

FOURTEEN AND OLDER

FICTION

Adventure and Mystery

Codebreaker

by Jay Martel

(Wednesday Books/St. Martin's Publishing Group/Macmillan, \$24.00) 978-1-250-35556-0

After the mysterious deaths of her parents, 17-year-old Mia, determined to find out what happened, follows the clues her father left behind. Aided by Logan, she tries to outwit the conspirators on her trail. (14-17)

D M The Girl You Know

by Elle Gonzalez Rose

(Bloomsbury Children's Books/Bloomsbury, \$19.99) 978-1-5476-1603-9

While still mourning her identical twin sister's death, Puerto Rican Luna poses as her in order to infiltrate her upper-class boarding school and prove she was murdered. (14-17) Mature content

D M The Hidden Girl

by Louise Bassett

(Walker Books Australia, \$19.99) 978-1-7616-0164-4

A Melbourne teen, in detention for fighting her bully, finds a diary in her counselor's office of an Indonesian victim of sex trafficking. Can she possibly help? (15-18) Mature content

Murder Between Friends

by Liz Lawson

(Delacorte/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-593-30103-6

Three former best friends reunite to try to solve a murder that one of their siblings was accused of committing. A mystery with many plot twists. (14-17)

D M Sisters in the Wind

by Angeline Boulley

(Henry Holt BYR/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-1-250-32853-3

Long after her Native American mother abandons her, Lucy's White father dies. The teen, now at the mercy of an unreliable foster care system, finds herself being stalked. (15-18) Mature content

Sole Survivor

by Norman Ollestad and Brendan Kiely

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-0-976-374-3921-1

An 11-year-old boy fights to survive after a plane crash in the mountains. Based on a true story. (13-16)

D Songs for Ghosts

by Clara Kumagai

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$19.99) 978-1-4197-6853-8

An ancient Japanese diary sends 17-year-old Adam on a literal ghost chase to discover the stories of his late mother and her Nagasaki family. Inspired by *Madame Butterfly*. (14-17)

D M This Place Kills Me

by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Nicole Goux

(Abrams Fanfare/Abrams, \$26.99) 978-1-4197-6846-0

Did Elizabeth, Juliet in the school play, die by suicide or murder? Outsider Abby Kita, a new girl disliked because others think she's gay, wants to solve the mystery. Dramatic artwork. (15-18) Mature content

D Very Dangerous Things

by Lauren Muñoz

(G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Random House, \$19.99)

978-0-593-85789-2

The annual murder mystery game at Dulce's school turns deadly when a student is killed. Can Dulce and her friends discover the culprit before an innocent girl goes on trial? (14-17)

Anthologies and Collections

D * Legendary Frybread Drive-In: Intertribal Stories

edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith

(Heartdrum/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-332426-9

No matter your nation or rez, Sandy June's community space appears magically when you need it, serving up advice, food, music, movies, and romance. Notes from Indigenous authors. Glossary. (13-16)

Coming of Age



D **Angelica and the Bear Prince**

written and illustrated by Trung Le Nguyen
(Random House Graphic/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$24.99) 978-0-593-12547-2
Vietnamese American Angelica, 17, has a complicated relationship with her mother, while deeply grieving her beloved grandmother. A theater internship opens up fresh possibilities. Bright, colorful artwork. (13-15)

D **A Catalog of Burnt Objects**

by Shana Youngdahl
(Dial BFYR/Penguin Random House, \$19.99)
978-0-593-40551-2
Seventeen-year-old Caprice is working on her relationship with her brother, home from rehab, as well as enjoying a new romance, when a wildfire destroys everything in her small California town. (15-18)

D **Donut Summer**

by Anita Kelly
(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)
978-1-335-01289-0
Sixteen-year-old Penny has serious anxieties. Over the summer she finds romance, learns to control her over-active creative brain, deals with disappointment, and discovers important truths about herself. (14-16)



D **M** **Fitting Indian**

by Jyoti Chand, illustrated by Tara Anand
(HarperAlley/HarperCollins, \$18.99)
978-0-06-323753-7
Nitasha's Indian family demands that she conform to their ideas of good behavior—obedience, excellent grades, no dating—but her quest to break away involves alcohol, self-harm, and attempted suicide. Bold graphics emphasize emotional changes. Resources. Author's note. (16-18) Mature content

D **The Golden Boy's Guide to Bipolar**

by Sonido Reyes
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$19.99) 978-0-06-335840-9
Back in school after being hospitalized, Cesar wants to continue his relationship with Jamal, but intrusive thoughts get in his way. Includes resources. (14-17)

M **The Gone Book**

by Helena Close
(Little Island Books, P \$11.99) 978-1-912417-44-5
Fifteen-year-old Matt keeps a diary, wears a ponytail, and is filled with self-loathing. Can he maneuver through the chaos of abandonment and changes in his relationships with family and friends? (15-18) Mature content

I Am the Cage

by Allison Sweet Grant
(Dutton Books/Penguin Random House, \$19.99)
978-0-593-61691-8
Nineteen-year-old Elisabeth Amos, suffering from the trauma of painful medical treatments, lives alone in a remote town, until a blizzard forces her to seek help. Vivid prose with poetry interspersed. (15-18)

D **M** **The Other Side of the Ocean**

by J. D. Netto
(JAB Books/JABberwocky Literary Agency, P \$16.99)
978-1-625677-20-4
Brought to the U.S. from Brazil as a child, Matt, now a teenager struggling with his sexuality and his immigration status, meets his first love, James. (14-17) Mature content

D **Right Beside You**

by Tucker Shaw
(Henry Holt BYR/Macmillan, \$19.99)
978-1-250-32710-9
Eighteen-year-old Eddie embarks on a journey of self-exploration, discovering queer culture in 1930s New York through a Polaroid camera given to him by his ancient, exuberant great-aunt and finding romance in two different eras. Archival photos. (17-18)

D **Sunlight Playing Over a Mountain**

by Selina Li Bi
(Soho Teen/Soho Press, \$19.99) 978-1-64129-648-9
Jasmine, 15, raised on fantasies by her single mother, sabotages all her mom's relationships to keep their family intact. When reality intrudes, Jasmine's world fractures. (15-17)

D **M** **Truth Is**

by Hannah V. Sawyerr
(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$21.99) 978-1-4197-7683-0
Seventeen-year-old Truth Bangura, pregnant and lost, lies to everyone but speaks truth in her poems. Can a slam poetry club membership help her create a future of her choosing? Free verse. (15-18) Mature content

Contemporary Issues

(M) * Biology Lessons

by Melissa Kantor

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-1-250-33404-6

A high school senior with big college plans gets pregnant in a state where abortion restrictions could have serious legal consequences for her and for anyone who helps her. (15-18) Mature content

(D) In Case You Read This

by Edward Underhill

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-337377-8

Gabe and Arden, transgender boys, meet at a motel in Nebraska as their families relocate. Failure to share contact information leaves them searching for each other. (15-18)

(D) Let Them Stare

by Jonathan Van Ness and Julie Murphy

(Storytide/HarperCollins, \$22.99) 978-0-06-334624-6

Sully loses the internship which was supposed to enable them to leave their bigoted home town.

Dispirited, they find a vintage handbag to sell so they can get away, but discover that it comes with strange baggage. (13-16)

One Kiss

by Marthe Jocelyn

(Orca Soundings/Orca Book Publishers, P \$10.95)

978-1-4598-4089-8

Maya, 16, knew Ross as her best friend's dad, but when the rock star makes an inappropriate gesture, her life is disrupted. Aimed at reluctant readers. (13-16)

(D) Tall Water

by SJ Sindu, illustrated by Dion MBD

(HarperAlley/HarperCollins, \$26.99)

978-0-06-309016-3

Binational Nimmi, 17, follows her journalist father from South Dakota to war-torn Sri Lanka to confront the mother who let her go 16 years before. Dramatic digital artwork. (14-17)

(D) This Thing of Ours

by Frederick Joseph

(Candlewick Press, \$18.99) 978-1-5362-3346-9

At a predominantly white high school, an injury forces Black senior Ossie to pivot from basketball to creative writing. As he navigates the change, he underestimates the power of race and the impact of social media. (14-17)

(D) When We Ride

by Rex Ogle

(Norton Young Readers/W. W. Norton, \$18.99)

978-1-324-05282-1

Mexican American Benny, who works hard and dreams of college, is conflicted about giving rides to school to his best friend, Lawson, who deals drugs there. Spare, unflinching free verse. (14-17)

Dystopian Fiction

And the Trees Stare Back

by Gigi Griffis

(Holiday House, \$19.99) 978-0-8234-5912-4

It is 1989 in Soviet Estonia, and there is danger everywhere. Townspeople disappear, including Vik's sister, Anna. Anna returns, but something is very, very wrong. (14-16)

*** Beasts**

by Ingvild Bjerkeland, translated from Norwegian by Rosie Hedger

(Levine Querido, \$17.99) 978-1-64614-513-3

Abdi, 13, flees through forest and mountainous terrain to survive an invasion, protect his sister, and reach safety. Will he make it? (13-16)

(D) Calm

by S. J. Baker

(Neem Tree Press, P \$14.95) 978-1-911107-93-4

In a future Great Britain, citizens' complacency is controlled through the water supply. Members of an underground network help each other to resist and reach freedom. (13-16)

(D) Meet Me at Blue Hour

by Sarah Suk

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-32518-0

Can Korean Canadian Yena and Lucas overcome erased memories to rekindle lost love and rebuild family connections? (15-18)

(D) An Ocean Apart

by Jill Tew

(Joy Revolution/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-593-90394-0

Years after a Category 6 storm devastates Florida, Eden assumes a false identity to enter a bachelorette-type competition that could topple the company controlling the state's water and food supply. (14-16)

Sunrise on the Reaping (Hunger Games series)

by Suzanne Collins

(Scholastic Press/Scholastic, \$27.99)

978-1-5461-7146-1

On his 16th birthday, Haymitch Abernathy is chosen as one of four tributes from District 12 to take part in Panem's brutal 50th Hunger Games. (14-17)

Family and Community

D M After We Burned

by Marieke Nijkamp

(Sourcebooks Fire/Sourcebooks, \$18.99)

978-1-7282-9120-8

A high school fire and the resultant death of a student spark an investigation and reveal dark secrets in a small town. Multiple first-person narratives. (15-18) Mature content

D All the Noise at Once

by DeAndra Davis

(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$19.99)

978-1-6659-5265-1

Aiden, a Black, autistic high school football player, is sent reeling by his supportive older brother Brandon's unjust arrest. How will he manage on his own? Can he prove Brandon's innocence? (13-16)

D All the Way Around the Sun

by XiXi Tian

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-308607-4

The death of Stella's older brother, a Harvard freshman, has shattered her Chinese immigrant family. A college tour with a family friend opens a path toward healing. (14-17)

D A Bird in the Air Means We Can Still Breathe

by Mahogany L. Browne

(Crown BFYR/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-593-48647-4

In multiple literary formats, a group of New York City teens describe trying to live with friends, families, and themselves, against the dramatically disorienting backdrop of the COVID pandemic. (13-16)

Cope Field

by T. L. Simpson

(Flux/North Star Editions, P \$14.99)

978-1-63583-105-4

His dad is a former major leaguer, but is Crawford really "the luckiest kid alive"? What he longs to know is why his mom left without him. (14-17)

M The House No One Sees

by Adina King

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-1-250-33719-1

On Penelope's 16th birthday, she longs for a message from her absent mother, but finds herself reliving her painful past as the daughter of an addict. Includes resources. (15-18) Mature content

D M Leave It on the Track

by Margot Fisher

(Dutton Books/Penguin Random House, \$19.99)

978-0-593-85839-4

The survivor of a fire that killed her two dads, Morgan relocates to Portland with the half-sister she barely knows. Will joining a roller derby team help her heal and facilitate her coming out? (14-17) Mature content

M The Steps

by Wendelin Van Draanen

(Holiday House, \$19.99) 978-0-8234-6038-0

A 14-year-old chess whiz uses her strategies to outsmart her gold-digging, grudge-harboring, murderous extended family. (13-16) Mature content

D M Under the Fading Sky

by Cynthia Kadohata

(Caitlyn Dlouhy Books/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$19.99) 978-1-5344-8239-5

They have caring parents who provide everything necessary for them to excel, but what if Elijah and his friends don't want to stay on that track? (14-17) Mature content

M We Fell Apart (We Were Liars series)

by E. Lockhart

(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$22.99) 978-0-593-89916-8

When her famous artist father summons Matilda, 17, to his private castle, she discovers a half-brother, but her father is mysteriously missing. Eerily unsettling. (13-16) Mature content

Fantasy

Among Ghosts

by Rachel Hartman

(Random House BFYR/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$20.99) 978-0-593-81372-0

Seven years ago, Charl, now 13, and his mother fled his abusive father. Now their place of refuge is besieged by plagues and a dragon. How can they survive? (13-15)

The Assassin's Guide to Babysitting

by Natalie C. Parker

(Candlewick Press, \$19.99) 978-1-5362-3009-3

In a superpowered society, Tru maintains a secret identity to elude her parent's killers. Booking a babysitting job on a bounty app unravels her carefully ordered world. (14-17)

(D) (M) Breath of the Dragon (Breathmarked series)

by Shannon Lee and Fonda Lee, map by Tim Paul
(Wednesday Books/St. Martin's Publishing Group/
Macmillan, \$24.00) 978-1-250-90267-2

A once-prosperous land was cleft in two by a magic-dominated class system. Can 16-year-old Jun, impulsive and lacking any magic, win a combat tournament that could reunite the land? Elegant grayscale map. (14-17) Mature content

(D) The Cat Who Saved the Library

by Sosuke Natsukawa, translated from Japanese by
Louise Heal Kawai

(HarperVia/HarperCollins, \$24.00) 978-0-06-341924-7

Thirteen-year-old Nanami sees a grey entity making books disappear from the library. A mysterious sentient cat recruits her to help stem the tide of vanishings. (14-17)

(D) * A Forgery of Fate

by Elizabeth Lim

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books/
PRH, \$20.99) 978-0-593-65061-5

To save her destitute family, Truyan marries an enigmatic dragon lord and travels to his underworld realm to vanquish a curse. A richly reimagined *Beauty and the Beast*. (13-16)

(D) The Last Tiger

by Julia Riew and Brad Riew

(Kokila/Penguin Random House, \$21.99)

979-82-17-00204-7

Servant Seung and noble Eunji form an unlikely alliance, until Eunji's arranged marriage to a powerful Dragon. The two reunite as they search for the last tiger. Inspired by true stories of the authors' Korean grandparents. (13-16)

Of Flame and Fury

by Mikayla Bridge

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$20.99)

978-0-374-39342-7

In the republic of Salta, a 17-year-old tamer of phoenixes battles to save her racing team and her pet phoenix when they are threatened by a wealthy tech mogul. (14-17)

(D) (M) The Scorpion and the Night Blossom

by Amélie Wen Zhao, map by Sveta Dorosheva

(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/
PRH, \$22.99) 978-0-593-81384-3

Àn'yīng enters the Immortality Trials for a chance to win a magic cure her failing mother. It soon becomes apparent that someone is helping her; who, and why? Detailed black-and-white map. (14-17) Mature content

(D) (M) Thorn Season

by Kiera Azar, map by Nicolette Caven

(Storytide/HC, \$19.99) 978-0-06-342779-2

Lady Alissa reluctantly enters the debutante season to impress King Erik but finds those who possess magic as she does are being hunted and murdered. Who can she trust? Grayscale map. (14-17) Mature content

Historical Fiction

The Cariboo Trek of Callum McBay

by Colin Campbell

(Tradewind Books, P \$12.95) 978-19905-9833-3

About to lose the family farm, a 17-year-old in the 1860s makes a hazardous journey from Scotland to British Columbia's Cariboo region to pan for gold. Back matter. (17-18)

Firebird

by Elizabeth Wein

(Union Square/Hachette, P \$9.99)

978-1-4549-6272-4

It's 1942, and teenage Nastia is proud to be flying for the Soviet Union and fighting the Nazis. When she is accused of being a traitor, her world is turned upside down. (13-16)

(D) Ida B. Wells:

Journalist, Advocate & Crusader for Justice (Rise. Risk. Remember. Incredible Stories of Courageous Black Women series)

by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Candace Buford

(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/S & S,
\$19.99) 978-1-6659-1983-8

During African American Wells's challenging career as a reporter, she fought for equity and waged a campaign against the lynchings that were plaguing the South. Back matter. (14-17)

D * Rosa by Any Other Name

by Hailey Alcaraz

(Viking/Penguin Random House, \$20.99)

978-0-593-52557-9

In Arizona in 1955, Mexican American Rosa conceals her identity to attend a desegregated high school. When her childhood friend meets a popular white girl, it ignites a confrontation. Author's note. (14-17)

D M * Silenced Voices:

Reclaiming Memories from the Guatemalan Genocide

written and illustrated by Pablo Leon

(HarperAlley/HarperCollins, P \$18.99)

978-0-06-322355-4

While researching their mother's life during the 1980s Guatemalan civil war, two brothers reunite her with her missing sister. Poignant full-color illustrations complement this intense story. (14-17) Mature content

D * Song of a Blackbird

written and illustrated by Maria van Lieshout

(First Second/Macmillan, \$25.99) 978-1-250-86981-4

A blackbird's song unites Annick's search for family in 2011 and Emma's work with the Dutch resistance to save Jewish children in 1943. Striking drawings. Archival photographs. Extensive back matter. (14-17)

D Under the Same Stars

by Libba Bray

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$24.99)

978-0-37438-894-2

A far-reaching mystery connects teens in three different time lines—Nazi Germany, Cold-War-era West Berlin, and New York during the COVID pandemic. (13-16)

*** Where the Heart Should Be**

by Sarah Crossan

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$21.99)

978-0-06-338491-0

In 1847, against the backdrop of the Great Hunger, a 16-year-old Irish girl supports her family as a scullery maid in the residence of a greedy English nobleman. Free verse. (14-17)

Horror

D A Mastery of Monsters (Mastery of Monsters series)

by Liselle Sambury

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster,

\$24.99) 978-1-6659-5736-6

August is unwillingly drawn into a contest for dominance in a society that enslaves people who can transform into beasts that hunt and kill humans. (14-17)

Magical Realism

*** After Life**

by Gayle Forman

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-334614-7

Seven years after she died in an accident at 17, Amber returns to find that her family, friends, and community have changed in her absence—although she is still 17. (13-16)

D M The Corruption of Hollis Brown

by K. Ancrum

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$19.99) 978-0-06-328583-5

Hollis gives Walt his coat to warm him up, but Walt slips into more than the outerwear. Is it a haunting, demonic possession, or a spiritual melding? Is it evil or wonderful? (14-17) Mature content

D The Invisible Wild

by Nikki Van De Car

(RP Teens/Hachette Book Group, \$19.99)

978-0-7624-8706-6

Though nobody believes her, Emma knows that the menehune—the legendary original people of Hawaii—are real. Now they are in great danger. Can she help them? (13-16)

D The Leaving Room

by Amber McBride

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-1-250-90808-7

Gospel is a Keeper. She helps recently deceased children pass to the other side, but she herself can never leave, until she meets another Keeper, Melodee. Can Keepers fall in love? Lyrical verse. (14-17)

(M) Our Infinite Fates

by Laura Steven

(Wednesday Books/St. Martin's Publishing Group/Macmillan, \$20.00) 978-1-250-33388-9

Evelyn has fallen in love with Arden for multiple lifetimes, although one of them kills the other each time. Can Evelyn forestall the curse now for long enough to save her little sister? (14-17) Mature content

*** Sea Change**

by Susan Fletcher

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$19.99) 978-1-4197-7392-1

A genetically modified amphibious being can manage life on both land and sea, but then an opportunity arises for her to choose to be fully human. (14-17)

(D) The Underwood Tapes

by Amanda DeWitt

(Peachtree Teen/Peachtree Publishing, \$19.99)

978-1-68263-599-5

Grace escapes to her mother's abandoned hometown to grieve her death and escape prying eyes, but is caught in a time warp that magically uncovers the mystery of why her mother left. (14-17)

Romance

(D) All-Nighter

by Cecilia Vinesse

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-328592-7

Valedictorian Autumn and rebel Tara have been frenemies, but now, with graduation looming, they need each other. One all-nighter changes everything, triggering a warm romance. (15-18)

(D) The Big Ask

by Simon James Green

(Union Square/Hachette, P \$9.99)

978-1-4549-6031-7

When the popular, straight-presenting jock, Harvey, gets dumped by his girlfriend days before prom, nerdy gay Alfie just might be able to act on his long-standing crush. (13-16)

Come As You Are

by Dahlia Adler

(Wednesday Books/St. Martin's Publishing Group/Macmillan, \$20.00) 978-1-250-87169-5

What happens when male and female students attending boarding school want to reinvent themselves? (14-17)

Every Borrowed Beat

by Erin Stewart

(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-595-71066-1

Sydney, determined to learn more about her heart's donor, thinks she's found her. Then, when Sydney attends Mia's memorial, she meets Clayton. Sparks fly, and the lies begin. (14-17)

Fade into You

by Amber Smith and Sam Gellar

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$21.99) 978-1-6659-6610-8

Told through Bird's and Jessa's alternating narratives, the two high school seniors plot to break up their best friends' toxic romance. Set in 1999. (14-17)



The History of Everything

written and illustrated by Victoria Evans

(HarperAlley/HarperCollins, P \$18.99)

978-0-06-326889-0

Two inseparable Goth girls plan to spend the summer revisiting childhood sites before one moves away. A new boy and budding romance change everything. Deeply colored, highly stylized graphic panels. (13-15)

(D) I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm

by Mariama J. Lockington

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-0-374-38890-4

Two Black high school senior girls facing challenging family and financial circumstances unite in a beauty influencer business venture and find love. Alternating prose and free verse chapters. (16-18)

(M) * Run Away with Me

written and illustrated by Brian Selznick

(Scholastic Press/Scholastic, \$24.99)

987-1-339-03552-9

In 1986, 16-year-old Danny, spending the summer in Rome, falls in love with an enigmatic boy. The multilayered text is bookended with atmospheric black-and-white pencil drawings. (13-16) Mature content

(D) Tell Me Every Lie

by Ellen Hagan and David Flores

(Bloomsbury Children's Books/Bloomsbury, \$20.99)

978-1-5476-1495-0

At a resort with his rich aunt, JP pretends that he's wealthy. Mia, a resort staffer, takes a bet to make JP fall for her. Will lies douse the sparks? (14-17)

D You Started It

by Jackie Khalilieh

(Tundra Books/Penguin Random House Canada, \$19.99) 978-1-77488-475-1

Your boyfriend breaking up with you is a terrible way to start the school year. Jamie meets a new boy, and a crazy plot to win back her boyfriend ensues. (14-17)

Science Fiction

Skipshock

by Caroline O'Donoghue

(Walker Books US/Candlewick Press, \$19.99)

978-1-5362-2881-6

The paths of an Irish schoolgirl and an extraterrestrial traveling salesman intersect between worlds on a train that self-destructs as they disembark. Can either of them get home—or anywhere? (15-18)

D This Is the Year

by Gloria Muñoz

(Holiday House, \$18.99) 978-0-8234-5836-3

Juli, grieving her sister's death, trains for a spot on an inaugural extraterrestrial colony. But with new friends and a love interest, is leaving Earth right for her? (14-17)

Sports

D M * One of the Boys

by Victoria Zeller

(Levine Querido, \$19.99) 978-1-64614-502-7

Before she transitioned, Grace was the top kicker on her football team. Can she return to the sport she loves after some of her teammates invite her back? (15-18) Mature content

Rhino's Run

by Robert Lipsyte

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$19.99) 978-0-06-33487-0

A high school football captain takes leadership seriously, but friends old and new and political events around a school shooting force him to think outside the tinderbox. (13-15)

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics)

Imposter

by Cait Levin

(Charlesbridge Teen/Charlesbridge, \$18.99)

978-1-62354-563-5

Though intimidated by her all-male computer science class, Cam persists in her pursuit of knowledge and experience. Her skills earn her acceptance, but not from everyone. (13-16)

POETRY

Winner of the 2026 Claudia Lewis Award

*** The Poetry of Car Mechanics**

by Heidi E. Y. Stemple

(Wordsong/Astra BFYR/Astra Publishing House, \$19.99) 978-1-6626-6021-4

Fifteen-year-old Dylan, a poetry enthusiast and avid birdwatcher, heals from loss and loneliness in the quest to mend an injured hawk's wing. Told in poignant verse. (13-16)

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Biography and Memoir

D At Last She Stood:

How Joey Guerrero Spied, Survived, and Fought for Freedom

by Erin Entrada Kelly

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-321890-1

A teenager with Hansen's disease (leprosy) survived the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, delivered secret messages to the Allied forces, and won the Medal of Freedom. Maps. Archival images and photos. Index, extensive back matter. (16-18)



D **Bad Boy:**

A Graphic Memoir

by Walter Dean Myers, adapted by Guy A. Sims, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile (Quill Tree Books and HarperAlley/HarperCollins, \$23.99) 978-0-0630993-7

Bold, expressive artwork coupled with Myers's storytelling bring us inside the author's emotions and mind as he slowly finds his way from anger and depression to his lifelong love of words and writing. (13-16)

D **Hick:**

The Trailblazing Journalist Who Captured Eleanor Roosevelt's Heart

by Sarah Miller

(Random House Studio/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$20.99) 978-0-593-64909-3

An account of reporter Lorena Hickok's colorful career and her loving relationship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Archival photos. Sources. Index. (15-18)



D * **I Wish I Didn't Have to Tell You This:**

A Graphic Memoir

written and illustrated by Eugene Yelchin (Candlewick Press, \$22.99) 978-1-5362-1553-3

A Jewish artist describes life in the Soviet Union in the early 1980s while he navigates high school, the harsh conditions in Siberia, placement in a mental institution, and love with an American student. Black-and-white artwork. (14-17)

D **King: A Life**

by Jonathan Eig, with Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$26.99) 978-0-374-39310-6

The prominent civil rights leader was renowned for his ability to inspire others and promote change, but he also struggled with depression, doubt, serial infidelities, and FBI persecution. Archival photos. Footnotes. Young adult edition. (14-17)

Loudmouth:

Emma Goldman vs. America (A Love Story)

by Deborah Heiligman

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$21.99) 978-1-250-82307-6

In the late 19th and early 20th century, Goldman, an anarchist and tireless crusader for social justice, championed the labor movement, the struggle for women's rights, and other causes. Back matter. (16-18)

D **Malcolm Lives!:**

The Official Biography of Malcolm X for Young Readers

by Ibram X. Kendi

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan) \$19.99 978-0-374-3186-5

Through language that speaks directly to readers, the African American leader and activist steps off the page as he grows and changes throughout the years. Primary source documents and photos head each chapter. Extensive source notes. (14-17)

The Mysterious Virginia Hall:

World War II's Most Dangerous Spy

by Claudia Friddell

(Calkins Creek/Astra BFYR/Astra Publishing House, \$18.99) 978-1-6626-8059-5

An athletic Maryland girl lost her leg after an accident, but determinedly served in the British and U.S. espionage agencies, earning multiple distinguished service awards. Free verse. Archival photos. Source notes, bibliography. (14-17)



D **M** **Pushing Hope:**

An Illustrated Memoir of Survival

by Raymond Santana, illustrated by Keith Henry Brown (Calkins Creek/Astra BFYR/Astra Publishing House, \$24.99) 978-1-6626-8039-7

A 14-year-old was falsely accused, along with four other Black and Latinx teens, of an infamous crime. After spending years in prison, he was eventually exonerated. Sparse text with animated illustrations that tell much of the tale. (14-17) Mature content

D * **Whale Eyes:**

A Memoir About Seeing and Being Seen

by James Robinson, illustrated by Brian Rea

(Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House, \$18.99) 978-0-593-52395-7

A child with multiple disabling eye conditions learned a visual vocabulary, eventually creating award-winning documentaries, inviting others to truly see and connect with those with disabilities. Dynamic, imaginative illustrations. Resources. (13-16)

ⓓ Who Is Amy Schneider?:

Questions on Growing Up, Being Curious, and Winning It Big on Jeopardy!

by Amy Schneider

(Simon & Schuster BFYR/S & S, \$18.99)

978-1-6659-3305-6

A brave memoir that touches on this game show champion's childhood challenges, neurodivergence, depression, and transition from male to female, all with good humor. Young readers edition of *In the Form of a Question*. (15-18)

History

American Spirits:

The Famous Fox Sisters and the Mysterious Fad That Haunted a Nation

by Barb Rosenstock

(Calkins Creek/Astra BFYR/Astra Publishing House, \$24.99) 978-1-63592-805-1

At a time of national upheaval, two rural teenage girls and their older sister became famous as spiritual mediums. Mid-19th century life is depicted with abundant archival photos. (14-17)

*** A Dangerous Idea:**

The Scopes Trial, the Original Fight Over Science in Schools

by Debbie Levy

(Bloomsbury Children's Books/Bloomsbury, \$20.99) 978-1-5476-1221-5

A century ago, a sensational court case in Tennessee was used to test a law that forbade public schools from teaching about evolution. Extensive time line. Index, bibliography, citations. (14-17)

ⓓ Ⓜ * Death in the Jungle:

Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown

by Candace Fleming

(Anne Schwartz Books/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-593-48006-9

A charismatic and increasingly mentally ill preacher established the quasi-religious Peoples Temple, easily drawing in members and eventually controlling every aspect of their lives. Archival photographs. Back matter. (15-18) Mature content

ⓓ A Most Perilous World:

The True Story of the Young Abolitionists and Their Crusade Against Slavery

by Kristina R. Gaddy

(Dutton Books/Penguin Random House, \$19.99)

978-0-593-85552-2

Interwoven narratives and primary sources about the offspring of famous abolitionists at the cusp of the Civil War. Footnotes and bibliography. (15-18)

The Nazi Conspiracy:

The Secret Plot to Kill Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill

by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch

(Scholastic Focus/Scholastic, \$19.99)

978-1-5461-2236-4

In 1943 a secret strategy meeting of the three Allied leaders took place in Tehran, Iran. But would they be safe from Nazi spies? Archival photographs. Back matter. Young readers edition. (14-17)

*** White Lies:**

How the South Lost the Civil War, Then Rewrote the History

by Ann Bausum

(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$24.99)

978-1-250-81657-3

An eye-opening, entirely compelling exploration of how time and time again, the Lost Cause narrative following the Civil War has been inserted into education, popular culture, and the collective memory—and why it is so damaging. Archival images and photographs. (13-14)

Reference

ⓓ Ⓜ * Banned Together:

Our Fight for Readers' Rights

edited by Ashley Hope Pérez

(Holiday House, \$19.99) 978-0-8234-5830-1

In varying formats, 16 authors present personal experiences with book and content suppression. Comic-style illustrations. Resources, including a list of supportive organizations and suggested activities. Additional back matter. (14-17) Mature content

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics)

Who Owns the Moon?:

And Other Conundrums of Exploring and Using Space

by Cynthia Levinson and Jennifer Swanson

(Margaret Quinlin Books/Peachtree Publishing,

\$22.99) 978-1-68263-537-7

How can nations, businesses, and individuals cooperate in the peaceful exploration of space?

Well-placed archival photos, digital illustrations, and sidebars. Sources, index, and sites for further research.

(13-16)