



**WASHINGTON STATE YOUNG ADULT REVIEW GROUP**  
**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE: March 3, 2023**

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**WASHRAG**  
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*Nonfiction Reviews*

**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.

**We are now in hybrid mode!** Please join us in person if you are comfortable and able. Doors open at 8:30am. Or, join via Zoom. The link will open by 8:45am with a meeting start time of 9:00am.

<https://kcls.zoom.us/j/81386969228?pwd=ZFhSV3V2REdSSkkvbXdNZnk4NmF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 813 8696 9228

Passcode: 828216

Any questions? Contact Brenna Shanks – [bshanks@kcls.org](mailto: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 can be paid online at:

<https://givebutter.com/StQMvU>

Or mailed 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

**2023 MEETINGS**

- *March 3*                      *May 5*
- *September 15*              *December 8*

**REVIEWS**

Please submit your delivered reviews and current “books taken” after the meeting. You may submit them at:

<https://evergreenbookaward.org/washyarg/>

- Please be as accurate as possible.
- When submitting series non-fiction, please enter each book separately.

**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.

Please make checks payable to WashYARG.

**2023 MEETINGS**

- March 3
- May 5

**MEMBERSHIP FORM:**



**Name:**

**Title:**

**Email\*:**

**Phone\*:**

**Address\*:**

*\* Please indicate home or work for contact info.*

## Titles Taken for Review – Since September 2022

All titles and reviews are now being submitted online at:  
<https://evergreenbookaward.org/washyarg/>  
 Please be as accurate as possible when entering your information.  
 When entering series non-fiction, please enter each book separately. Thanks!

Please remember ARCs may not be added to your collection.

◆Already reviewed

### FICTION

◆ <b><i>The Agathas</i></b> , The Agathas #1 Glasgow, Kathleen and Liz Lawson Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Delacorte Press, 2022 9780593431115	\$18.99	405 p.
<b><i>Before Takeoff</i></b> Alsaid, Adi Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Knopf, 2022 978-0593-37576-1	\$18.99	323 p.
<b><i>Best Friends, Bikinis, and Other Summer Catastrophes</i></b> Wientge, Kristi Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 9781534485020	\$17.99	246 p.
<b><i>Big Rig</i></b> Hawes, Louise Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School Elizabeth Metcalf, Redmond Middle School	Peachtree, 2022 9781682632529	\$16.99	261 p.
<b><i>Blessing's Bead</i></b> Edwardson, Debby Dahl Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School <u>Comments:</u> Text copyright 2009. Cover, foreword, interior illustrations = 2022. Inupiaq story (Alaska).	Tu Books, 2022 9781643795768	\$16.00	232 p.
<b><i>Blood and Honey</i></b> , Serpent & Dove #2 Mahurin, Shelby Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	HarperTeen, 2020 9780062878052	\$18.99	532 p.
<b><i>Boys I Know</i></b> Garcia, Anna Becky Standal, Longview Public Library	Peachtree Teen, 2022 9781682633717	\$17.99	342 p.
<b><i>Boys of the Beast</i></b> Zepeda, Monica Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Tu Books, 2022 9781643790954	\$21.95	328 p.

<b><i>Bravely</i></b> Stiefvater, Maggie Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Disney Hyperion, 2022 9781368071345	\$19.99	367 p.
<b><i>The Burning Swift</i></b> , Shadow Skye #3 Elliott, Joseph Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Walker Books, 2022 9781536207491	\$19.00	354 p.
<b><i>Butt Sandwich &amp; Tree</i></b> King, Wesley Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 9781665902618	\$17.99	261 p.
<b><i>Charlie Thorne and the Curse of Cleopatra</i></b> , Charlie Thorne #3 Gibbs, Stuart Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 978-1-5344-9934-8	\$17.99	387 p.
<b><i>Concealed</i></b> Gonzalez, Christina Diaz Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Scholastic, 2021 978-1-338-64720-4	\$17.99	304 p.
<b><i>Crimson Reign</i></b> , Blood Heir #3 Zhao, Amelia Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library	Delacorte Press, 2022 978-0-525-70787-5	\$18.99	483 p.
<b><i>A Darkening of Dragons</i></b> , Songs of Magic #1 Patrick, S.A. Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library <u>Comments:</u> old, but DRAGONS.	Peachtree, 2018 9781682633762	\$17.99	390 p.
<b><i>Daughters of the Dawn</i></b> , Ria & Rani #2 Nanua, Sarena and Sasha Nanua Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	HarperTeen, 2022 978-0-06-298562-0	\$18.99	550 p.
<b><i>The Deep Blue Between</i></b> Attah, Ayesha Harruna Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School <u>Comments:</u> First Published in Great Britain in 2020.	Carolrhoda Lab, 2022 9781728442884	\$18.99	256 p.
<b><i>Does My Body Offend You?</i></b> Cuevas, Mayra and Marie Marquardt Stephanie Pender, Risdon Middle School	Knopf, 2022 978-0-593-42585-5	\$18.99	420 p.
<b><i>The Dragon's Promise</i></b> , Six Crimson Cranes #2 Lim, Elizabeth JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library	Alfred A. Knopf, 2022 9780593300954	\$19.99	484 p.

<b><i>Eden's Everdark</i></b> (ARC) Strong, Karen Sara White, Washington State Library Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 9781665904476	\$17.99	261 p.
<b><i>Epic Story of Every Living Thing, The</i></b> Caletti, Deb Becky Standal, Longview Public Library Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Labyrinth Road, 2022 9780593485507	\$18.99	416 p.
<b><i>Evil Thing</i></b> , Villains #7 Valentino, Serena Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Disney Hyperion, 2021 978-136806816-1	\$21.99	119 p.
<b><i>Exactly Where You Need to Be</i></b> Coombs, Amelia Diane Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 9781534493544	\$18.99	306 p.
<b><i>Family of Liars</i></b> , prequel <i>We Were Liars</i> Lockhart, E. Erin O'Connor, Kellogg Middle School Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Delacorte Press, 2022 9781761067822	\$17.99	256 p.
<b><i>Fight + Flight</i></b> Machias, Jules Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School	Quill Tree, 2022 9780063053946	\$16.99	377 p.
<b><i>Finding Jupiter</i></b> Rowe, Kelis Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School Library	Crown Books, 2022 978-0-593-42925-9	\$18.99	309 p.
<b><i>Flip the Script</i></b> Lee, Lyla Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Katherine Tegen Books, 2022 9780062936936	\$17.99	291 p.
<b><i>Flipping Forward Twisting Backward</i></b> Fullerton, Alma Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School	Peachtree, 2022 9781682633663	\$16.99	135 p.
<b><i>The Flipside of Perfect</i></b> Reinhardt, Liz Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Ink Yard Press, 2021 978-1-335-47044	\$19.99	428 p.
<b><i>Four for the Road</i></b> Reilly, K.J. Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Atheneum, 2022 9781665902281	\$19.99	272 p.

<b><i>Freddie vs. The Family Curse</i></b> (ARC) Badua, Tracy JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library	Clarion Books, 2022 9780358612896	\$16.99	250 p.
<b><i>A Galaxy of Sea Stars</i></b> Ferruolo, Jeanne Zulick Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2020 9780374309091	\$17.00	328 p.
<b><i>The Getaway</i></b> (ARC) Giles, Lamar Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library	Scholastic, 2022 978-1-338-75201-4	\$19.99	400 p.
<b><i>The Ghost of Spruce Point</i></b> Tandon, Nancy Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Aladdin, 2022 9781534486119	\$18.00	330 p.
<b><i>The Ghosts of Rose Hill</i></b> Romero, R. M. Micaela Gunderson, Rose Hill Middle School	Peachtree Teen, 2022 9781682633380	\$18.99	376 p.
<b><i>The Glass Witch</i></b> (ARC) Puckett, Lindsay Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Scholastic Press, 2022 9781338803426	\$17.99	224 p.
<b><i>Goblin Market</i></b> Zahler, Diane Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Holiday House, 2022 9780823450817	\$18.00	228 p.
<b><i>Green Eyes and Ham</i></b> Penney, Mary Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School	Harper, 2022 9780062696939	\$17.00	436 p.
<b><i>Grounded For All Eternity</i></b> Marks, Darcy Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Aladdin, 2022 9781534483361	\$18.99	375 p.
<b><i>Happily Ever Island</i></b> Cestari, Crystal Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School	Disney Hyperion, 2022 9781368075473	\$18.99	326 p.
<b><i>Harley Quinn: Reckoning</i></b> , DC Icons Allen, Rachael Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Random House Children's Books, 2022 978-0-593-42986-0	\$18.99	391 p.
<b><i>Healer and Witch</i></b> Werlin, Nancy Elizabeth Kalen, Yelm Timberland Library	Candlewick Press, 2022 978-1-5362-1956-2	\$19.99	292 p.

<b><i>I Was Born For This</i></b> (ARC)	Scholastic, 2022		
Oseman, Alice	978-1-338-83093-4	\$18.99	384 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			
<b><i>The Impossible Destiny of Cutie Grackle</i></b>	Peachtree, 2022		
Stout, Shawn K.	9781682633205	\$17.00	322 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School			
<b><i>In the Beautiful Country</i></b>	Quill Tree, 2022		
Kuo, Jane	9780063118980	\$16.99	320 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>In the Serpent's Wake</i>, Tess of the Road #2</b>	Random House, 2022		
Hartman, Rachel	9781101931325	\$18.99	501 p.
Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School			
<b><i>Kaleidoscope</i></b>	Scholastic Press, 2021		
Selznick, Brian	9781338777246	\$19.99	192 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>The Keeper of Night</i>, The Keeper of Night #1</b>	Inkyard Press, 2022		
Baker, Kylie Lee	978-1-335-40566-1	\$18.99	393 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<b><i>Luminous</i></b>	Inkyard Press, 2022		
Rutherford, Mara	978-1-335-40565-4	\$19.99	373 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<b><i>Meet Me Halfway</i></b>	Simon & Schuster, 2022		
Fajardo, Anika	9781534495906	\$17.99	264 p.
Micaela Gunderson, Rose Hill Middle School			
◆ <b><i>The Merciless Ones</i>, The Gilded Ones #2</b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
Forna, Namina	978-1-9848-4872-7	\$17.99	453 p.
Amber Peterson, International Community School			
<b><i>Miosotis Flores Never Forgets</i></b>	Tu Books, 2021		
Burgos, Hilda Eunice	978-1-64379-065-7	\$18.95	296 p.
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School			
<b><i>Molly and the Machine</i>, Far Flung Falls #1</b>	Aladdin, 2022		
Slangerup, Erik Jon	9781534497993	\$17.99	395 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Murder for the Modern Girl</i></b>	Holiday House, 2022		
Kulper, Kendall	9780823449729	\$19.99	352 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			

<b><i>My Fine Fellow: A Delicious Entanglement</i></b>	HarperTeen, 2022		
Cohen, Jennieke	9780063047532	\$17.99	324 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library			
<b><i>Never Coming Home</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
Williams, Kate	9780593304860	\$18.99	306 p.
Dawn Lindgren, Cascade Middle School			
<b><i>Never Never, Villains #9</i></b>	Disney Hyperion, 2022		
Valentino, Serena	9781368025294	\$17.99	252 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
<b><i>Next Door to Happy</i></b>	Holiday House, 2022		
Weiser Strout, Allison	9780823450862	\$17.99	184 p.
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>Nothing More to Tell</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
McManus, Karen M.	978-0-593-17590-3	\$19.99	356 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			
<b><i>On The Subject of Unmentionable Things</i></b>	Random House, 2022		
Walton, Julia	9780593310571	\$18.99	309 p.
Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School			
<b><i>Once Upon a K-Prom</i></b>	Disney Hyperion, 2022		
Cho, Kat	9781368064644	\$18.99	327 p.
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
<b><i>Out of Range</i></b>	McElderry Books, 2022		
Lang, Heidi	9781665903349	\$17.99	310 p.
Micaela Gunderson, Rose Hill Middle School			
<b><i>Over My Dead Body</i></b>	Harper Alley, 2022		
Boo, Sweeney	9780063056312	\$24.99	233 p.
Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School			
<b><i>Polo Cowboy, companion Ghetto Cowboy</i></b>	Candlewick Press, 2021		
Neri, G.	9781536207118	\$17.99	278 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library			
<b><i>The Polter-Ghost Problem</i></b>	McElderry Books, 2022		
Uhrig, Betsy	9781665916103	\$17.99	275 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
<b><i>Postcards from Summer</i></b>	Simon & Schuster, 2022		
Platt, Cynthia	9781534474406	\$19.99	568 p.
Becky Standal, Longview Public Library			



<b><i>Project X</i></b> , Spy School #10 Gibbs, Stuart Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 9781534479494	\$17.99	340 p.
<b><i>Required Reading for the Disenfranchised Freshman</i></b> Lee, Kristen R. Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School	Crown Books, 2022 9780593309155	\$18.99	326 p.
<b><i>Ride with Me</i></b> Keating, Lucy Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School	Clarion Books, 2022 9780358468318	\$18.99	312 p.
<b><i>Rivals</i></b> , American Royals #3 McGee, Katharine Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Random House, 2022 9780593429709	\$19.99	392 p.
<b><i>See You Yesterday</i></b> Solomon, Rachel Lynn Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	Simon & Schuster, 2022 978-1-6659-0192-5	\$19.99	419 p.
<b><i>Shot Clock</i></b> Butler, Caron and Justin A. Reynolds Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Katherine Tegen Books, 2022 978-0-06-306959-6	\$16.99	288 p.
<b><i>Sing Me Forgotten</i></b> Olson, Jessica S. Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Inkyard Press, 2022 978-1-335-14794-3	\$19.99	325 p.
<b><i>A Sitting in St. James</i></b> Williams-Garcia, Rita Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School	Quill Tree, 2021 9780062367297	\$17.99	460 p.
<b><i>Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet</i></b> Kemp, Laekan Zea Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Little Brown, 2021 9780316460279	\$17.99	*BFYA2022 343 p.
<b><i>The Song That Moves the Sun</i></b> Bright, Anna Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School	HarperTeen, 2022 978-0-06-308352-3	\$17.99	454 p.
<b><i>Soul of the Deep</i></b> , Skin of the Sea #2 Bowen, Natasha Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School	Random House, 2022 9780593120989	\$19.99	293 p.

<b><i>The Star That Always Stays</i></b>	Holiday House, 2022		
Johnson, Anna Rose	9780823450404	\$17.99	
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>Star Wars: Stories of Jedi and Sith</i></b>	Disney Hyperion, 2022		
Heddle, Jennifer ed.	9781368080545	\$17.99	350 p.
Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School			
<b><i>Stories to Keep You Alive Despite Vampires</i></b>	Simon & Schuster, 2022		
Acker, Ben	9781665917001	\$17.99	186 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library			
<b>◆<i>Stranger Things: Lucas on the Line</i></b> , Stranger Things #5	Random House, 2022		
Davies, Suyi	978-0-593-56787-6	\$18.99	305 p.
Stephanie Pender, Risdon Middle School			
Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School			
<b><i>The Summer of June</i></b>	Atheneum, 2022		
Sumner, Jamie	978-1534486027	\$17.99	208 p.
Elizabeth Metcalf, Redmond Middle School			
<b><i>Ten Thousand Tries</i></b>	Atheneum, 2021		
Makechnie, Amy	9781534482302	\$8.99	372 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>This is Why We Lie</i></b>	Ink Yard Press, 2021		
LePore, Gabriella	9781335418609	\$18.99	312 p.
Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School			
<b><i>Truth or Dare</i></b> , You're Invited to a Creepover #1	Simon & Schuster, 2022		
Night, P.J.	978-1-6659-1584-9	\$20.99	149 p.
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School			
<b><i>The Turning Pointe</i></b>	Knopf, 2022		
Torres, Vanessa L.	9780593426135	\$18.99	432 p.
Becky Standal, Longview Public Library			
<b><i>Turtle Under Ice</i></b>	Simon & Schuster, 2021		
del Rosario, Juleah	9781534442962	\$11.99	288 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Two Degrees</i></b> (ARC)	Scholastic Inc, 2022		
Gratz, Alan	9780702323249	\$17.00	336 p.
Izzy Torres, Centralia Timberland Library			

<b><i>We Weren't Looking to be Found</i></b> Kuehn, Stephanie Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School Library	Disney Hyperion, 2022 978-1-368-06410-1	\$17.99	307 p.
<b><i>Well, That Was Unexpected</i></b> Sutanto, Jesse Q. JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School	Delacorte Press, 2022 9780593433973	\$18.99	352 p.
<b><i>What We Harvest</i></b> Fraistat, Ann Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Sara White, Washington State Library	Delacorte Press, 2022 9780593382165	\$18.99	322 p.
<b><i>When the World Was Ours</i></b> Kessler, Liz Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School	Simon & Schuster, 2021 9781534499652	\$18.99	328 p.
<b><i>Where the Sky Lives</i></b> Dilloway, Margaret Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School	Balzer + Bray, 2022 9780063047242	\$16.99	323 p.
<b><i>The Witch King</i>, The Witch King #1</b> Edgmon, H.E. Michael Fleming, Juanita High School	Inkyard Press, 2022 978-1-335-21279-5	\$18.99	432 p.
<b><i>The Witchery</i> (ARC)</b> Isabelle, S. Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School	Scholastic Press, 2022 9781338758962	\$18.99	384 p.
<b><i>Wretched Waterpark</i>, Sinister Summer #1</b> White, Kiersten Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School	Delacorte Press, 2022 9780593379042	\$16.99	232 p.
<b><i>The Year I Stopped Trying</i></b> Heaney, Katie Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School Jodi Kruse, R. A. Long High School Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School	Alfred A. Knopf, 2021 978-0-593-11828-3	\$18.99	245 p.
<b><i>Year on Fire</i></b> Buxbaum, Julie Becky Standal, Longview Public Library	Delacorte Press, 2022 9781984893666	\$18.99	336 p.

<b><i>A Year to the Day</i></b>	HarperTeen, 2022		
Benway, Robin	978-0-06-285443-8	\$18.99	335 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			
<b><i>You Can't Come In Here!</i>, You're Invited to a Creepover #2</b>	Simon & Schuster, 2022		
Night, P.J.	978-1-6659-1567-0	\$20.99	149 p.
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School			
<b><i>You'd Be Home Now</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2021		
Glasgow, Kathleen	978-0-525-70804-9	\$18.99	378 p.
Kirsten Gunn, Highline High School			

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

<b><i>Ark Angel: An Alex Rider Graphic Novel #6</i></b>	Candlewick Press, 2020		
Horowitz, Anthony	9781536207330	\$14.99	168 p.
Nickie Travis, Lindbergh High School			
<b><i>The Art of Sushi</i></b>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2019		
Alarcon, Franckie	978-1-68112-285-4	\$24.99	159 p.
Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School			
<b><i>Booked</i></b>	Clarion Books, 2022		
Alexander, Kwame	9780358161813	\$24.99	315 p.
Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School			
<b><i>Bunnica: The Graphic Novel</i></b>	Atheneum, 2022		
Howe, James, Andrew Donkin and Stephen Gilpin	9781534421615	\$19.99	128 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Canciones: Federico Garcia Lorca</i></b>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2017		
Tak, Tobias	9781681122748	\$24.99	160 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library			
<u>Comments:</u> old. bilingual. beautiful.			
<b><i>Clockwork Curandera - The Witch Owl Parliament</i></b>	Tu Books, 2022		
Bowles, David and Raul the Third	978-1-62014-592-0	\$17.95	100 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<b><i>The Disney Bros</i></b>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2022		
Nikolavitch, Alex and Felix Ruiz	978-1-68112-266-3	\$19.99	106 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			

<b><i>Fly By Night</i></b>	RH Graphic, 2021		
O'Connor, Tara	978-0-593-12530-4	\$24.99	313 p.
Elizabeth Courage, Lake Washington High School			
<b><i>Have You Seen the Darkness?</i>, Black Sand Beach #3</b>	Pixel Ink, 2022		
Fairgray, Richard	9781645950912	\$22.99	192 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Incredible Doom: Volume 2</i></b>	Harper Alley, 2022		
Bogart, Matthew and Jesse Holden	978-0-06-306497-3	\$25.99	303 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<b><i>Katie and the Cupcake Cure</i>, Cupcake Diaries Graphic #1</b>	Simon Spotlight , 2022		
Simon, Coco	9781665914031	\$20.99	149 p.
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>Leonardo Da Vinci: The Renaissance of the World</i></b>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2022		
Vittori, Ariel and Marwan Kahil	978-1-68112-259-5	\$19.99	125 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			
<b><i>Other Ever Afters: New Queer Fairy Tales</i></b>	RH Graphic, 2022		
Gillman, Melanie	9780593303191	\$24.99	
Micaela Gunderson, Rose Hill Middle School			
JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library			
<b><i>The Secrets of Chocolate</i></b>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2021		
Alarcon, Frankie	9781681122786	\$19.99	112 p.
Aarene Storms, dragonrider of Everett Public Library			
<u>Comments:</u> translated from French			
<b><i>Squire</i></b>	Quill Tree, 2022		
Shammas, Nadia and Sara Alfageeh	9780062945853	\$21.99	305 p.
Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library			
<b><i>Star Knights</i></b>	RH Graphic, 2022		
Davault, Kay	9780593303658	\$20.99	228 p.
Liz Haggerty, Kirkland Middle School			
<b><i>Storybooth</i></b>	HarperTeen, 2022		
compiled by Marcy Kaye and Joshua Sinel	9780063057937	\$19.99	195 p.
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>The Why-Why's Gone Bye-Bye</i>, Trubble Town #2</b>	Aladdin, 2022		
Pastis, Stephan	978-1-5344-9614-9	\$22.99	282 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			

<b><i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky: The Graphic Novel</i></b>	Disney Hyperion, 2022		
Mbalia, Kwame	9781368072809	\$21.99	128 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Twin Cities</i></b>	RH Graphic, 2022		
Pimienta, Jose	9780593180631	\$20.99	248 p.
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>Welcome to St. Hell</i></b> (ARC)	Graphix, 2022		
Hancox, Lewis	9781338824445	\$27.99	304 p.
Merry Butz, Timberland Regional Library			
<b><i>Willie Nelson: A Graphic History</i></b>	NBM Graphic Novels, 2022		
Kirsch, T.J.	978-1-68112-262-5	\$16.99	92 p.
Michael Fleming, Juanita High School			

### NON-FICTION

<b><i>COVID-19 and Other Pandemics: A Comparison</i></b>	Reference Point Press, 2021		
Nardo, Don	9781678200428	\$32.95	80 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
<b><i>Devotion : An Epic Story of Heroism and Friendship (Adapted for Young Adults)</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
Makos, Adam	9780593481455	\$18.99	347 p.
Katy Olson, Mark Morris High School			
Amber Peterson, International Community School			
<b><i>Esports and the New Gaming Culture</i></b>	Reference Point Press, 2021		
Steffens, Bradley	978-1-68282-925-7	\$29.95	80 p.
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School			
<b><i>Girls Who Green the World: 34 Rebel Women Out to Save Our Planet</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
Kapp, Diana	9780593428054	\$19.99	305 p.
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>Girls Who Green the World: 34 Rebel Women Out to Save Our Planet</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
Kapp, Diana	9780593428054	\$20.00	306 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School			
<b><i>The Hanmoji Handbook</i></b>	MiTeenPress, 2022		
Li, Jason, An Xiao Mina, and Jennifer 8. Lee	9781536219135	\$24.99	158 p.
Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School			

<b><i>How a King Plays: 64 Chess Tips From a Kid Champion</i></b>	Random House Kids, 2021		
Boydell, Oliver	9780593451267	\$9.99	83 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Killers of the Flower Moon (Adapted for Young Readers)</i></b>	Crown Books, 2021		
Grann, David	978-0-593-37734-5	\$18.99	322 p.
Nancy Federiuk, Pacific Middle School			
<b><i>Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the Law that Changed the Future of Girls in America</i></b>	Atheneum, 2022		
Blumenthal, Karen	9781665919749	\$25.00	168 p.
Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School			
<b><i>My name is Jason. Mine too.</i></b>	Atheneum, 2009		
Reynolds, Jason and Jason Griffin	9781534478237	\$19.99	
Kat Chin, Kamiakin Middle School			
<b><i>Policing and Race: The Debate Over Excessive Use of Force</i></b>	Reference Point Press, 2021		
Gallagher, Jim	9781678200442	\$32.95	80 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
<b><i>Ready for Launch: An Astronaut's Lessons for Success on Earth</i></b>	Crown Books, 2022		
Kelly, Scott	9781524764326	\$17.99	116 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			
<b><i>Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther's Promise to the People</i></b>	Candlewick Press, 2021		
Magoon, Kekla	978-1-5362-1418-5	\$24.99	315 p.
Amber Peterson, International Community School			
<u>Comments:</u> Coretta Scott King Honor Winner			
<b><i>Spearhead: An American Tank Gunner, His Enemy, and a Collision of Lives in World War II</i></b>	Delacorte Press, 2022		
Makos, Adam	9780593303450	\$18.99	352 p.
Heidi Bush, Northshore Middle School			

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<b><i>Cutting Edge Careers in Engineering</i></b>	Reference Point Press, 2021		
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<b><i>Cutting Edge Careers in Info Tech</i></b>			
Currie-McGhee, Leanne	9781682828694	\$32.95	80 p.
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Kosloski, Julie	9781682828717	\$32.95	80 p.
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Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
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Schwartz, Heather E.	9781728427829	\$23.99	48 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			
<b><i>Lupita Nyong'o: Actor, Filmmaker, Activist</i></b>		Lerner, 2022	
Schwartz, Heather E.	9781541596757	\$23.99	48 p.
Teresa Jensen, North Creek High School			
• Issues Today			
<b><i>How Can Gun Violence Be Stopped?</i></b>		Reference Point Press, 2021	
Mooney, Carla	9781682828779	\$30.00	80 p.
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Allen, John	9781682828793	\$30.00	80 p.
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Reinkens, Brynn	9781682828892	\$30.00	80 p.
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Roland, James	9781682828816	\$30.00	80 p.
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• LGBTQ Issues			
<b><i>Being LGBTQ</i></b>		Reference Point Press, 2021	
Nardo, Don	9781682829134	\$30.00	80 p.
<b><i>Gender Identity</i></b>			
Ghafoerkhan, Olivia	9781682829158	\$30.00	80 p.
<b><i>LGBTQ Rights and Activism</i></b>			
Currie, Stephen	9781682829172	\$30.00	80 p.
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Anne Dame, Einstein Middle School			



- Mental Health Guides

<b><i>Understanding Addiction</i></b>	Bright Point Press, 2021		
Hudak, Heather	978-1-68282-981-3	\$31.95	80 p.
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McManus, Celina	978-1-68282-983-7	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>Understanding Bipolar Disorder</i></b>			
MacMillan, Kathy	978-1-68282-985-1	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>Understanding Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder</i></b>			
McManus, Celina	978-1-68282-987-5	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>Understanding Panic Attacks</i></b>			
Burling, Alexis	978-1-68282-989-9	\$31.95	80 p.
Stephanie Pender, Risdon Middle School			

- Teen Problems series

<b><i>Challenges for LGBTQ Teens</i></b>	Reference Point Press, 2021		
Lundin, Martha	97816682829639	\$32.95	80 p.
<b><i>Teen Suicide</i></b>			
Quirk, Mary	97816682829677	\$32.95	80 p.
<b><i>Teens and Anxiety</i></b>			
Gagne, Tammy	97816682829578	\$32.95	80 p.
<b><i>Teens and Cyberbullying</i></b>			
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Buckey, A. W.	97816682829592	\$32.95	80 p.
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Bryan, Bethany	97816682829653	\$32.95	80 p.
Sherri Ashlock, Nelsen Middle School			

- Understanding the Black Lives Matter Movement

<b><i>Being Black in America</i></b>	Bright Point Press, 2021		
Bradford Edwards, Sue	978-1-6782-0068-8	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>Race and Protests Across the Country</i></b>			
MacCarald, Clara	978-1-6782-0072-5	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>The History of Civil Rights Movements in America</i></b>			
Spalding, Maddie	978-1-6782-0074-9	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>The Police and Excessive Use of Force</i></b>			
Wolny, Philip	978-1-6782-0070-1	\$31.95	80 p.
<b><i>The Rise of the Black Lives Matter Movement</i></b>			
Bell, Samantha	978-1-678200664	\$31.95	80 p.
Stephanie Pender, Risdon Middle School			

## FICTION – RECOMMEND

Cane, Tina 9780593121146 \$17.99 336 p.  
*Alma Presses Play* Make Me a World, 2021

I loved this historical novel in verse! Alma is a half Chinese and half Jewish. She lives in New York City in the 1980s. She loves listening to music on her walkman and hanging out with her neighbors and friends. She's dealing with regular teenage things like her parents are fighting all the time and she's worried about their relationship, getting her period, and a best friend moving away. This book was so nostalgic for me to read as a child of the 80s but it has universal teenage themes too. While the kids might not get some of the musical and pop culture references without looking them up online, they will understand that middle school age that Alma is going through. The author also addresses issues around socio-economic status and issues in the LGBTQ+ community. Lastly, the novel is set during Alma's 8th grade year, and the summer after,, and there are not too many books that are set in middle school with an 8th grade protagonist!

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, Junior High, Maybe high school for reluctant/struggling readers (novel in verse).

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes

Erin O'Connor, Kellogg Middle School

Chen, Gina 978-0593427538 \$16.99 368 p.  
*Violet Made of Thorns #1* Delacorte Press, 2022

I recommend this book for 6th grade and up. Violet has a prickly personality, ability to see the future, and permission to lie. Ever since her sight caused her to save the crown prince Cyrus's life the King has employed her as Seer. It is time for Cyrus to choose a queen to wed and of course he is uninspired, so the King tells Violet to lie to him about seeing him meet his true love at a ball. What she didn't tell the King is that she also sees Cyrus dead in her visions, but he doesn't know that. I love two things about this high fantasy. #1 the language isn't flowery and even modern so will be accessible to many types of readers. #2 it explores the idea that lies, and truth are both tools that can help a person achieve their goals. The style of this story kind of reminds me of fractured fairy tales. For example, there is a scene where Violet is coerced into going to the ball but instead of getting dressed by cute little mice she is dressed by drunk Fairies, yeah Tinker Bell is wasted in this one. Fans of Mary Pierson's Dance of Thieves will probably really like this one. I hope there is a sequel. I the spirit of Violet's less than appealing transparent honesty I will say that for most fantasy books I will skim for plot details because I don't like them but this one, I really read cover to cover because I enjoyed it so much.

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

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes

Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

Coles, Jay 9780802837639 \$18.99 320 p.  
*Things We Couldn't Say* Scholastic Press, 2021

This book was an amazingly Queer-affirming counter-narrative of a bisexual Black boy growing up in a tough, but community-oriented neighborhood in Indiana. A boy who is religious, and athletic, and loves Paramore and many other other eclectic musicians. The story is layered and nuanced. Gio ends up dating a white boy, but he doesn't let this white boy off the hook when he isn't enough of an ally when Gio ends up in a dangerous situation. Gio has a Queer mom, but he doesn't let her off the hook because of abandoning him when he was young. Overall, it's a coming of age story about coming into your own, living your truth, and finding the family you need, and who will support you unconditionally. I loved this book. Also, maybe they're out there, but I've not personally seen a book about a bisexual Black boy before I saw this book. Content Disclaimer: there is mild gay sex on the page.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, Junior High, High School, Adult  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes  
Erin O'Connor, Kellogg Middle School

Dowell, Frances O'Roark 9781481424660 \$17.99 160 p.  
*Hazard* Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2022

When Hazard Stokes, a talented 8th grade footballer, makes an unsportsmanlike hit in the first game of his middle school season, his coach suspends him until he is cleared by a therapist to return. The story is told through Haz's texts, family interviews and the assigned writing he does to get back on the team. He is at first reluctant to cooperate but comes to realize he is not alone in his psychological battles. His father has just returned from Afghanistan and doesn't want to see Haz or his rebellious younger brother while he's recovering from an IED blast that took his leg. He is also haunted by the man he killed just before the blast. As he writes Hazard sees how his anger and confusion can be expressed as violence toward others. The ending is a little abrupt and Haz's writing has a mature feel but it will appeal to reluctant readers. Quick read in verse.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, Junior High, High School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No  
Nancy R. Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Forna, Namina 9781984848727 \$17.99 456 p.  
*The Merciless Ones #2* Delacorte Press, 2022

This is the second novel of a planned trilogy, which really shows in this book. The first book is about Deka and her finding out she has unique powers. We also find out that a lot of females are born with special powers in this world, and that a majority of those females are killed. However, the emperor decides that these females should be saved to help kill deathshrieks, which are monstrous beings that can rip a human apart with their claws and deadly shrieks. There's a lot happening in the first book (like a ton of twists), which continues in this second book. I don't want to give too much away, but Deka and her friends explore their powers. They also discover interesting secrets and that's where it shows a lot of twists. It did have a slow beginning, but it ended up having amazing action and the twists were surprising.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, High School

**Recommend for Evergreen Award? No**

JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library

Ho, Joanna 978-0-06-305934-4 \$17.99 437 p.  
***The Silence that Binds Us*** Harper Teen, 2022

I highly recommend this book for 8th grade and up. May is grieving her brother's suicide and navigating the waters of her own identity as a person and a talented writer in an elite community that is resistant to truth. After her brother's death some parents in the community accuse Asian immigrants for the growing number of teen suicides. May decides to stand up for truth and uses her Amanda Gorman skills to respond to critics in a weekly paper. This story is very relevant to the current trend of groups or individuals to refute the truth of institutionalized racism, and that people who are "good" and "nice" can still be racist, and that it is also not an absolute but a spectrum. May and some of her other friends of color and allies decide to fight against race and caste by taking back the narrative and I love that. My only wonder about the way the book was written is the parts with text messaging print...it mimics actual texts, so some are dark background with the white letters and with the style of font chosen the letters are hard to read. Other than that, I give this author who is also a language arts teacher and A+ for writing the perfect story at the perfect time.

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

**Recommend for Evergreen Award? Yes**

**Comments:** I reached out to the author after I read this to let her know what an impact this book had on me. She was a classroom teacher when she wrote this and is now a principal. She spoke at Brick and Mortar books in Redmond in December so she might be open to more visits.

Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

Okogwu, Tola 978-1-665912617 \$17.99 298 p.  
***Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* #1** McElderry Books, 2022

Onyeka has so much hair! Hair that is difficult to control and draws unwanted attention wherever she goes. Onyeka and her mother were forced to flee from Nigeria because of something her father had been working on before he disappeared, so attention is never a good thing. Onyeka only feels secure at home or when she is with her friend Chyenne. One day when the two girls are at the local swimming pool, Chyenne starts to struggle in the water and to Onyeka's amazement, her HAIR saves Chyenne from drowning—taking on a magical life of its own. It is only after this event that Onyeka's mom reveals Onyeka's true nature: her Ike (power) has manifested and revealed that she is a Solari! Solari are individuals born with powers that are unique to Nigeria and all Solari are sent to train to use these superpowers at the top-secret Academy of the Sun. Onyeka soon finds herself flown from London to Nigeria to the academy where she makes friends, and some enemies, and before she is fully ready to use her powers, the future of all the Solari is put to the test. There are many recognizable elements in *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun*: a young person with untapped powers that may be the key to saving everyone, missing parents, a caring teacher-guide who takes her under his wing, but tween readers won't mind the familiarity. The portrayal of a technologically advanced Nigeria of the future that embraces both that future and the richness of Nigerian culture and history make this adventure stand

out. As the book ends with a cliff-hanger, we can look forward to a sequel! Recommended grades 4-8.

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

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes

Amber Peterson, International Community School

Standish, Ali 9780062985682 \$16.99 348 p.  
*Yonder* Harper, 2022

Grades 5-8 - Growing up in a small town in the 1940s, Danny Timmons knows everyone and struggles with all the different aspects of living in the shadow of war. When Danny's dad willingly went to fight in WW2 because he wanted to stop the horrors that were rumored to be happening in Germany, Danny turns to Jack Bailey as a type of father figure. Only a few years older than Danny, Jack has been his hero ever since he rescued twins from drowning years earlier. When Jack disappears without a trace, Danny is determined to discover what happened to him, but doesn't realize the cost that he will pay to discover the truth. This is a powerful historical fiction story of love and loss. The author does a great job of capturing not only the joy and pain of childhood, but also the home front of WW2. Highly recommended.

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

Bethany Steirer, Pacific Cascade Middle School

Stewart, Erin 978-1-9848-4886-4 \$18.99 387 p.  
*The Words We Keep* Delacorte Press, 2022

Lily needs to hold it all together. Her older sister is in a treatment program after attempting suicide, and Lily is trying to process that while at the same time achieve her dream of getting accepted to Berkeley. One day, her teachers announce a partner project that will use Lily's talent as a poet, which might get her noticed by Berkeley professors! Lily's partner for the project is Micah, a kid with a reputation. Stewart writes with the weight of lived experience with an anxiety disorder. Lily goes to some dark places, including self-harm. Suicide is a recurring theme in several plotlines. At times a sweet romance of two people finding each other, at times an art activism story, at times a family story, and mental health is embedded in all of it. Recommended for public libraries and libraries serving high school students, and middle schools looking for books about mental health.

**Recommended Age:** Junior High, High School

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No

Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

Taylor, Jordyn 978-0-06-303888-2 \$17.99 342 p.  
*Don't Breathe a Word* Harper Teen, 2021

This boarding school mystery alternates between two first person narrators set 50 years apart. Present day Eva is sent to Hardwick Academy where she tries to fit in by joining the cross-country team. She meets love interest, Eric, who invites her to join a sinister secret society called the "Fives." The second story line set in 1962 focuses on Connie and five of her classmates who spend four nights in Hardwick's nuclear fallout shelter under the direction of a misguided teacher conducting social experiments. The one student who does



West, Kasie 978-0-593-17630-6 \$18.99 322 p.  
***Places We've Never Been*** Delacorte Press, 2022

Two old college friends suddenly decide to take a summer RV road trip with their children, Norah and Skyler who have mixed feelings about their joint vacation. When they were both in the 8th grade and their mothers lived in the same town, they were best friends. But after four years apart, Norah is thrilled to see her old friend but Skyler wants nothing to do with her. He tells his sister he doesn't want to lead on a crazy obsessive girl. Norah is hurt and angry because she does have a crush on him but she preserves. From Death Valley to Yellowstone National Park the ex-friends slowly reconnect and when they overhear the real reason their mothers wanted to take the trip, enemies become supportive love interests. Light, swoony rom-com.

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

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No

Nancy R. Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

### FICTION – SHRUG

Glasglow, Kathleen and Lisa Lawson 9780593644836 \$18.99 416 p.  
***The Agathas #1*** Random House Children's, 2022

This high school murder mystery is told in alternating first person narratives by the main characters, Alice and Iris. Alice is one of the "Mains," a popular, spoiled rich girl and Iris, one of the "Zones," ("Emos") is her poor, smart tutor. When Alice's ex-boyfriend and star basketball player dumps her, she disappears for five days just like Agatha Christie did and that was Castle Cove's big mystery until Steve's latest girlfriend, Brooke disappears and is found dead. Steve is arrested but Brooke's grandmother puts up a \$50,000 reward to find the real killer. Alice also thinks Steve is innocent and Iris needs the reward money for college so armed with a complete set of Agatha Christie novels and a murder board, Alice and Iris team up to solve the case. There are some interesting suspects but the main characters seem flat and the relationship between the two opposites seems underdeveloped. It could have used more 3rd person narration to flesh out both.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, High School

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No

Nancy R. Federiuk, Pacific Middle School

Perry, Jamar J. 978-1-5476-0694-8 \$16.99 307 p.  
***Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms*** (ARC) #1 Bloomsbury, 2022

This book, an action packed middle grade fantasy inspired by West African mythology, follows Cameron Battle and his two best friends, Zion and Aliyah, as they get magically transported to the world of Chidani. Chidani and its queen are in danger, and it's up to Cameron to be the hero and save them all. While the premise of this book was promising, it unfortunately did not live up to the hype. The book is all over the place, the writing style makes the story feel incomplete and choppy. While there is a lot of action, there is no actual depth to the story or the characters. The author chooses to tell vs. show, which made the book kind of disappointing. Overall it was an okay reading experience, I think a younger

audience wouldn't mind it much. It's completely clean, nothing explicit on the page, recommended for 6th-8th grade.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No  
Izzy Torres, Centralia Timberland Library

van Whye, Kevin 9780593376423 \$17.99 256 p.  
***Nate Plus One*** Random House Books for Young Readers, 2022

I recommend this book with a shrug for 8th grade and up. Anyone who has ever been ghosted will relate to what Nate experiences in trying to heal from his breakup with his ex-boyfriend Tommy. His current crush is Jai who is a guitarist and song writer/singer for a band that will be competing in a competition. Nate also attends a wedding for his cousin in South Africa and he gets to experience the birthplace of his father and learn some things about his family of origin. When Nate's mother ends up not being able to go to the wedding Jai becomes his plus one and new love interest. The writing of this story is like Kasie West. It is a predictable feel-good plot with no heavy partying or sex on the page. It is too Hallmarkish for my taste, especially the parts about the song writing and music (I found them a little Hannah Montanaesque) but I think some students will like it, especially fans of Heartstopper. This is not a must have, but like a movie on an airplane gets the job done.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, Junior High, High School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No  
Kathleen Story, Eastlake High School

## GRAPHIC NOVELS – RECOMMEND

Delliquanti, Blue 978-0-593-12414-7 \$23.99 345 p.  
***Across a Field of Starlight*** RH Graphic, 2022

Fassen and Lu meet in extraordinary circumstances. Even though their lives exist far across the galaxy from each other, they stay in touch, using channels and particle radiation. Time passes, and Fassen gets recruited to an elite squadron for the Resistance. Lu's scientific knowledge and connections to the neutral community plays a critical role in helping Fassen, long-term. This full-color graphic novel is for space opera fans who want more inclusion. Many of the characters are trans or use they/them pronouns, facial and body hair is visible on characters of several gender identities, and the cast is size-diverse. Although the techno-speak might be confusing for some readers and the romantic plotline is minimal at best, the action and characters will pull most readers through. Recommended for middle schools, high schools, and public libraries.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School, Junior High, High School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes  
Raina Sedore, Lacey Timberland Library

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz, illus. Gabriela Epstein, color Lark Pien 9781338194548 \$12.99 195 p.  
***Invisible*** Graphix, 2022



George finds himself “volunteering” with Sara, Dayara, Nico and Miguel. He soon discovers that he was chosen for this task because he speaks a little Spanish. The other kids were chosen to volunteer because they speak only Spanish. The group is thrown together to help the lunch lady, but after a few weeks, they are called to the principal’s office. This graphic novel has Spanish and English, and the author’s note at the end explains that a book like this would’ve been helpful to her as a kid since she spoke only Spanish when she arrived in America.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes  
JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library

McCoola, Marika, illus. Aatmaja Pandya 9781616207892 \$17.95 190 p.  
*Slip* (ARC) Algonquin Young Readers, 2022

Right before she heads to a Summer Art Camp, Jade finds out that her best friend attempted suicide. As Jade tries to figure out whether she should be at the Camp, she befriends (and falls in love with) Mary. This graphic novel is all about discovering oneself, especially after experiencing something traumatic. It talks a lot about pottery, which is Jade’s specialty.

**Recommended Age:** High School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No  
JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library

Ortega, Claribel A., art Rose Bousamra 9781250259639 \$12.99 224 p.  
*Frizzy* (ARC) First Second, 2022

Middle School Marlene has to be very delicate with her hair. Before special celebrations, her mother takes her to the salon, which costs a lot of money, takes so much time, and is painful on her head. If she gets her hair wet, it becomes a mess of frizz and tangles. Her aunt soon sees her plight and offers her solutions on tackling her messy do. This amazing graphic novel shows that not all people can use the hair products in the store; that some people’s hair needs different care.

**Recommended Age:** Middle School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** Yes  
JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library

Stirling, Danie 9780358467793 \$24.99 382 p.  
*Crumbs* Clarion Books, 2022

Ray is a seer, but not of the future, of the present. Her unique skill makes her a good candidate for being a Council member, people who oversee their world. Laurie is a barista at a café that Ray frequents and is a really good musician. This graphic novel is about their relationship and about where they both see their futures. It’s based on a webtoon, which made sense because a lot of the story is about where these two characters are headed (and therefore it was a really long story). The fantasy part of this is very much on the side, so it was hard to figure out what’s going on in Ray’s story. Overall, it was great seeing how these two characters grow and change.

**Recommended Age:** Junior High, High School  
**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No  
JJ Higgins, Kingsgate Library

## GRAPHIC NOVELS – SHRUG

Colfer, Eoin and Moreci, Michael (Adapted By) 9781368065085 \$21.99 128 p.  
***The Eternity Code*** Artemis Fowl Disney Hyperion, 2022

Grades 6 and up – Artemis Fowl is determined to be the best criminal ever and so he has created technology that no one else in the world has seen. Unfortunately for Artemis, everyone wants it and in an attempt to steal the box, his beloved bodyguard Butler is mortally wounded. However, Artemis can't let his faithful friend down that easily and so he asks for the help of the fairies to bring his friend back to life. This is a part of a series and for those that love the Artemis Fowl books, they will want to read this one. I found that the content and images were fairly gruesome at times. There were images of a dead man being stored in a freezer and then being brought back to life and at one point, a finger is cut off to get through a security clearance. Pictures are very detailed and there is strong vocabulary in the text. Some students will love it, but I thought it was just a shrug.

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

**Recommend for Evergreen Award?** No

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