

from the teen services department

# hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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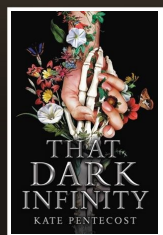


### THEY'LL NEVER CATCH US

By Jessica Goodman (YA F Good)

330 pages 2021 Mystery Fiction

Stella and Ellie Steckler share one goal: to outrun their competition and get cross-country scholarships so they can leave their small town, which became notorious several years ago when three female runners were found murdered. But Stella's chance unraveled the previous year, when she hurt a competitor during a race. Now she has to shave a full minute off her time before schools will even consider her. And Ellie has never been as fast as Stella. Success for both girls is further threatened when Mila, the top runner from a nearby town, moves to their school and joins the team. When Mila goes missing, Stella becomes the top suspect. The circumstantial evidence seems stacked against her, but could Mila's disappearance be connected to the unsolved murders from the past? (Grades 9 & up)

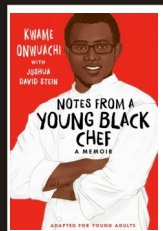


### THAT DARK INFINITY

By Kate Pentecost (YA F Pent)

370 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

Lazarus is a legendary mercenary who's been cursed by a witch. At night he can't be killed. By day his body turns into nothing but bones and is resurrected again at nightfall. Flora is a handmaiden to the royal family and secretly in love with the princess she serves. One horrific day the kingdom is sacked and Flora is left alone and badly wounded. But the fates of both of their lives change forever when Lazarus and Flora's paths cross and they decide to make a deal. Lazarus will train Flora how to fight and she in return will help him break his curse. As they travel together a new bond forms between the two that might turn into something more than just friendship. (Grades 6 & up)

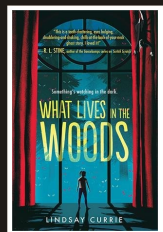


### NOTES FROM A YOUNG BLACK CHEF

By Kwame Onwuachi (YA B ONWUACHI)

257 pages 2021 Nonfiction

Kwame Onwuachi grew up in many different cultures, each with their own expectations for him. As a young black student in the Bronx, his teachers expected him to be a troublemaker; his strict father expected him to be perfect; and while living in Nigeria, he was expected to be respectful to all, especially his ancestors. Sometimes following these expectations led to happiness while other times it led to a dangerous life. It was not until he started bettering his expectations for himself that he learned his passion for cooking. This realization made him redirect his life and start a culinary career which included working on a ship's kitchen, attending the Culinary Institute of America, being on the hit-show *Chopped*, and eventually creating cuisine that reflected his life's amazing journey. This inspiring memoir proves that you can "hustle" your way to your dreams, even when the odds are against you. (Grades 7 & up)



### WHAT LIVES IN THE WOODS

By Lindsay Currie (YA F Curr)

310 pages 2021 Horror Fiction

Just when Ginny thinks she's going to spend her summer relaxing with friends and attending a writing workshop, her parents' spring plans on the family to live for a month at the Woodmoor Manor, where her father has a job restoring the old mansion. The idea of living in a 26-room house seems intriguing until Ginny learns about the dark legends of the supposed haunted house and surrounding woods inhabited by creatures with glowing eyes. Her parents assure her that all of these rumors are just silly campfire stories, but when they get to the house and strange things begin to happen, Ginny starts to believe there is truth behind the stories. (Grades 6 & 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 at 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 Navya G. (Grades 6 & up)