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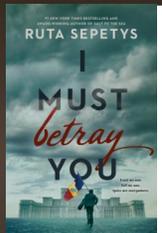
check out these hot new titles for teens!

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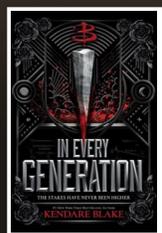


I MUST BETRAY YOU

By Ruta Sepetys (YA F Sepe)

319 pages 2022 Historical Fiction

A glimpse into the little-known history of Romania's break from Communism in the late 1980s. Seventeen-year-old Cristian has grown up in Communist Romania, under the shadow of a ruthless dictator. He dreams of becoming a writer, but his radical thoughts of liberty, stoked by his grandfather, will certainly get him jailed or even worse. So when a member of the secret police asks him to become an informer, he feels he has no choice, especially when he's promised medicine to help heal his grandfather's leukemia. But Cristian is not comfortable in this role, so he secretly works to sabotage the information he reports and attempts to release his voice into the world beyond his country's borders. (Grades 6 & up)

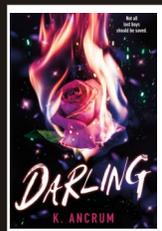


IN EVERY GENERATION

By Kendare Blake (YA F Blak)

392 pages 2022 Fantasy Fiction

Kendare Blake takes us back to the universe of Buffy the Vampire Slayer where the next generation of Scoobies and Slayers try to stop a powerful new evil from reopening the Hellmouth in Sunnydale. After a bombing at the annual Slayer convention, all known Slayers, including Buffy, might be dead. Which means it's time for this generation's new Slayer to be chosen. Frankie Rosenberg, the daughter of the most powerful witch in Sunnydale history, Willow, is devastated after the news about her Aunt Buffy. But she doesn't have time to dwell on the sad news when she finds out that her mother has been keeping a secret from her that will change her life forever. (Grades 8 & up)



DARLING

By K. Ancrum (YA F Ancr)

281 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

The classic characters of *Peter Pan* have been twisted into this new re-telling set in the gritty night life of Chicago. Wendy Darling is invited on what becomes a dark and increasingly dangerous evening with Tinkerbelle, the Lost Boys, and their enigmatic leader, Peter, all while being pursued by Detective Hook. As the stakes grow higher, Wendy does not know whom she can trust or if she can escape Peter's intense and fantastical pull he has over her. His motives are slowly disclosed along with those of the other characters through Ancrum's vivid descriptions, which prove her commitment to diverse representation in her books. Will Wendy follow Peter into his world of fantasy or face reality in one of the most dangerous moments of her life? (Grades 9 & up)

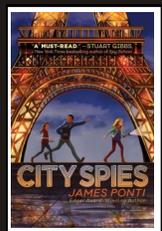


BLACK BIRDS IN THE SKY: THE STORY AND LEGACY OF THE 1921 TULSA RACE MASSACRE

By Brandy Colbert (YA 976.68604 Colb)

216 pages 2021 Nonfiction

Brandy Colbert writes on the plight of African Americans throughout American history with refreshing clarity and conciseness. She intertwines their narrative with those of Native Americans and White Americans who used de facto intimidation and the legal system to maintain oppression on this population despite the legal actions that afforded them freedom and crucial civil liberties. These elements of hatred come together in 1921 in the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma where a White mob brought violence to the Black community and their Greenwood District, known then as Black Wall Street. While the accounts in this book are heart-breaking and true, Colbert's voice inspires her readers to understand the causes of these tragedies and work to prevent them from repeating. (Grades 7 & up)



CITY SPIES

By James Ponti (J F Pont)

378 pages 2020 Adventure Fiction

City Spies is a book in which orphan Sara unintentionally joins an elite group of kids from around the world who are dedicated to preventing large-scale crime to the best of their abilities. It's a fantastic book with an action-packed plot that will keep you on the edge of your seat the entire ride! *City Spies* will keep you hooked till the last page and will make you want to read the sequels with even more enthusiasm. Reviewed by TAB member Grant S. (Grades 4 & up)