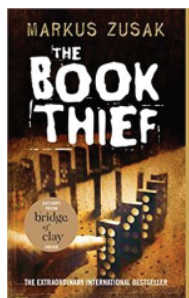


The Book Thief

HS Fiction Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death re-lates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.



Borders

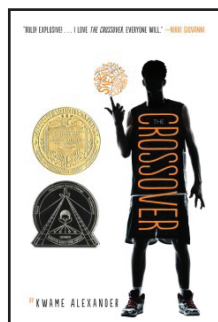
MS GN King Thomas

Borders is a masterfully told story of a boy and his mother whose road trip is thwarted at the border when they identify their citizenship as Blackfoot. Refusing to identify as either American or Canadian first bars their entry into the US, and then their return into Canada. In the limbo between countries, they find power in their connection to their identity and to each other.

The Crossover

MS Fiction Alexander

A middle-grade novel in verse follows the experiences of twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan, who struggle with challenges on and off the court while their father ignores his declining health.



Find Layla

MS Fiction Elison

Underprivileged and keenly self-aware, SoCal fourteen-year-old Layla Bailey isn't used to being noticed. Except by mean girls who tweet about her ragged appearance. All she wants to do is indulge in her love of science, protect her vulnerable younger brother, and steer clear of her unstable mother.

Ghost

MS Fiction Reynolds, Jason

Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race—and wins—the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun.

I Hope You're Listening

HS Fiction Ryan, Tom

Seventeen-year-old Dee secretly hosts a popular true-crime podcast but when a missing child seems linked to the disappearance of her best friend ten years ago, she considers revealing her identity to uncover the truth.



The Inheritance Games

MS Fiction Barnes Jennifer Lynn

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. Avery has no idea why—or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into sprawling, secret passage filled Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's touch—and his love of puzzles, riddles, and codes.

Last Gamer Standing

J Fiction Zhao, Katie

In twelve-year-old Reyna Cheng's world, gaming is everything. And with kids training for the big leagues from a young age, the competition is fierce! Gaming is still a boys' club, and young women face a lot of harassment. When Reyna qualifies for the Dayhold Junior Tournament, she knows she's got what it takes to win. Losing is not an option.

Legend

MS Fiction Lu

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-old Day—a famous criminal, and prodigy June—the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

The Librarian of Auschwitz

MS Fiction Iturbe

Follows Dita Kraus from the age of fourteen, when she is put in charge of a few forbidden books at Auschwitz, through the end of World War II and beyond.



The Magic Fish

MS GN Trung, Le Nguyen

Real life isn't a fairytale. But Tien still enjoys reading his favorite stories with his parents from the books he borrows from the local library. It's hard enough trying to communicate with your parents as a kid, but for Tien, he doesn't even have the right words because his parents are struggling with their English. Is there a Vietnamese word for what he's going through? Is there a way to tell them he's gay?

The Radium Girls

MS 361.1799 Moo

Recounts the struggles of hundreds of women who were exposed to radium while working factory jobs during World War I, describing how they were misled by their employers and became embroiled in a battle for workers' rights.

Scythe

HS Fiction Shusterman

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe—a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.

Stamped

MS 305.800973 Rey

The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. Racist ideas are woven into the fabric of this country, and the first step to building an antiracist America is acknowledging America's racist past and present. This book takes you on that journey, showing how racist ideas started and were spread, and how they can be discredited.

Tristan Strong Punches A Hole in the Sky

MS Fiction Mbalia, Kwame

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend when they were in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote stories in. Tristan is dreading the month he's going to spend on his grandparents' farm in Alabama, where he's being sent to heal from the tragedy.

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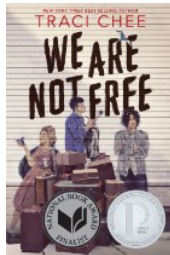
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We are Not Free

MS Fiction Chee, Traci

The collective account of a tight-knit group of young Nisei, second-generation Japanese American citizens, whose lives are irrevocably changed by the mass U.S. incarcerations of World War II.



Yusuf Azeem Is Not A Hero

J Fiction Faruqi, Saadia

Quiet, bespectacled, robot-loving Pakistani-American Yusuf Azeem, who is almost 12, is excited to start the sixth grade, until a series of ominous notes appears in his locker. Yusuf's family is one of eleven Muslim families in the small town of Frey, Texas, and the Islamophobia, xenophobia, and racism the family has faced have only



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Akata Witch

MS Fiction Okoraforbachu

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.

Almost American Girl

MS GN Ha, Robin

A teen graphic novel memoir about a Korean-born, non-English-speaking girl who is abruptly transplanted from Seoul to Huntsville, Alabama, and struggles with extreme culture shock and isolation, until she discovers her passion for comic arts.



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

HS Fiction Saenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.