

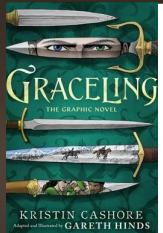
from the teen services department

hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

for teens

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🔥 GRACELING: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

By Kristin Cashore (YA F GRACELING)

257 pages 2021 Graphic Novel

A graphic novel adaptation of Kristin Cashore's novel *Graceling*. Katsa was born with a rare skill, or Grace; she is a gifted fighter, and the king of her realm has been using her as his enforcer. Prince Po is the grandson of the ruler of a neighboring kingdom; when Po's grandfather is abducted and rescued by Katsa, they team up to discover which kingdom was behind the kidnapping. Their efforts lead them to a nefarious king who possesses an almost unstoppable Grace. (Grades 9 & up)

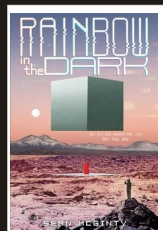


🔥 THE PERFECT PLACE TO DIE

By Bryce Moore (YA F Moor)

304 pages 2021 Horror Fiction

When the letters from Zuretta's sister Ruby mysteriously stop showing up, she knows that something is wrong. So 17-year-old Zuretta sets off for Chicago during the 1893 World's Fair in hopes of finding her sister. When she arrives in Chicago, the police refuse to help and she is left to investigate on her own. Going undercover, Zuretta gets a job as a maid at Ruby's last known place of employment, a hotel known as the Castle. But the mysterious floorplan, forbidden staircases, and locked doors make it difficult for Zuretta to find any clues to her sister's whereabouts. And when women begin disappearing from the hotel, she realizes that she may have made a mistake, a deadly mistake. (Grades 8 & up)

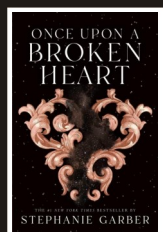


🔥 RAINBOW IN THE DARK

By Sean McGinty (YA F Mcgji)

322 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

Imagine you wake up in a simulated world and your memories are fading so fast you are having trouble remembering what happened to get you here, your name, or even your gender. That is where McGinty's surrealist novel begins. Rainbow is sent to a world where magic exists and quests must be completed in order to maybe get home. Interspersed with Rainbow's memories, which ground the story in themes of teen depression and suicide, this book is written in a unique style that incorporates elements of role-play and video gaming to tell the story of a teen lost in a dark place. (Grades 8 & up)

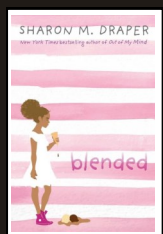


🔥 ONCE UPON A BROKEN HEART

By Stephanie Garber (YA F Garb)

408 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

Evangeline Fox believes in true love. So when her fiancé suddenly falls in love with her stepsister, Marisol, she is convinced that he is the victim of a curse and turns to one of the Fates, the Prince of Hearts, aka Jacks, to stop the wedding. He does, but at a price; Evangeline must kiss three people of his choosing. The first kiss makes the prince of a neighboring kingdom fall madly in love with her. At first she is ecstatic, but soon realizes she doesn't want to marry someone who has fallen under a spell. And Jacks infuriates her, especially when she discovers he is using her to fulfill a dangerous prophecy. As Evangeline learns more about his plans, she realizes that making a deal with a Fate can be a risky proposition. (Grades 9 & up)



🔥 BLENDED

By Sharon M. Draper (J F Drap)

308 pages 2018 Realistic Fiction

Blended follows the story of a young girl named Isabella. Isabella, a caramel-skinned girl, with a mom who is white and a dad who is black, faces many problems in her life such as racial tensions. She also has to cope and deal with family problems like her parents' divorce. I recommend this book because it tells the story from her perspective and her opinion on many of the problems that kids are facing today. This book shows the hardships and struggles that a person of a mixed race often faces. This book will not disappoint! Reviewed by TAB member Nissi X. (Grades 4 & up)



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