

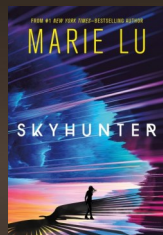
from the teen services department

# hot picks

## for teens

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check out  
these hot new  
titles for teens!



### 🔥 SKYHUNTER

By Marie Lu (YA F Lu)

371 pages 2020 Science Fiction

Talin is a Striker, a member of an elite group of fighters tasked with protecting the country of Mara from invasion by the Karensa Federation's army of mutant humans known as Ghosts. The Federation has conquered all of the countries on the island, and Mara is the last holdout. When a Federation soldier called Red is captured and sentenced to death, Talin senses he's holding something back and convinces the Strikers to let him live. But there's a catch: he must serve as her Shield, or partner, in battle. Will Red betray their cause, or could he be the key to defeating the Federation for good? (Grades 9 & up)

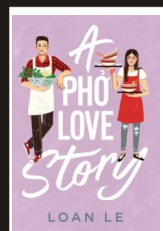


### 🔥 THE THIRTEENTH FAIRY

By Melissa De la Cruz (YA F De I)

322 pages 2020 Fantasy Fiction

The day has finally arrived; the 13th and final book in the Never After series is set to be released! Filomena, arguably the book series biggest fan, is on her way to the bookstore to purchase a copy. She is stunned when she arrives and finds out the last book was never written. Not only that, but the author has been missing for several years. Things get even stranger on her walk home when she bumps into one of her favorite heroes from the book series, Jack the Giant Stalker. He tells her that the stories and all the characters within them are real. Next thing Filomena knows, she is being thrust into a world full of magic, fairies, princesses, and evil queens. (Grades 6 & up)

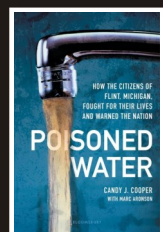


### 🔥 A PHO LOVE STORY

By Loan Le (YA F Le)

406 pages 2021 Realistic Fiction

High school seniors Bao and Linh spend every day across the street from each other. Their families own competing Vietnamese restaurants, and the bitter rivalry has kept Bao and Linh from interacting, though both seem to notice each other more than they'd care to admit. When an assignment for the school newspaper forces them together, an easy friendship ensues. They understand each other in ways few others can – what it's like to have a family-run restaurant, the pressure from their parents to pursue "worthwhile" careers, growing up as an American to immigrant parents. When the friendship becomes romantic, they know they will have to hide it from their families. However, the animosity goes much deeper than two restaurants, and the truth might be enough to tear Bao and Linh apart. (Grades 7 & up)

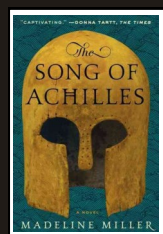


### 🔥 POISONED WATER: HOW THE CITIZENS OF FLINT, MICHIGAN, FOUGHT FOR THEIR LIVES AND WARNED THE NATION

By Candy J. Cooper (YA 615.925688 Coop)

243 pages 2020 Nonfiction

In 2014, Flint, Michigan, was in deep financial trouble due to dying industries and years of mismanagement. To save money, the city's water source was temporarily switched from Lake Huron to the polluted Flint River. Within weeks, residents noticed their water was brown, smelled terrible, and caused them to get sick. Their complaints were ignored. Testing of the water revealed toxic levels of lead and bacteria. Still, it was nearly two years before an emergency was declared and bottled water was provided for residents, most of whom were African-American and impoverished. This investigative work explores the racist and corrupt roots of the crisis, to how the city's residents finally got the attention of the nation and fought for change. (Grades 6 & up)



### 🔥 THE SONG OF ACHILLES

By Madeline Miller (F Mill)

378 pages 2012 Historical Fiction

This was an amazing book! Miller's writing is so poetic and makes every sentence seem like some perfect little piece of art. It's based on Greek mythology and follows Patroclus and Achilles in their battle between love and honor. Other mythical figures like Odysseus, Thetis, and Agamemnon also make appearances in the story. Reviewed by TAB member Lucy C. (Grades 9 & up)



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