from the teen services department

hot picks

check out for teens these hot new titles for teens!





By Kathleen Glasgow (YA F Glas)

405 pages 2022 Mystery Fiction

Alice Ogilvie caused quite a stir in her small town of Castle Cove when she disappeared for a few days over the summer after her boyfriend dumped her and started dating her best friend. Now she's back, starting the school year with no friends and slipping grades that force her to be tutored by Iris Adams, a girl far below her social circle. When her former best friend goes missing, the police are slow to investigate because of the stunt Alice pulled. But she knows Brooke would never just disappear as she did, so she teams up with Iris to try to solve the mystery, just like Agatha Christie's famous detectives always do. (Grades 9 & up)



THE CORPSE QUEEN

By Heather M. Herrman (YA F Herr)

401 pages 2021 Horror Fiction

In 1850s Philadelphia, 17-year-old Molly was an orphan for years when things in her life took a dark turn; she went to live with a wealthy aunt. After arriving at her aunt's gothic mansion, Molly learns how her aunt has amassed her fortune: she is the infamous Corpse Queen. In the lucrative and dangerous business of digging up and selling corpses to people like Doctor LaValle. Who uses them to teach anatomy to medical students. In exchange for a comfortable place to live, Molly must become her aunt's assistant and help her dig up corpses in the dark of night. But when Molly thinks things can't get any more dangerous, a serial killer with an affinity for dismembering young women is loose in the city. Will Molly help to put a stop to The Knifeman before he gets to her? (Grades 8 & up)



QUEEN OF THE TILES

By Hanna Alkaf (YA F Hann)

294 pages 2022 Mystery Fiction

Najwa is a competitive Scrabble player whose best friend, Trina, an Instagram influencer, fell over dead during a Scrabble tournament last year. Najwa has spent the last year grieving, but now she's ready to get back in the game and win this year's tournament in her friend's honor. But things get complicated when mysterious messages start appearing on Trina's Instagram and suggest Trina's death might not have been natural. Najwa has the weekend of the tournament to try to discover how her friend died, who might have been responsible, and whether she is at risk herself. (Grades 7 & up)

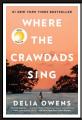


THE DEEP BLUE BETWEEN

By Ayesha Harruna Attah (YA F Atta)

246 pages 2022 Historical Fiction

Twin sisters Hassana and Husseina were separated while fleeing their African village in 1892. Each leads a very different life as one journeys throughout the continent and becomes an advocate for justice. The other crosses the ocean to Brazil in order to escape the cruel echoes of slavery and delves into a mystical (and illegal) religion. With only their dreams connecting them, they use friendships, love, and their minds in an attempt to finally reconnect. (Grades 7 & up)



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WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

By Delia Owens (F Owen)

370 pages 2018 Realistic Fiction

Where the Crawdads Sing is an exciting, heart-wrenching, heroic tale of Kya, a girl who grows up in the wilderness and comes to find power in her isolation. Owens' vivid style captivates readers from the start to the end. By the end, Kya will become a favorite character, inspiring readers to embrace their true selves. Reviewed by TAB member Eva G. (Grades 9 & up)