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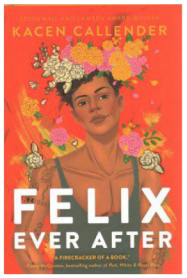
2020 Winter Reading Program

Book Recommendations for Teens

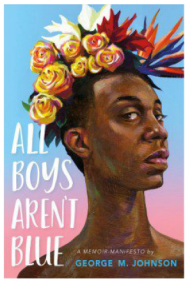
LGBTQ+ Books



Felix ever after

by Kacen Callender

Worrying that his combination of marginalizing qualities as being Black, queer and trans are too impossible to allow happiness, Felix turns vengeful in the face of transphobic hate messages before finding himself in a quasi-love triangle.



All Boys Aren't Blue

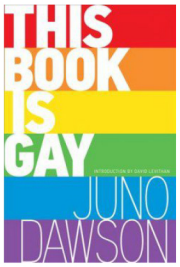
by George M. Johnson

Prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist shares personal essays that chronicle his childhood, adolescence and college years as a Black queer youth, exploring subjects ranging from gender identity and toxic masculinity to structural marginalization and Black joy.

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda

by Becky Albertalli

Closeted gay teen Simon is challenged to come out on his own terms when he is threatened with exposure, a situation that is complicated by his friends' views and his crush on an adorable if confusing guy.

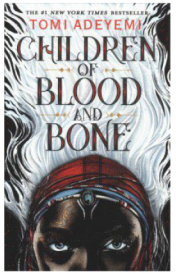


This book is gay

by James Dawson

Offers basic information about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender experience, including terms, religious issues, coming out, and sex acts, for people of all orientations.

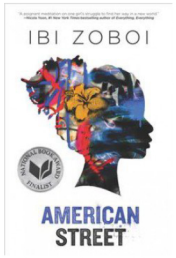
Authors from Another Country



Children of blood and bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

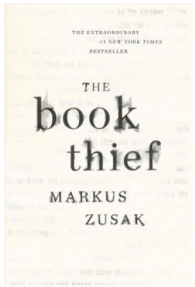
Zélie, her brother Tzain, and princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the prince, who believes the return of magic will be the end of the monarchy



American street

by Ibi Zoboi

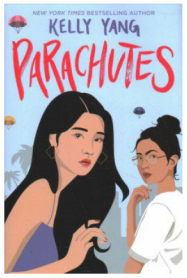
When Fabiola's mother is detained in the United States, Fabiola must navigate her loud American cousins, the grittiness of Detroit's west side, a new school, and a surprising romance all on her own



The book thief

by Markus Zusak

To make sense of the horrors of WWII, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling help sustain her family, Jewish man they are hiding, and their neighbors

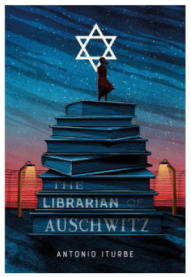


Parachutes

by Kelly Yang

A teen from a privileged Asian family navigates culture shock in California while renting a room from the family of an Ivy League hopeful whose debate coach has undermined her plans.

Books Translated into English



The librarian of Auschwitz

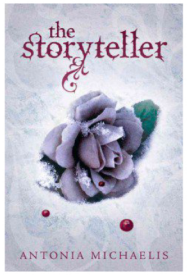
by Antonio Iturbe

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

Max

by Sarah Cohen-Scali

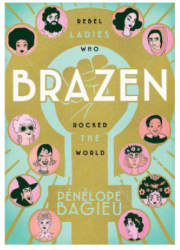
Raised and taught to be an Aryan child under the ideologies of the Nazi Party, Max, a boy taken from his mother at birth, begins questioning these educational precepts in the wake of his friendship with a young Jewish boy.



The storyteller

by Antonia Michaelis

Falling in love with Abel, who deals drugs to support his young sister, Anna befriends the young girl and tells her an ongoing fairy tale inspired by events in their lives until a custody threat and a series of murders cause Anna to question Abel's trustworthiness.

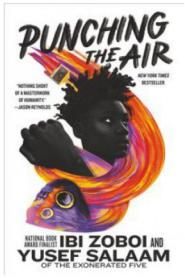


Brazen

by Pénélope Bagieu

Profiles the lives of formidable female role models in an entertaining, comic-style biography that is sure to inspire the next generation of rebel ladies.

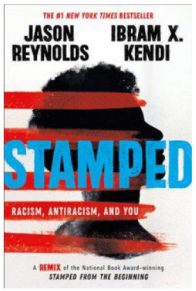
Anti-racism Books



Punching the Air

by Ibi Zoboi

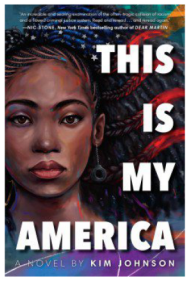
The author of American Street and the prison reform activist of the Exonerated Five trace the story of a young artist and poet whose prospects at a diverse art school are threatened by a racially biased system and a tragic altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood.



Stamped : racism, antiracism, and you

by Jason Reynolds

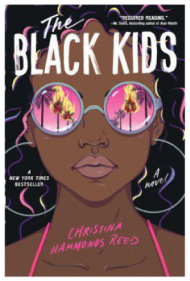
A reimagining of Stamped From the Beginning reveals the history of racist ideas in America while explaining their endurance and capacity for being discredited.



This is my America

by Kim Johnson

Sending weekly letters to an organization she hopes will save her innocent father from death row, Tracy uncovers racist community secrets when her track star brother is wrongly accused of murder.

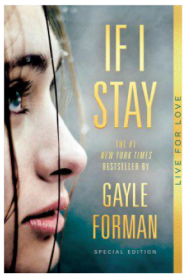


The black kids

by Christina Hammonds Reed

Enjoying the luxuries of life in 1992 Los Angeles, a black high school senior is unexpectedly swept up in the vortex of the Rodney King Riots while her closest friends spread a rumor that could derail a fellow black student's future.

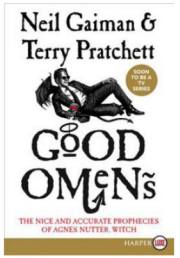
Books made into Movie/TV



If I stay

by Gayle Forman

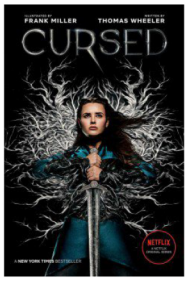
While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death



Good omens : the nice and accurate prophecies of Agnes Nutter, witch

by Neil Gaiman

The world is going to end next Saturday, but there are a few problems--the Antichrist has been misplaced, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse ride motorcycles, and the representatives from heaven and hell decide that they like the human race



Cursed

by Thomas Wheeler

Featuring full-color and black-and-white pieces of original artwork, an adaptation of the King Arthur myth is told from the perspective of a massacre victim who becomes the Lady of the Lake, destined to reunite an ancient sword with a legendary sorcerer.

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