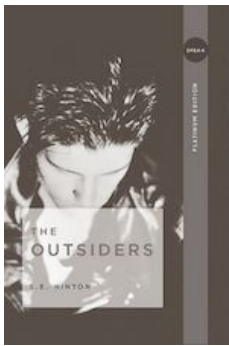


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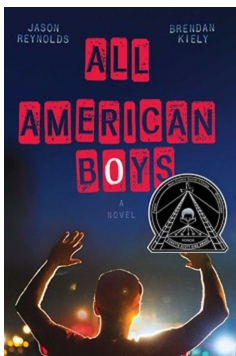


Required Reading: [The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton](#)

In this classic, coming-of-age novel Ponyboy and Johnny are two “greasers” who never seem to get a break. When they get caught up in a gang-related killing they didn’t see coming, they run away and learn that their lives will never be the same again.

*You will be discussing this book at the beginning of the school year so you’ll probably want to read it as close to September as possible.

Recommended: Summer is the perfect time to enjoy some fun, relaxing reading. To get you started, we have created this list of award winners, new titles and old favorites. Enjoy! Angie & Emily



[All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely](#)

Two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community.



[All We Have Left by Wendy Mills](#)

Interweaving stories from past and present, this title brings one of the most important days in our recent history to life, showing that love and hope will always triumph.



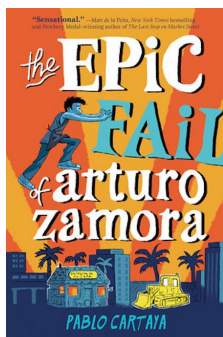
[California Dreamin': Cass Elliot before The Mamas and The Papas by Pénélope Bagieu](#)

A poignant graphic novel about the remarkable vocalist who rocketed The Mamas & the Papas to stardom.



[Dumplin' by Julie Murphy](#)

With starry Texas nights, red candy suckers, Dolly Parton songs, and a wildly unforgettable heroine, *Dumplin'* is guaranteed to steal your heart.



[The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya](#)

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL?



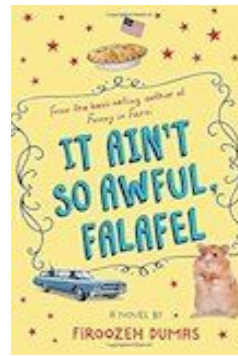
[The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle](#)

Quinn Roberts is a sixteen-year-old smart aleck and Hollywood hopeful whose only worry *used* to be writing convincing dialogue for the movies he made with his sister Annabeth.



[Honestly Ben by Bill Konigsberg](#)

Ben Carver is back to normal. He's working steadily in his classes at the Natick School. He just got elected captain of the baseball team.



[It Ain't So Awful Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas](#)

Zomorod Yousefzadeh is the new kid on the block . . . for the fourth time. California's Newport Beach is her family's latest perch, and she's determined to shuck her brainy loner persona and start afresh with a new name—Cindy.



[Loving vs. Virginia : a documentary novel of the landmark civil rights case by Patricia Hruby Powell](#)

In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love.



[The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry](#)

Dolssa is an upper-crust city girl who's been branded a heretic, on the run from the friar who condemned her mother to death by fire and wants Dolssa executed, too.



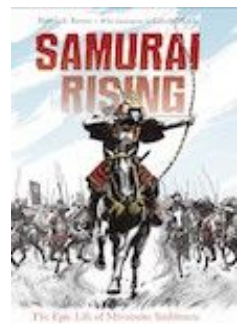
[Queens of Geek by Jen Wilde](#)

Three friends, two love stories, one convention: this fun, feminist love letter to geek culture is all about fandom, friendship, and finding the courage to be yourself.



[Ramona Blue by Julie Murphy](#)

Ramona was only five years old when Hurricane Katrina changed her life forever. Since then, it's been Ramona and her family against the world.



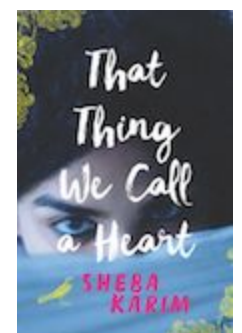
[Samurai Rising by Pamela S. Turner](#)

This epic warrior tale reads like a novel, but this is the true story of the greatest samurai in Japanese history.



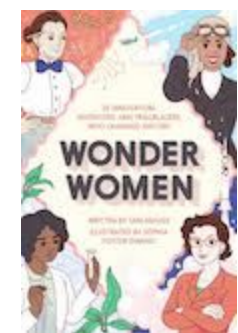
[Saving Montgomery Sole by Markio Tamaki](#)

Montgomery Sole is a square peg in a small town, forced to go to a school full of jocks and girls who don't even know what irony is. It would all be impossible if it weren't for her best friends..



[That Thing We Call a Heart by Sheba Karim](#)

In her quest to figure out who she really is and what she really wants, Shabnam looks for help in an unexpected place—her family, and her father's beloved Urdu poetry.



[Wonder Women : 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History by Sam Maggs](#)

A fun and feminist look at forgotten women in science, technology, and beyond.