

from the teen services department

hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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Best of TAB



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Centerville, OH 45458
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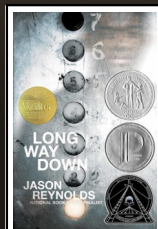


🔥 WONDER

By R.J. Palacio (J F Pala)

315 pages 2012 Realistic Fiction

Wonder is a phenomenal book! It tells the story of a boy who is a bit different, due to a rare genetic disorder. He is starting at a new private school, after having been homeschooled. It tells the story of acceptance and friendship. Reviewed by TAB member Maggie D. (Grades 4 & up)

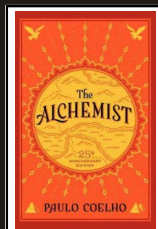


🔥 LONG WAY DOWN

By Jason Reynolds (YA F Reyn)

306 pages 2017 Realistic Fiction

This is a really thought-provoking novel. I love the fact that the entire novel is in poem form. Each page is like its own small story. There are two possible endings to the story and the reader is left to wonder which ending the main character will choose. Will's older brother, Shawn, has been killed. In Will's neighborhood, there are rules that must be followed, the most important being "always get revenge." Will is set on finding his brother's killer and striking him down, but he begins to question if he should once people from his past try to convince him otherwise. I really enjoyed reading this book and would recommend it to anyone looking for a short read with a powerful question to ponder. Reviewed by TAB member Jenna P. (Grades 8 & up)

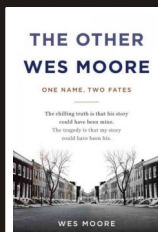


🔥 THE ALCHEMIST

By Paulo Coelho (F Coel)

182 pages 1988 Adventure

The Alchemist is an absolute masterpiece. In the novel, the protagonist, Santiago, goes on an adventure pursuing his ultimate dream. Throughout the novel he continuously takes steps to achieve his dream despite the hurdles that stand in his way. Santiago admirably makes the difficult decisions, in order to reach his destiny, that many of us are unable to. The intricate, deep-seeded symbols and lessons in the book were not only thought-provoking but also insightful. Multiple times, while reading this novel, I had to pause and absorb all the wisdom that Coelho has so eloquently written. This book's meaningful lessons will only enrich your life. Reviewed by TAB member Amrita S. (Grades 9 & up)

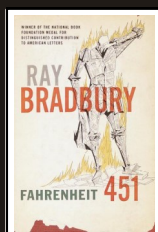


🔥 THE OTHER WES MOORE: ONE NAME, TWO FATES

By Wes Moore (975.26043092 Moor)

233 pages 2010 Nonfiction

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates is a story about two men who share the same name, Wes Moore. Both Moores grew up in poverty, fatherless, and changed by the negative influence of the streets. The author shows how he achieved the success he never thought was possible. However, the other Wes Moore killed a police officer and is spending his life behind bars. Moore finds out about the other Wes Moore from a newspaper he was in, showing his great accomplishments. Moore becomes curious and spends hundreds of hours interviewing and researching to convey the parallels between their lives. Reviewed by TAB member Vivek A. (Grades 9 & up)



🔥 FAHRENHEIT 451

By Ray Bradbury (F Brad)

179 pages 1953 Science Fiction

I didn't expect to like *Fahrenheit 451*, however, it has some interesting topics that harbored a lot of good discussions in class. The story follows Guy Montag in his journey to find happiness in Ray Bradbury's dystopian world. It is a pretty classic dystopian novel, sticking to the idea of a suppressive government and a secret society of rebels that find a way to break free from said government. Reviewed by TAB member Jenna P. (Grades 9 & up)