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for teens

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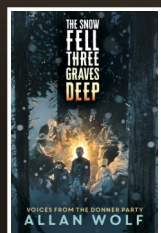


🔥 POISONED

By Jennifer Donnelly (YA F Donn)

307 pages 2020 Fantasy

The Princess Charlotta-Sidonia Wilhelmina Sophia, Sophie for short, is due to inherit the throne that her stepmother currently holds when she turns 18. But on the morning of her eighteenth birthday, a huntsman takes her into the woods and cuts out her heart to give to the queen. Sound familiar? *Poisoned* is a retelling of the fairy tale *Snow White*, complete with seven little men and a poisoned apple, but the motives behind Sophie's death aren't what they seem, the magic mirror isn't really magic, and this princess doesn't need a handsome prince to save her. (Grades 9 & up)

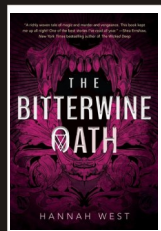


🔥 THE SNOW FELL THREE GRAVES DEEP: VOICES FROM THE DONNER PARTY

By Allan Wolf (YA F Wolf)

399 pages 2020 Historical Fiction

In 1846 a group of emigrants decided to make the arduous journey from Illinois to California in hopes of a more prosperous life. They had no way of knowing that this expedition would lead to one of history's most infamous tales of survival. This story written in verse through the voices of various members of the Donner party and the omniscient narrator "Hunger" recounts the horrific historical tale of a desperate group of people who resorted to the unthinkable decision of cannibalism to survive. (Grades 9 & up)



🔥 THE BITTERWINE OATH

By Hannah West (YA F West)

312 pages 2020 Horror

18-year-old Nat Colter lives in the small Texas town of San Solano that's been plagued by a cycle of murder and violence for the past century. Nat is the descendant of Malachi Rivers, a supposed witch, who was accused of poisoning and killing 12 men in 1921. Did these murders unleash a curse on the town that brutally kills 12 men every 50 years or is it just a copycat killer? Nat begins to unravel the mystery when she discovers a magical sisterhood of women that may be the only thing protecting the town from even darker forces. (Grades 9 & up)

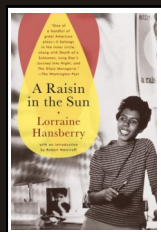


🔥 GIRL ON THE FERRIS WHEEL

By Julie Halpern (YA F Halp)

359 pages 2021 Realistic Fiction

Sophomore Eliana is having a hard time rebuilding. After spending last year hospitalized for depression, her friends and her academics have outpaced her. However, an undeniable connection to a boy she would have considered her polar opposite – punk band drummer Dmitri – has her clumsily falling in love for the first time. Depression and anxiety are not just things that go away, though, and Eliana must learn to deal with spiraling stress while not sabotaging their relationship. And though he wants to help, Dmitri must learn to simply be supportive while realizing he cannot "fix" Eliana. Can first love survive such differing personalities, even if they truly love each other? (Grades 8 & up)



🔥 A RAISIN IN THE SUN

By Lorraine Hansberry (812.54 Hans)

151 pages 1959 Realistic Fiction

A Raisin in the Sun is a drama that displays a few weeks in the life of the Youngers, an African-American family living on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950s. The play's plot begins when the Youngers receive an insurance check for \$10,000. Each adult member of the family has a different idea of what should be done with the money. The play progresses as each idea clashes and brings arguments between the family. Many obstacles such as betrayal and financial pressure try to bring the family down but they stick together and defer their dreams no longer. Reviewed by TAB member Vivek A. (Grades 9 & up)



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