from the aliens that have just landed in his hometown. FIC Geb

Hamid, Mohsin. EXIT WEST
In a country teetering on the brink of civil war, two young people meet — sensual, fiercely independent Nadia and gentle, restrained Saeed. They embark on a furtive love affair, until they must decide whether to stay or flee. Exit West follows these remarkable characters as they emerge into an alien and uncertain future, struggling to hold on to each other, to their past, to the very sense of who they are. FIC Moh

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Jane Re--a half-Korean, half-American orphan--takes a position as an au pair for two Brooklyn academics and their daughter, but a brief sojourn in Seoul, where she reconnects with family, causes her to wonder if the man she loves is really the man for her as she tries to find balance between two cultures. FIC Par

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It’s 2034, and a comet is due to hit Earth within the hour. Sixteen year old Denise must try to find her missing sister and also sneak her undependable mother aboard a crowded spaceship. But everyone on the ship has been chosen because of their usefulness. Denise, who is biracial and has autism, fears she’ll never be allowed to stay. When the future of the human race is at stake, whose lives matter most? FIC Duy

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When a new virus causes one percent of the population to become completely paralyzed in body but not in mind, the United States pursues a scientific initiative to develop a virtual-reality world for victims, with unexpected consequences. FIC Sca

Shusterman, Neal. SCYTHE
In a world in which the only way to die is to be killed by a scythe, Citra and Rowan compete to earn a position as a scythe’s apprentice—a competition that will see the loser die by the hand of the winner. FIC Shu

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In rural Sweden, a team of junior hockey players are on the cusp of winning a championship - and changing everything for their small town. FIC Bac

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