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GLORIOUS RIVALS

By Jennifer Lynn Barnes (YA F Barnes)

417 pages 2025 Adventure

Book 2 in the *Grandest Game* series continues the quest to solve the puzzles and win a fortune. Only five players remain out of the original seven, but there are other forces at work. As alliances are forged, it becomes apparent that some players have outside sponsors that have infiltrated the game for their own purposes. And there are dangers to Avery and the Hawthorne brothers, from both the players and outside the game. As the competition nears its end, who will emerge as the victor, and at what cost? (Grades 7 & up)



(S)KIN

By Ibi Aanu Zoboi (YA F Zobo)

387 pages 2025 Fantasy

Two Brooklyn teens, Marisol and Genevieve, find their lives magically intertwined. Marisol is a soucouyant, a fire-witch from Caribbean folklore, who wants to leave her old traditions behind after immigrating. Genevieve, a biracial teen, is plagued by an unexplainable skin condition and haunted by the memory of her estranged mother. When Marisol's mother is hired as a nanny for Genevieve's family, a devastating family secret is revealed that connects the girls' intertwined destinies. (Grades 7 & up)



THE DARKNESS RISES

By Stacy Stokes (YA F Stok)

329 pages 2024 Mystery

Whitney was seven the first time she saw the clouds above someone. Now she is in high school, but she can still see the dark clouds above people when there is something she can do to save them. But she can't save everyone. Whitney feels responsible for the school shooting that happened last year. If she hadn't stopped Dwight from committing suicide, he wouldn't have been able to kill others later. How can she decide who to help? And who at school knows about her secret? Someone is terrorizing Whitney with the knowledge of her abilities. (Grades 9 & up)

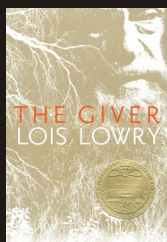


WINGS OF STARLIGHT

By Allison Saft (YA F Saft)

392 pages 2025 Fantasy

Clarion is days away from becoming queen of Pixie Hollow when monsters begin to break free from the forbidden Winter Woods. Against Queen Elvina's orders, she secretly crosses into Winter and meets Milori, the realm's guardian. Together they uncover dark secrets about Pixie Hollow that challenge everything Clarion believed—but their growing bond might be the most dangerous discovery of all. An engaging tale about questioning authority, forbidden love, and a strong and complex heroine willing to break rules for what's right. (Grades 7 & up)



THE GIVER

By Lois Lowry (YA NEWBERY 1994)

180 pages 1993 Science Fiction

The Giver is about a young boy named Jonas who lives in a world with no choices or emotions. He is chosen to receive memories from the past to see what life used to be like. As he learns more about the past, he starts questioning his community, even society. The philosophical turmoil kept me riveted till the final page. Reviewed by TAB member Ethan C. (Grades 7 & up)