

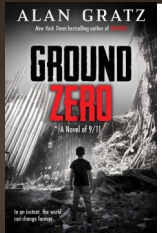
from the teen services department

hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

for teens

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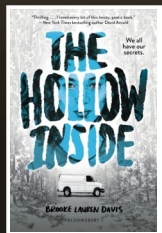


GROUND ZERO

By Alan Gratz (YA F Gratz)

304 pages 2021 Historical Fiction

A story told in alternating perspectives follows the lives of two teens forever changed by the events of 9/11. Brandon is accompanying his dad to work on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, moments before terrorists crash a plane into the north tower. Brandon is separated from his dad in the chaos and struggles to escape. Reshmina is growing up in a small village in Afghanistan, where she wants to grow up to be a teacher and more than just someone's wife. On September 11, 2019, Reshmina comes across a U.S. soldier wounded by the Taliban and must decide if she should put herself and her family's lives at risk to save him. (Grades 6 & up)



THE HOLLOW INSIDE

By Brooke Lauren Davis (YA F Davi)

375 pages 2021 Mystery Fiction

Phoenix has been on the run with her mother Nina since she was nine years old. They have survived by camping out and stealing food. But now it's time to seek revenge on Ellis Bowman, the man who destroyed Nina's life. Returning to Nina's hometown, Phoenix gets caught spying on Ellis and his family, but instead of turning her in they believe the lie Phoenix has spun about being an orphan and take her into their home. Phoenix begins to enjoy the new life she has swindled her way into and begins to develop feelings for Ellis's daughter. It becomes increasingly difficult for Phoenix to follow through with her mother's plan of destruction, especially after learning that there is more to her childhood than her mother led her to believe. (Grades 7 & up)



ALL THESE BODIES

By Kendare Blake (YA F Blak)

304 pages 2021 Mystery Fiction

Aspiring journalist Michael Jensen has yet to write a newspaper article. This all changes the night the Carlson family is found murdered, victims of the infamous "Bloodless Killer" that's been draining bodies of their blood throughout the Midwest in the summer of 1958. So far the killer has not been caught, but this time 15-year-old Marie Hale is discovered standing in the middle of the bodies, covered in blood. She will only tell her story to Michael, who suddenly finds himself thrust into the spotlight with the story of the century on his hands. Marie's strange and horrific tale causes Michael to question whether or not she's telling him the truth. Loosely based on a real-life killing spree by two teens during the same time period. (Grades 8 & up)

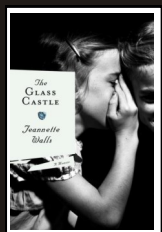


GILDED

By Marissa Meyer (YA F Meyer)

512 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

A reimagining of the "Rumpelstiltskin" fairy tale. Serilda, the miller's daughter, whose irises have been marked by the god of lies in the shape of a golden spinning wheel, is known for her inventive tales. On the night of the wild hunt, she refuses to reveal the location of two moss maidens she's hidden in her cellar, and spins tales to stave off the dark King Erklung. He believes her lies and whisks her off to his castle, where she's forced to spin straw into golden chains. In the dungeon, she unknowingly summons a mysterious boy who offers to help her – for a price. Will Serilda be able to break the curse and free both herself and the boy from the king's wicked grasp? (Grades 9 & up)



THE GLASS CASTLE: A MEMOIR

By Jeannette Walls (B WALLS)

288 pages 2005 Autobiography

This memoir surrounds Jeannette Walls and her tumultuous unique childhood and the problems she and her family faced. Her family lived a nomadic lifestyle, never staying in one place too long. However, when her family ran out of money they had to move in with relatives in Welch, West Virginia. Unfortunately, she and her family faced significant issues there as well, inspiring Jeannette to work hard to move out and have a successful life. This is a wonderful book that will give you a new perspective on how people live. Reviewed by TAB member Julia W. (Grades 9 & up)



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