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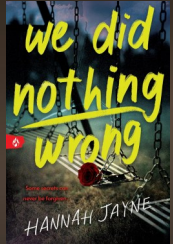
# hot picks for teens

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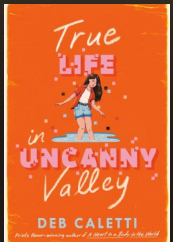


## WE DID NOTHING WRONG

By Hannah Jayne (YA F Jayn)

287 pages 2025 Mystery

Lia and Diana have been best friends since they were toddlers. So, when Diana's boyfriend kisses Lia, she feels guilty and decides to meet up with Diana to tell her about it. When Diana doesn't show up, Lia thinks she must have found out about the kiss and is mad at her. But the next day, Lia finds out that Diana never came home the night before, and her parents can't find her. The police think that she is probably just a runaway, but Lia begins to suspect foul play after a mysterious note turns up where the two girls were supposed to meet. (Grades 9 & up)

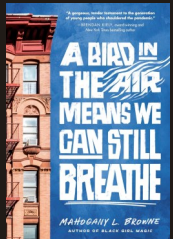


## TRUE LIFE IN UNCANNY VALLEY

By Deb Caletti (YA F Cale)

401 pages 2025 Realistic Fiction

Eleanor has always been curious about her father, tech billionaire Hugo Harrison, since he left her mother when she and her sister were babies, and has had no contact with them. Lying about who she is lands her a job as a nanny to Hugo and his new wife, Aurora's young son, and Eleanor uses this opportunity to try to discover as much as she can about Hugo and his life. But she doesn't count on being enamored with her half-brother, feeling sorry for his social-influencer wife, and falling in love with the cute boy who also works for them. And when her father's latest top-secret tech invention seems like it's crossing a line, she must decide who she wants to be: her true self, or the one she's invented. (Grades 9 & up)

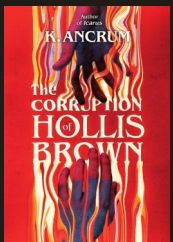


## A BIRD IN THE AIR MEANS WE CAN STILL BREATHE

By Mahogany L. Browne (YA F Brow)

147 pages 2025 Realistic Fiction

This book is a heart-wrenching and harrowing view into daily life in New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic. The stories of several teens are beautifully intertwined in a collection of poems, texts, lyrics, and prose. Between financial problems, drug issues, social isolation, and death, this is a testament to the resilience of human life. (Grades 7 & up)

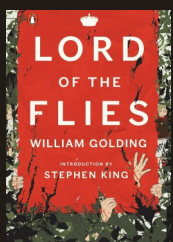


## THE CORRUPTION OF HOLLIS BROWN

By K. Ancrum (YA F Ancr)

380 pages 2025 Paranormal Fiction

Hollis Brown is stuck in a dying town with nowhere to go—until he meets Walt, a mysterious spirit with unfinished business. When Walt starts possessing Hollis's body (and maybe stealing his heart), everything changes. This dark, queer romance is packed with supernatural thrills, forbidden love, and the kind of intense connection that makes you question everything. Perfect for anyone who loves ghostly boyfriends, small-town secrets, and romance that's literally haunting. (Grades 8 & up)



## LORD OF THE FLIES

By William Golding (F Gold)

285 pages 2017 Classic Fiction

*Lord of the Flies* is a powerful, thought-provoking novel about a group of young boys struggling to survive on a deserted island. As the boys face the loss of civilization, power hierarchies, and a mysterious beast, the novel begins to explore the deeper psychological and philosophical ideas of human nature. Although it's a short novel, the story is exciting, intense, and makes you contemplate the deeper meaning the author intended. It's a great book that keeps you interested from beginning to end and is a true literary classic. Reviewed by TAB member Audrey M. (Grades 9 & up)