

Young Adult Literature



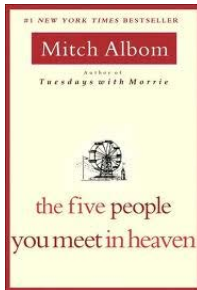
Dead to You

McMann, Lisa

Pages: 243

FIC MCM

Ethan was abducted from his front yard when he was just seven years old. Now, at sixteen, he has returned to his family. It's a miracle...at first. Then the tensions start to build. His reintroduction to his old life isn't going smoothly, and his family is tearing apart all over again. If only Ethan could remember something, anything, about his life before, he'd be able to put the pieces back together. But there's something that's keeping his memory blocked. Something unspeakable...



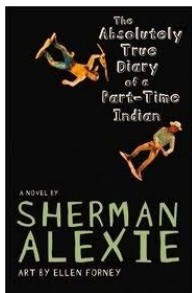
The Five People
You Meet in
Heaven

Albom, Mitch

Pages: 196

FIC ALB

A bitter eighty-three-year-old war veteran who believes his life is meaningless dies while trying to save a little girl's life and finds himself in heaven, where five people from his past--some loved ones, some strangers – explain what his years on Earth really meant, and whether or not he succeeded in saving the child.



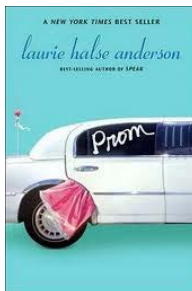
The Absolutely
True Diary of a
Part-Time Indian

Alexie, Sherman

Pages: 229

FIC ALE

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot. Finding his niche on the basketball team and meeting his old classmates on the court, Junior grapples with questions about what constitutes one's community, identity, and tribe. This book is filled with illustrations that help fuel the storyline.



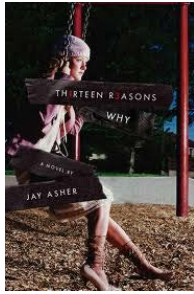
Prom

Anderson, Laurie
Hulse

Pages: 215

FIC AND

Ashley is a senior from a lower-middle-class family, dating a high school dropout, and gearing up for graduation but with no plans for college. But when the new math teacher steals the prom money, Ashley - who swears she doesn't care - finds herself sucked into turning nothing into the best prom ever because it means the world to her best friend, Nat.



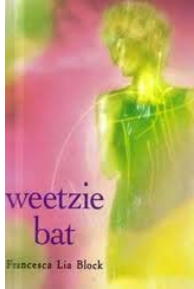
Thirteen Reasons Why

Asher, Jay

Pages: 288

FIC ASH

High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.



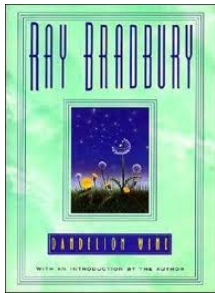
Weetzie Bat

Block, Francesca Lia

Pages: 128

FIC BLO

Weetzie, now 23, is a child of Hollywood who hated high school but loves the memories of Marilyn Monroe and Charlie Chaplin. Nobody understands her, least of all her divorced parents, until she meets Dirk. After he tells her he's gay, he takes her slam-dancing at the hot clubs in L.A. After moving in together with their significant others, the four of them make movies and have a baby. They spend no time considering college or career. Their only priority is finding love and keeping it once they find it.



Dandelion Wine

Bradbury, Ray

Pages: 239

FIC BRA

Twelve-year-old Douglas Spaulding knows Green Town, Illinois, is as vast and deep as the whole wide world that lies beyond the city limits. It is a pair of brand-new tennis shoes, the first harvest of dandelions for Grandfather's renowned intoxicant, the distant clang of the trolley's bell on a hazy afternoon. It is yesteryear and tomorrow blended into an unforgettable *always*. But as young Douglas is about to discover, summer can be more than the repetition of established rituals whose mystical power holds time at bay.



Breakfast at Tiffany's

Capote, Truman

Pages: 161

FIC CAP

Contains the title work about Holly Golightly, a Manhattan playgirl whose antics mask a pain-filled past; and includes three additional stories, "House of Flowers," "A Diamond Guitar," and "A Christmas Memory." This collection gives readers a continually fresh and exciting look at how human beings successfully connect with one another.



The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Chbosky, Stephen

Pages: 213

FIC CHB

Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver. Charlie is a freshman. And while he's not the biggest geek in the school, he is by no means popular. He's a wallflower – shy and introspective, yet intelligent beyond his years. Charlie encounters the same struggles that many kids face in high school – how to make friends, the intensity of a crush, family tensions, a first relationship, exploring sexuality, experimenting with drugs. Charlie's letters take on the intimate feel of a journal as he shares his day-to-day thoughts and feelings.



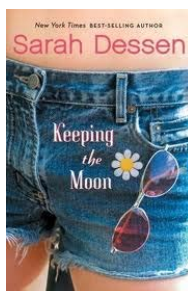
The Chocolate War

Cormier, Robert

Pages: 191

FIC COR

Does Jerry Renault dare to disturb the universe? You wouldn't think that his refusal to sell chocolates during his school's fundraiser would create such a stir, but it does; it's as if the whole school comes apart at the seams. To some, Jerry is a hero, but to others, he becomes a scapegoat – a target for their pent-up hatred. But Jerry is just trying to stand up for what he believes, but perhaps there is no way for him to escape becoming a pawn in this game of control.



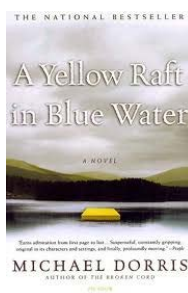
Keeping the Moon

Dessen, Sarah

Pages: 228

FIC DES

Because her aerobics-star mother is taking her famous weight-loss program to Europe, 15-year-old Colie leaves her home in Charlotte to spend the summer with her endearing but uncompromisingly unusual Aunt Mira in coastal Colby, NC. Colie has recently dropped 45 pounds, but unlike her positive-thinking mother, the teen has not succeeded in shedding her negative self-image.



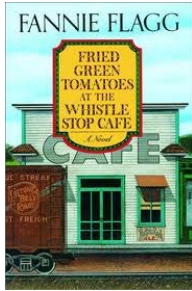
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water

Dorris, Michael

Pages: 372

FIC DOR

This novel is based on three generations of Indian Women. Rayona, 15, half black and half Indian, is abandoned by her mother and in turn abandons her Aunt Ida. Her mother faces what appears to be the last days of her often wild life in the kind company of a misunderstood man who was both a childhood friend and enemy on the reservation. Linked to both is Aunt Ida, the stony family matriarch who lost her favored son to the Viet Nam War and now warms her heart before the electronic fires of television soap operas.



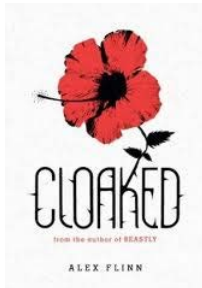
Fried Green
Tomatoes at the
Whistle Stop Café

Flagg, Fannie

Pages: 403

FIC FLA

The classic novel of two women in the 1980s. Gray-headed Mrs. Threadgoode telling her life story to Evelyn, who is in the sad slump of middle age. The tale she tells is also of two women – of the irrepressibly dare devilish tomboy Idgie and her friend Ruth – who back in the thirties ran a little place in Whistle Stop, Alabama, a Southern kind of Cafe Wobegon offering good barbecue and good coffee and all kinds of love and laughter, even an occasional murder.



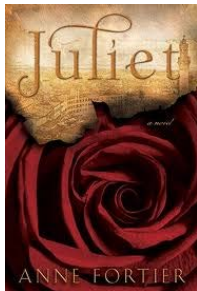
Cloaked

Flinn, Alex

Pages: 352

FIC FLI

Teenaged Johnny works as a cobbler in his mother's shoe repair shop in a posh hotel in South Beach. Unexpectedly, the striking Princess Victoriana of Aloria comes to the swanky Miami hotel for a royal visit. The super-hot partying princess pleads for Johnny's help in finding her missing brother, and offers of money and a royal marriage convince him to take her seriously-even when she explains that the prince has been turned into a frog.



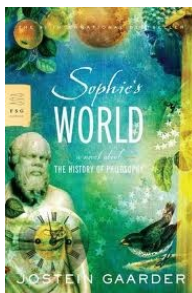
Juliet

Fortier, Anne

Pages: 447

FIC FOR

American Julie Jacobs travels to Sienna to learn more about her Italian heritage and discovers she is a direct descendant of Giulietta Tomei, the woman's whose love for Romeo supposedly inspired Shakespeare's classic tale, and that her Italian relatives are still suffering from the curse upon their houses.



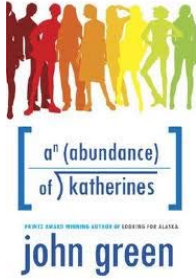
Sophie's World

Gaarder, Jostein

Pages: 518

FIC GAA

Wanting to understand the most fundamental questions of the universe isn't the province of ivory-tower intellectuals alone, as this book's enormous popularity has demonstrated. A young girl, Sophie, becomes embroiled in a discussion of philosophy with a faceless correspondent. At the same time, she must unravel a mystery involving another young girl, Hilde, by using everything she's learning. The truth is far more complicated than she could ever have imagined.



An Abundance of Katherines

Green, John

Pages: 227

FIC GRE

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships hypothesizing that romantic relationships can be graphed and predicted.



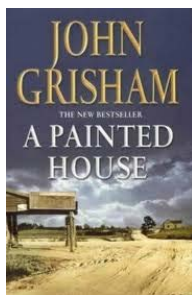
Bronx Masquerade

Grimes, Nikki

Pages: 167

FIC GRI

Open Mike Friday is everyone's favorite day in Mr. Ward's English class. On Fridays, his 18 high-school students dare to relax long enough to let slip the poets, painters, readers, and dreamers that exist within each of them. Students at this Bronx high school share their creative sides by revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.



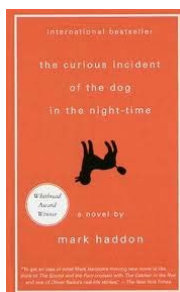
A Painted House

Grisham, John

Pages: 388

FIC GRI

It's harvest time on the Chandler farm, and the family has hired a crew of migrant Mexicans and "hill people" to pick 80 acres of cotton. A certain camaraderie pervades this bucolic dream team. But it's backbreaking work, particularly for the 7-year-old narrator, Luke. What's more, tensions begin to simmer between the Mexicans and the hill people, one of whom has a penchant for bare-knuckles brawling. This leads to a brutal murder, which young Luke has the bad luck to witness.



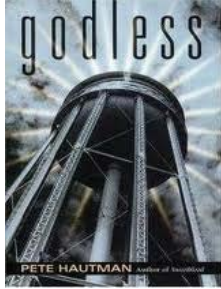
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Haddon, Mark

Pages: 226

FIC HAD

Late one night, Christopher comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork. Wellington's owner finds him cradling her dead dog in his arms, and has him arrested. After spending a night in jail, Christopher resolves-- against the objection of his father and neighbors -- to discover just who has murdered Wellington. He is encouraged by Siobhan, a social worker at his school, to write a book about his investigations, and the result -- quirkily illustrated, with each chapter given its own prime number.



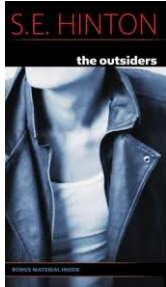
Godless

Hautman, Peter

Pages: 198

FIC HAU

Jason is a smart 15-year-old, an agnostic-leaning-toward-atheism, who resists following in the footsteps of his devoutly Catholic father. Getting clocked under the water tower by the nasty and unpredictable Henry leads Jason and his friend Shin to combine their talents to posit a new religion. "Chutengodianism" sanctifies water, the source of all life, as manifested by the Ten-Legged God, aka that same million-gallon water tower.



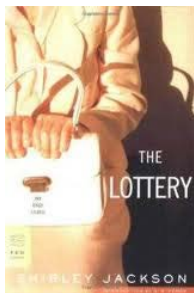
The Outsiders

Hinton, S.E.

Pages: 180

FIC HIN

According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers – until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc.



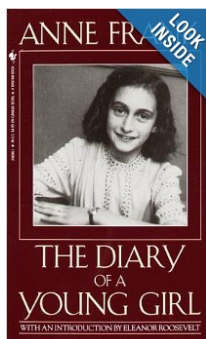
The Lottery and Other Stories

Jackson, Shirley

Pages: 320

FIC JAC

A collection of twenty-six stories by twentieth-century American author Shirley Jackson, including her famous work, "The Lottery," in which the people of a village perform their annual lottery even though they have long forgotten the reason for the ritual.



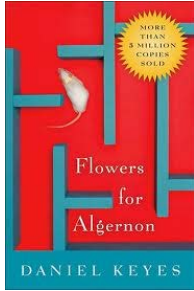
The Diary of Anne Frank

Frank, Anne

Pages: 304

921 FRA

a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period.



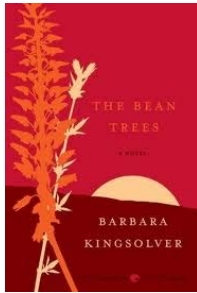
Flowers for
Algernon

Keys, Daniel

Pages: 311

FIC KEY

Algernon is a laboratory mouse who has undergone surgery to increase his intelligence by artificial means. Charlie Gordon, born with an unusually low IQ, and is the first human test subject for the surgery. But must face his gradual return to his former state when the astounding results of an experimental surgery that increased his intelligence prove to be only temporary.



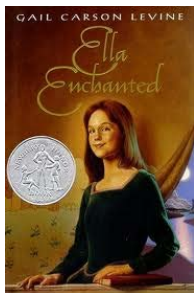
The Bean Trees

Kingsolver, Barbara

Pages: 323

FIC KIN

Feisty Marietta Greer changes her name to "Taylor" when her car runs out of gas in Taylorville, Ill. By the time she reaches Oklahoma, this strong-willed young Kentucky native with a quick tongue and an open mind is catapulted into a surprising new life. Taylor leaves home in a beat-up '55 Volkswagen bug, on her way to nowhere in particular, savoring her freedom. But when a forlorn Cherokee woman drops a baby in Taylor's passenger seat and asks her to take it, she does.



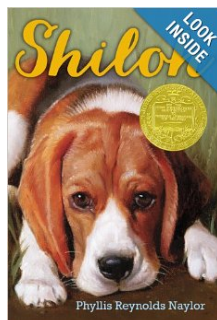
Ella Enchanted

Levine, Gail Carson

Pages: 238

FIC LEV

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella is inadvertently cursed by an imprudent fairy named Lucinda, who bestows on her the "gift" of obedience. Anything anyone tells her to do, Ella must obey. Another girl might have been cowed by this affliction, but not feisty Ella. When her beloved mother dies, leaving her in the care of a mostly absent father, and later, a loathsome stepmother and two treacherous stepsisters, Ella's life and well-being seem in grave peril.



Shiloh

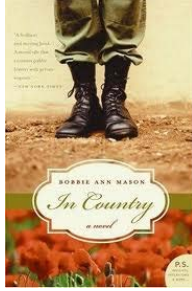
Naylor, Phyllis R.

Pages: 144

F NAY

MARTY WILL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE SHILOH

When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, it's love at first sight -- and also big trouble. It turns out the dog, which Marty names Shiloh, belongs to Judd Travers, who drinks too much and has a gun -- and abuses his dogs. So when Shiloh runs away from Judd to Marty, Marty just has to hide him and protect him from Judd. But Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger. How far will Marty have to go to make Shiloh his?



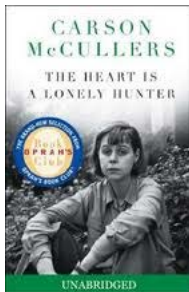
In Country

Mason, Bobbie Ann

Pages: 272

FIC MAS

Sam, 17, is obsessed with the Vietnam War and the effect it has had on her life losing a father she never knew and now living with Uncle Emmett, who seems to be suffering from the effects of Agent Orange. In her own forthright way, she tries to sort out why and how Vietnam has altered the lives of the vets of Hopewell, Kentucky.



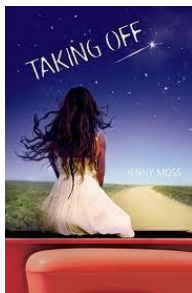
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

McCullers, Carson

Pages: 430

FIC MCC

Deaf-mute John Singer, who becomes the confidant for all various types of misfits in a Georgia mill town during the 1930s. Each one yearns for escape from small town life. When Singer's mute companion goes insane, Singer moves into the Kelly house, where Mick Kelly, the book's heroine finds solace in her music.



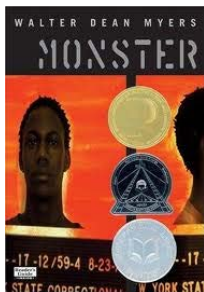
Taking Off

Moss, Jenny

Pages: 340

FIC MOS

In 1985 in Clear Lake, Texas, home of the Johnson Space Center, high school senior Annie Porter struggles with her desire to become a poet, but her resolve to pursue her dream is strengthened when she meets Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher to go into space.



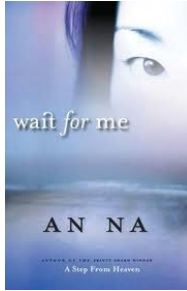
Monster

Myers, Walter Dean

Pages: 281

FIC MYE

Steve Harmon, 16, is accused of serving as a lookout for a robbery of a Harlem drugstore. The owner was shot and killed, and now Steve is in prison awaiting trial for murder. From there, he tells about his case and his incarceration. Steve, an amateur filmmaker, recounts his experiences in the form of a movie screenplay. Steve searches deep within his soul to prove to himself that he is not the "monster" the prosecutor presented him as to the jury.



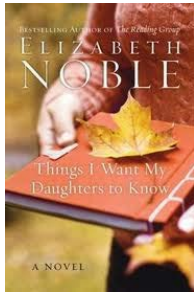
Wait for Me

Na, An

Pages: 169

FIC NA

As her senior year in high school approaches, Mina yearns to find her own path in life, but working at the family business, taking care of her little sister, and dealing with her mother's impossible expectations are as stifling as the southern California heat until she falls in love with Ysrael, a young migrant worker with dreams of becoming a musician, who offers a way out.



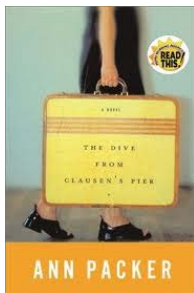
Things I Want My Daughters to Know

Noble, Elizabeth

Pages: 374

FIC NOB

Before Barbara Forbes, a mother of four, succumbs to terminal cancer, she leaves words of wisdom for her four daughters in the form of letters to each of them. In the year following Barbara's death, her daughters draw strength from her words and from each other as they move forward with their lives.



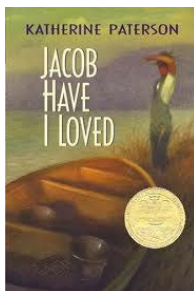
The Dive from Clausen's Pier

Packer, Ann

Pages: 413

FIC PAC

Twenty-three-year-old Carrie Bell, engaged to her high school sweetheart, is ready to make a break from a life that has become suffocating in its sameness, but her decision is complicated when her fiancée is paralyzed in a diving accident and everyone expects her to stay and care for him.



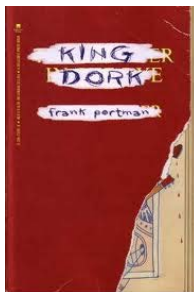
Jacob Have I Loved

Paterson, Katherine

Pages: 256

FIC PAT

Sara Louise Bradshaw is sick and tired of her beautiful twin Caroline. Ever since they were born, Caroline has been the pretty one, the talented one, the better sister. Even now, Caroline seems to take everything: Louise's friends, their parents' love, her dreams for the future. For once in her life, Louise wants to be the special one. But in order to do that, she must first figure out who she is . . . and find a way to make a place for herself outside her sister's shadow.



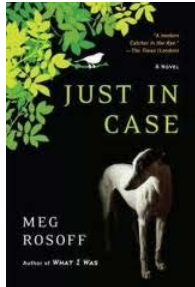
King Dork

Portman, Frank

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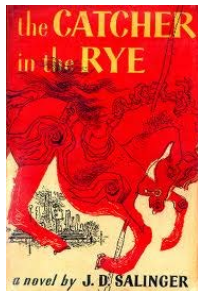
FIC POR

14-year-old outsider, Tom Henderson's life is a series of humiliations, from the principal who mocks him to the popular girls who put him on their Dud list. The teen's only refuge is in his music. When Tom looks for a copy of *The Catcher in the Rye* in a box of books left by his father, a detective who died under strange circumstances. Tom sets out to read each volume, decode the secret messages that he finds, and figure out who his father really was.



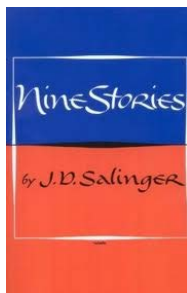
Just in Case
Rosoff, Meg
Pages: 246
FIC ROS

After rescuing his baby brother from an open window's ledge, 15-year-old David Case becomes convinced that Fate is toying with him, so David tries to elude detection by creating a new identity, starting with his name and his wardrobe. Eventually, he refuses to return home and plunges into an affair with an older girl.



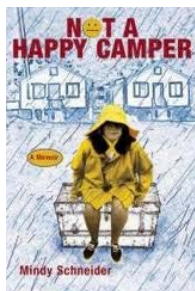
The Catcher in the Rye
Salinger, J.D.
Pages: 214
FIC SAL

This book details the two days in the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he has been expelled from prep school. Confused and disillusioned, he searches for truth and rails against the "phoniness" of the adult world. He ends up exhausted and emotionally ill, in a psychiatrist's office. After he recovers from his breakdown, Holden relates his experiences to the reader.



Nine Stories
Salinger, J.D.
Pages: 320
FIC SAL

A Compilation of the stories: A Perfect Day for Bananafish, Uncle Wiggily in Connecticut, Just Before the War with the Eskimos, The Laughing Man, Down at the Dinghy, For Esme — With Love and Squalor, Pretty Mouth and Green My Eyes, De Daumier-Smith's Blue Period, and Teddy. War hangs over these wry stories of loss and occasionally unsuppressed rage. Salinger's children are fragile, odd, whereas his adults seem beaten down by circumstances – some neurasthenic, others deeply unsympathetic.



Not a Happy Camper
Schneider, Mindy
Pages: 256
FIC SCH

This sweet tale takes a nostalgic look back at the experience of attending sleepaway camp through the eyes of a 13-year-old Jewish girl. Though this may not be quite the camp many baby boomers attended, this book succeeds in provoking gentle flashbacks to a simpler shared time of teenage angst and hormone surges, before cable television, all recalled in a humorous tone.



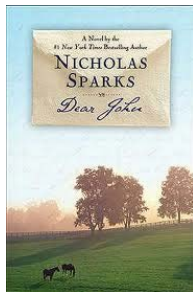
The Pilot's Wife

Shreve, Anita

Pages: 293

FIC SHR

Kathryn Lyon's life was peacefully routine, she had a good job and a happy marriage, so when she received the news that her pilot husband has died in a crash, her world was drastically changed. Even before his body is recovered the media discovers that her husband had a secret life, and Kathryn sets out to learn who her husband really was.



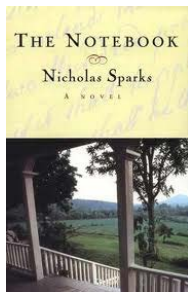
Dear John

Sparks, Nicholas

Pages: 276

FIC SPA

An angry rebel, John dropped out of school and enlisted in the Army, not knowing what else to do with his life--until he meets the girl of his dreams, Savannah. Their mutual attraction quickly grows into the kind of love that leaves Savannah waiting for John to finish his tour of duty, and John wanting to settle down with the woman who captured his heart. But 9/11 may change everything.



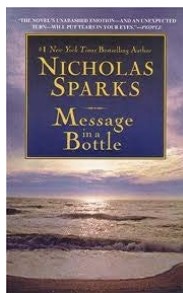
The Notebook

Sparks, Nicholas

Pages: 272

FIC SPA

In 1932, two North Carolina teenagers from opposite sides of the tracks fall in love. Spending one idyllic summer together, Noah and Allie don't meet again for 14 years. Noah decides to restore the house of his dreams, and Allie, programmed by the caste system of the South to marry a prosperous man, is engaged to attorney Lon Hammond. When she reads a newspaper story about Noah's restoration project, she shows up at his door, re-entering his life for two very important days.



Message in a Bottle

Sparks, Nicholas

Pages: 370

FIC SPA

When Divorcée Theresa Osborne takes a much-needed summer holiday at Cape Cod, she finds a lot more than a break from the hustle and bustle. On an early-morning jog along Cape Cod Bay, she comes across a corked bottle with a scrolled-up message inside. From there, a romance buds and blossoms into a colorful bouquet of emotional baggage.



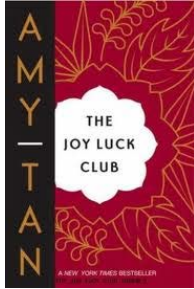
Stargirl

Spinelli, Jerry

Pages: 186

FIC SPI

A series of interesting theories are concocted to explain Stargirl Caraway, a new 10th grader at Arizona's Mica Area High School who wears pioneer dresses and kimonos to school, strums a ukulele in the cafeteria, laughs when there are no jokes, and dances when there is no music. The whole school is stunned by her, including our 16-year-old narrator Leo Borlock.



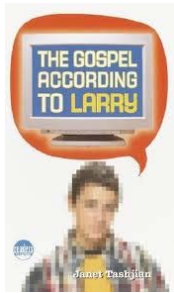
The Joy Luck Club

Tan, Amy

Pages: 288

FIC TAN

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



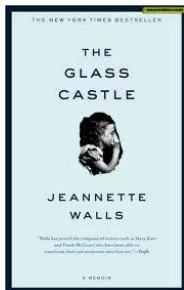
The Gospel According to Larry

Tashjian, Janet

Pages: 227

FIC TAS

Highly intelligent 17-year-old Josh Swensen wants to save the world and hopefully seduce Beth, the best friend for whom he pines. Josh's self-deprecating, humorous tone carries readers swiftly along. As the anonymous Larry, the hero starts a Web site (www.thegospelaccordingtolarry.com) on which he rants against consumer culture and its obsession with celebrities.



The Glass Castle

Walls, Jeannette

Pages: 288

FIC WAL

The author recalls her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father and distant mother and describes how she and her siblings had to fend for themselves until they finally found the resources and will to leave home.



So B. It

Weeks, Sarah

Pages: 245

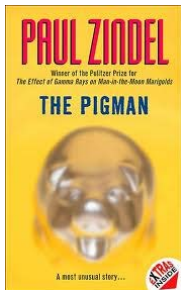
FIC WEE

One day in her apartment in Reno heard a pitiful sound in the hallway. She opened the door a crack and saw a young woman standing there in her raincoat, her bare legs spattered with dried mud, holding a crying baby wrapped in a blanket. The baby was Heidi, and they had come from the almost-empty apartment next door for help. Heidi's Mama can't tend her week-old child because she has, as Heidi later says, "a bum brain," so Bernadette steps in and cares for them both tenderly.



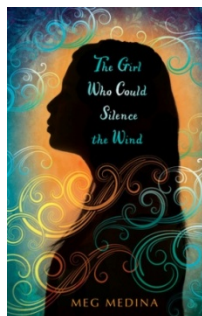
Native Son
Wright, Richard
Pages: 504
FIC WRI

Bigger Thomas is doomed, trapped in a downward spiral that will lead to arrest, prison, or death. Driven by despair and poverty and as a young black man in Chicago during the '30s, he has no way out of the walls of poverty and racism that surround him. There is no hope for him. Bigger is debased, aggressive, dangerous, and a violent criminal. As such, he should have no claim on readers' compassion or sympathy yet somehow he does.



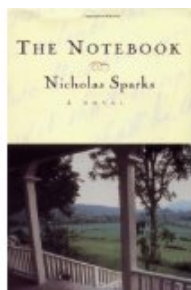
The Pigman
Zindel, Paul
Pages: 166
FIC ZIN

As a result of a phone prank, high schoolers John and Lorraine become friends with Mr. Pignati (the Pigman), an elderly widower. The conflicted teens feel alienated from everything, but the Pigman's enthusiasm for life soon spills over onto them. The teens have a party at the Pigman's house which turns into a disaster. Trying desperately to make it up to him, the teens take him to the zoo, but, to their dismay, disaster strikes again.



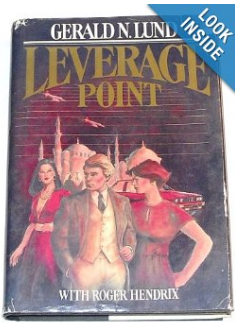
The Girl Who Could
Silence the Wind
Medina, Meg
Pages: 256
FIC MED

Sonia is believed to have a special gift, but when tragedy strikes in her small town, she realizes she is no more special than anyone else. To save her family from shame, she moves to the capital to work and learn who she is. Sonia is close with her brother, Raphael, who goes missing after she moves. Sonia must find her brother with the help of a friend, although it may be too late.



The Notebook
Sparks, Nicholas
Pages: 243
F SPA

Every so often a love story so captures our hearts that it becomes more than a story-it becomes an experience to remember forever. The Notebook is such a book. It is a celebration of how passion can be ageless and timeless, a tale that moves us to laughter and tears and makes us believe in true love all over again... At thirty-one, Noah Calhoun, back in coastal North Carolina after World War II, is haunted by images of the girl he lost more than a decade earlier. At twenty-nine, socialite Allie Nelson is about to marry a wealthy lawyer, but she cannot stop thinking about the boy who long ago stole her heart. Thus begins the story of a love so enduring and deep it can turn tragedy into triumph, and may even have the power to create a miracle...



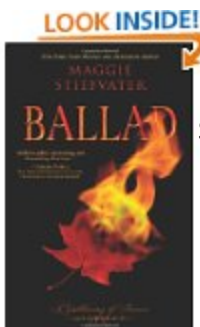
Leverage Point

Lund, Gerald

Pages: 288

F LUN

For Mark Jeppson, a professor of Arabic, life has suddenly become dangerously complicated. He's hired by an arms dealer to help cinch a multi-million dollar deal with Saudi Arabia and he's pulled into a world of international politics, fast living and organized crime. Is the deal, the money and the knowledge of horrible crimes, worth the risk of losing his children and fiancée? Mark is faced with a crisis of conscience. Can he survive long enough to save those he loves, close the deal and help convict the criminals without compromising his own integrity?



Ballad

Stiefvater, Maggie

Pages: 353

F STI

When music prodigy James Morgan and his best friend, Deirdre, join a private conservatory for musicians, his talent attracts Nuala, a faerie muse who fosters and feeds on creative energies, but soon he finds himself battling the Queen of the Fey for the very lives of Deirdre and Nuala.



Bruiser

Shusterman, Neal

Pages: 336

F SHU

Tennyson: Don't get me started on the Bruiser. He was voted "Most Likely to Get the Death Penalty" by the entire school. He's the kid no one knows, no one talks to, and everyone hears disturbing rumors about. So why is my sister, Brontë, dating him? One of these days she's going to take in the wrong stray dog, and it's not going to end well. Brontë: My brother has no right to talk about Brewster that way—no right to threaten him. There's a reason why Brewster can't have friends—why he can't care about too many people. Because when he cares about you, things start to happen. Impossible things that can't be explained. I know, because they're happening to me. Award-winning author Neal Shusterman has crafted a chilling and unforgettable novel about the power of unconditional friendship, the complex gear workings of a family, and the sacrifices we endure for the people



Bridge to Terabithia

Paterson, Katherine

Pages: 208

F PAT

Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in his grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new girl boldly crosses over to the boys' side and outruns everyone. That's not a very promising beginning for a friendship, but Jess and Leslie Burke become inseparable. Together they create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits. Then one morning a terrible tragedy occurs. Only when Jess is able to come to grips with this tragedy does he finally understand the strength and courage Leslie has given him.



Turnabout

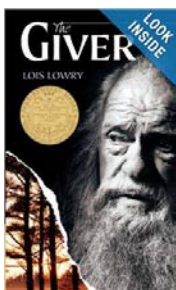
Haddix, Margaret P.

Pages: 240

F HAD

In the year 2000 Melly and Anny Beth had reached the peak of old age and were ready to die. But when offered the chance to be young again by participating in a top-secret experiment called Project Turnabout, they agreed. Miraculously, the experiment worked -- Melly and Anny Beth were actually growing younger every year. But when they learned that the final treatment would be deadly, they ran for their lives.

Now it is 2085. Melly and Anny Beth are teenagers. They have no idea what will happen when they hit age zero, but they do know



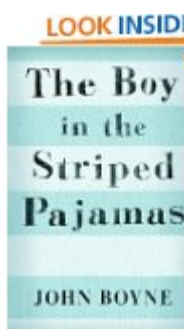
The Giver

Lowry, Lois

Pages: 192

F LOW

Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear of pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. When Jonas turns 12 he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now, it is time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.



Boy in the Striped

Pajamas

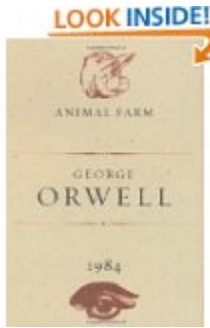
Boyne, John

Pages: 215

NOV F BOY

When Bruno returns home from school one day, he discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move from their home to a new house far far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence running alongside stretches as far as the eye can see and cuts him off from the strange people he can see in the distance.

But Bruno longs to be an explorer and decides that there must be more to this desolate new place than meets the eye. While exploring his new environment, he meets another boy whose life and circumstances are very different to his own, and their meeting results in a friendship that has devastating consequences.



Animal Farm
Orwell, George
Pages: 128
F ORW

As ferociously fresh as it was more than a half century ago, this remarkable allegory of a downtrodden society of overworked, mistreated animals and their quest to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality is one of the most scathing satires ever published. As readers witness the rise and bloody fall of the revolutionary animals, they begin to recognize the seeds of totalitarianism in the most idealistic organization—and in the most charismatic leaders, the souls of the cruelest oppressors.

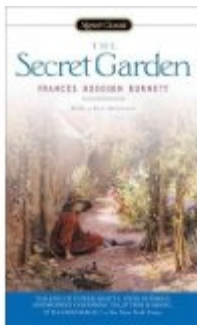


Fahrenheit 451
Bradbury, Ray
Pages: 179
F BRA

Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden.

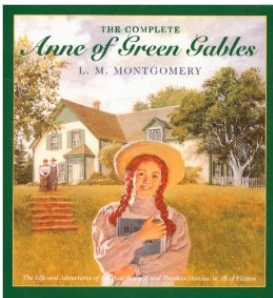
Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television “family.” But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn’t live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television.

When Mildred attempts suicide and Clarisse suddenly disappears, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known. He starts hiding books in his home, and when his pilfering is discovered, the fireman has to run for his life.



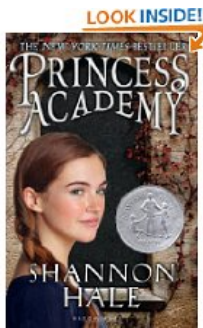
The Secret Garden
Burnett, Frances H.
Pages: 242
F BUR

Mary, a lonely orphaned girl sent to a Yorkshire mansion at the edge of a vast lonely moor. At first, she is frightened by this gloomy place until she meets a local boy, Dickon, who's earned the trust of the moor's wild animals, the invalid Colin, an unhappy boy terrified of life, and a mysterious, abandoned garden...



Anne of Green Gables
Montgomery, L.M.
Pages: 634
F MON

Favorites for nearly 100 years, these classic novels follow the adventures of the spirited redhead Anne Shirley, who comes to stay at Green Gables and wins the hearts of everyone she meets.
1-Anne of Green Gables
2-Anne of Avonlea
3-Anne's house of dreams.



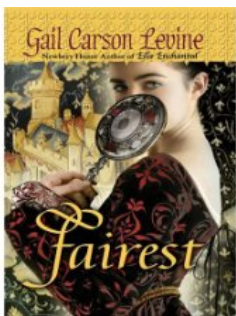
Princess Academy

Hale, Shannon

Pages: 314

F HAL

Miri lives on a mountain where, for generations, her ancestors have quarried stone and lived a simple life. Then word comes that the king's priests have divined her small village the home of the future princess. In a year's time, the prince himself will come and choose his bride from among the girls of the village. The king's ministers set up an academy on the mountain, and every teenage girl must attend and learn how to become a princess. Miri soon finds herself confronted with a harsh academy mistress, bitter competition among the girls, and her own conflicting desires to be chosen and win the heart of her childhood best friend. But when bandits seek out the academy to kidnap the future princess, Miri must rally the girls together and use a power unique to the mountain dwellers to save herself and her classmates.



Fairest

Levine, Gail Carson

Pages: 326

F LEV

Once upon a time, there was a girl who wanted to be pretty . . . Aza's singing is the fairest in all the land, and the most unusual. She can "throw" her voice so it seems to come from anywhere. But singing is only one of the two qualities prized in the Kingdom of Ayortha. Aza doesn't possess the other: beauty. Not even close. She's hidden in the shadows in her parents' inn, but when she becomes lady-in-waiting to the new queen, she has to step into the light—especially when the queen demands a dangerous favor. A magic mirror, a charming prince, a jealous queen, palace intrigue, and an injured king twine into a maze that Aza must penetrate to save herself and her beloved kingdom.



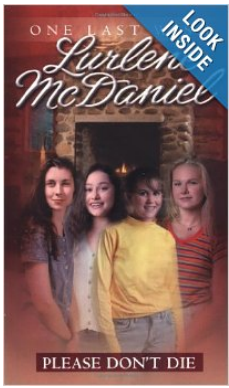
The Last Man

Flynn, Vince

Pages: 496

F FLY

Mitch Rapp's hunt for a missing CIA asset raises the stakes for his own survival—in Vince Flynn's "tight, right, and dynamite" (Minneapolis Star Tribune) #1 New York Times bestseller. The head of clandestine operations in Afghanistan has been kidnapped, his four bodyguards executed in cold blood. With the CIA plunged into crisis mode, Rapp is dispatched to find his missing friend, Joe Rickman, at all costs. He isn't the only one looking for Rickman; an FBI special agent is at his heels, determined to blame Rapp for the bloody debacle. Rapp is, however, the only one who knows certain things about the vanished black ops master—secrets that in the wrong hands could prove disastrous. With elements of his own government undermining him—and America's security— at every turn, Rapp must be as ruthless and deceitful as his enemies to complete this razor's-edge mission.



Please Don't Die
(One Last Wish)

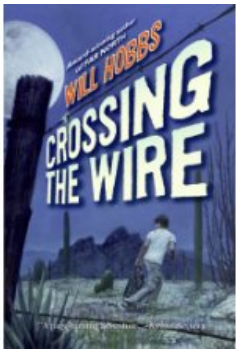
McDaniel, Lurlene

Pages: 192

F MCD

When Katie O'Roark receives an invitation from the One Last Wish Foundation to spend the summer at Jenny House, she eagerly says yes. Katie is ever grateful to the anonymous "JWC," the person who gave her the gift that allowed her to receive a heart transplant. Now Katie is asked to help others who, like herself, are facing medical odds against them

Being a "Big Sister" to Amanda, an eleven-year-old victim of leukemia; Chelsea, a thirteen-year-old candidate for a heart transplant; and Lacey, a fifteen-year-old diabetic who refuses to face her problems, is a challenge. As the summer progresses, the girls form a bond of friendship as they behave "just like healthy kids." When a crisis occurs and one of the girls does not get to fulfill her dreams, the friends are devastated. The girls vow to gather each summer, so long as one of them is alive, in honor of their dreams and of a friendship strong enough to endure beyond this life.



Crossing the Wire

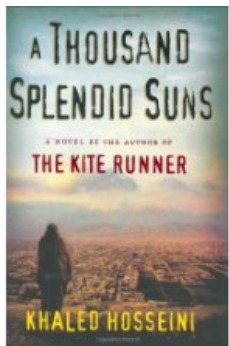
Hobbs, Will

Pages: 224

F HOB

When falling crop prices threaten his family with starvation, fifteen-year-old Victor Flores heads north in an attempt to "cross the wire" from Mexico into the United States so he can find work and send money home. But with no coyote money to pay the smugglers who sneak illegal workers across the border, Victor must struggle to survive as he jumps trains, stows away on trucks, and hikes grueling miles through the Arizona desert.

Victor's journey is fraught with danger, freezing cold, scorching heat, hunger, and dead ends. It's a gauntlet run by millions attempting to cross the border.



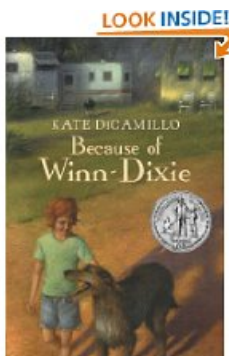
A Thousand Splendid Suns

Hossenini, Khaled

Pages: 396

F HOS

Born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family, Mariam and Laila are two women brought jarringly together by war, by loss and by fate. As they endure the ever escalating dangers around them-in their home as well as in the streets of Kabul-they come to form a bond that makes them both sisters and mother-daughter to each other, and that will ultimately alter the course not just of their own lives but of the next generation. With heart-wrenching power and suspense, Hosseini shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self-sacrifice, and that in the end it is love, or even the memory of love, that is often the key to survival.



Because of Winn Dixie

DiCamillo, Kate

Pages: 182

F DIC

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.