

from the teen services department

# hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

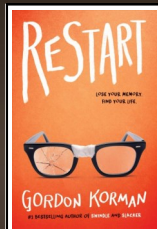
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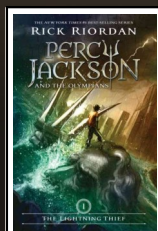


#### RESTART

By Gordon Korman (J F Korm)

243 pages 2017 Realistic Fiction

Have you ever messed up and wished you could just take all those moments back and restart your life? *Restart* by Gordon Korman follows the story of a middle school kid named Chase. Chase has been a bully for as long as he can remember. But that's the problem — he can't remember. Chase falls off of the roof of his house and ends up in the hospital, but when he wakes up from his three-day coma, he can barely remember his own family. As Chase starts to regain his memory over his eighth-grade year, he has to make some tough decisions about who influences him and who he influences. Reviewed by TAB member Nissi X. (Grades 5 & up)



#### THE LIGHTNING THIEF

By Rick Riordan (YA F Rior)

377 pages 2005 Fantasy Fiction

Amazing book about the journey of Percy Jackson, the son of a mortal woman and the god of the sea Poseidon! After learning about his lineage, he is sent to a summer camp with other demigods like him, where he sets out on a quest to stop a war between the gods. The book does a great job of building new worlds and including mythological history. A great read for those interested in Greek mythology and looking for a series with lots of sequels. Reviewed by TAB member Bez K. (Grades 6 & up)

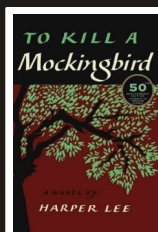


#### THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES

By Suzanne Collins (YA F Coll)

517 pages 2020 Science Fiction

*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins is a book that I would definitely recommend to anybody familiar with the *Hunger Games* trilogy. The book follows a young Coriolanus Snow and his experiences with the famed games. I found this to be an easy book to follow. With a familiar setting and brand-new characters, Collins creates a storyline that is somehow both comforting and exciting at once. While building up the framework of the world of Panem, Collins manages to create a love story laced with danger and betrayal. This was an excellent book and I would readily recommend it to any avid readers looking to delve back into the world of Panem. Reviewed by TAB member Jenna P. (Grades 6 & up)

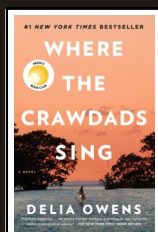


#### TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

By Harper Lee (F Lee)

323 pages 1960 Classic Fiction

This story is set during the Great Depression and deals with issues of racism. One of the main characters, Scout, has a father who is a lawyer and trying to help a black man named Tom Robinson, who has been wrongfully accused of raping a white woman, be found innocent. The book discusses how people are judged based on the color of their skin. I think that this is an important read for anyone. Reviewed by TAB member Srihan M. (Grades 9 & up)



#### 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)