



**WASHINGTON STATE YOUNG ADULT REVIEW GROUP
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WASHYARGers:

Welcome to WashYARG, the oldest and largest Young Adult Review Group of its kind! While we all come to WASHYARG because it is a great place to learn about new books, we also enjoy the opportunity to network with other teen-serving professionals.

Someday we will be back together in person, but until then...Join our Zoom Meeting with the Meeting ID/Password below. The link will open by 8:30am.

Zoom Meeting ID: 947 9857 4755

Zoom Passcode: 129434

Any questions? Contact Brenna Shanks – bshanks@kcls.org or 425-369-3331

DUES

Members/reviewers may pay dues at any time during the year, but we appreciate prompt payment in September for the forthcoming year. Dues are \$25 and a dues sheet is included in the newsletter. Dues may be sent to:

Anne Dame
Einstein Middle School
19343 3rd Ave NW
Shoreline WA 98177

REMINDERS

IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:

King County Library System Service Center
960 Newport Way NW
Issaquah, 98027

2021 MEETINGS

- *March 5*
- *May 7*
- *September 17*
- *December 3*

Reviews

Please submit your delivered reviews and current “books taken” after the meeting. You may submit them at:
<http://www.evergreenbookaward.org/about-washyarg>

WHAT IS WASHYARG?

The Washington State Young Adult Review Group is a regional reviewing organization of school and public librarians and other individuals interested in books, magazines, and other media appropriate for teenagers.

WHY BELONG TO WASHYARG?

We are the largest Teen Services library specialist group in the Northwest, and have a national reputation as a credible review source.

Besides hearing firsthand reviews from frontline people, the meetings are an opportunity for networking, problem-solving, passionate debate, laughter and cookies.

Even if you cannot attend the meetings, WashYARG is an excellent source for local professional reviews.

WHAT DOES WASHYARG DO?

WashYARG receives materials from diverse publishers. Selected items are presented orally at the quarterly meetings and written reviews of all materials are published in the WashRag newsletter and mailed to all members following the meetings. WashYARG also sponsors the annual Evergreen Young Adult Book Award, a statewide teen readers' choice prize.

WHAT WOULD I DO?

Agree to review at least two books a year.
Attend as many of the meetings as possible.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

All interested folk are invited to attend for free the first time. The normal dues are \$25.00 for a school year, and entitle one to review books and receive the WashRag, a quarterly compilation of written reviews.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Fill out the form below and bring it to the next meeting with your \$25.00 membership dues or mail it to:

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Please make checks payable to WashYARG.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM:



Name:

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Titles “Taken” for Review – Fall 2020

All titles and reviews are now being submitted online at:
<https://evergreenbookaward.org/washyarg/>
 Please be as accurate as possible when entering your information. Thanks!

Please remember ARCs may not be added to your collection.

◆ Next to a title indicates it was reviewed in a previous issue

FICTION

<i>19 Love Songs</i> Levithan, David Holly Guthrie, Tumwater Timberland Library	Alfred A. Knopf, 2020 978-1-9848-4863-5	\$17.99	310 p.
<i>A Cloud of Outrageous Blue</i> Stamper, Vesper Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Knopf, 2020 9781524700416	\$19.99	306 p.
<i>A Curse of Gold</i> , A Touch of Gold #2 (ARC) Sullivan, Annie Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Blink, 2020 9780310768319	\$17.99	352 p.
<i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> , AGGGTM #1 Jackson, Holly Sherri Ashlock, Nelson Middle School	Delacorte Press, 2020 (2019 UK) 978-1-9848-9636-0	\$17.99	2021 QP NOM 387 p.
<i>A Peculiar Peril</i> (ARC) Vandermeer, Jeff Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2020 9780374308865	\$19.99	623 p.
<i>A Song Below Water</i> (ARC) Morrow, Bethany C. Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School	Tor Teen, 2020 978-1-250-31532-8	\$17.99	2021 BFYA NOM 286 p.
<i>All Our Worst Ideas</i> (ARC) Skinner, Vicky Kristine Sandy, Lakeside School	Feiwel & Friends, 2020 9781250195425	\$17.99	320 p.
<i>All the Pretty Things</i> Arsenault, Emily Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Delacorte Press, 2020 978-1-9848-9705-3	\$17.99	341 p.
<i>Anna K: A Love Story</i> , Anna K #1 (ARC) Lee, Jenny Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Flatiron Books, 2020 978-1-250-23642-5	\$9.99	400 p.

<i>Ashlords</i> , Ashlords #1 Reintgen, Scott Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School	Crown, 2020 9780593119177	\$17.99	2021 QP NOM 356 p.
<i>Be Not Far From Me</i> McGinnis, MIndy Sherri Ashlock, Nelson Middle School	Katherine Tegen Books, 2020 9780062561626	\$18.99	2021 BFYA & QP NOM 231 p.
◆ <i>Bent Heavens</i> Kraus, Danel Becky Standal, Longview Public Library	Henry Holt, 2020 9781250151674	\$17.99	2021 BFYA NOM 289 p.
<i>Black Girl Unlimited</i> Brown, Echo Amber Peterson, International Community School	Henry Holt, 2020 978-1-250-30985-3	\$17.99	2021 BFYA NOM 294 p.
<i>Chosen</i> White, Kiersten Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School	Simon Pulse, 2020 978-1-5344-0498-4	\$18.99	349 p.
<i>Cinderella Is Dead</i> (ARC) Bayron, Kalynn Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School Becky Standal, Longview Public Library	Bloomsbury, 2020 1547603879	\$18.99	2021 BFYA & QP NOM 391 p.
<i>Don't Ask Me Where I'm From</i> (ARC) De Leon, Jennifer Nathalie Gelms, Sno-Isle Libraries	Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020 9781534438248	\$18.99	336 p.
<i>Don't Call the Wolf</i> Ross, Aleksandra Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Harper Teen, 2020 978-0-06-287797-0	\$18.99	505 p.
<i>Eight Will Fall</i> Harian, Sarah Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School	Henry Holt, 2019 9781250196644	\$18.99	359 p.
<i>Empire of Dreams</i> , Girl of Fire & Thorns #4 Carson, Rae Amber Peterson, International Community School	Greenwillow, 2020 978-0-06-269190-3	\$18.99	440 p.
<i>Forget This Ever Happened</i> (ARC) Clarke, Cassandra Rose Sherri Ashlock, Nelson Middle School	Holiday House, 2020 978-0-8234-4608-7	\$18.99	336 p.
<i>Goodbye From Nowhere</i> Zarr, Sara Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Balzer + Bay, 2020 978-0-06-243468-5	\$18.99	376 p.

<i>Gravemaidens</i> , Gravemaidens #1 Coon, Kelly Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library	Delacorte Press, 2020 978-0-525-64782-9	\$18.99	398 p.
<i>Havenfall</i> , Havenfall #1 (ARC) Holland, Sara Amber Peterson, International Community School	Bloomsbury, 2020 978-1-5476-0379-4	\$18.99	304 p.
<i>Hostile Territory</i> Greci, Paul Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Imprint, 2020 9781250184627	\$17.99	340 p.
<i>Hunted by the Sky</i> (ARC) Bhathena, Tanaz Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2020 9780374313098	\$18.99	366 p.
<i>Illegal</i> , Disappeared #2 (ARC) Stork, Francisco X. Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Scholastic, 2020 9781338310559	\$18.99	304 p.
<i>Mermaid Moon</i> Cokal, Susann Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Candlewick, 2020 9781536209594	\$22.99	480 p.
<i>Miss You Love You Hate You Bye</i> Sher, Abby Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2020 9780374307011	\$17.99	304 p.
<i>Moment of Truth</i> , Love, Life and the List #3 West, Kasie Kristine Sandy, Lakeside School	HarperCollins, 2020 9780062675811	\$18.99	341 p.
<i>Nameless Queen</i> McLaughlin, Rebecca Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School	Crown, 2020 9781524700263	\$17.99	337 p.
<i>Never Look Back</i> (ARC) Rivera, Lilliam Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School	Bloomsbury, 2020 978-1-5476-0373-2	\$18.99	310 p.
<i>Of Curses and Kisses</i> , St. Rosetta's Academy #1 Menon, Sandhya Kristine Sandy, Lakeside School	Simon & Schuster, 2020 9781534417540	\$18.99	361 p.
<i>Our Year in Love and Parties</i> Hatrup, Karen Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	Harper Teen, 2019 9780062410238	\$17.99	355 p.

<i>Red Hood</i> Arnold, Elena K. Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School	Balzer + Bay, 2020 9780062742353	\$18.99	353 p.
<i>River of Dreams</i> (ARC) Nash, Jan Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School	Roaring Brook, 2020 9781250248848	\$17.99	257 p.
<i>Six Angry Girls</i> (ARC) Kisner, Adrienne Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Feiwei & Friends, 2020 978-1-250-253442-2	\$17.99	263 p.
<i>Solstice</i> Alison, Lorence Becky Standal, Longview Public Library	Imprint, 2020 9781250219893	\$17.99	277 p.
<i>Some Kind of Animal</i> Romasco-Moore, Maria Sara White, Olympia Timberland Library	Delacorte Press, 2020 9781984893543	\$18.99	384 p.
<i>Spindle and Dagger</i> Coats, J. Anderson Mary Beth Kurspahic, Risdon Middle School	Candlewick, 2020 9781536207774	\$18.99	286 p.
<i>Taylor Before and After</i> Englund, Jennie Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Imprint, 2020 9781250171870	\$16.99	314 p.
<i>The Alcazar</i> , Cerulean Duology #2 Ewing, Amy Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	HarperTeen, 2020 978-0-06-249002-5	\$18.99	448 p.
<i>The Black Kids</i> (ARC) Hammonds Reed, Christina Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School	Simon & Schuster, 2020 978-1-5344-7621-9	\$18.99	2021 BFYA NOM 362 p.
<i>The Brave</i> (ARC) Bird, James Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School	Feiwei & Friends, 2020 9781250247759	\$16.99	320 p.
<i>The Degenerates</i> Mann, J. Albert Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School	Atheneum, 2020 9781534419353	\$18.99	258 p.
<i>The Easy Part of Impossible</i> Tomp, Sarah	Harper Teen, 2020 978-0062898289	\$17.99	352 p.

Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School

The Faithless Hawk, The Merciful Crow #2 (ARC) Henry Holt, 2020 **2021 BFYA NOM**
Owen, Margaret 978-1-250-19194-6 \$18.99 385 p.
Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library

The Invention of Sophie Carter (ARC) Swoon Reads, 2020
Hastings, Samantha 9781250236272 \$17.99 295 p.
Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School

◆ ***The Lucky Ones*** Delacorte Press, 2020
Lawson, Liz 9780593118498 \$18.99 333 p.
Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

The Upside of Falling Wattpad, 2020 **2021 QP NOM**
Light, Alex 9780062918055 \$17.99 281 p.
Nathalie Gelms, Sno-Isle Libraries

The Year After You Delacorte Press, 2019
De Pass, Nina 978-0-593-12076-7 \$17.99 352 p.
Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

This Boy Walker Books, 2020
Miracle, Lauren 9781536206050 \$18.99 272 p.
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Thorn, Dauntless Path #1 Harper Teen, 2020
Khanani, Intisar 9780062835703 \$18.99 460 p.
Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School

Traitor (ARC) Farrar Strais Giroux, 2020
McCrina, Amanda 9780374313524 \$18.99 368 p.
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Turtle Under Ice Simon Pulse, 2020 **2021 BFYA NOM**
del Rosario, Juleah 9781534442955 \$18.99 272 p.
Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School

We are Totally Normal HarperTeen, 2020
Kanakia, Rahul 9780062865816 \$17.99 282 p.
Nathalie Gelms, Sno-Isle Libraries

We Were Restless Things (ARC) Sourcebooks Fire, 2020
Nagamatsu, Cole 978-1-7282-1659-1 \$17.99 416 p.
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

◆ ***What I Carry*** Random House, 2020 **2021 BFYA NOM**

Longo, Jennifer Heather Nelson, McKnight Middle School Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	9780553537727	\$20.99	336 p.
<i>What I Like About Me</i> Guillame, Jenna Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Peachtree, 2019 9781682631607	\$17.99	286 p.
<i>When We Were Magic</i> Gailey, Sarah Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Simon Pulse, 2020 978-1-5344-3287-1	\$18.99	342 p.
<i>When You Were Everything</i> Woodfolk, Ashley Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School	Delacorte Press, 2019 9781524715915	\$17.99	2021 BFYA NOM 388 p.
<i>You Say It First</i> (ARC) Cotugno, Katie Holly Guthrie, Tumwater Timberland Library	Balzer + Bray, 2020 978-0-06-267412-8	\$17.99	368 p.
<i>You Should See Me in a Crown</i> (ARC) Johnson, Leah Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Scholastic, 2020 978-1-338-50326-5	\$17.99	2021 BFYA & QP NOM 336 p.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

<i>Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier</i> Ottaviani, Jim & Maris Wicks Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library	First Second, 2020 9781626728776	\$19.99 (HC)	2021 GGN NOM 170 p.
<i>Displacement</i> (ARC) Hughes, Kiku Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library Nick Travis, Lindbergh High School	First Second, 2020 9781250750846	\$17.99	2021 GGN NOM 288 p.
<i>Grow A Garden!</i> , Maker Comics Frederick-Frost, Alexis Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School	First Second, 2020 978-1-250-15214-5	\$12.99	123 p.
<i>The Golden Age</i> Morreil, Roxanne Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library	First Second, 2020 978-1-250-23794-1	\$29.99	2021 GGN NOM

NON-FICTION

<i>A Delayed Life: The True Story of the Librarian of Auschwitz</i> Kraus, Dita	9781250760890	Feiwel & Friends, 2020 \$24.99	339 p.
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Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School

- Band Nerds: Poetry from the 13th Chair Trombone Player*** (ARC) Sourcebooks, 2020
Corchin, DJ 978-1-7282-1982-0 \$12.99 144 p.
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School
- Election Manipulation: Is America's Voting System Secure?*** Reference Point Press, 2020
Allen, John 9781682828076 \$30.95 80 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School
- Girls Who Run the World : 31 CEOs who mean business*** Delacorte Press, 2019 **2021 QP NOM**
Kapp, Diana 978059311907 \$15.00 308 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS
- In Search of Safety: Voices of Refugees*** Candlewick, 2020
Kuklin, Susan 9780763679606 \$24.99 245 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School
- Into the Streets*** Zest Books, 2020
Bieschke, Marke 9781541579033 \$27.99 168 p.
Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School
- Jane Against the World: Roe V. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights***
Roaring Brook, 2020
Blumenthal, Karen 9781626721654 \$19.99 385 p.
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School
- Planet Under Siege: Climate Change*** Reference Point Press, 2020
Nardo, Don 9781682827574 \$30.95 80 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School
- Sincerely, You: Letter-writing to change the world*** Rodale Kids, 2019
Maddison, Savannah 9781635653557 \$15.99 162 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of KCLS
- Stamped*** (ARC) Little, Brown, 2020
Reynolds, Jason; Kendi, Ibram X. 9780316495813 \$18.99 272 p.
Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School
- The #MeToo Movement*** Reference Point Press, 2020
Parks, Peggy J. 9781682827611 \$30.95 80 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School
- The Compton Cowboys and the Fight to Save Their Horse Ranch*** Harper, 2020
Thompson-Hernandez, Walter 9780062956842 \$16.99 247 p.
Nathalie Gelms, Sno-Isle Libraries
Comments: Young Reader's Edition

The Other Side: Stories of Central American Teen Refugees Who Dream of Crossing the Border

Farrar Straus Giroux, 2019
Villalobos, Juan Pablo 9780374305734 \$17.99 146 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School
Comments: Narrative non-fiction, short stories

The Racers (ARC) Scholastic, 2020
Bascomb, Neal 9781338277418 \$18.99 321 p.
Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School

The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh Schwartz & Wade Books, 2020
Fleming, Candice 9780525646549 \$18.99 372 p.
Nathalie Gelms, Sno-Isle Libraries

The Trump Presidency Reference Point Press, 2020
Allen, John 9781682827598 \$30.95 80 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Three Days in January Harper, 2019
Baier, Bret 9780062915344 \$17.99 229 p.
Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School

• Dealing with Mental Disorders

Dealing with Anxiety Disorder Reference Point Press, 2020
Buckey, AW 9781682827857 \$30.95 80 p.

Dealing with Bipolar Disorder Reference Point Press, 2020
Abramovitz, Melissa 9781682827871 \$30.95 80 p.

Dealing with Eating Disorders Reference Point Press, 2020
Bryan, Bethany 9781682827895 \$30.95 80 p.

Dealing with Gender Dysphoria Reference Point Press, 2020
Lundin, Martha 9781682827918 \$30.95 80 p.

Dealing with Psychotic Disorders Reference Point Press, 2020
Miller, Marie-Therese 9781682827932 \$30.95 80 p.

Dealing with Self-Injury Disorder Reference Point Press, 2020
Gagne, Tammy 9781682827956 \$30.95 80 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

• Immigration Issues

Border Control and the Wall Reference Point Press, 2020
Cummings, Judy Dodge 9781682827659 \$30.95 80 p.

The Dreamers and DACA Reference Point Press, 2020
Sheen, Barbara 9781682827697 \$30.95 80 p.

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- Intolerance and Violence in Society

LGBT Intolerance

Buckey, A.W.

Reference Point Press, 2020

9781682826850

\$30.95

80 p.

Religious Intolerance

Mara, Wil

Reference Point Press, 2020

9781682826911

\$30.95

80 p.

Sexual Violence

Buckey, A.W.

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Reference Point Press, 2020

9781682826935

\$30.95

80 p.

Titles Reviewed at Fall 2020 Meetings

FICTION – RECOMMENDED

Brown, Echo 978-1-250 -30985-3 \$17.99 291 p.
Black Girl Unlimited: The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard Henry Holt, 2020
Black Girl Unlimited is the story of a (mostly) fictional Echo Brown from the time she is a little girl until she starts college. Echo's childhood is one of confusion and poverty as her parents suffer from addictions and troubles. Despite all the difficulties, drama and pain in her life, Echo finds strength from firm friends and a teacher who recognizes her academic potential. As she tells her story, Echo also reveals the magic around her. She, like her mother, is a wizard with powers to see the darkness and pain around her, expressed as black veils that threaten to strangle Echo and others. Echo must rally the strength to not succumb to the darkness but rise above—acknowledging the pain in her life but not letting it control her. There is so much in this book! Echo's story in the book is compelling, but also in the background is a clear portrait of the injustices and inequities of Black people in America. This book is also autobiographical, and the author Echo Brown combines magical realism with her own story. Recommended for high school.
Recommended Age: High School, Adult
Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes
Amber Peterson, International Community School

Carson, Rae 978-0-06-269190-3 \$18.99 440 p.
Empire of Dreams, Girl of Fire and Thorns #4 Greenwillow, 2020
The Empire of Dreams is a familiar story: an orphan overcomes all odds to prove her worthiness and, in the process, rescues a kingdom! Rae Carson can tell a good story and the main character, Red, is as compelling as a hero, so the familiarity doesn't matter. The story begins when Princess Red's formal adoption ceremony is blocked by enemies in the Empire—why should a former slave of a different race be in line of succession for the throne? In the face of rejection, Red joins the Royal Guard to prove her loyalty to the throne. She must give up her privileges as a princess and the training is hard, but there is more at stake than her own personal losses. Red uncovers a plot against the throne and must do all she can to save the nation and the people that she loves. This book is part of *The Girl of Fire and Thorns* series but works fine as a stand-alone. Note: part of the plot deals with Red's PTSD from childhood trauma. Carson incorporates the PTSD into the story with a deft touch. Recommended grade 7 and up.
Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes
Amber Peterson, International Community School

Coon, Kelly 978-0-525-64782-9 \$18.99 398 p.
Gravemaidens, Gravemaidens #1 Delacorte Press, 2020
Daughter of a disgraced healer, Kammani is focused on making sure her family is taken care of and perhaps getting to the point where she can marry the young man who hasn't broken their betrothal despite everything. Then her young sister is chosen as one of the sacred maidens to accompany their city's leader to the afterlife when he dies. Her sister is excited about living in the palace and all of the luxury that comes with the position. Kammani just sees it as the death sentence it is, and she is willing to do anything to save her sister, no matter what the danger. A vibrant setting with great characters, the book makes for an intriguing read that doesn't always go where expected. Great for fantasy fans. 9th grade and up.

Recommended Age: High School
Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library

Guillaume, Jenna 9781682631607 \$17.99 288 p.
What I Like About Me Peachtree, 2019

Maisie is a curvy girl who used to love to dance with her sister but now is on vacation trying to figure out friendship, relationship, and family dramas. She is assigned to write a journal for school so the book is written as her journal entries. Things take a turn for the interesting when Maisie decides to enter the annual beauty pageant despite her body image issues and typical beauty pageant standards and expectations. Kissing, teen (and adult) drinking, body shaming, swearing. Set in Australia so some students may run into unfamiliar words. There are some very predictable plot points that readers will figure out long before Maisie does. However, the whole idea of body image and self-acceptance is handled very nicely.

Recommended Age: Junior High, High School
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Hammonds Reed, Christina 1-5344-6272-4 \$18.99 368 p.
The Black Kids Simon and Schuster books for young readers, 2020

I highly recommend this book for middle school and up. Ashley is an African American teen in an affluent family who has attended private school all her life and all her friends are rich white girls. Her parents don't talk much about their past and her sister has never fit in with her parents. Then the police who beat up Rodney King are found not guilty and LA explodes. Her school stays open and even events like prom are not cancelled, which shows how the tragedy did not directly affect all neighborhoods, but she ventures out with her love interest to try and find his family among the rioting rubble and has an experience that changes her forever. This author does not look old enough to have lived through this herself even though she is from LA but she got everything about this time period right, and reading this book is like going back in time to that point in American history.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

Holland, Sara 978-1-5476-0379-4 \$18.88 304 p.
Havenfall, Havenfall #1 (ARC) Bloomsbury, 2020

Living in the shadow of her mother's imprisonment for murder, Maddie knows she will always be an outsider. Our world thinks Maddie's mother murdered her brother, but Maddie knows better. The murderer was an other-worldly monster who slipped in through the doors between worlds that exist at the Inn at Havenfall, the only place where Maddie feels safe and accepted. When Maddie arrives at Havenfall for the summer to help her Uncle Marcus, the Inkeeper, things seem unsettled. There are secrets being kept, a mysterious stranger arrives at the Inn (who might be a friend?) and there is unexpected danger for Maddie and all the Inn's guests. When her uncle is injured, Maddie must run the inn in his place. But who can she trust? And can all doors between worlds remain safely closed? An entertaining fantasy, this book would make a great movie.

Recommended for high school.

Recommended Age: High School
Amber Peterson, International Community School

Khanani, Intisar 9780062835703 \$17.99 460 p.
Thorn Harper Teen, 2020

Thorn, by Intisar Khanani is a wonderful fantasy. The main character, Thorn, was born a princess in a kingdom where she is physically abused by her older brother and not protected by her mother. She is given in marriage to a prince she doesn't know to form an alliance. Because of her experiences, Thorn has learned to hide who she is, and to doubt her value and strengths. Eventually Thorn will have to face her fears and stand up for what is right if she ever hopes to save the prince and the people she has come to love.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

Longo, Jennifer 978-0-553-53771-0 \$17.99 322 p.
What I Carry Random House, 2020

Muir has always believed that she is not enough and that she can't depend on anyone. She was born into foster care and has never known a home for over a year. Muir, named for John Muir the environmentalist, loves the outdoors, has arrived to her final placement on an island outside of Seattle. She has promised that she will stay the year, graduate and age out of the foster system gracefully where she will be on her own. The only problem is that she loves the island and the people that she meets and is scared about being attached and loving others. This is a beautiful story of foster care. There are no horrible people, her social workers is amazing, and Muir is not a trouble maker, it is the story of a girl trying to make it in a broken system. Being set in Seattle makes this a great story and it is clear that the author is familiar with the foster care system; in the author's note she shares that her daughter is a former foster child. Highly recommended, but grade 8 and up because there is talk of sex and a character that is very forthcoming about women's cycles.

Recommended Age: Junior High, High School
Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

McCrina, Amanda 9780374313524 \$18.99 355 p.
Traitor (ARC) Farrar Straus Giroux, 2020

This well-crafted WWII fiction set in Poland is about 17 year-old Tolya fighting with the Soviet army as a means to survive his orphaned existence. His mother was Polish and murdered for being so, and his father was a Ukrainian Resistance fighter who died in prison. Tolya witnesses what he thinks is a rape in progress one night in Lwow and shoots the perpetrator not knowing he is one of his own officers and a political figure. He must leave or be killed or worse. He is taken by officers before he can leave, and the story is a series of brutal turns of events that include spies, chance encounters, lies and wartime choices that ultimately make this book about the emotional rather than the political.

Recommended Age: High School
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

McGovern, Kate 9780374305475 \$17.99 312 p.
Fear of Missing Out Farrar Straus Giroux, 2019

Astrid has cancer...again. That is right, Astrid was diagnosed with Astrocytoma a couple of years prior and managed to beat it. Unfortunately, it came back. Astrid knows something is different this time around with her cancer. While Astrid's mother is eager to sign her up for a medical drug trial to help fight the cancer that has come back. Astrid herself is not sure if she has the strength in her to go through the clinical trial experience. As weird as it sounds, Astrid goes through a bit of growth in this book. For the past few years, every life decision for Astrid has either been made by

A Cloud of Outrageous Blue

Alfred A. Knopf, 2020

Edyth and her older brother Henry are on their own when their father is executed. Since Henry is only 18, he can't take care of Edyth and since she is a girl in the 1300's, she certainly can't take care of herself. So he sends her to a convent to work. Edyth gets on the bad side of the sub-prioress there, partially because of her synesthesia which allows her to see colors and visions but also because of her relationship with Mason. When the plague hits, things get rapidly worse. Gorgeous illustrations throughout, giving life to Edyth's synesthesia. Off-page sex. Violence (beatings). Death/plague descriptions.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School**Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee:** Yes

Comments: Highly recommend. She makes the bubonic plague beautiful through her illustrations. Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Sullivan, Annie

9780310768319

\$17.99

352 p.

***A Curse of Gold*, A Touch of Gold #2 (ARC)**

Blink, 2020

If you have ever wondered about the story of King Midas, this is the series for you. I had not read book 1 and was able to jump into this story without any problems as the author gives enough back story but doesn't take over with it. Kora is the daughter of King Midas. She has returned home to find the kingdom is not thriving due to after-effects from her father's curse. She and her loyal crew set out to find Dionysus and settle matters once and for all. Lots of action and adventure, some violence, a little romance, a little humor. Could be a good read-alike at a slightly higher level for Percy Jackson fans.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Tomp, Sarah

978-0062898289

\$17.99

352 p.

The Easy Part of Impossible

Harper Teen, 2020

Ria Williams is a diving athlete that is so incredible she is on track for the Olympic Trials. Her parents sought out the best coach for her and paid for him to move to their town to coach her. She is the best. She's waited her entire life to qualify for the Olympic Teams. Suddenly at a pre-trial event, she suffers from what appears to be a freak fall. The fall is so anxiety provoking, she is no longer able to compete and scratches the meet. No one can understand especially not her parents. Ria, a high school senior, barely understands and at one point begs her coach to come back but he says no after pushing her down hard to the ground. It seems like all is lost for Ria, she's lost her drive, doesn't go to classes, stops hanging out with her friends, and isn't on the team. One day on a run, she is reacquainted with an old elementary friend from her pull out classes, Cotton. Cotton and his friend were caving, or spelunking. Ria is instantly fascinating wanting to help Cotton explore the underground caves that are beneath them. Cotton is different than all of Ria's friends and this is what draws Ria to him. There a lot of tells in this book that Ria is suffering from PTSD and experienced "something" between her and her coach. But they are hardly ever together so you are never sure. It turns out that her coach has been physically abusing her for years and years, Ria has no idea that this is wrong and has no idea to stand up to him. Part of her reluctance to rejoin the team stems from the safety she currently feels while away from the team. Cotton helps her realize her true potential and that she doesn't need to rely on her coach to get there. All the characters are assumed white, very little on the page violence limited to pushing, slapping, and yelling. No drugs, sex, or alcohol. Book was a page turner from the very beginning and an excellent addition to any collection.

Recommended Age: Junior High, High School (Grades 8 to 12)

Elizabeth Courage Lake Washington High School

Woodfolk, Ashley 9781524715915 \$17.99 388 p.
When You Were Everything Delacorte Press, 2019

Cleo and Layla have been best friends for a very long time. Now that they are in high school, they are finding that they have different interests and some things have happened that have driven a huge wedge in their friendship. In fact, it may be impossible for them to even remain friends any longer. Cleo especially seems to be struggling with this new reality and how to fill the void that Layla used to fill. Set in a now and then format, we gradually find out what happened to destroy the friendship between the two. Teen drinking, swearing. One particularly interesting thing is that Layla has a stutter; as this is not often addressed in YA books, I found this added an extra layer of complexity and depth of character to the story. An excellent look at how friendships change and we move on.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes

Comments: High school characters and content but many middle schoolers will relate. Teen drinking and swearing

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Woodfolk, Ashley 978-1-5247-1592-2 \$17.99 385 p.
When You Were Everything Delacorte Press, 2019

I highly recommend this book for middle school and up, probably 8th grade would be most interested by maybe 7th. There is moderate swearing, a little drinking at a party, no sex on the page. The main character Cleo loves Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Shakespeare, and her Dad is a librarian at the New York public library. Need I say more? Ha! The author really gets to the core of coming of age friendships and how complex it can be when best friends' interests and priorities change during high school. Friends make promises and those get broken. The author weaves in quotes and themes of betrayal and redemption from Othello and Macbeth. The main character and some others are African American and her best friend she has a falling out with is Muslim American and has a stuttering problem. There are some conflicts that are about race and social justice, just like in Shakespeare, but the main driving force of the conflict is best friends move on with their lives. I think having books like this in our collection are important counter narratives to the ones that might also be well written but reinforce stereotypes. But don't take my word for it. While reading in the forest with my family a hummingbird flew up right by my face, super close, to also read my book. That isn't a joke it really happened and it was magical. If a hummingbird endorses this book you have no reason not to get it.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

FICTION – SHRUG

De Pass, Nine 978-0-593-12076-6 \$17.99 352 p.
The Year After You Delacorte Press, 2019

I recommend this book for middle school and up with a shrug. Cara is getting over a traumatic event that the reader learns more about as the story progresses. It's her first year at a boarding school in Switzerland. At first I didn't like the main character, she struck me as a whiny privileged child. But the writing took a turn for the more intense and I got drawn into the story mainly because I wanted to know what was so terrible in her past. At a certain point I was like, oh yeah,

now I know what is going to happen and it did. I like it better when I can't predict the outcome. So meh for me. It's not a must have but it isn't terrible.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

Greci, Paul 9781250184627 \$17.99 340 p.
Hostile Territory Imprint, 2020

Josh is at a leadership camp in a remote part of Alaska when an earthquake strikes. he and 3 other people are the sole survivors. They are stranded without much food and very basic gear. In addition, something strange is happening back in civilization and it is apparent that no one is coming to rescue them. So they set off through the wilderness and all the dangers it holds to try to get back home safely. Lots of action, adventure. For fans of Hatchet. Short chapters are a plus for reluctant readers. However, this takes a turn for the unrealistic that I found annoying. Also lacks real character development. Meh.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Hatrup, Karen 9780062410238 \$17.99 355 p.
Our Year in Love and Parties Harper Teen, 2019

Erika is a college sophomore. Tucker is a senior in high school. They met a couple of years ago when they worked together at "the Cave" an old-style video game arcade, and Tucker has had a crush ever since. It's summer, and the two haven't seen each other for a while and end up at a farewell party at the Cave on the night after it's being shut down for good. The book continues to follow these two through a series of parties over the course of a year. This angsty teen romance tries hard to incorporate serious themes including a drawn out episode of a shared and unauthorized sex video that goes viral, dealing with divorced parents and new stepparents and parental death, and witnessing a college rape victim's aftermath. The pop culture references to music, video games, and movies will date this book quickly. Readers who like lipgloss and romance mixed with melodrama will perhaps pick this up.

Recommended Age: High School
Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Lawson, Liz 978-0593118498 \$18.99 252 p.
The Lucky Ones Delacorte Press, 2019

Jordan is gone. His life was taken almost a year ago by the school shooter that entered the band room and took the lives of seven people. Meg is one of the "lucky ones" a survivor, however, Jordan was her twin and she feels like with him gone, her life has no purpose. Meg lives in a life of depression and the only things that seem to bring her peace are spending time with her best friend Lucy and vandalizing the lawyer's house that is defending the "shooter". Zack's mom is the lawyer defending the shooter. Zack had no choice in his mom's decision, she's never home, his Dad is in his own world of depression, so it is left to Zack to clean up the vandalism, take care of his sister and basically do it all. When Meg and Zack end up meeting each other, what will happen? This is a novel written in alternating chapters between Meg and Zack, and is powerful from the different point of views. I like that this book addresses the impact of a school shooting a year later and so what are the effects of such a dramatic event. There is a great deal of swearing and drinking/drugs reference, so therefore a High School book. While a good book, I believe there are more powerful books with the subject of school shootings.

Recommended Age: High School, Adult
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Menon, Sandhya 9781534417540 \$18.99 384 p.
Of Curses & Kisses St. Rosetta's Academy #1 Simon Pulse, 2020

Sandhya Menon, author of romance novel *When Dimple Met Rishi*, delivers another sweet, first-love story starring a likable, vivacious Indian girl. Motivated by familial loyalty, Jaya Rao transfers to an elite boarding school, determined to exact revenge upon the Grey Emerson, who leaked scandalous pictures of Jaya's little sister to the media. Grey Emerson, a ruggedly handsome yet misanthropic loner, believes his family has been cursed by the Raos and worries Jaya's arrival at St. Rosetta's is a harbinger of his own demise. Yet, there is something strangely compelling about her and the ruby red pendant she wears around her neck. This retelling of Beauty and the Beast requires readers to ignore a lot of inconsistencies and unbelievable situations and dialog for the sake of atmosphere, but the slow burning relationship and quick and happy conclusion will satisfy readers who love brooding-boy-gentle-girl romances. The book would have been stronger set in a fantasy or alternate reality where the language and behavior of the characters might not seem as unrealistic.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Kristine Sandy, Lakeside School

Vale, Lillie 9781250192356 \$17.99 324 p.
Small Town Hearts Swoon Reads, 2019

Babe Vogel, recent high school graduate, was looking forward to summer break and the plans she had envisioned, spending as much time as possible with her two best friends, Penny and Chad. However, things quickly take a detour that Babe is not prepared for. Breakups, summer boys, summer romance, new friendships, and exes reappearing out of nowhere means Babe has a lot to deal with on top of her job and the mass amount of tourists that enter her small town. The cover is cute and I wanted to really like the book. However, I just did not click with the book and it was a genuine struggle to get through it. Do I think high school students will like the book? Most likely, especially high school students the devour romance novels. Overall, I struggled with believing the plausibility of certain aspects of the story itself.

Recommended Age: High School
Richele Buoy, Rose Hill Middle School

West, Kasie 9780062675811 \$18.99 341 p.
Moment of Truth Love, Life, and the List #3 HarperTeen, 2020

Hadley, a serious teen and a serious athlete, is tired of living in her deceased older brother's shadow. Frustrated by her family's focus on her brother and recently dumped by her boyfriend for being too fixated on her competitive swimming, Hadley pours her energy into training. When a local practical-joker-cum-performance-artist picks her swim meet to make a disruptive appearance, Hadley vows to uncover his identity and ensure he never interrupts her swimming again. Along the way, she finds love in an unexpected place and realizes the value of facing your fears. This sweet, but predictable stand alone installment in the Love, Life, and the List series delivers a lighthearted romance whose dialog-filled pages make for a quick read that will appeal to both reluctant readers and those who voraciously consume meet-cutes.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School
Kristine Sandy, Lakeside School

Zarr, Sara 978-0-06-243468-5 \$18.99 376 p.

Goodbye From Nowhere Balzer + Bay, 2020

Kyle can't wait for the annual family reunion at the family farm and is stunned during the drive when his father drops a bomb on him. His mother is having an affair and Kyle is sworn to secrecy. It seems bizarre that a grown man would not only confide in his 17-year-old son but also swear him to "put it in the vault". I must admit I was thrown off. Kyle begins to spiral out of control, skipping classes, skipping his beloved baseball practices, ghosts his girlfriend, and avoiding everyone he knows and loves for fear he will slip up and tell someone. At this point in the book I thought Kyle was going to experience suicide ideation, but he never does. He finds solace in his same aged cousin, Emily. He texts her non-stop having lost all his confidence and self-esteem from his father's secret. At one-point Emily sets boundaries which Kyle finds very hard to respect but he eventually learns to. Before Emily set the boundaries, I thought they were going to have a forbidden love affair. Eventually Kyle starts to get his life back together. He begs his coach to get back on the team. As a condition his coach makes him an assistant coach for elementary coed baseball team after school. There Kyle finds out that the kid he has been bonding too is the son of his mother's lover. Eventually Kyle confides to his sisters and cousin. He lets his mother know. She is mortified that the children all know but she refuses to give it up. The entire affair blows up at the next family reunion when his mother's lover's wife shows up confused looking for her husband. Kyle is white but some of his family is Mexican American. Underage drinking and adult binge drinking occur. I didn't really like the book. I thought it was an entirely unlikely scenario right from the first few pages when the dad spills. But it was very readable, the drama could easily be book talked for high circulation, and many students would enjoy it but it is not my first choose for purchase. Take my review with a grain of salt, this book was a National Book Award Finalist.

Recommended Age: Secondary Level 9-12th

Elizabeth Courage Lake Washington High School

FICTION – NOT RECOMMENDED

Bayron, Kalynn 9781547603879 \$17.99 385 p.

Cinderella Is Dead Bloomsbury, 2020

Cinderella has been dead for 200 years and there is still a ball every year where the girls on the kingdom are paraded in front of the single men and chosen as wives. Sophia has no interest in men. She is in love with her best friend and wants to run away, but her parents insist she goes to the ball. Because she is so beautiful the king wants her and that is the beginning of the end for Sophia . The premise was good, but the execution was wanting.

Recommended Age: High School

Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School

GRAPHIC NOVELS – RECOMMEND

Hughes, Kiku 9781250750846 \$17.99 288 p.

Displacement (ARC) First Second, 2020

Kiku is minding her own business when she finds herself suddenly traveling back in time. She visits the 1940s and experiences the same internment camps that her grandmother was forced to live in. Time travel is involuntary here, just like internment. Kiku ends up living in a couple of different camps, getting involved with the internal politics and builds friendships with people there. Hughes tells the story in full color, using curved-edge panels and speech bubbles. Highly recommended for graphic novel collections serving teens in middle and high school.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes

Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

Ottaviani, Jim & Maris Wicks 9781626728776 \$19.99 170 p.

Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier

First Second, 2020

How did women fit into the space race? The team who created *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas* is back to describe and illustrate the experiences of Mary Cleave, Carolyn Huntoon, and other people involved with NASA and the Russian space program. They depict the rigorous testing process, meetings and hearings, and what it's like to actually be up in space. The story is illustrated in Wicks' recognizable style, with photographs at the end of real astronauts. Backmatter, including a bibliography, are included. Highly recommended for graphic novel collections serving everyone from 5th grade on up.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School, Adult

Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes

Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

GRAPHIC NOVELS – SHRUG

Morreil, Roxanne 978-1-250-23794-1 \$29.99 385 p.

The Golden Age, Book 1

First Second, 2020

Princess Tilda wants to make her country a better place for her people, but after her father's death, she finds herself deposed in a coup by her younger brother. With the countryside swirling with rumors of revolution and tales of better days in the past, can Tilda reclaim her throne? With a slightly surreal art style, this graphic novel will appeal to fans of *Nimona* and *Queen of the Sea*. The plot can be a little hard to follow at times. It seems to be a book that people either love or hate. A reasonable addition for collections with a big graphic novel audience. 8th grade and up.

Recommended Age: High School

Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library

NON-FICTION – RECOMMEND

Blumenthal, Karen 9781626721654 \$19.99 385 p.

Jane Against the World: Roe V. Wade and the Fight For Reproductive Rights

Roaring Brook Press, 2020

Meticulously researched, this history of abortion in the US is a compelling narrative nonfiction read. Primary resource documents, photos, and quotes throughout tell the story of who's who and what lead up to the Supreme Court case that gives women the right to legal abortion and doctors the right to perform them. Readers learn about the sexism, classism, and racism that preceded the landmark Dallas-based case and continues up to the present day just prior to RBG's death. The personal lives of doctors, attorneys, and average people seeking medical care for abortions and birth control turn this book into a deep dive into case law, politics, and personal choices making this one that many will remember and perhaps be moved by. A preface to the bibliography explains the pains that Blumenthal went to in order to substantiate her writing including a challenging public records request in which she considered bringing a lawsuit against the state of Texas that refused to release hundreds of pages of records calling upon "attorney-client privilege" and "work product" issues. Ultimately, she chose to pay to have microfilm digitized

herself and shared it with the Dallas Public Library for their collection. Riveting non-fiction recommended for all teen collections.

Recommended Age: High School

Karen Kline, Beaver Lake Middle School

Kuklin, Susan 9780763679606 \$24.99 246 p.

In Search of Safety: Voices of Refugees Candlewick, 2020

Five refugees from five different countries tell their stories. The interesting thing to me is that they all end up in Nebraska once they arrive in the United States. The countries they fled are: Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Northern Iraq, and Burundi. Each person and each story is intriguing because of the different voice, the different reasons for leaving, the different challenges they faced along the way, etc. Each was devastating and heart breaking for what they had to leave behind, the horrors they saw, the way they were treated. Each was eye opening as well and also there was something a little bit heart warming as they came to a new place and found a new home and were able to make it their own despite the hardships. I especially love Dieudonne's story about how he, his family, and friends created a youth choir as a place for the other young people from Burundi in Omaha to come together to celebrate their culture. It has been pointed out that there are no white refugees in this book, so it is easy to look at the Lutheran group that helped these refugees as white saviors. Don't fall into that trap. Full color photographs throughout. The refugee process is clearly explained at the end of the book. There is an author's note, explaining the author's personal connection to this topic and to the choice of refugees who have settled in Nebraska. Also included: sources, chapter notes, notes about Lutheran Family Services, notes about the Yazda Cultural Center, time lines, resources for further reading (both print and digital).

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Parks, Peggy J. 9781682827611 \$30.95 80 p.

The #MeToo Movement Reference Point Press, 2020

This book explores the beginning of the #MeToo movement by Tarana Burke in 2006, it's resurgence and viral appearance on social media in 2017, and it's current and future possibilities. It also looks at some of the unexpected Consequences of the movement. Includes quotes, color photographs, source notes, print and digital sources for further research, picture credits, and an index. My biggest complaint is probably the cover: it's very washed out. Not at all appealing. But it is many different women of all ages, races, etc.

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

Villalobos, Juan Pablo 9780374305734 \$17.99 148 p.

The Other Side: Stories of Central American Teen Refugees Who Dream of Crossing the Border
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2019

True stories of teens from Central America trying to cross the border into the US. Vivid. Heartbreaking. Real. This is a fairly short book - only 148 pages altogether so there may not be as many details as some would like but it is a glimpse into the travails and hardships that these teens faced leaving their countries and trying to get into the US. (And there is also a very terse follow-up of where they are now). Also includes a glossary and suggestions for further reading.

Recommended for grades 6-12

Recommended Age: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Recommended for Evergreen Award Committee: Yes

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School

- Intolerance and Violence in Society series, Reference Point Press, 2020
Buckey, A.W. 9781682826850 \$30.95 80 p.

LGBT Intolerance

This 80 page book is part of the Intolerance and Violence in Society series. It focuses on LGBT intolerance and includes the history of it; how society is intolerant of LGBT people; how intolerance hurts LGBT people; and the future of gender and sexual equality. Back matter includes source notes, print and digital resources for further research, an index, and image credits. There are full color photographs throughout, a timeline, quotes, and text boxes to highlight key details/facts. This is a good introductory work for grades 6-12; it attempts to give a broad overview to a deep and complicated topic. It also gives brief consideration to the AIDS crisis, legislation, global issues, internalized homophobia, and more.

- Buckey, A.W. 9781682826935 \$30.95 80 p.

Sexual Violence

This 80 page book is part of the Intolerance and Violence in Society series. It focuses on sexual violence and includes information on the history behind sexual violence; how it happens; how society responds to it; and how society can prevent it in the future. Back matter includes source notes, print and digital resources for further research, an index, and image credits. There are full color photographs throughout, a timeline, quotes, and text boxes to highlight key details/facts. This is a good introductory work for grades 6-12; it attempts to give a broad overview to a deep and complicated topic. It also gives brief consideration to the #metoo movement, legal/police reform, and restorative justice.

- Mara, Wil 9781682826911 \$30.95 80 p.

Religious Intolerance

This 80 page book is part of the Intolerance and Violence in Society series. It focuses on religious intolerance, its history; how it affects society; what people are doing about it; and what the future holds for religious intolerance. Back matter includes source notes, print and digital resources for further research, an index, and image credits. There are full color photographs throughout, a timeline, quotes, and text boxes to highlight key details/facts. This is a good introductory work for grades 6-12; it attempts to give a broad overview to a deep and complicated topic. It also gives brief consideration to legal questions in regards to religious intolerance, the importance of moderate voices, and educational programs.

Recommended Age for Series: Middle School, Junior High, High School

Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School