

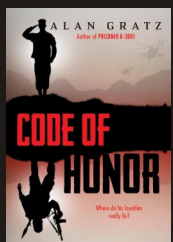
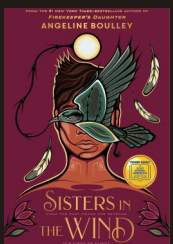
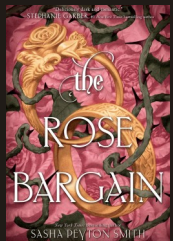
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WE FELL APART: A WE WERE LIARS NOVEL

By **E. Lockhart (YA F Lock)**

305 pages 2025 Realistic Fiction

Eighteen-year-old Matilda has never known her biological father. Raised by her mother, she moved around from place to place as her mother followed the latest boyfriend. But now her mom has relocated to Mexico, leaving Matilda to finish out her senior year with her mother's last partner, the closest thing to a dad she's ever had. When she receives an email from her biological father, the famous artist Kingsley Cello, inviting her to come visit him on his private island, she jumps at the chance to connect with him. But when she arrives at the island, Kingsley is not there. Instead, Matilda finds a half-brother she never knew, his mother, a recovering child-star addict, and a boy who just wants to leave the island but is trapped by a secret. As connections are revealed, Matilda desperately tries to uncover the truth about her father and her family. (Grades 7 & up)



FLOAT: VOLUME I

By **Kate Marchant (YA GN F FLOAT)**

222 pages 2025 Graphic Novel

Alaskan teenager Waverly spends the summer in Florida with her aunt, hoping to escape the chaos of her parents' divorce. The fresh start and chance to reinvent herself might not go as planned when she realizes that the local social scene revolves around the one thing she never learned to do: swim. But when the lifeguard, sometimes kind of a jerk and super-hot next-door neighbor, finds out her secret, things get a little more complicated than she was hoping for. (Grades 7 & up)



THE ROSE BARGAIN

By **Sasha Peyton Smith (YA F Peyt)**

385 pages 2025 Fantasy

An immortal fae queen has ruled England through bargains and blood for over four hundred years. Each of her subjects gets one chance to negotiate their deepest desire—but every deal has a price. When Queen Mor announces a competition for Prince Bram's hand, Ivy Benton signs her name in blood. Her family is ruined, her sister broken, and a crown might be the only salvation left. She never expected to become a front-runner or that she would accept help from Prince Emmett, Bram's rakish brother, who makes his own dangerous offer. But beneath glittering balls lie the queen's vicious trials. And as Ivy is swept deeper into the competition, she realizes the true cost of her bargain may be more than she can survive. (Grades 8 & up)



SISTERS IN THE WIND

By **Angeline Boulley (YA F Boul)**

368 pages 2025 Mystery

After five years on the run since her father's death, foster-teen Lucy Smith knows hiding is safer than becoming a ward of the state. But when a lawyer appears with startling news, everything changes. Lucy learns the truth her father hid: She's Ojibwe with siblings, a grandmother, and a home where she'd be loved. But she's wary—someone is stalking her, and the FBI is investigating a bombing at her workplace. This stand-alone from Boulley features strong portrayals of foster care's failings and Lucy's complicated identity journey. (Grades 9 & up)



CODE OF HONOR

By **Alan Gratz (YA F Grat)**

278 pages 2015 Historical Fiction

Code of Honor is an intense, thrilling book about a teen whose brother is accused of terrorism. It explores themes of loyalty, identity, and prejudice while keeping you curious about the ending. The main character faces difficult choices that make you wonder what you would do in the same situation. Gratz's writing keeps the tension high and the story moving, making it hard to put the book down. Reviewed by TAB member Sumer L. (Grades 9 & up)