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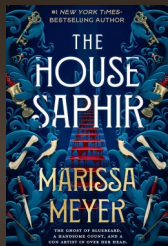
hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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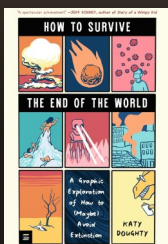


THE HOUSE SAPHIR

By **Marissa Meyer (YA F Meyer)**

420 pages 2025 Horror

This retelling of the fairy tale *Bluebeard* follows Mallory Fontaine, a self-proclaimed witch and expert on the murderer Monsieur Le Bleu. However, she is actually a fraud with only the ability to see ghosts. She is hired by Armand, the heir to the haunted Saphir estate, to banish his ancestor's ghost. But when murder again comes to the House Saphir, Mallory finds herself at the center of the investigation—and she is almost certain the killer is mortal. If she has any hope of cashing in on the payment she was promised, she'll have to solve the murder and banish the ghost, all while upholding the illusion of witchcraft. (Grades 7 & up)

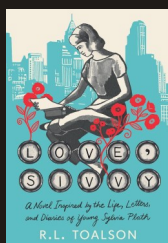


HOW TO SURVIVE THE END OF THE WORLD: A GRAPHIC EXPLORATION OF HOW TO (MAYBE) AVOID EXTINCTION

By **Katy Doughty (YA F Drew)**

256 pages 2026 Nonfiction

A wonderfully written graphic novel that examines the many possible ways the world could end, from plagues and AI to asteroids and alien invasions. It explores both scenarios beyond human control and those influenced by human actions, weaving together science and history. While the subject matter could easily feel overwhelming, the author presents it with care, clearly outlining the realistic likelihood of each scenario without minimizing the seriousness of the concerns. (Grades 9 & up)



LOVE, SIVVY: A NOVEL INSPIRED BY THE LIFE, LETTERS, AND DIARIES OF YOUNG SYLVIA PLATH

By **R.L. Toalson (YA F Toal)**

416 pages 2026 Historical Fiction

Love, Sivvy brings Sylvia Plath to life in the most fitting form imaginable — verse. Spanning her junior year of high school through her triumphant departure for Cambridge on a Fulbright Fellowship, this historical fiction in verse captures the electric contradictions of a young woman who published in national magazines while privately battling the self-doubt and depression that would come to define her legacy. Sivvy's fierce ambition, her rejection of the suffocating expectations placed on women of her era, and the harrowing mental health crisis that brings her to her lowest point are all present, shedding light onto the private storms behind the polished image Plath so carefully maintained. (Grades 9 & up)

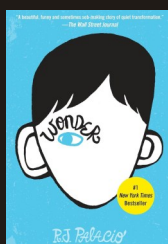


A SCAR LIKE A RIVER

By **Lisa Graff (YA F Graf)**

392 pages 2026 Realistic Fiction

Thirteen-year-old Fallon Little has a scar on her face and a secret she's carried since a terrifying experience at age five. When a death in the family forces her to face the past, everything shifts at once — her friendships, the school play she's starring in, and her mom's mysterious illness. With humor and heart, this story shows that healing from trauma means finding the courage to stay true to yourself. (Grades 7 & up)



WONDER

By **R.J. Palacio (JF F PALA)**

315 pages 2012 Realistic Fiction

In this middle-grade children's novel, the main character, August "Auggie" Pullman, is faced with a facial disorder at birth. Later, Auggie is put in a real school for the first time. It is a whole new environment for him than what he is used to being homeschooled his whole life. As Auggie walked the halls of Beecher Prep with fear in his eyes, he hopes to conquer fifth grade, make friends, to show all the students that he is really just a normal kid like them. This book is written in a way where you get to read the story through multiple characters' perspectives. Throughout this novel, I felt a whirlwind of emotions. You might feel happy one second, and then shocked the next. Although the storyline might feel slower in some places, overall, it will most definitely keep you rooting for Auggie all the way through this inspiring read. Reviewed by TAB member Keza G. (Grades 6 & up)