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hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

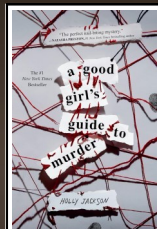
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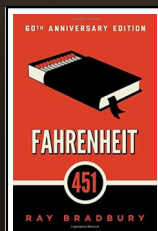
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A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER

By Holly Jackson (YA F Jack)
390 pages 2020 Mystery Fiction

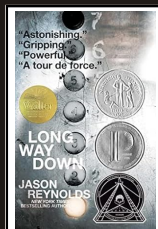
Pippa Fitz-Amobi's senior capstone project and passion for solving mysteries leads her to investigate the five-year-old case of Annie Bell, the angel of Fairview. Annie was supposedly murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh. Pip begins to question if Sal is actually guilty. With the help of Sal's little 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)



FAHRENHEIT 451

By Ray Bradbury (F Brad)
249 pages 1951 Science Fiction

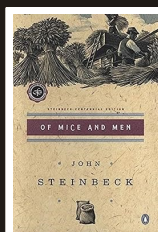
I liked the hidden meaning behind the reason for creating the book, which was to imagine a future world that reflected what was happening at the time with books being burned. I also liked the many themes he used in the book to show different characters. He was very creative when he based a character, Clarisse, off of himself. Reviewed by TAB member Vidya A. (Grades 9 & up)



LONG WAY DOWN

By Jason Reynolds (YA F Reyn)
306 pages 2017 Realistic Fiction

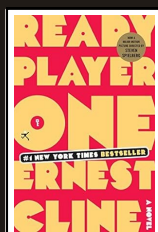
I really liked the concept of the book because the author gives a vivid description of the setting, which makes you feel like you are actually there. The book is intriguing and quick to read since it is written in a poetry style (meaning each page is very short). The story deals with losing loved ones, but in their world, it is viewed as a daily occurrence. Most of the book is set in an elevator and depicts the main character learning new things about his life as he goes down the floors. The story has a lot of new characters in each chapter and gives many backstories to remember about each one of them. The story is left on a cliffhanger, so that was one thing to look forward to if there is another book. Reviewed by TAB member Vidya A. (Grades 8 & up)



OF MICE AND MEN

By John Steinbeck (F Stei)
103 pages 1937 Historical Fiction

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck is a phenomenal book written to emphasize the acts of racism and discrimination that took place during the Great Depression. George Milton and Lennie Small are looking for jobs. Lennie is mentally impaired, which makes it harder for him to adapt to things. They both find jobs at a farm, where they meet Crooks, a black man who lives there. Crooks is constantly being discriminated against and is given terrible living conditions. This book does a really good job of giving insight into what times were like and how people felt during the Great Depression. Reviewed by TAB member Srithan M. (Grades 9 & up)



READY PLAYER ONE

By Ernest Cline (F Clin)
374 pages 2011 Science Fiction

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline is an exhilarating cyber quest that is filled with video games, virtual reality, and countless pop culture references. It is about a young man who faces conflict and adventure in a futuristic virtual reality world while trying to win a video game quest for wealth, fame, and much more. Even non-gamers will find themselves having a hard time trying to put this addictive book down. Reviewed by TAB member Naveen G. (Grades 8 & up)