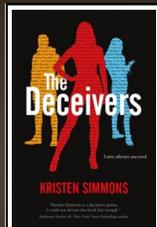


from the teen services department

hot picks for teens april 2019

check out
these hot new
titles for teens!



THE DECEIVERS

By Kristen Simmons (YA F Simm)

380 pages 2019 Mystery Fiction

Brynn lives in a rough part of town - her mom's live-in boyfriend is a drug dealer, her ex-boyfriend works for him selling drugs, and her classes at school don't even come close to preparing her for college. Brynn devotes herself to school anyway, in an attempt to rise above her upbringing, and runs cons to make money so she can afford to go to college someday. Suddenly, Brynn finds herself with an invitation to attend Vale Hall, a prestigious private boarding school, and she can't believe her luck! But she soon learns Vale Hall isn't a normal boarding school, and her success as a con artist is what pays her tuition. (Grades 8 & up)

GAME ON!: VIDEO GAME HISTORY FROM PONG AND PAC-MAN TO MARIO, MINECRAFT, AND MORE

By Dustin Hansen (YA 794.8 Hans)

352 pages 2019 Nonfiction

Game On! travels from the origins of gaming in the 1970s to Minecraft and the future of gaming to discuss the creators and inspiration behind many of the most popular video games. Learn secrets of the industry (Mario is named after Nintendo's landlord after he barged into a staff meeting demanding rent; the developers of Halo 2 drank over 24,000 gallons of soda while making the game) and explore the innovations that make each game special. Through a collection of mini stories, *Game On!* introduces games that represent gaming innovations in design and player experiences. (Grades 6 & up)

THE GIVER

By P. Craig Russell (YA F GIVER)

176 pages 2019 Graphic Novel

This graphic novel adaptation of *The Giver* by Lois Lowry brings the dystopian story to a new level. Twelve-year-old Jonas is coming of age in his seemingly ideal world where conformity is the norm and straying from the norm can be punished with death. The world is devoid of color and emotion. As other twelve-year-olds are given their life-long job assignments, Jonas is told he will be the next Receiver of Memory. He will hold the memories of the community; memories of war, famine, pain, colors, weather, joy and more. The page comes alive with color as Jonas receives new memories and he decides what to do with the new, sometimes dark knowledge of his community. (Grades 6 & up)

A HEART IN A BODY IN THE WORLD

By Deb Caletti (YA F Cale)

355 pages 2018 Realistic Fiction

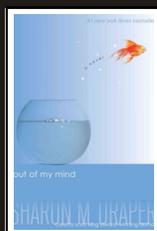
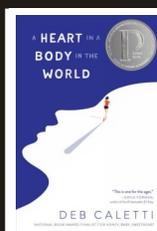
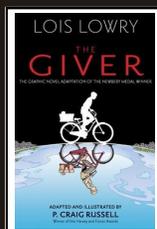
Annabelle is a long distance runner, but it seems like no distance can make her forget the horrible tragedy that took place a few months ago or the person - The Taker - that caused it. She blames herself for what occurred, and thinks everyone in her school does too. Approaching the end of her senior year, Annabelle feels compelled to run across the United States, from her home in Seattle to Washington, DC. Followed by her Grandpa Ed in his RV, muscles burning and heart pumping, she becomes a reluctant activist for a cause sprung from the tragedy she's trying to forget. But maybe remembering is the only way she'll ever be strong enough to survive. (Grades 9 & up)

OUT OF MY MIND

By Sharon M. Draper (J F Drap)

295 pages 2010 Realistic Fiction

Out of My Mind focuses on a brilliant eleven-year-old girl named Melody Brooks who has cerebral palsy. The book details her struggles to integrate and make friends with other kids her age. It is a very engaging read for all ages and explores topics such as isolation and ostracism and learning to be yourself. *Out of My Mind* has a unique plot with interesting characters. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in an engaging read that will give them a new perspective on life. Reviewed by TAB member Aadesh C. (Grades 4 & up)



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