

interludes. Avasthi delves deeply into the psyche of both girls.” (Horn Book)

★ **Split.** Alfred A. Knopf 2010 282p \$16.99;
lib bdg \$19.99

Grades: 10 11 12

Fic

1. Brothers -- Fiction 2. Child abuse -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-375-86340-0; 0-375-86340-0; 978-0-375-
96340-7 lib bdg; 0-375-96340-5 lib bdg

LC 2009-22615

A teenaged boy thrown out of his house by his abusive father goes to live with his older brother, who ran away from home years ago to escape the abuse.

“Readers seeking sensational violence should look elsewhere; this taut, complex family drama depicts abuse unflinchingly but focuses on healing, growth and learning to take responsibility for one’s own anger.” Kirkus

Avery, Lara

The memory book; Lara Avery. Little, Brown & Co. 2016 368 p.

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Love -- Fiction 2. Memory -- Fiction 3. Friendship -- Fiction 4. Terminally ill -- Fiction 5. Genetic disorders -- Fiction
ISBN 9780316283748

LC 2015029157

“Resolving to graduate at the top of her class and leave her small town in spite of a rare genetic disorder that will eventually steal her memories and health, Sammie writes a journal to her future self so that she will recall her feelings of friendship, love and laughter. By the author of *A Million Miles Away*.” (Publisher’s note)

“When Sammie gets the diagnosis her senior year—that a genetic condition will rob her of her mind, the one thing she valued over everything else—it’s just one more thing for her to overcome, with the help of her “memory book,” a diary that will remind her future self of the Sammie she once was. But as the realities of her condition become more glaring, Sammie has to reevaluate everything she thought made her who she is. . . . Though there are moments recorded in Sammie’s book that seem like they were captured at a very unlikely time to journal, each entry adds to a story of self-discovery that’s hard to put down.” Booklist

Avery, Tom

My brother’s shadow; Tom Avery. First edition Schwartz & Wade books 2014 176 p. (hc) \$16.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Suicide -- Fiction 2. Friendship 3. Bereavement 4. London (England) 5. Grief -- Fiction 6. Mutism -- Fiction

ISBN 0385384874; 9780385384872; 9780385384889

LC 2013030321

In this juvenile novel, by Tom Avery, “eleven-year-old Kaia, who has felt isolated since her older brother committed suicide more than a year before, befriends a wild boy who mysteriously appears at her London school. Though the boy is mute and can only communicate with a flash of his gray eyes, he might be the friend Kaia needs to bring her through her grief.” (Publisher’s note)

“Uncomplicated yet potent storytelling renders this an acutely heart-wrenching tale of despondency and renewal in a fresh manner. Readers who love stories of overcoming personal struggles and emotional strife will eat this up.” Booklist

Aveyard, Victoria

Red queen; Victoria Aveyard. First edition HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 2015 388 p. (Red queen trilogy) \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11

Fic

1. Ability -- Fiction 2. Princesses -- Fiction 3. Teenage girls -- Fiction 4. Kings and rulers -- Fiction 5. Resistance to government -- Fiction 6. Blood 7. Ability 8. Princesses 9. Teenage girls 10. Government, Resistance to

ISBN 0062310631; 9780062310637

LC 2014952542

This book, by Victoria Aveyard, is the “sweeping tale of seventeen-year-old Mare, a common girl whose once-latent magical power draws her into the dangerous intrigue of the king’s palace. Mare Barrow’s world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court.” (Publisher’s note)

“First-time author Aveyard has created a volatile world with a dynamic heroine, and while there are moments of romance, they refreshingly take a backseat to the action. Anticipation is already high for this debut, and with the movie rights already acquired and two sequels to come, it will likely only grow.” Booklist

Axelrod, Kate

The law of loving others; a novel. by Kate Axelrod. Razorbill 2015 240 p. (hardback) \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Love stories 2. Bildungsromans 3. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction 4. Love -- Fiction 5. Coming of age -- Fiction 6. Schizophrenia -- Fiction 7. Mental illness -- Fiction 8. Mothers and daughters -- Fiction
ISBN 1595147896; 9781595147899

LC 2014032004

In this novel, by Kate Axelrod, “hours after Emma returns home from boarding school, she realizes that her mom is suffering from a schizophrenic break. Suddenly, Emma’s entire childhood and identity is called into question. . . . In the span of just one winter break, Emma’s relationships alter forever and she is forced to see the wisdom in a line from Anna Karenina: “The law of loving others could not be discovered by reason, because it is unreasonable.” (Publisher’s note)

“In this candid, affecting portrait of a girl in crisis, debut author Axelrod nonjudgmentally and realistically captures the swirling ups and downs of anxiety, and the frantic, impotent grasp for control in the face of unpredictable, catastrophic change.” Booklist

Ayarbe, Heidi

Compulsion. Balzer + Bray 2011 297p lib bdg \$16.99

Grades: 10 11 12

Fic

1. School stories 2. Soccer -- Fiction 3. Obsessive-compulsive disorder -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-199386-2

LC 2010027826

Poised to lead his high school soccer team to its third straight state championship, seventeen-year-old star player Jake Martin struggles to keep hidden his nearly debilitating obsessive-compulsive disorder.

"Ayarbe exercises both enormous skill and restraint getting to the root of just how debilitating OCD can become, juxtaposing descriptions of the ways the mind's compulsions can trip a trap of mental and physical anguish against a complex, credibly casted portrayal of teen social dynamics, which are treacherous enough on their own. A gripping, claustrophobic read." Booklist

Bacigalupi, Paolo

The **doubt** factory; a novel. by Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown & Co. 2014 496 p. (hardback) \$18

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Whistle blowing -- Fiction 3. Father-daughter relationship -- Fiction 4. Social action -- Fiction 5. Fathers and daughters -- Fiction 6. Corporations -- Corrupt practices -- Fiction
ISBN 0316220752; 9780316220750

LC 2014002543

This suspense novel, by Paolo Bacigalupi, "explores the . . . issue of how public information is distorted for monetary gain, and how those who exploit it must be stopped. Everything Alix knows about her life is a lie. At least that's what a mysterious young man who's stalking her keeps saying. But then she begins investigating the disturbing claims he makes against her father." (Publisher's note)

"This openly didactic novel asks challenging questions about the immorality of the profit motive and capitalism, but does so within the context of a highly believable plot . . . and well-developed, multifaceted characters." Pub Wkly

★ The **drowned** cities; by Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown and Company 2012 448p. paperback \$11.00

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Science fiction 2. Apocalyptic fiction 3. Refugees -- Fiction 4. War -- Fiction 5. Orphans -- Fiction 6. Soldiers -- Fiction 7. Survival -- Fiction 8. Conduct of life -- Fiction 9. Genetic engineering -- Fiction
ISBN 9780316056243; 9780316056229 paperback

LC 2011031762

This book takes place "[i]n a dark future America where violence, terror, and grief touch everyone, young refugees Mahlia and Mouse have managed to leave behind the war-torn lands of the Drowned Cities by escaping into the jungle outskirts. But when they discover a wounded half-man—a bioengineered war beast named Tool—who is being hunted by a vengeful band of soldiers, their fragile existence quickly collapses." (Publisher's note)

★ **Ship** Breaker; Bacigalupi, Paolo. Little, Brown and Co. 2010 326p \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Science fiction 2. Recycling -- Fiction
ISBN 0316056219; 9780316056212

LC 2009-34424

Michael L. Printz Award, 2011

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

"Bacigalupi's cast is ethnically and morally diverse, and the book's message never overshadows the storytelling, action-packed pacing, or intricate world-building. At its core, the novel is an exploration of Nailer's discovery of the nature of the world around him and his ability to transcend that world's expectations." Publ Wkly

Backes, M. Molly

The **princesses** of Iowa; M. Molly Backes. Candlewick Press 2012 442 p. \$16.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Iowa -- Fiction 2. Schools -- Fiction 3. Popularity -- Fiction 4. High schools -- Fiction 5. Conduct of life -- Fiction
ISBN 0763653128; 9780763653125

LC 2011018622

This young adult novel follows "Paige Sheridan . . . she's pretty, rich, and popular, and her spot on the homecoming court is practically guaranteed. But when a night of partying ends in an it-could-have-been-so-much worse crash, everything changes. Her best friends start ignoring her, her boyfriend grows cold and distant. . . . A charismatic new teacher . . . encourages students to be true to themselves. But who is Paige, if not the homecoming princess everyone expects her to be?" (Publisher's note)

"Backes addresses guilt, deceit, homophobia, loyalty, and the burden of keeping up appearances in a brutally believable high school setting." Pub Wkly

Badoe, Adwoa

Between sisters. Greenwood Books/House of Anansi Press 2010 205p \$16.95

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. School stories 2. Poor -- Fiction 3. Ghana -- Fiction 4. Family life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-88899-996-2

"When sixteen-year-old Gloria fails thirteen out of fifteen subjects on her final exams, her future looks bleak indeed. Her family's resources are meager so the entire family is thrilled when a distant relative, Christine, offers to move Gloria north to Kumasi to look after her toddler son, Sam. In exchange, after two years, Christine will pay for Gloria to go to dressmaking school. Life in Kumasi is more grand than anything Gloria has ever experienced. . . . [But] Kumasi is also full of temptations." Publisher's note

Baer, Marianna

Frost; Marianna Baer. Balzer + Bray 2011 400p \$17.99; ebook \$9.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. School stories 2. Houses -- Fiction 3. Supernatural

-- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-06-179949-5; 978-0-06-209331-8 ebook
LC 2011019308

When Leena Thomas gets her wish to live in an old Victorian house with her two closest friends during their senior year at boarding school, the unexpected arrival of another roommate—a confrontational and eccentric classmate—seems to bring up old anxieties and fears for Leena that may or may not be in her own mind.

“This nuanced blend of psychological suspense and boarding-school drama will tingle the spines of plenty of readers.” Booklist

Bailey, Em

Shift; Em Bailey. Random House Distribution Childrens 2012 304 p. (hardcover) \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Human behavior -- Fiction
2. Female friendship -- Fiction
3. High school students -- Fiction
4. Orphans -- Fiction
5. Schools -- Fiction
6. Popularity -- Fiction
7. High schools -- Fiction
8. Mental illness -- Fiction
9. Interpersonal relations -- Fiction

ISBN 1606843583; 9781606843581; 9781606843598

LC 2011034349

Author Em Bailey's character “Olive keeps it simple: take her meds, keep a low profile at school, stay away from the ocean (with its horrible memories), and try not to cause trouble since she's pretty sure her selfish, unruly behavior is what made her father take off six months ago. But then strange and mysterious Miranda Vaile shows up at her high school, and Olive's safeguards start to crumble. Miranda begins insinuating herself into the life of Olive's former best friend, Katie.” (Publishers Weekly)

Bailey, Kristin

Legacy of the clockwork key; by Kristin Bailey. Simon Pulse 2013 416 p. (alk. paper) \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Inventions 2. Secret societies
3. Love -- Fiction
4. Science fiction
5. Orphans -- Fiction

ISBN 1442440260; 9781442440265

LC 2011049871

In this book, “a teen girl unravels the mysteries of a secret society and their most dangerous invention. . . . When a fire consumes Meg's home, killing her parents . . . all she has left is the tarnished pocket watch she rescued from the ashes. But this is no ordinary timepiece. The clock turns out to be a mechanical key--a key that only Meg can use--which unlocks a series of deadly secrets and intricate clues that Meg has no choice but to follow.” (Publisher's note)

Other titles in the series include:

Rise of the Arcane Fire (2014)

Shadow of the War Machine (2015)

Baldwin, Kathleen

A School for Unusual Girls; A Stranje House Novel. Kathleen Baldwin. St. Martin's Press 2015 352 p. \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Spy stories
2. School stories
3. Historical fiction

ISBN 0765376008; 9780765376008

LC 2015012225

In this young adult novel by Kathleen Baldwin, “It's 1814. Napoleon is exiled on Elba. Europe is in shambles. Britain is at war on four fronts. And Stranje House, a School for Unusual Girls, has become one of Regency England's dark little secrets. The daughters of the beau monde who don't fit high society's constrictive mold are banished to Stranje House to be reformed into marriageable young ladies. Or so their parents think.” (Publisher's note)

“The spunky, naive, and passionate protagonist will resonate with readers, who will appreciate the lively, fast-paced narrative of personal discovery, maturing realizations, and understanding.” SLJ

Ballard, J. G., 1930-2009

Empire of the Sun; a novel. Simon & Schuster 1984 279p hardcover o.p. pa \$13

Grades: 9 10 11 12 Adult

Fic

1. Shanghai (China) -- Fiction
2. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction

ISBN 0-671-53051-8; 0-7432-6523-8 pa

LC 84-10630

“This novel is much more than the gritty story of a child's miraculous survival in the grimly familiar setting of World War II's concentration camps. There is no nostalgia for a good war here, no sentimentality for the human spirit at extremes. Mr. Ballard is more ambitious than romance usually allows. He aims to render a vision of the apocalypse, and succeeds so well that it can hurt to dwell upon his images.” NY Times Book Rev

Followed by *The kindness of women* (1991)**Balog, Cyn**

Sleepless. Delacorte Press 2010 215p \$16.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Love stories
2. Death -- Fiction
3. Dreams -- Fiction
4. Bereavement -- Fiction
5. Supernatural -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-385-73848-4; 0-385-73848-X

LC 2010-00123

Eron, a supernatural being known as a Sandman whose purpose is to seduce humans to sleep, falls in love with a sad teenaged girl who is mourning her boyfriend's death.

“Suspense, believable characters and an imaginative twist on a ghost story/romance make for a lovely read.” Kirkus

Banghart, Tracy E.

Shattered Veil; *The Diatous Wars.* Tracy E. Banghart. Createspace Independent Publishing Platform 2014 372 p. \$15.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Love stories
2. Mystery fiction
3. Science fiction

ISBN 1493613200; 9781493613205

In this science fiction romance novel by Tracy E. Banghart, “War has invaded Atalanta's quiet villages and lush woodlands, igniting whispered worries in its glittering capitol. Far from the front lines, 18-year-old Aris Haan, a talented wingjet flyer, has little cause for concern. Until her beloved Calix is thrust into the fray, and a stranger makes her an impossible offer: the chance to join a secret army of women embedded within the all-male military.” (Publisher's note)

“Part mystery, part romance, part sci-fi, Banghart’s fast-paced exploration of loyalty, identity and commitment is entertaining and intriguing.” (Kirkus)

Bao, Karen

Dove arising; Karen Bao. Viking Books for Young Readers 2015 324 p. (Dove Chronicles) hardcover \$17.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Space colonies 2. Militia movements -- Fiction 3. Children of prisoners -- Fiction 4. Moon -- Fiction 5. Science fiction 6. Youths’ writings 7. Space colonies -- Fiction 8. Government, Resistance to -- Fiction
- ISBN 0451469011; 9780451469014; 9780451476289
LC 2013041198

In this novel by Karen Bao, “Phaet Theta has lived her whole life in a colony on the Moon. She’s barely spoken since her father died in an accident nine years ago. She cultivates the plants in Greenhouse 22, lets her best friend talk for her, and stays off the government’s radar. Then her mother is arrested. The only way to save her younger siblings from the degrading Shelter is by enlisting in the Militia, the faceless army that polices the Lunar bases and protects them from attacks by desperate Earth dwellers. Training is brutal, but it’s where Phaet forms an uneasy but meaningful alliance with the preternaturally accomplished Wes, a fellow outsider. Rank high, save her siblings, free her mom: that’s the plan. Until Phaet’s logically ordered world begins to crumble...” (Publisher’s note)

“Characters are well developed, especially strong-willed Phaet, and an even pace will keep teens turning pages. Fans of Orson Scott Card’s *Ender’s Game* (Tor, 1985), Veronica Roth’s *Divergent* (HarperCollins, 2011) and Marie Lu’s *Legend* (Putnam, 2011) should flock to this well-written debut effort by 19-year-old Bao.” SLJ

Barakiva, Michael

One man guy; Michael Barakiva. First edition Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2014 272 p. (hardcover) \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Gay teenagers -- Fiction 2. Armenian Americans -- Fiction 3. Gays -- Fiction 4. Love -- Fiction 5. Coming out (Sexual orientation) -- Fiction
- ISBN 0374356459; 9780374356453
LC 2013033518

In this book, by Michael Barakiva, “being forced to attend summer school becomes a blessing in disguise for 14-year-old Alek Khederian when it sparks a romance with an older boy named Ethan, who runs with a crowd of skateboarders and perceived burnouts. Alek’s Armenian heritage is the ever-present frame for the boys’ budding relationship in suburban New Jersey.” (Publishers Weekly)

“[D]eftly draws strong parallels between homosexuality and ethnicity that will resonate with audiences. East Coast teens will see themselves; Midwesterners will feel a little envy.” Kirkus

Baratz-Logsted, Lauren

Crazy beautiful. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2009 191p \$16

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. School stories 2. Bullies -- Fiction 3. Amputees -- Fiction 4. People with disabilities -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-0-547-22307-0; 0-547-22307-2

LC 2008-40463

In this contemporary retelling of “Beauty and the Beast,” a teenaged boy whose hands were amputated in an explosion and a gorgeous girl whose mother has recently died form an instant connection when they meet on their first day as new students.

“This romance transcends all of its potential pitfalls to create a powerful story about recovery and friendship.” Kirkus

Twin’s daughter. Bloomsbury 2010 390p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Mystery fiction 2. Aunts -- Fiction 3. Twins -- Fiction 4. Homicide -- Fiction 5. London (England) -- Fiction 6. Great Britain -- History -- 19th century -- Fiction
- ISBN 978-1-59990-513-6; 1-59990-513-2

LC 2010-08234

In Victorian London, thirteen-year-old Lucy’s comfortable world with her loving parents begins slowly to unravel the day that a bedraggled woman who looks exactly like her mother appears at their door.

“Baratz-Logsted’s gothic murder mystery is rife with twists and moves swiftly and elegantly. . . . The ending will intrigue and delight readers.” Booklist

Bardugo, Leigh

Ruin and rising; Leigh Bardugo. Henry Holt and Co. 2014 432 p. (Grisha trilogy) (hardback) \$18.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Princes -- Fiction 3. Love stories
- ISBN 080509461X; 9780805094619

LC 2013049306

In this young adult fantasy novel by Leigh Bardugo, part of the Grisha Trilogy, “Deep in an ancient network of tunnels and caverns, a weakened Alina must submit to the dubious protection of the Appar and the zealots who worship her as a Saint. Yet her plans lie elsewhere, with the hunt for the elusive firebird and the hope that an outlaw prince still survives.” (Publisher’s note)

“Alina and company have only one hope: if they can kill the Firebird, its magical bones can be used to break the Darkling’s chokehold on Ravka. In this concluding volume, Alina must rely on her childhood friend Mal’s preternatural tracking ability. Bardugo’s longstanding theme of “power corrupts” is developed organically; the magic she invents will surprise and delight readers.” Horn Book

Shadow and bone; Leigh Bardugo. Henry Holt 2012 358 p. (Grisha trilogy) (hc) \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Folklore -- Russia 4. Monsters -- Fiction 5. Slavic mythology 6. Fantasy 7. Ability -- Fiction 8. Orphans -- Fiction
- ISBN 0805094598; 9780805094596

LC 2011034012

In this young adult novel, “[Leigh] Bardugo draws inspiration from Russian and Slavic myth and culture to kick off her ‘Grisha’ trilogy. In the nation of Ravka, Alina Starkov is

a junior cartographer's assistant in the army, while her best friend Mai is an expert tracker. When a perilous mission into the magically created Shadow Fold goes wrong, Mai is gravely wounded and Alina manifests the rare ability to summon light. Immediately recruited into the order of the magic-using Grisha, Alina is taken under the wing of its intimidating and powerful leader, the Darkling, and heralded as the potential destroyer of the Shadow Fold. As she navigates Grisha politics and uncovers well-hidden secrets, she realizes that the fate of the nation rests on her shoulders and she may be in grave danger." (Publishers Weekly)

Siege and storm; Leigh Bardugo. 1st ed. Henry Holt and Co. 2013 448 p. (Grisha trilogy) (hardcover) \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Russia -- Fiction 3. Monsters -- Fiction 4. Fantasy 5. Magic -- Fiction 6. Orphans -- Fiction

ISBN 0805094601; 9780805094602

LC 2012046361

This fantasy novel, by Leigh Bardugo, is book 2 of the "Grisha Trilogy." "Alina must try to make a life with Mal in an unfamiliar land, all while keeping her identity as the Sun Summoner a secret. But she can't outrun her past or her destiny for long. The Darkling has emerged from the Shadow Fold with a terrifying new power and a dangerous plan that will test the very boundaries of the natural world." (Publisher's note)

★ **Six** of crows; Leigh Bardugo. Henry Holt & Co. 2015 480 p. illustrations, map (hardback) \$18.99

Fic

1. Theft -- Fiction 2. Criminals -- Fiction 3. Fantasy ISBN 9781250076960; 9781627792127; 9781627795098

LC 2015005469

This book by Leigh Bardugo is set in the same universe as the author's Grisha Trilogy and is part of "a two-book story line called the Dregs. Six misfits and outcasts--a convict, a sharpshooter, a runaway, a spy, a magician, and a thief--join forces with criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker for a heist that could make them rich beyond imagination." (Booklist)

"Cracking page-turner with a multiethnic band of misfits with differing sexual orientations who satisfyingly, believably jell into a family." Kirkus

Barnaby, Hannah

Wonder show; by Hannah Barnaby. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children 2012 viii, 274 p.p \$16.99
Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Carnivals 2. Orphanages 3. Runaway children 4. Fathers -- Fiction 5. Runaways -- Fiction 6. Sideshows -- Fiction 7. Orphanages -- Fiction 8. Depressions -- 1929 -- United States -- Fiction

ISBN 0547599803; 9780547599809

LC 2011052426

William C. Morris Award Finalist (2013)

In this book by Hannah Barnaby, "Portia Remini, 13 . . . escapes . . . from the McGreavey Home for Wayward Girls to search for her father. . . . She joins a carnival. . . . On the lam from sinister 'Mister,' who runs McGreavey's, Portia

learns the stories of some of the carnival's strange troupe. . . . But . . . when Mister's dragnet closes in, Portia decides that to find the answers she seeks she must return to the horror of The Home." (School Library Journal)

Barnes, John

Losers in space; John Barnes. Viking 2012 433 p. ill. (hardcover) \$18.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Science fiction 2. Space vehicles -- Fiction 3. Runaway teenagers -- Fiction 4. Fame -- Fiction 5. Stowaways -- Fiction 6. Psychopaths -- Fiction
ISBN 0670061565; 9780670061563

LC 2011020579

This science fiction novel is "set in a celebrity-obsessed future. Susan Tervaille . . . is swept up in a crazy plot hatched by bad-boy Derlock. She and several friends stow away on a spacecraft headed to Mars, hoping they'll be broadcast . . . enough . . . on Earth to secure their status as up-and-coming superstars. What they don't realize is that Derlock is insane and hell-bent on snagging fame for himself -- even if it means lives are lost." (Publishers Weekly)

★ **Tales** of the Madman Underground; an historical romance 1973. Viking 2009 532p \$18.99; pa \$9.99

Grades: 10 11 12 Adult

Fic

1. School stories 2. Ohio -- Fiction 3. Alcoholism -- Fiction 4. Friendship -- Fiction 5. Mother-son relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-670-06081-8; 0-670-06081-X; 978-0-14-241702-7 pa; 0-14-241702-5 pa

LC 2009-11072

ALA YALSA Printz Award Honor Book (2010)

In September 1973, as the school year begins in his depressed Ohio town, high school senior Kurt Shoemaker determines to be "normal," despite his chaotic home life with his volatile, alcoholic mother and the deep loyalty and affection he has for his friends in the therapy group dubbed the Madman Underground.

"Teens initially turned off by Barnes's liberal use of profanities and the book's length will be captured by the sharp, funny dialogue and crisp personalities of the Madmen. Even minor characters are distinctive. . . . [This] is an excellent selection for book clubs of older teens that like sinking their teeth into longer stories with substance." Voice Youth Advocates

Barnholdt, Lauren

Through to you; Lauren Barnholdt. First Simon Pulse hardcover ed Simon Pulse 2014 278 p. (hbk.) \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Love -- Fiction 2. Dating (Social customs) -- Fiction
ISBN 1442434635; 9781442434639

LC 2013048226

In this book, by Lauren Barnholdt, it "starts with a scribbled note in class: I like your sparkle. . . . Harper's surprised by Penn's attention—and so is Penn. The last thing he needs is a girlfriend. Or even a friend-with-benefits. The note is not supposed to lead to anything. Oh, but it does. . . . But Penn and Harper have very different ideas about what relation-

ships look like, in no small part because of their very different family backgrounds.” (Publisher’s note)

“Chapters alternate between the two characters’ vantage points, providing an insightful and humorous look into the complex connections among feelings, actions and words and how easily they can be misconstrued. An absorbing, skillfully written depiction of two teens caught in a vortex of doubt, insecurity and miscommunication.” Kirkus

Barr, Nevada

Track of the cat. Putnam 1993 238p hardcover
o.p. pa \$7.99

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction

ISBN 0-399-13824-2; 0-425-19083-8 pa

LC 92-29694

In this first novel of the Anna Pigeon series, “Anna Pigeon has fled New York City after the accidental death of her husband, and she now works as a law enforcement ranger at Guadalupe Mountains National Park. There she finds the remains of fellow ranger Sheila Drury, who apparently was clawed to death by a mountain lion. Although an autopsy confirms this judgment, Anna becomes convinced that the claw marks have been faked. Her superiors discourage her from probing further, but another supposedly accidental death goads her into investigating Sheila’s activities before her death—her campaign to open up the park to the public and her relationships with a young divorcee and with a powerful rancher opposed to Park Service policies. . . . A park ranger herself, Barr develops a complex, credible and capable heroine who believes in truth and justice while remaining conscious of the ambiguities of human existence.”
Publ Wkly

Other titles in this series featuring Anna Pigeon are:

- Blind descent (1998)
- Blood lure (2001)
- Borderline (2009)
- Burn (2010)
- Deep South (2000)
- Endangered species (1997)
- Firestorm (1996)
- Flashback (2003)
- Hard truth (2005)
- High country (2004)
- Hunting season (2002)
- Ill wind (1995)
- Liberty falling (1999)
- A superior death (1994)
- Winter study (2008)
- The Rope (2012)
- Destroyer Angel (2014)

Barrett, Tracy

Dark of the moon. Harcourt 2011 310p \$16.99
Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Greece -- Fiction 2. Classical mythology -- Fiction
3. Theseus (Greek Mythology) -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-547-58132-3; 0-547-58132-7

LC 2011009597

Retells the story of the minotaur through the eyes of his fifteen-year-old sister, Ariadne, a lonely girl destined to become a goddess of the moon, and her new friend, Theseus,

the son of Athens’ king who was sent to Crete as a sacrifice to her misshapen brother.

“This retelling of the myth of the Minotaur is deft, dark, and enthralling. Barrett spares readers none of the gore and violence of the Kretan goddess-worship, which involves both human and animal sacrifice. Ariadne’s beliefs, though alien to modern readers, are given sufficient context to make them comprehensible. . . . This thoughtful, well-written reimagining of a classic myth is a welcome addition to the genre.” SLJ

King of Ithaka. Henry Holt and Company 2010
261p map \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

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