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hot picks

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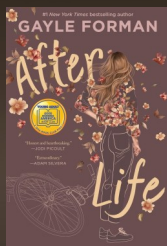
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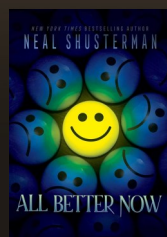


AFTER LIFE

By Gayle Forman (YA F Form)

266 pages 2025 Realistic Fiction

It's a typical day for Amber as she rides her bike home from school. Until she walks through the front door and her mom screams. To Amber's surprise she has been dead for seven years. Her mom can't believe she's back, her dad thinks it's a miracle, and her sister never remembers her dying. How and why she's back, is a complete mystery. Through alternating perspectives, both past and present, learn how Amber's life and death have affected those around her. (Grades 9 & up)



ALL BETTER NOW

By Neal Shusterman (YA F Shus)

518 pages 2025 Science Fiction

A new virus is spreading. Crown Royale kills one out of every twenty-five who contract it, but those who survive find their mental states changed and are left completely content, with no worry or stress and a strong desire to help others. Some people deliberately expose themselves to the virus in the hope that they will find happiness. But the rich and powerful fear it, for what will motivate people to work and create if there is no desire or worry? One side sees themselves as saving the world by spreading Crown Royale, while the other works to create a vaccine to stop it in its tracks. Three teens from very different backgrounds find themselves at the center of this debate as they grapple with the moral implications of both perspectives. (Grades 7 & up)



LOOKING FOR SMOKE

By K. A. Cobell (YA F Cobe)

402 pages 2024 Suspense

Mara and her family moved to the Blackfoot Reservation where her father grew up. Mara is not exactly accepted at school and feels her mixed heritage keenly. When two young women are murdered within a few months from each other, it sets into motion Mara's own investigation. She pairs with classmates, all of whom are among the last people to see the murdered girls. With local authorities' lack of persistence, will the teenagers be able to make a difference in this case? Will someone be held accountable for these lives taken? Or will the dead be brushed aside, just like all the other Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women? (Grades 7 & up)

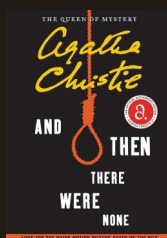


COMPOUND FRACTURE

By Andrew Joseph White (YA F Whit)

371 pages 2024 Suspense

When Miles Davis, a trans autistic teen, survives a brutal attack by the sheriff's son of a small West Virginian coal mining town, he begins to uncover decades of cruelty and injustice at the hands of the local law enforcement. As Miles and his friends dig deeper into the history of the town and the actions of the county's Sheriff Davies, they must fight to end the cycle of cruelty at all costs. This harrowing and empowering thriller about generational trauma examines the importance of community and fighting for those who are marginalized. (Grades 9 & up)



AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

By Agatha Christie (F Chri)

274 pages 2014 Mystery

And Then There Were None, by Agatha Christie, is a remarkable work of literature. The 1939 classic follows an unlikely group of people with only one thing in common: A shiver-inducing background. The narration style, with multiple different perspectives, only adds to the mystery, as the reader remains no more informed about the secrets withheld than the characters stuck in the nightmare. The storytelling, the character diversity, and the chilling enigma are great reasons to read *And Then There Were None*. Reviewed by TAB member Grant S. (Grades 8 & up)