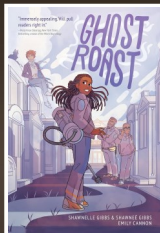


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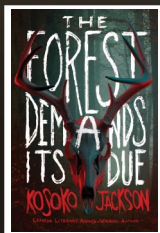


GHOST ROAST

By Shawnelle Gibbs (YA F GHOST ROAST)

Unpaged 2024 Graphic Novel

Chelsea's father is a paranormal specialist who removes ghosts from people's homes, but she can't let her friends find this out for fear of losing her place among the popular crowd in school. Her secret is short-lived after getting busted at a party in the local cemetery, where she gets arrested for trespassing. As punishment, she has to spend the summer working with her dad to rid the historic Harrington Plantation Manor of its ghosts. Shortly after the job begins, Chelsea realizes she can also see and speak to ghosts like her dad. When a friendship starts between herself and one of the ghosts, Chelsea begins to uncover the long-kept secrets of the manor. She decides she has to find a way to stop her dad from expelling the ghosts from the property and find another solution before it's too late for her new friend. (Grades 7 & up)



THE FOREST DEMANDS ITS DUE

By Kosoko Jackson (YA F Jack)

418 pages 2023 Paranormal Thriller

Douglas stands out at his prep school as a gay, black, scholarship student. Other students tend to either pick on him or pretend he doesn't exist. Douglas notices strange occurrences, but why don't the other students remember these odd happenings? What is the headmaster up to? And what is Douglas supposed to do about it? (Grades 8 & up)



THE BOY FROM CLEARWATER: BOOK 1

By Pei-Yun Yu (YA B TSAI)

350 pages 2023 Non-Fiction Graphic Novel

In this heartbreaking and inspiring graphic novel, readers will meet Tsai Kun-lin, a boy living in 1930s Taiwan under Japanese occupation. Over the next few decades, he sees the defeat of Imperial Japan, the rise of the Chinese Communist Party, and eventually a civil war in China; each affecting him in profound ways. Thought to be a communist sympathizer, Kun-lin is eventually arrested for attending a book club at school and sent to a re-education camp. There he endures torture, hard labor, and isolation from his friends and family but finds a strength of mind and body that helps him endure. (Grades 7 & up)

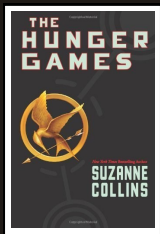


ARTIFICE

By Sharon Cameron (YA F Came)

387 pages 2023 Historical Fiction

Isa has been surrounded by art for her entire life. Her parents own an art gallery in Amsterdam, until it is confiscated by the Nazis during World War II. The Nazis take all the paintings, and the artists who used to hang out there are either forced into hiding or deported. When Isa's best friend Truus joins the Dutch resistance and needs money to help smuggle Jewish babies to safety, she thinks she knows how to help: by selling a Rembrandt forgery painted by her father. When Hitler is fooled by the copy, Isa thinks she can get Truus even more money by trying her hand at forging a Vermeer. Will her play work, or will the Nazis spot the fake? (Grades 7 & up)



THE HUNGER GAMES

By Suzanne Collins (YA F Coll)

374 pages 2008 Science Fiction

The book takes place in North America, in a region called Panem. Each year 2 tributes from each district are chosen to fight in the Hunger Games. This year Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark are selected for the 74th Hunger Games. Normally only one tribute can win, but this year after Katniss and Peeta create a star-crossed lovers storyline, the rules are changed to allow 2 tributes from the same district to win. This leaves the president of the Capitol feeling betrayed. Some of the districts also feel that Katniss is the face of the Revolution that the districts could possibly win. Reviewed by TAB member Naval S. (Grades 6 & up)



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