

from the teen services department

# hot picks

for teens

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check out  
these hot new  
titles for teens!



## COACH

**By Jason Reynolds (YA F Reyn)**

**250 pages 2025 Realistic Fiction**

Before Otis became known as Coach to Ghost and the other students in the *Track* series, he was a middle schooler just like them. Otis has dreams of becoming the fastest runner on his team, fast enough to earn a place in the Junior Olympics, just like his idol Carl Lewis. But he also must deal with bullies at school, a dad who's often absent, and a neighborhood full of pressure to deal or use. When his dad gifts him a pair of brand-new Air Jordans, Otis thinks the shoes are the key to becoming fast enough to realize his dreams. But when he wakes up one morning to find the shoes are gone, he must face up to the reality that maybe there are more important things than being the fastest runner. (Grades 6 & up)



## AMERICAN SPIRITS: THE FAMOUS FOX SISTERS AND THE MYSTERIOUS FAD THAT HAUNTED A NATION

**By Barb Rosenstock (YA 133.909747 Rose)**

**304 pages 2025 Nonfiction**

In 1848, rural upstate New York became the site of a supernatural mystery when sisters Maggie and Kate Fox started hearing strange, rhythmic knocking in their farmhouse. They claimed these rappings were messages from the spirit world and that they could communicate back. As word of their spooky gift spread, the sisters became instant celebrities. Their older sister, Leah, stepped in as their manager to handle their booming careers as professional mediums. But with fame came a wave of skeptics. Everyone wanted to know whether the Fox sisters were talking to the dead, or whether the whole thing was an epic, choreographed hoax. (Grades 7 & up)



## I AM THE SWARM

**By Haley Chewins (YA F Chew)**

**326 pages 2025 Novel in Verse**

As far back as anyone can remember, the women of the Strand family have been magical. Their gifts manifest at fifteen, always differently. Nell's mother's age changes daily. Her sister bleeds music. Nell sees how magic tears her family apart. When Nell's magic arrives as ladybugs on her piano keys, she feels joy—until the rest come. Beetles crawl up her collarbone when her teacher stares. Moths appear and die with disappointment. Worst are the wasps, surfacing no matter how deep she buries her rage. Nell must decide either to lock herself away to stop them or find the strength to feel everything, no matter the consequences. (Grades 9 & up)



## THE THRASHERS

**By Julie Soto (YA F Soto)**

**343 pages 2025 Mystery**

When Emily Mills dies after prom, rumors fly that the popular Thrashers clique bullied her to death. The group—Zack Thrasher, Lucy, Paige, and Julian—is rich, gorgeous high school royalty. Jodi's been friends with them since childhood, but feels ordinary next to them. Now cops are investigating, and Emily's journal says they all tormented her—everyone except Jodi. As Jodi digs for the truth, strange and terrifying things start happening, and she realizes her friends might be hiding something dark. (Grades 9 & up)



## EVERY DAY

**By David Levithan (YA F Levi)**

**324 pages 2012 Fantasy**

The book *Every Day* is the first book of a trilogy. It is about a mysterious "person" named "A". Every night, A switched bodies and took someone's life for a single day. He got to see the world through other people's lenses, but sometimes, that was not his favorite thing. A met someone named Rhiannon, and they developed a close relationship. Since a young age, A thought he was the only one who switched bodies, but he soon realizes that might not be the case. Reviewed by TAB member Joanna X. (Grades 7 & up)



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