

from the teen services department

hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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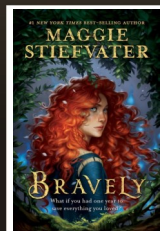


THE LIFE AND CRIMES OF HOODIE ROSEN

By Isaac Blum (YA F Blum)

218 pages 2022 Realistic Fiction

Many would believe scrubbing swastikas off Jewish graves and making new friends would be a positive way for a teen to spend his time, but not for Hoodie Rosen. His Jewish community sees his spending time with a gentile girl as the ultimate betrayal, especially since that girl is the daughter of their town's new mayor and the woman leading the effort to make them leave. Hoodie struggles to understand why his Jewish faith says he is in the wrong when he feels his actions are not a problem. Themes of hate, friendship, tragedy, and faith are told through Hoodie's quick wit, making this a great read. (Grades 7-10)

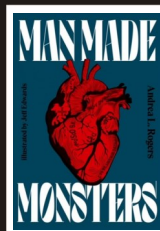


BRAVELY

By Maggie Stiefvater (YA F Stie)

367 pages 2022 Fantasy Fiction

Princess Merida has just returned home after months of travel and adventure throughout the kingdom, only to find that everything and everyone is stuck in the same rut they were in when she left. So when she catches the god Feradach in an attempt to demolish their realm and he gives her one year to change it in order to save it, she jumps at the chance. After all, how hard can it be to convince her parents and three brothers that it's time for a change? But some habits and manners can be stubborn and unyielding, and her efforts don't always go the way she would like. With the fate of the kingdom in her hands, Merida may need to look more deeply at herself before she recognizes the changes in those around her. (Grades 6 & up)



MAN MADE MONSTERS

By Andrea L. Rogers (YA F Roge)

315 pages 2022 Horror Fiction

Follow one extended Cherokee family through the past, present, and future in this collection of spine-chilling horror stories. Each frightening chapter is a stand-alone short story tied together by characters from the same family and arranged in chronological order. The stories all draw upon long-told Cherokee histories and myths about encounters with supernatural beings such as vampires, werewolves, and zombies. But you may find yourself surprised when those supernatural beings are not the scariest things in this anthology. (Grades 8 & up)

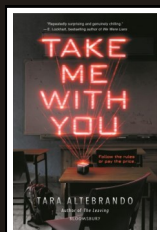


LIGHTLARK

By Alex Aster (YA F Aste)

409 pages 2022 Fantasy Fiction

The six realms of the kingdom of Lightlark exist under a set of terrible curses. To break them, the rulers of each of the realms must meet and compete on an island that only appears every hundred years – and one of them must die. Isla Crown, the ruler of Wilding, has spent her whole life in isolation, being trained to survive this Centennial competition and save her people. But Isla has her own plan to break her realm's curse – if she can navigate the lies and betrayal all around her, as well as her own romantic feelings for one of her rivals. (Grades 8 & up)



TAKE ME WITH YOU

By Tara Altebrando (YA F Alte)

375 pages 2020 Science Fiction

I don't usually like sci-fi books, but when I read "Take Me With You," I caught myself on the edge of my seat. It is a suspenseful sci-fi book with twists and turns no one would ever have predicted. Tara Altebrando did a great job constructing the characters, the plot, and the thrill. The story is about four teenagers who find a device that talks to them in eerie ways. My favorite part throughout the book is how even though the four teens didn't know each other in the beginning, they still kept in contact about the device and became friends by the end. Reviewed by TAB member Humaira M. (Grades 7 & up)