from the teen services department

hot picks check out for teens these hot new titles for teens!

BUZZING

By Samuel Sattin (YA F BUZZING)

205 pages 2023 Graphic Novel

Middle schooler Isaac has obsessive-compulsive disorder and suffers from the constant intrusive thoughts that are buzzing around in his head. Because of his compulsions and intrusive thoughts, his mother constantly worries about him and frequently focuses all of her attention on Isaac. When a group of classmates at his school invite him to join their Swamps & Sorcery fantasy role-playing group, the buzzing begins to lessen, especially after he starts developing feelings for one of the members. Now Isaac has to convince his overly protective mother that all of these changes are actually good for him. (Grades 6 & up)



MASCOT

By Charles Waters and Traci Sorell (YA F Wate)

248 pages 2023 Realistic Fiction

Six middle school students have varying views when an English assignment put their school's Native American mascot at the center of attention. Some call for it to be changed, while others believe in its importance to the school's traditions. This in-verse novel switches between the perspectives of the students to better understand where their views come from and how they change over time, making it a fast and interesting read. (Grades 6 & up)



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MANSLAUGHTER PARK

By Tirzah Price (YA F Pric)

402 pages 2023 Mystery Fiction

Fanny Price has never completely felt welcome at her Uncle Thomas's house, despite living there for nine years. Her cousins look down on her and her aunt views her as an imposition. Her uncle and her cousin Edmund are the only ones who've made her feel at home. When her uncle dies under what Fanny deems mysterious circumstances, she's determined to get to the bottom of his death, especially when it's revealed that Thomas was heavily in debt, much to the surprise of the rest of his family. Forced to sell off part of the family's art collection to pay the debts, Fanny grows even more suspicious that one of the family members was involved, especially when she discovers her uncle was being blackmailed to cover up the secret dealings of her cousin Maria. Suspense and intrigue lead to a surprise revelation in this loose retelling of Jane Austen's Mansfield Park. (Grades 9 & up)

ACCOUNTABLE: THE TRUE STORY OF A RACIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT AND THE TEENAGERS WHOSE LIVES IT CHANGED

By Dashka Slater (YA 371.829009 Slat)

480 pages 2023 Nonfiction

In 2017, a small, affluent California town was rocked by scandal when a racist Instagram account targeting a handful of high school students was discovered. In this well-researched, riveting nonfiction novel, Dashka Slater uses interviews with the students involved, legal records, psychological research, and even poetry to examine the fallout. Her thought-provoking storytelling gets readers pondering what taking accountability looks like in a social media age. (Grades 7 & up)



A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER

By Holly Jackson (YA F Jack)

390 pages 2020 Mystery Fiction

Pippa Fitz-Amobi's senior capstone project and passion for solving mysteries leads her to investigate the five-year-old case of Annie Bell, the angel of Fairview. Annie was supposedly murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh. Pip begins to question if Sal is actually guilty. With the help of Sal's little brother, Ravi Singh, Pippa pieces together the story, bit by bit. Her promise to Ravi — to prove Sal innocent — leads her to risk her life, and the lives of those around her. Through all her work, Pippa uncovers the darkest secrets of the sweet people of Fairview, and discovers the harrowing truth of the story of Annie Bell. Reviewed by TAB member Naisha P. (Grades 9 & up)

