

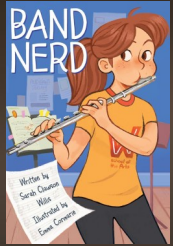
from the teen services department

hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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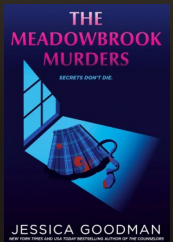


BAND NERD

By Sarah Clawson Willis (YA F BAND NERD)

258 pages 2025 Graphic Novel

A dedicated flutist, Lucy, is excited to attend the prestigious Windley School of the Arts. Music is not only something she is talented at; it's also a way to escape the struggles of living with an alcoholic father. She has high hopes for her seventh-grade year, but with the high standards at school and her parents constantly fighting at home, Lucy finds it difficult to cope with everything. The one thing that keeps her going is working hard to become the first chair in the school band. But when an accident might force her to leave Windley, Lucy is faced with a difficult decision that could hurt someone else. (Grades 6 & up)

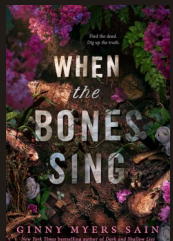


THE MEADOWBROOK MURDERS

By Jessica Goodman (YA F Good)

330 pages 2025 Mystery Fiction

Amy has been looking forward to spending her senior year of high school at the prestigious Meadowbrook Academy with her best friend Sarah. But when Sarah and her boyfriend are brutally murdered in their dorm room the night after Amy and Sarah had a huge fight, Amy is devastated. Liz is the editor of the school newspaper, hoping to get her big break by reporting on the murder. She can't believe her luck when Amy is moved into her room. Who could have committed such a horrible crime? As Amy finds herself at the center of police attention, she begins to discover that Sarah lied to her about many things. (Grades 9 & up)

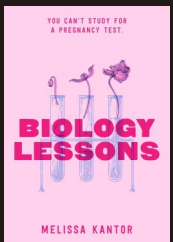


WHEN THE BONES SING

By Ginny Myers Sain (YA F Sain)

342 pages 2025 Mystery Fiction

Deep in the Ozark Mountains is the tiny town of Lucifer's Creek, Arkansas. This is where Dove and Lo's families have lived entwined for decades, and each has their own sort of power. Dove can hear the bones of the dead, while Lo knows all about plants and spells. Together they must solve the mystery behind the repeated disappearances of trail hikers in the area. Will they be able to use their skills to figure out what is happening in their little town? (Grades 8 & up)

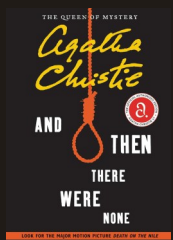


BIOLOGY LESSONS

By Melissa Kantor (YA F Kant)

257 pages 2025 Realistic Fiction

Grace Williams, a high school senior in Texas, has her future mapped out, planning to study at Barnard College and pursue a career in biology. When Grace faces an unexpected pregnancy, she must navigate the complex challenges of reproductive choice in a restrictive legal environment. With abortion banned in her state, her future derails, and she must rely on best friends Addie and Sebastian to quietly help her travel across state lines for care. This powerful novel is a timely exploration of friendship, resilience, and personal autonomy in the wake of restricted reproductive rights. (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 9 & up)