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hot picks
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these hot new titles for teens!

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ONE OF US IS LYING

By Karen M. McManus (YA F Mcma)

360 pages 2017 Mystery

One of Us Is Lying is about a group of teens who end up in detention, and while they are there, Simon, the outcast, dies. The thing is, they all have grudges against Simon. So, who did it? As time goes on, the teens become closer friends, and they soon realize they might have been framed. This book was the best book I have read and is one you won't want to put down. If you want to find out what happens to the teens and if they solve the murder, then read One of Us Is Lying. Reviewed by TAB member Emma P. (Grades 9 & 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 6 & up)





THE WILD ROBOT

Directed by Chris Sanders (DVD Wild)

2024 Animation Rated PG

DreamWorks really went all in with this movie, a story about a robot learning humanity and how to care. The robot, named Řoz, is stuck on a desert island. While being chased by animals, she accidentally kills a bird and then takes its egg to tend to it. Alongside a fox, they care for it and help it grow. Roz learns how to be a parent and process emotions. I highly suggest everyone watch this movie, alongside a few tissues. Reviewed by TAB member Prabhav E. (Grades 6 & up)





MOCKINGJAY

By Suzanne Collins (YA F Coll)

398 pages 2014 Dystopian Fiction

Mockingjay is the final book in the Hunger Games series. Katniss becomes a leader in the fight against the Capitol, where she has to endure tough decisions. This book shows the hardships that she had to face and the cost of fighting for freedom. Reviewed by TAB member Sumer L. (Grades 7 & up)





THE LIGHTNING THIEF

By Rick Riordan (YA F Rior)

377 pages 2005 Fantasy

The Lightning Thief is a book about a boy named Percy Jackson with ADHD and dyslexia. He's always seen the world differently from everyone else and imagines things. He has been kicked out of many schools due to events that took place that weren't his fault. He then realizes a secret that has been kept from him for his whole life. The secret about his father. He gets sent to a camp and meets new people. Then, a time comes, and everyone's lives depend on him. This story shows the beginning of friendships and hardships, and it is just a great novel. It always kept me interested and excited as I turned the pages. Reviewed by TAB member Joanna X. (Grades 6 & up)