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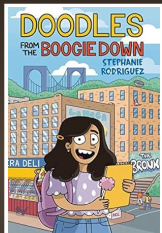
# hot picks

## check out these hot new titles for teens!

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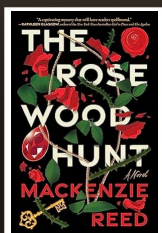


### DOODLES FROM THE BOOGIE DOWN

By Stephanie Rodriguez (YA F DOODLES)

200 pages 2023 Graphic Novel

Steph's mom has always expected her to attend a private high school after she finishes eighth grade at her Catholic middle school in the Bronx. But more recently, Steph has set her sights on a public art school in Manhattan. How will she convince her overly protective mom to send her there? With the help of her art teacher, Ms. Santiago, Steph begins putting together her application portfolio. She hopes that once her mom sees how much hard work she has put in and how talented she is, her mom will agree to send her to art school. But will all the lies she's told to keep her dream of becoming an artist a secret catch up to her before she can ask her mom? (Grades 6 & up)



### THE ROSEWOOD HUNT

By Mackenzie Reed (YA F Reed)

355 pages 2023 Mystery Fiction

Lily Rosewood always expected to follow in her grandmother's footsteps and take over her fashion design business one day. But ever since Lily's father died and her mother left a year ago, her grandmother seems more interested in mentoring someone else to take over that role. When Gram dies suddenly, the fate of the design business and her immense fortune are in the air, as she did not name anyone as her heir in her will. Instead, Lily and three other teens each receive a mysterious note with instructions that direct them to work together to hunt for the missing fortune. But others are also in on the hunt, making the search more dangerous than they imagined. (Grades 9 & up)



### SPIN

By Rebecca Caprara (YA F Capr)

393 pages 2023 Fantasy Fiction

This new take on the Greek myth of Arachne the Weaver casts her as a strong-willed woman who has suffered and witnessed the pain of harassment throughout her life. She explains that the poets have left this part of her life out of her myth and wants to correct the story. At her epic battle against Athena, she does not simply boast of her skills, but calls out the heinous crimes of the gods and men. New perspectives of classic myths woven into this novel-in-verse makes the story even more captivating. (Grades 7 & up)

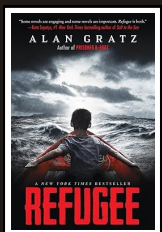


### REIGN

By Katharine McGee (YA F Mcge)

415 pages 2023 Alternate History

This fourth and final installment of the *American Royals* series finds the Washington siblings struggling to find their footing. Queen Beatrice is not only trying to recover from an accident, but also hiding the full extent of the accident's effects from her political rivals. Princess Samantha returns from her tropical escape to find that her position has changed drastically in her absence. And Jefferson has rushed into a role and an engagement that he's not so sure he wants. Are the royal siblings' destinies predetermined, or can they carve out the futures they want on their own terms? (Grades 9 & up)



### REFUGEE

By Alan Gratz (YA F Grat)

338 pages 2017 Adventure Fiction

*Refugee*, by Alan Gratz, tells the stories of three young people living in three different places and three different time periods as they try to escape harrowing situations and make their way to freedom. The author's descriptions paint a vivid mental picture. I felt sorrow and empathy for each of the characters as their stories unfolded. Reviewed by TAB member Sumer L. (Grades 4 & up)



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