FICTION

Adventure and Mystery

The Agathas
by Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson
Inspired by mystery writer Agatha Christie, two teens from opposite sides of the social divide unite to solve a classmate’s murder, uncovering uncomfortable secrets about their seaside town. Back matter. (13-16)

All My Rage
by Sabaa Tahir
(Razorbill/Penguin Random House, $19.99)
978-0-593-20234-0
Eighteen-year-old Salahudin, a Muslim living in a small California desert town, struggles to save the family motel while trying to protect his girlfriend Noor from abuse. (14-17) Mature content

All That’s Left in the World
by Erik J. Brown
(Balzar + Bray/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-305497-4
Two teenage boys survive a pandemic that wipes out 99% of the world’s population. Their treacherous search for civilization brings challenging encounters with other survivors. (13-15)

Each Night Was Illuminated
by Jodi Lynn Anderson
(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-239357-9
After witnessing a fatal train accident, 17-year-old Cassie, a questioning Catholic, finds herself on a ghost-hunting quest with Elias, a Bangladeshi Australian visitor, and discovers something to believe in. (14-17)

The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester
by Maya MacGregor
(Astra Young Readers/Astra Publishing House, $17.99)
978-1-63592-359-9
Moving into the home where a tragic death occurred 30 years ago, autistic, nonbinary Sam tries to free themself from a painful past while finding a path forward. (14-17) Mature content

My Imaginary Mary
by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, and Jodi Meadows
(Harper Teen/HarperCollins, $18.99)
978-0-06-293007-1
Ada Lovelace, mathematical genius, and Mary Shelley, esteemed writer, attempt to create a living creature as they face perils and dodge villains. (14-17)

Queen of the Tiles
by Hanna Alkaf
(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, $18.99)
978-1-5344-9455-8
Though grieving the death—and possibly the murder—of her best friend, Trina, during last year’s Malaysian Scrabble tournament, Najwa determines to play again and win. Challenging Scrabble vocabulary. (14-17)

Anthologies and Collections

Man Made Monsters
by Andrea L. Rogers, illustrated by Jeff Edwards
(Levine Querido, $19.99) 978-1-64614-179-1
A series of short stories follows an extended Cherokee family over generations (from 1839 to 2039) as they encounter vampires, zombies, and other monsters. White-on-black line art. (14-17) Mature content

Coming of Age

The 9:09 Project
by Mark H. Parsons
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99) 978-0-593-30975-9
Jamison, 17, commemorates his mother by taking pictures of strangers at 9:09, the time she died. His skill at photography thrusts him into new situations. (14-17)

Anne of Greenville
by Mariko Tamaki
(Melissa de la Cruz Studio/Hyperion/Buena Vista Books, $18.99) 978-1-368-07840-5
In this Anne of Green Gables remake, a vivacious adopted multiracial lesbian high schooler and her two moms are confronted by hate in a new community. (14-17)
Anything but Fine
by Tobias Madden
(Page Street Publishing, $18.99) 978-1-64567-438-2
When Luca’s foot shatters, so do his dreams of a professional ballet career. Will friendship with Indonesian Australian hijabi Amina and having a first boyfriend, Japanese Australian Jordan, help Luca rebuild his life? (14-17)

Beating Heart Baby
by Lio Min
(Flatiron Books, $18.99) 978-1-250-81909-3
After a chance encounter, multiracial bisexual Santi and Japanese Korean American transgender Suwa orbit around each other until a cryptic past connection resurfaces. Music, anime, and chosen family rally behind them. (15-18) Mature content

Boys of the Beast
by Monica Zepeda
(Tu Books/Lee & Low Books, $21.95) 978-1-64379-095-4
Three Latino cousins, strangers at first, take a trip together from Portland, Oregon, to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Adventures abound as they discover truths about themselves and each other. (15-17)

Breathe and Count Back from Ten
by Natalia Sylvester
(Clarion Books/HarperCollins, $19.95) 978-0-358-53686-4
After multiple surgeries due to hip dysplasia, Verónica, 17, struggles with overprotective Peruvian immigrant parents. Will a romance and the chance to swim in a mermaid-themed show allow her to gain control? (14-17) Mature content

The Days of Bluegrass Love
by Edward van de Vendel, translated from the Dutch by Emma Rault
(Levine Querido, $18.99) 978-1-64614-046-6
A Dutch teen, spending his gap year as a counselor at an international youth camp, experiences the astonishment of first love with his Norwegian roommate. Sexual scenes. (15-17) Mature content

Destination Unknown
by Bill Konigsberg
(Scholastic Press, $18.99) 978-1-338-61805-1
In 1987 two teen boys in New York City fall in love and help each other navigate life in the shadow of the deadly AIDS pandemic. (16-18)

Every Variable of Us
by Charles A. Bush
(Flux, North Star Editions, $17.99) 978-1-63583-074-3
Black high schooler Alexis’s dreams of a basketball college scholarship vanish when she’s injured in a gang shooting. Pushed to participate in the “science team,” she discovers other ways for success. (14-17)

Family of Liars
by E. Lockhart
Carrie, 17, confronts the ghost of her sister while recounting a horrific incident. Spare lyrical prose explores complex themes: guilt, blame, love, truth. A stand-alone prequel to We Were Liars. (13-16) Mature content

Finding Jupiter
by Kelis Rowe, illustrated by Bex Glendining
A summer romance between two Black Memphis teens reveals long-held family secrets that can tear them apart. Poetry and prose. Elegant greyscale illustrations. (14-17) Mature content

The First Thing about You
by Chaz Hayden
(Candlewick Press, $18.99) 978-1-5362-2311-8
After his family moves to New Jersey, Harris, 15, decides to reinvent himself and not just be known as the kid in the wheelchair. (14-17) Mature content

Four for the Road
by K. J. Reilly
(Atheneum/Simon & Schuster, $19.99) 978-1-6659-0228-1
Asher vows to avenge his mother’s death at the hands of a drunk driver, but his journey takes a different turn when his grief group metamorphoses into a circle of friends. (14-17) Mature content

The Greatest Thing
written and illustrated by Sarah Winifred Searle
(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck $25.99) 978-1-250-29722-8
Blue-tinted illustrations depict Winifred’s struggles with mental health and identity. Artistic expression and friendship help her find her voice. Semi-autobiographical. (14-17)
Hopepunk
by Preston Norton
(Jimmy Patterson Books/Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, $17.99) 978-1-368-05785-1
After her sister disappears to escape being sent to a gay conversion camp, Hope joins a diverse, activist rock band with the dream of bringing her home. (14-17) Mature content

The Kaya Girl
by Mamle Wolo
(Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, $16.99) 978-0-316-70393-2
In contemporary Accra, Ghana, two girls from divergent socioeconomic backgrounds form an unlikely but deep friendship. (13-16)

Kings of B'more
by R. Eric Thomas
(Kokila/Penguin Random House, $18.99)
978-0-593-32618-3
Two queer Black best friends, Harrison and Linus, have one last, transformative day of adventures together before Linus must move away. (14-17)

Loveless
by Alice Oseman
(Scholastic Press, $18.99) 978-1-338-75193-2
Georgia can’t understand why she has never had any romantic feelings for anyone. In her first year at university, she struggles to figure out her aromantic-asexual identity. Resources. (16-18) Mature content

Man o' War
by Cory McCarthy
(Dutton/Penguin Random House, $18.99)
978-0-593-35370-7
A multiracial competitive swimmer in a small Ohio town known for its dilapidated marine life theme park discovers their gender identity during high school and as they begin college. (16-18) Mature content

My Good Man
written and illustrated by Eric Gansworth
(Levine Querido, $21.99) 978-1-64614-183-8
After being viciously assaulted on the Tuscarora reservation, Brian, now a local journalist, reflects on his family and cultural relationships and uncovers the truth of what really happened. Elaborate greyscale illustrations. (15-18) Mature content

The Name She Gave Me
by Betty Culley
(Harper Teen/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-315783-5
In rural Maine, 16-year-old Rynn, unloved by the woman who adopted her as a baby, searches for her biological family and discovers her true identity. Free verse. (14-17) Mature content

Practice Girl
by Estelle Laure
(Viking/Penguin Random House, $18.99)
978-0-593-35091-1
Jo, who misses and idealizes her dad, realizes that she has sold herself short in her search for love and acceptance on the wrestling team. (15-17) Mature content

Private Label
by Kelly Yang
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-593-30915-5
Two Chinese American teens in California, one from a traditional background, the other assimilated to the point of cultural erasure, navigate complex relationships with their parents and peers. (15-18) Mature content

Required Reading for the Disenfranchised Freshman
by Kristen R. Lee
Attending a prestigious, predominantly white college, Black scholarship student Savannah faces microaggressions, racism, and white privilege while living her mother’s dream of a better life for her. (14-17)

A Scatter of Light
by Malinda Lo
(Dutton/Penguin Random House, $18.99)
978-0-525-55528-5
A graduation party goes wrong, exiling Aria, 17, to her grandmother’s home in California. There she meets Steph, a gender-nonconforming singer/songwriter, and begins questioning her own identity. (14-17) Mature content
Well, That Was Unexpected
by Jesse Q. Sutanto
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/PRH, $18.99) 978-0-593-43397-3
Seventeen-year old biracial Sharlot and her mother take a trip to Jakarta to meet George, a wealthy local teen, in a situation set up by both families. Complications ensue. (14-16)

The Girl in the Castle
by James Patterson and Emily Raymond
(JIMMY Patterson Books/Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, $18.99) 978-0-316-41172-1
A psychiatric patient believing she lives in the 14th century finally confronts the source of her delusions. (17-18) Mature content

Hollow Fires
by Samira Ahmed
(Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, $18.99) 978-0-316-28264-2
A missing Iraqi American student is found dead, convincing Safiya to investigate racism and Islamophobia at her Chicago prep school. Told in alternating voices by Safiya and the victim. (14-17) Mature content

Home Field Advantage
by Dahlia Adler
(Wednesday Books, $19.99) 978-1-250-76584-0
Everyone is in an uproar when Jaclyn, a female quarterback, arrives at Atherton High School to take the field with a male team that already resents her. When she and a cheerleader fall in love, things get even more complicated. (14-17) Mature content

The Secrets We Keep
by Cassie Gustafson
(Simon & Schuster BFYR/S & S, $19.99)
978-1-665-90694-4
When her best friend Hannah accuses Emma's dad of unspeakable acts, Emma must decide where her loyalties lie. (14-17) Mature content
**That’s Debatable**  
by Jen Doll  
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, $18.99)  
978-0-374-30604-5  
Millie needs to win the state debate tournament to compete for a college scholarship. Only Taggart stands in her way. What they learn from each other will surprise them both. (13-16)

**This Golden State**  
by Marit Weisenberg  
(Flatiron Books, $18.99)  
978-1-250-78627-2  
Poppy's family has been on the run her whole life. A move to California exposes a crack in her parents’ persistent, desperate attempts to remain undercover. (13-16)

**We Are All We Have**  
by Marina Budhos  
(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children's Books/PRH, $17.99)  
978-0-593-12020-0  
After her mother is detained by ICE, undocumented Pakistani high school senior Rania flees with her younger brother. With another teen from a shelter, they seek a safe haven. (14-17)

**The Wolves Are Waiting**  
by Natasha Friend  
(Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, $17.99)  
978-0-316-04531-5  
After Nora, 15, is drugged and assaulted, she wants to just forget it happened—until she learns that her father, the local college’s beloved athletic director, is indirectly complicit. (14-17)

**The Words We Keep**  
by Erin Stewart  
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99)  
978-1-984-84886-4  
After her sister’s suicide attempt, Lily, 16, starts spiraling downward. An English/art project partners her with Micah, a fellow depression sufferer. Includes mental health resources. (15-18)  
Mature content

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**Family/School/Community**

**Goth Girl, Queen of the Universe**  
by Lindsay S. Zrull  
(Adams Media, P $14.99)  
978-1-63583-078-1  
In foster care since age seven, Jess, 17, joins Oscar’s cosplay team, hoping a distant costume competition will enable her to reunite with her mentally ill biological mother. (14-17)

**Heartbreak Symphony**  
by Laekan Zea Kemp  
(Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, $17.99)  
978-0-316-46038-5  
Aarón and Mia, two musically gifted teens, struggle with unresolved personal and family issues and with increasing attacks on their Latinx community. (14-17)

**How to Live without You**  
by Sarah Everett  
(Clarion Books/HarperCollins, $18.99)  
978-0-358-25622-9  
Black 17-year-old Emmy grapples with her sister’s sudden disappearance while assessing her own maturing identity. Mental health challenges and barriers to treatment depicted with candor and empathy. (14-17)  
Mature content

**I Rise**  
by Marie Arnold  
(Versify/HarperCollins, $18.99)  
978-0-358-44904-1  
Raised to be the next leader of her mother’s Harlem civil rights organization, Ayo would rather be an ordinary teen. When tragedy strikes, will she step into the leadership role? (14-17)

**The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen**  
by Isaac Blum  
(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, $18.99)  
978-0-593-52582-1  
Fifteen-year-old Hoodie, an Orthodox Jew, falls hard for Anna Marie, the Christian daughter of the mayor who wants to get rid of the Orthodox families living in their town. (14-17)  
Mature content
No Filter and Other Lies
by Crystal Maldonado
(Holiday House, $18.99) 978-0-8234-4718-3
Insecure and feeling rejected by her parents, biracial high school teen Kat uses social media and her photographic talent to create a popular fictional self. Then her lies are revealed. (13-16)

Nothing Burns as Bright as You
by Ashley Woodfolk
(Versify/HarperCollins, $18.99) 978-0-358-65535-0
The tumultuous friendship of two Black teen girls evolves into a fiery first love. Nonlinear story arc in passionate free verse. (14-17)

On the Subject of Unmentionable Things
by Julia Walton
(Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99)
978-0-593-31057-1
Phoebe Townsend, 16, is a rule follower; however, her alter ego, Pom, writes about sex education on an anonymous blog until it goes viral. (14-16) Mature content

The Peach Rebellion
by Wendelin Van Draanen
(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99) 978-0-593-37856-4
Three teenaged girls from different socioeconomic backgrounds in post-World War II California unite over a unique and heartbreaking mission. A testament to friendship, feminism, and challenging the status quo. (13-16)

The Silence That Binds Us
by Joanna Ho
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-063-05934-4
Reeling from her beloved brother’s suicide, Chinese American May, with her Haitian American best friend’s help, fights back against racism after May’s family is publicly maligned. (14-17)

This Place Is Still Beautiful
by XiXi Tian
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, $18.99)
978-0-06-308602-9
A racial slur painted on their home forces mixed-race Chinese American sisters to confront the hate crime. How will it impact their conflict-filled relationships with their mother and each other? (14-17)

Vinyl Moon
by Mahogany L. Browne
(Crown BFYR/Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99) 978-0-593-17643-6
After escaping an abusive romantic relationship in California, Black 11th grader Angel gets a fresh start in Brooklyn, living with her uncle and attending high school. (14-17)

The Weight of Blood
by Tiffany D. Jackson
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, $19.99)
978-0-06-289466-3
In small-town Georgia, Maddy Washington has always been an outcast, but the bullying gets relentless when classmates find out she is Black. A Carrie retelling. (14-17) Mature content

A Year to the Day
by Robin Benway
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $18.99)
978-0-06-289464-9
Leo was a passenger in the car when her sister, Nina, was killed by a drunk driver. Can she heal despite having no memory of the accident? (14-17)

Beasts of Ruin
by Ayana Gray, maps by Virginia Allyn
(G. P. Putnam’s Sons/Penguin Random House, $18.99) 978-0-593-40571-0
Koffi was raised without knowledge of her magical daraja heritage; Ekon escaped a heinous military order. Each, struggling with insecurities, nonetheless battles the god of death. Finely detailed maps. (14-17)

The Dream Runners
by Shveta Thakrar
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-289466-3
Tanvi, 17, is a harvester of humans’ dreams for immortal nagas, who cannot dream. When Tanvi’s memories of her former life resurface, she turns to Venkat, the dreamsmith, for help. (14-17)
A Forgery of Roses
by Jessica S. Olson
(Inkyard Press/HarperCollins, $19.99)
978-1-335-41866-1
Myra is a Prodigy: she can heal people and animals by painting them. Is her magic powerful enough to bring back the dead or save her ill sister? (13-16)

Forging Silver into Stars
by Brigid Kemmerer
(Bloomsbury, $18.99)
978-1-5476-0912-3
In a kingdom where magic has been banished, Callyn, a baker, and Jax, a blacksmith, learn that their new king has magical powers and become entangled in a conspiracy to overthrow the royal family. (14-17)

The Girl Who Fell beneath the Sea
by Axie Oh
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $18.99)
978-1-250-78086-7
In this reimagined Korean folktale, Mina, 16, sacrifices herself to the Sea God in place of her brother’s beloved, hoping to save her homeland. (14-17)

Only a Monster
by Vanessa Len
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $18.99)
978-0-06-302464-9
Malaysian British Joan learns she is a half-monster who can time travel by stealing time from humans. Unfortunately, her crush is the legendary hero whose mission is to kill monsters. (15-17)

Rust in the Root
by Justina Ireland
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, $18.99)
978-0-063-03822-6
Laura, a Black queer mage in 1937 NYC, earns her magic license and joins an official agency with whom she battles racism and dark forces. Archival black-and-white photos. (14-17)

Together We Burn
by Isabel Ibañez
(Wednesday Books, $18.99)
978-1-250-80335-1
Fighting dragons in an arena has been the heritage ruling 18-year-old Zarela’s life. Disaster strikes during one celebratory show, and everything changes instantly. (13-15)

Violet Made of Thorns
by Gina Chen
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99)
978-0-593-42753-8
Violet once used her power as a seer to save Prince Cyrus’s life. Can her visions continue to protect him and their kingdom? Or will mutual attraction doom them both? (14-17)

The Witchery
by S. Isabelle
978-0-593-42836-8
Six teens from Mesmortes Coven Academy and Hammersmitt School for Exceptional Young Men unravel a centuries-long hex and save the town of Haelsford from ensorcelled wolves. (15-18)

Zatanna: The Jewel of Gravesend
by Alys Arden, illustrated by Jacquelin de Leon
(DC Comics, P $16.99)
978-1-4012-9638-4
In contemporary Coney Island, Zatanna, a famous illusionist’s daughter, suddenly understands mirror script, an inherited trait, leading her to question her parents’ identities. Lush, colorful graphics. (14-17)

Historical Fiction

Berliners
written and illustrated by Vesper Stamper
978-0-593-42836-8
In the 1960s during the Cold War, 15-year-old twins wind up unhappily living in opposite sectors of divided Berlin. Black-and-white illustrations. Glossary, resources. (14-17)

Daughters of a Dead Empire
by Carolyn Tara O’Neil
(Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck, $18.99)
978-1-250-75553-7
In 1918, during the Russian Revolution, Anna, the tsar’s daughter, escapes the Bolsheviks. She encounters Evgenia, a peasant girl who must collaborate with her in the desperate battle to survive. Historical notes, back matter. (14-17)
Ethel's Song:
Ethel Rosenberg’s Life in Poems
by Barbara Krasner
(Calkins Creek/Astra BFYR/Astra Publishing House, $17.99) 978-1-63592-625-5
Krasner’s verses illuminate the short, impassioned life of Ethel Rosenberg, executed as a spy in a probable rush to judgment during the intensely anti-Soviet 1950s. Archival photographs. Source notes, time line, bibliography. (13-16)

Great or Nothing
by Joy McCullough, Caroline Tung Richmond, Tess Sharpe, and Jessica Spotswood, illustrated by Louise Cannell
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children’s Books/PRH, $18.99) 978-0-593-37259-3
In a reimagined Little Women set in 1942, Jo works in an aircraft factory, Amy joins the Red Cross, and the Marches struggle with their grief over Beth’s death. Black-and-white spot art. (14-17)

Winner of the 2023 Josette Frank Award

I Must Betray You
by Ruta Sepetys
(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, $19.99) 978-1-984836-03-8
In 1989 the extreme deprivations of Romania’s authoritarian Ceaușescu regime drive Cristian, 17, to spy on an American diplomat to secure medicine for his grandfather. Archival photos. Historical notes, lengthy bibliography. (14-17)

Ironhead, or, Once a Young Lady
by Jean-Claude Van Rijckeghem, translated from the Dutch by Kristen Gehrman
(Levine Querido, $18.99) 978-1-64614-048-0
In 1800s Belgium, Stance, disguised as a man, flees a loveless arranged marriage. Her brother pursues the runaway, and both end up embroiled in the war between Austria and France. (14-16)

Nothing Sung and Nothing Spoken
by Nita Tyndall
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-308744-6
Charlie’s queer relationship and fear of its consequences during the Nazi regime tests her willingness to risk resistance and being part of the underground Swing culture. (14-17)

Self-Made Boys:
A Great Gatsby Remix
by Anna-Marie McLemore
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $18.99) 978-1-250-77493-4
Latinx, poor, and transgender youth battle for self-identity during the glittering, decadent 1920s, facing pervasive classism, racism, and sexism and finding happiness by being true to themselves. (14-17)

The Silent Stars Go By
by Sally Nicholls
(Walker Books/Candlewick Press, $17.99) 978-0-5362-2318-7
During World War I, just as Margot, 16, discovered she was pregnant, her fiancé, Harry Singer, was reported missing in action. Now Harry has returned. Should she tell him about the baby her parents adopted? (14-17) Mature content

The Silent Unseen
by Amanda McCrina
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, $18.99) 978-0-374-31355-5
In 1944, Maria, a Polish escapee from the Nazis, saves Kostya from the Soviet police. Then she learns he is a Ukrainian resistance fighter, and thus, the enemy. (14-17)

The Storyteller
by Kathryn Williams
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-304939-0
Jess, 17, finds a trunkful of diaries kept by her Russian émigré great-great-aunt, opening the possibility of a family connection to the murdered last Russian tsar. (13-16)

This Rebel Heart
by Katherine Locke
Csilla and her aunt, Holocaust survivors in 1956 Budapest, Hungary, must battle for freedom or flee. Csilla fights alongside a student revolutionary and the Angel of Death. Elements of Jewish folklore. (14-17) Mature content
Torch
by Lyn Miller-Lachmann
(Carolrhoda Lab/Lerner, $19.99) 978-1-72841-568-0
After the Soviet invasion quashes the Prague Spring of 1968, three misfit teenagers find their increasingly constricted lives unbearable and daringly flee the repression. (14-17)

Travelers along the Way:
A Robin Hood Remix
by Aminah Mae Safi
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $18.99) 978-1-250-77127-8
In 1192 the Third Crusade rages on. A motley group of fellow travelers led by two Muslim sisters join the fight to protect Jerusalem. (13-15)

Valiant Ladies
by Melissa Grey
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $18.99) 978-1-250-62220-4
By day Kiki and Ana, who struggle with their love for one another, are proper 17th-century ladies. At night they take up weapons to fight and gamble. It all becomes sinister when Kiki’s brother is murdered. (13-15) Mature content

Humor

Live, Laugh, Kidnap
by Gabby Noone
(Razorbill/Penguin Random House, $17.99) 978-0-593-32729-6
Gullible Marla gives her daughter Zoe’s college fund to a corrupt megachurch. Zoe then bonds with two other teens and Dustin, the pastor’s disgruntled son, to kidnap Dustin for ransom. (14-16)

Magical Realism

Funeral Girl
by Emma K. Ohland
(Carolrhoda Lab/Lerner, $19.99) 978-1-7284-5800-7
Asexual Georgia lives with her family in a funeral home. After her grandmother’s death, she learns she can awaken the dead, which becomes problematic when a classmate dies. (14-16)

Galaxy:
The Prettiest Star
by Jadzia Axelrod, illustrated by Jess Taylor
(DC Comics, P $16.99) 978-1-4012-9853-1
Sent to Earth after her planet is attacked, an extraterrestrial princess transforms into a boy but finds it difficult to hide and lie. Bright candy-colored graphics. (14-17)

How to Date a Superhero (And Not Die Trying)
by Cristina Fernandez
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, $18.99) 978-0-06-311430-2
Double majoring as a premed student is demanding enough, but dating nerdy Max, who turns out to be a superhero, upends Astrid’s rigid life plan. (13-16)

The Kindred
by Alechia Dow
(Inkyard Press/HarperCollins, $18.99) 978-1-335-41861-6
The Kindred Program was devised to pair upper- and lower-class citizens at birth telepathically so that class would not inhibit voice. What could go wrong? (13-16)
**D** Mister Miracle: The Great Escape
by Varian Johnson, illustrated by Daniel Isles
(DC Comics, P $16.99) 978-1-77950-125-7
Scott Free, a young Black student, attends a repressive soldier training academy and plots to escape planet Apokolips, but love, treachery, and misleading friends await. Dynamic panel compositions in a muted palette. (14-17)

**D** Tasting Light: Ten Science Fiction Stories to Rewire Your Perceptions
edited by A. R. Capetta and Wade Roush, illustrated by Wendy Xu
(MITeen Press/Candlewick Press, $19.99) 978-1-5362-1938-8
Ten writers create amazing explorations of the diverse possibilities of evolution in social systems and in human, interspecies, and spatial relationships when supported, controlled, and extended by future technology. Includes a graphic format story; crisp black-and-white artwork. (14-17)

**POETRY**

**D** African Town
by Irene Latham and Charles Waters, introduction by Jocelyn M. Davis, illustrated by Vivian Shih, map by Richard Amari
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