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## Top Ten Titles - Young Adult -

### 1. Good Girl's Guide to Murder

Holly Jackson

### 2. If You Could See the Sun

Ann Liang

### 3. Bloodmarked

Tracy Deonn

### 4. One of Us is Lying

Karen M. McManus

### 5. Good Girl Bad Blood

Holly Jackson

### 6. Lightlark

Alex Aster

### 7. First to Die at the End

Adam Silvera

### 8. Gleanings

Neal Shusterman

### 9. Inheritance Games

Jennifer Lynn Barnes

### 10. Six Crimson Cranes

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# Your Secondary News - First! -

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New Releases - Reviews - Author Features

## THRILLER



### Five Survive

Holly Jackson ISBN 9780008507237 Paperback \$ 19.99

Eighteen year old Red and her friends are on a road trip in an RV, heading to the beach for Spring Break. It's a long drive but spirits are high. Until the RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere. And as the wheels are shot out, one by one, the friends realise that this is no accident.

There's a sniper out there. He's watching them and he knows exactly who they are. One of the group has a secret that the sniper is willing to kill for.

As a game of cat-and-mouse plays out, the group desperately tries to get help. Buried secrets are forced to light and tensions within the group reach deadly levels. Only one thing is for sure. Not everyone will survive the night...

*The brand new, explosive crime thriller from Holly Jackson, best-selling, award-winning author of the Good Girl's Guide to Murder trilogy.*



### How to Survive Your Murder

Danielle Valentine ISBN 9780593527511 Paperback \$ 19.99

Alice Lawrence is the sole witness in her sister's murder trial.

And in the year since Claire's death, Alice's life has completely fallen apart. Her parents have gotten divorced, she's moved into an apartment that smells like bologna, and she is being forced to face her sister's killer and a courtroom full of people who doubt what she saw in the corn maze a year prior.

Claire was an all-American girl, beautiful and bubbly, and a theatre star. Alice was a nerd who dreamed of becoming a forensic pathologist and would rather stay at home to watch her favourite horror movies than party.

Despite their differences, they were bonded by sisterhood and were each other's best friends. Until Claire was taken away from her.

On the first day of the murder trial, as Alice prepares to give her testimony, she is knocked out by a Sidney Prescott look-alike in the courthouse bathroom. When she wakes up, it is Halloween night a year earlier, the same day Claire was murdered. Alice has until midnight to save her sister and find the real killer before he claims another victim.

*Scream meets Happy Death Day in this terrifying stand-alone horror novel from YA scream queen Danielle Valentine.*

January  
Release



### Secrets So Deep

Ginny Meyers Sain ISBN 9780008494902 Paperback \$ 19.99

Seventeen-year-old Avril doesn't believe in ghosts, but she knows there are lots of different ways for places and people to be haunted.

Twelve years ago her mother drowned at Whisper Cove. Local legend claims that the women in the waves – the ghosts from an old whaling village – called her mother into the ocean with their whispering. Because, as they say at Whisper Cove, what the sea wants, the sea will have.

Avril has spent the past twelve years trying to make sense of the strange bits and pieces she does remember from the night she lost her mother. Stars falling into the sea. A blinding light.

The odd sensation of flying.

Now, at seventeen, Avril is returning to Whisper Cove for the first time as part of a summer theatre camp, and she hopes she might finally discover what really happened to her mother.

As Avril becomes more involved with camp director Willa and her mysterious son Cole, Whisper Cove reveals itself to her. Distances seem to shift in the strange fog. Echos of long-past moments bounce off the marsh.

And Avril keeps meeting herself – and her dead mother – late at night, at the edge of the ocean. The truth Avril seeks is ready to be discovered.

But it will come at a terrible cost...

*A darkly atmospheric paranormal thriller, dripping with secrets and mystery.*



### Devil Makes Three

Tori Bovalino ISBN 9781645677055 Paperback \$ 22.99

When Tess and Eliot stumble upon an ancient book hidden in a secret tunnel beneath the school library, they accidentally release a devil from his book-bound prison, and he'll stop at nothing to stay free.

He'll manipulate all the ink in the library books to do his bidding, he'll murder in the stacks, and he'll bleed into every inch of Tess's life until his freedom is permanent.

Forced to work together, Tess and Eliot have to find a way to re-trap the devil before he kills everyone they know and love, including, increasingly, each other.

And compared to what the devil has in store for them, school stress suddenly doesn't seem so bad after all.

*Part mystery thriller and part gothic horror, this genre-blending debut is sure to keep readers on the edge of their seats.*

**Witch Haven****Sasha Peyton Smith****ISBN 9781534454392 Paperback \$ 22.99**

In 1911 New York City, seventeen-year-old Frances Hallowell spends her days as a seamstress, mourning the mysterious death of her brother months prior. Everything changes when she's attacked and a man ends up dead at her feet - her scissors in his neck, and she can't explain how they got there.

Before she can be condemned as a murderess, two nurses arrive to inform her she is deathly ill and ordered to report to Haxahaven Sanitarium. But Frances finds Haxahaven isn't a sanitarium at all: it's a school for witches. Within Haxahaven's glittering walls, Frances finds the sisterhood she craves, but the headmistress warns Frances that magic is dangerous. Frances has no interest in the small, safe magic of her school, and is instead enchanted by Finn, a boy with magic himself who appears in her dreams and tells her he can teach her all she's been craving to learn, lessons that may bring her closer to discovering what truly happened to her brother.

What price would she pay for power, and what if the truth is more terrible than she ever imagined?

**She Who Rides the Storm****Caitlin Sangster****ISBN 9781534466128 Paperback \$ 22.99**

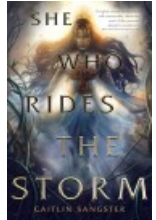
Long ago, shapeshifting monsters ruled the Commonwealth using blasphemous magic that fed on the souls of their subjects. Now, hundreds of years later, a new tomb has been uncovered, and despite the legends that disturbing a shapeshifter's final resting place will wake them once again, the Warlord is determined to dig it up.

But it isn't just the Warlord who means to brave the traps and pitfalls guarding the crypt.

A healer obsessed with tracking down the man who murdered her twin brother. A runaway member of the Warlord's Devoted order, haunted by his sister's ghost. An elitist archaeologist bent on finding the cure to his magical wasting disease. A girl desperate to escape the cloistered life she didn't choose.

All four are out to steal the same cursed sword rumoured to be at the very bottom of the tomb. But of course, some treasures should never see the light of day, and some secrets are best left buried...

*In this atmospheric YA fantasy four teens are drawn into a high-stakes heist in the perilous tomb of an ancient shapeshifter king.*

**Daughter of the Pirate King****Tricia Levenseller****ISBN 9781782693680 Paperback \$ 19.99**

When her father, the ruthless Pirate King, discovers that a legendary treasure map can be found on an enemy ship, his daughter, Alosa, knows that there's only one pirate for the job - herself. Leaving behind her beloved ship and crew, Alosa deliberately facilitates her own kidnapping to ensure her welcome on the ship. After all, who's going to suspect a girl locked in a cell?

But Alosa has skills enough for any three pirates, and has yet to meet her match. Although she has to admit that the surprisingly perceptive and unfairly attractive first mate, Riden, the lucky pirate charged with finding out all her secrets, comes the closest. Now it's down to a battle of wits and will... Can Alosa find the map before Riden figures out her plan? Luckily, Alosa has a few tricks up her sleeve - and no lone pirate can stop the Daughter of the Pirate King.

**Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents****Terry Pratchett****ISBN 9780552578929 Paperback \$ 16.99**

It's a Rat-Eat-Rat World...

Rats! They're everywhere - in the breadbins, dancing across tabletops, stealing pies from under the cooks' noses. So, what does every town need? A good piper to lure them away. That's where Maurice comes in! A streetwise tomcat with the perfect money-making scam. Everyone has heard the stories about rats and pipes, and con-cat Maurice finds a stupid-looking kid with a pipe, and has his very own plague of rats - strangely educated rats...

But in Bad Blintz, someone is playing a different tune and now Maurice and his rats must learn a new concept - evil...

*Join the world of The Amazing Maurice, the Carnegie Medal winning novel by Terry Pratchett. New Special film edition of the 28th novel in the bestselling Discworld series.*

**Movie Tie-in**

# FICTION

**(Un)popular Vote****Jasper Sanchez ISBN 9780063025783 Paperback \$ 19.99**

Optics can make or break an election. Everything Mark knows about politics, he learned from his father, the Congressman who still pretends he has a daughter and not a son.

Mark has promised to keep his past hidden and pretend to be the cis guy everyone assumes he is. But when he sees a manipulatively charming candidate for student body president inflame dangerous rhetoric, Mark risks his low profile to become a political challenger.

The problem: No one really knows Mark.

He didn't grow up in this town, and his few friends are all nerds. Still, thanks to Scandal and The West Wing, they know where to start: from campaign stops to voter polling to a fashion makeover.

Soon Mark feels emboldened to engage with voters - and even start a new romance. But with an investigative journalist digging into his past, a father trying to silence him, and the bully frontrunner standing in his way, Mark will have to decide which matters most: perception or truth, when both are just as dangerous.

*Red, White, & Royal Blue meets The West Wing in Jasper Sanchez's electric and insightful #ownvoices YA debut, chronicling a transmasculine student's foray into a no-holds-barred student body president election against the wishes of his politician father.*

**LGBTQ+****#ownvoices****Crunch****Kayla Miller****ISBN 9781760655181 Paperback \$ 17.99**

It's no secret that Olive loves trying new things. Between taking guitar lessons, making a short film, joining Berry Scouts and leading the charge on her school's dress code reform, Olive has her hands full! But she enjoys being busy so staying on track with her jam-packed schedule should be no problem, right?

As weeks fly by, it gets harder and harder for Olive to find time for her activities, never mind time for herself. Will she be able to accomplish her goals, or will all her sizzle turn to fizzle?

*Kayla Miller, the New York Times bestselling author-illustrator of Click, Camp, Act and Clash, returns with a new Olive story!*

**Graphic Novel****May the Best Man Win****ZR Ellor****ISBN 9781250833297 Paperback \$ 22.99**

Jeremy Harkiss, cheer captain and student body president, won't let coming out as a transgender boy ruin his senior year. Instead of bowing to the bigots, Jeremy decides to make some noise - by challenging his all-star ex-boyfriend, Lukas, for the title of Homecoming King. Lukas Rivers, football star and head of the Homecoming Committee, is just trying to find order in his life after his older brother's funeral and the loss of his long-term girlfriend. So when Jeremy threatens to break his heart and steal his crown, Lukas hatches a plot to sabotage Jeremy's campaign.

*A debut YA novel about a throw-down battle for Homecoming King between a transgender teen and the boy he dumped last summer.*

**LGBTQ+****Jay's Gay Agenda****Jason June ISBN 9780063015166 Paperback \$ 19.99**

There's one thing Jay Collier knows for sure - he's a statistical anomaly as the only out gay kid in his small rural Washington town.

While all his friends can't stop talking about their heterosexual hookups and relationships, Jay can only dream of his own firsts, compiling a romance to-do list of all the things he hopes to one day experience - his Gay Agenda.

Then, against all odds, Jay's family moves to Seattle and he starts his senior year at a new high school with a thriving LGBTQIA+ community. For the first time ever, Jay feels like he's found where he truly belongs. But as Jay begins crossing items off his list, he'll soon be torn between his heart and his hormones, his old friends and his new ones... because after all, life and love don't always go according to plan.

*A moving and hilarious sex-positive teen rom-com about the complexities of first loves, first hookups, and first heartbreaks - and how to stay true to yourself while embracing what you never saw coming.*

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**Scattered Showers Stories****Rainbow Rowell****ISBN 9781529099119 Hardback \$ 29.99**

Rainbow Rowell has won fans all over the world by writing about love and life in a way that feels true. In her first short story collection *Scattered Showers*, she gives us nine beautifully crafted love stories.

Girl meets boy camping outside a movie theater. Best friends debate the merits of high school dances. A prince romances a troll. A girl romances an imaginary boy. And Simon Snow himself returns for a holiday adventure. It's a feast of irresistible characters, hilarious dialogue, and masterful storytelling, in short, everything you'd expect from a Rainbow Rowell book.

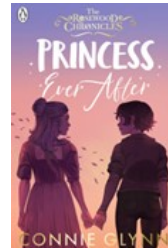


**Short Stories**

**Princess Ever After Bk 5 Rosewood Chronicles****Connie Glynn****ISBN 9780241458419 Paperback \$ 19.99**

Ellie is a rebellious princess who is no longer hiding her real identity. Lottie is her Portman, wishing that she could shield Ellie from the threat of Leviathan. Jamie is Ellie's Partizan, a lifelong bodyguard sworn to protect the princess at any cost - but has mysteriously disappeared. Not all of the trio have made it back to Rosewood Hall. Can they be reunited? And at what cost? With the crown at risk, the stakes have never been higher...

*Return to the magical world of The Rosewood Chronicles in the fifth and final instalment of this gorgeous series for fans of The Princess Diaries and Harry Potter.*

**Whiteout****Dhonielle Clayton et al****ISBN 9780008493059 Paperback \$ 19.99**

Atlanta is blanketed with snow just before Christmas, but the warmth of young love just might melt the ice in this novel of interwoven narratives, Black joy, and cozy, sparkling romance.

As the city grinds to a halt, twelve teens band together to help a friend pull off the most epic apology of her life. But will they be able to make it happen, in spite of the storm? No one is prepared for this whiteout. But then, we can't

always prepare for the magical moments that change everything.

*From the bestselling, award-winning, all-star authors who brought us Blackout - Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon - comes another novel of Black teen love, each relationship within as unique and sparkling as Southern snowflakes.*

**#ownvoices****I Believe in a Thing Called Love****Maurene Goo****ISBN 9781444969788 Paperback \$ 19.99**

Desi Lee knows how carburetors work. She learned CPR at the age of five. As a high school senior, she has never missed a day of school and never had a B.

But in her charmed school life, there's one thing missing - she's never had a boyfriend. In fact, she's a known disaster in romance, a clumsy, stammering humiliation magnet.

When the hottest human specimen to have ever lived walks into her life one day, Desi decides it's time to tackle her flirting failures.

She finds her answer in the Korean dramas her father has watched obsessively for year - in which the hapless heroine always seems to end up in the arms of her true love by episode ten. Armed with her "K Drama Rules for True Love," Desi goes after the moody, elusive artist Luca Drakos. All's fair in love and Korean dramas, right? But when the fun and games turn to feelings, Desi finds out that real-life love is about way more than just drama.

Who knew falling in love for the first time would be so dramatic?

*Maurene Goo's pop-culture-savvy rom-coms are the perfect combination of humour and heart - perfect reads for fans of To All the Boys I've Loved Before and The Kissing Booth.*



Also available:

**Blackout ISBN 9780755503063 Paperback \$19.99**

*'Blackout is our love letter to love, to New York City, and to Black teens. Our reminder to them that their stories, their joy, their love is valid and worthy of being spotlighted.'*

- Dhonielle Clayton.

**Never Ever Getting Back Together****Sophie Gonzales ISBN 9781444964646 Paperback \$ 19.99**

Eighteen-year-old Maya dumped her cheating ex-boyfriend Jordy two years ago. So, when she receives a call to participate in Second Chance Romance - a reality show in which the now-famous Jordy re-dates his ex-girlfriends - she isn't interested... until she realizes she can use this opportunity to exact her revenge. If she can make it to the final spot on the show, she can reject Jordy in front of the nation, and publicly break his heart.

Maya's fellow contestants include Skye, the beautiful, charismatic girl Jordy cheated on Maya with. Skye charms the socks off everyone she meets, except for Maya, who knows that underneath all the sparkle, she's the girl who dated her boyfriend while he was still her boyfriend. The reality show is a challenging environment.

Amidst backstabbing, bickering, and having to see Jordy again, Maya finds herself becoming friends with Skye. Together, they come up with a plan for the ultimate revenge on Jordy. But as she spends more time with Jordy and Skye, Maya is torn. Is Jordy a good guy who made a mistake? Is there more than friendship between her and Skye? As the season finale approaches, can Maya execute her plan, or will she go off-script?

**LGBTQ+****Review:**

*Anyone who has watched a Bachelor-esque dating show with incredulity will love the way this YA revenge/romance plays out.*

*Featuring a delightfully humorous skewering of reality TV shows and a pompous, self-aggrandising star getting a well-deserved take down, this novel is fun and full of girl power with a little sapphic twist.*

Emma - Dymocks Kids Specialist

**Do-Over****Lynn Painter****ISBN 9781665936149 Paperback \$ 19.99**

After living through a dumpster fire of a Valentine's Day, Emilie Hornby escapes to her grandmother's house for some comfort and a consolation pint of Ben & Jerry's. She passes out on the couch, but when she wakes up, she's back home in her own bed - and it's Valentine's Day all over again. And the next day? Another nightmare V-Day. Emilie is stuck in some sort of time loop nightmare that she can't wake up from as she re-watches her boyfriend, Josh,

cheat on her day after day. In addition to Josh's recurring infidelity, Emilie can't get away from the enigmatic Nick, who she keeps running into - sometimes literally - in unfortunate ways.

How many days can one girl passively watch her life go up in flames? And when something good starts to come out of these terrible days, what happens when the universe stops doling out do-overs?

*In this riotous young adult romp, a teen girl has the worst Valentine's Day ever - only to relive it over and over again.*

**Every Cloud****Ros Roberts****ISBN 9781788953467 Paperback \$ 16.99**

Amy feels like everything is going wrong. For a start, she's just found out she isn't going to the same high school as everyone else. Add to that her annoying younger brothers, Pops' worsening dementia and Cassie, her supposed best friend, being meaner than ever, and Amy's summer is not looking promising. Especially when Mum tells her they're moving in with Gran and Pops for the holidays... all the way on the other side of town.

But then she discovers who lives over the road from her grandparents: Jay, the kind, quiet boy from school. Soon Amy realizes that friendship isn't always about who talks the most and the loudest, who does the most exciting things or throws the coolest parties. Sometimes a friend is just someone to talk to, someone to listen. But when outside pressures start to creep back in, can Amy hang on to her summer of silver linings?

*A humorous and heartfelt story of new friends, fresh starts and silver linings, for fans of Jacqueline Wilson, Lisa Thompson and Cath Howe.*

**Lark and Kasim Start a Revolution****Kacen Callender ISBN 9780571375875 Paperback \$ 19.99**

Lark Winters wants to be a writer, and for now that means posting anything and everything on their social media accounts - just to build their platform. When former best friend Kasim accidentally posts a thread on Lark's Twitter declaring his love for a secret, unrequited crush, Lark's tweets are suddenly the talk of the school. To protect Kasim, Lark decides to take the fall, pretending they accidentally posted the thread in reference to another classmate. It seems like a great idea: Lark finally gets the courage to ask out their crush, Kasim keeps his privacy and Lark's social media stats explode. But living a lie takes a toll - as does the judgement of thousands of Internet strangers. Lark tries their best to be perfect at all costs, but nothing seems good enough for the anonymous hordes - or for Kasim, who is growing closer to Lark, just like it used to be between them... In the end, Lark must embrace their right to their messy emotions and learn how to be in love.

*From the bestselling and award-winning author of Felix Ever After comes a heart-melting and joyful romance.*

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**Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow****Laura Taylor Namey****ISBN 9781398523937 Paperback \$ 19.99**

For Lila Reyes, a summer in England was never part of the plan. The plan was 1) take over her abuela's role as head baker at their panadería, 2) move in with her best friend after graduation, and 3) live happily ever after with her boyfriend. But then the Trifecta happened, and everything - including Lila herself - fell apart.

Worried about Lila's mental health, her parents make a new plan for her: spend three months with family friends in Winchester, England, to relax and reset. But with the lack of sun, a grumpy inn cook, and a small town lacking Miami flavor (both in food and otherwise), what would be a dream trip for some feels more like a nightmare to Lila...until she meets Orion Maxwell.

A teashop clerk with troubles of his own, Orion is determined to help Lila out of her funk, and appoints himself as her personal tour guide. From Winchester's drama-filled music scene to the sweeping English countryside, it isn't long before Lila is not only charmed by Orion, but England itself. Soon a new future is beginning to form in Lila's mind - one that would mean leaving everything she ever planned behind.

*A charming, heartwarming story following a Miami girl who unexpectedly finds love - and herself - in a small English town. Soon to be a movie starring Heartstopper's Kit Connor and Pretty Little Liars' Maia Reficco!*



**Movie in Production!**

**Prey Zone****Wilbur Smith, Keith Chapman and Steve Cole****ISBN 9781471412455 Paperback \$ 15.99**

Ralph and Robyn live at Crocodile Lodge, their family ranch in South Africa, where they help with the animals, aid the conservation effort and learn the land.

That is, until a mysterious predator starts terrorising the reserve.

On the trail for answers, the siblings discover the fearsome culprit: the largest crocodile they've ever seen, uncannily similar to the long-extinct Sarchosuchus Ralph recognises from his favourite game, Predasaur.

And when a nearby village is ravaged by a deadly disease, seemingly stemming from a millennia-old animal, the stakes are higher than ever.

As Ralph and Robyn follow the clues, all roads lead them to Crocodile Lodge's infamous neighbour: millionaire tech giant and hunting enthusiast Josef Gerhard.

Could it really be that Gerhard is bringing the beastly creatures of Predasaur to life - and at what cost?

*Introducing the world of Wilbur Smith for the next generation! A new series for teen readers with high action and high stakes - starring Ralph and Robyn Ballantyne.*

*Wilbur Smith is one of the most successful brand authors in the world, with over 40 global bestsellers. Wilbur died in 2021, leaving behind him a treasure-trove of stories that will delight readers for years to come.*



# MANGA

**Spy X Family Vol. 8****Tatsuya Endo****ISBN 9781974734276 Paperback \$ 14.99**

An action-packed comedy about a fake family that includes a spy, an assassin and a telepath!

Master spy Twilight is unparalleled when it comes to going undercover on dangerous missions for the betterment of the world. But when he receives the ultimate assignment - to get married and have a kid - he may finally be in over his head! Yor is assigned to be a bodyguard for a mafia family on a cruise ship by the secret organization Garden. But with Lloyd and Anya also on board thanks to a giveaway they won, Yor is starting to have doubts about her secret life as an assassin...

**Splatoon Vol. 15****Sankichi Hinodeya****ISBN 9781974732456 Paperback \$ 14.99**

Team Blue engages in their most complicated Turf War yet as they combat the Shadows, whose personalities are exact mirror reflections of Team Blue's own!

Four Inklings get caught up in the Splatoon Turf Wars!

Team Blue engages in their most complicated Turf War yet as they combat the Shadows, whose personalities are exact mirror reflections of Team Blue's own!

The result of the challenge will determine the fate of Inkopolis Square!

*Based on the hit Nintendo games.*

**Blue Period 8****Tsubasa Yamaguchi****ISBN 9781646512928 Paperback \$ 21.99**

A manga about the struggles and rewards of a life dedicated to art. Popular guy Yatora realizes he's just going through the motions to make other people happy and finds himself in a new passion - painting. But untethering yourself from all your past expectations is dangerous as well as thrilling...

**CITYSCAPE** - After a disappointing first assignment, Yatora is encouraged by Maki and is determined to move forward. His next assignment is a scenery of Tokyo. As he takes on new materials and methods, he also becomes exposed to new ways of seeing the city he thought he knew so well. Can Yatora finally evolve beyond the "exam art" that got him into art school...?

**Moriarty the Patriot Vol. 9****Ryosuke Takeuchi****ISBN 9781974720880 Paperback \$ 14.99**

The untold story of Sherlock Holmes' greatest rival!

Before he was Sherlock's rival, Moriarty fought against the unfair class caste system in London by making sure corrupt nobility got their comeuppance.

But even the most well-intentioned plans can spin out of control - will Moriarty's dream of a more just and equal world turn him into a hero...or a monster?

The true mastermind behind the Jack the Ripper murders is none other than Britain's media king, Charles Augustus Milverton. After that case comes to a close, Milverton digs into William Moriarty's past. And it doesn't take long for him to discover a certain court case where a boy from the slums sued a nobleman...

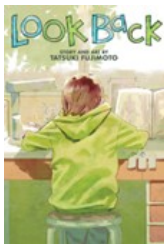
**Blue Period 9****Tsubasa Yamaguchi****ISBN 9781646513956 Paperback \$ 21.99****MOSAIC**

Summer whizzes by like a typhoon, and Yatora has learned that large-scale pieces-in production and concept-only come together with elbow grease and teamwork.

TUA opens its gates once more for the second term and Yatora's back at it... But he hasn't picked up a brush in months!

**Look Back****Tatsuki Fujimoto****ISBN 9781974734641 Paperback \$ 18.99**

The overly confident Fujino and the shut-in Kyomoto couldn't be more different, but a love of drawing manga brings these two small-town girls together. A poignant story of growing up and moving forward that only Tatsuki Fujimoto, the creator of Chainsaw Man, could have crafted. *A heart-wrenching single-volume story about the struggles of being an artist, from the creator of Chainsaw Man.*

**Dr. Stone Vol. 23****Riichiro Inagaki****ISBN 9781974733958 Paperback \$ 14.99**

Imagine waking to a world where every last human has been mysteriously turned to stone...

One fateful day, all of humanity turned to stone. Many millennia later, Taiju frees himself from the petrification and finds himself surrounded by statues. The situation looks grim - until he runs into his science-loving friend Senku! Together they plan to restart civilization with the power of science! Senku is back in action, and his revival leads to the Kingdom of Science's triumphant return. However, the process has revealed a startling secret about the petrification phenomenon - one that represents a forbidden fruit for humanity! Meanwhile, the mission to reach the moon is ramping up into a project of global scale!

**Beastars Vol. 20****Paru Itagaki****ISBN 9781974726059 Paperback \$ 18.99**

At this high school, instead of jocks and nerds, the students are divided into predators and prey.

At a high school where the students are literally divided into predators and prey, friendships maintain the fragile peace. Who among them will become a Beaster - a hero destined to lead in a society naturally rife with mistrust?

Gray wolf Legoshi trains and fasts in preparation for the monthly black market battles, where he plans to duel mixed-species psychopath Melon. What is red deer Louis willing to sacrifice this time to help Legoshi triumph? Regardless, it seems that Legoshi's soft heart may be his biggest obstacle because before he faces Melon, he must defeat a gang boss who reminds him of someone he loves...



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# NON-FICTION

## All About LGBTIQ+

Linda Becker and Julian Wenzel

ISBN 9781922677563 Hardback \$ 29.99

What is all this LGBTIQ+ stuff about?

Am I bi, lesbian or gay? What does trans really mean?

How is it different from doing drag? All these questions can be emotionally overwhelming, especially if you're not (yet) sure about your own gender identity.

All About LGBTIQ+ is a guide for all children, young people, and parents who want to know more about the many diverse forms that gender identity can take. Told through vignettes of personal experience from members of the LGBTIQ+ community, this book is an entertaining way of opening up a safe space to discuss gender identity. This book explains all the various terms, and also offers support when it comes to things such as bullying and harassment.

Written by two LGBTIQ+ podcasters, readers will be encouraged to explore their own feelings at their own pace.

All About LGBTIQ+ will become your companion to the world of gender and diversity as you journey into adulthood.



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Matt Agnew

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Russell Marks

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## Book of Roads & Kingdoms

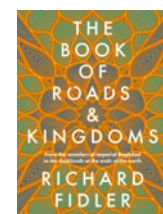
Richard Fidler

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When Richard Fidler came across the account of Ibn Fadlan - a tenth-century Arab diplomat who travelled all the way from Baghdad to the cold riverlands of modern-day Russia - he was struck by how modern his voice was, like that of a twenty-first century time-traveller dropped into a medieval wilderness. On further investigation, Fidler discovered this was just one of countless reports from Arab and Persian travellers of their adventures in medieval China, India, Africa and Byzantium.

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## I'm Glad My Mom Died

Jennette McCurdy ISBN 9781982185824 Hardback \$ 39.99

Jennette McCurdy was six years old when she had her first acting audition. Her mother's dream was for her only daughter to become a star, and Jennette would do anything to make her mother happy. So she went along with what Mom called "calorie restriction," eating little and weighing herself five times a day. She endured extensive at-home makeovers while Mom chided, "Your eyelashes are invisible, okay? You think Dakota Fanning doesn't tint hers?" She was even showered by Mom until age sixteen while sharing her diaries, email, and all her income. In *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette recounts all this in unflinching detail - just as she chronicles what happens when the dream finally comes true. Cast in a new Nickelodeon series called *iCarly*, she is thrust into fame. Though Mom is ecstatic, emailing fan club moderators and getting on a first-name basis with the paparazzi, Jennette is riddled with anxiety, shame, and self-loathing, which manifest into eating disorders, addiction, and a series of unhealthy relationships. These issues only get worse when, soon after taking the lead in the *iCarly* spinoff *Sam & Cat* alongside Ariana Grande, her mother dies of cancer. Finally, after discovering therapy and quitting acting, Jennette embarks on recovery and decides for the first time in her life what she really wants.

*A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor - including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother - and how she retook control of her life.*

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