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hot picks for teens april 2023

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these hot new
titles for teens!

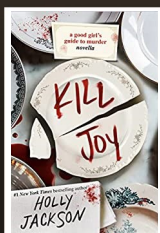


THE STOLEN HEIR: A NOVEL OF ELFHAME

By Holly Black (YA F Blac)

356 pages 2023 Fantasy Fiction

Return to the world of Elfhame in this new spin-off duology from the *Folk of the Air* Trilogy. Wren, child queen of the Court of Teeth, and Oak, prince of Elfhame lead vastly different lives. Wren has been living a feral life in the human world having escaped her torturous existence in the Court of Teeth. Oak has been living the spoiled life of a Prince. At least that's what Wren believes. That is until Oak arrives, insisting she helps him stop Lady Nor, Wren's birth mother, who is amassing an army to overthrow King Carden and Queen Jude. Lady Nor could be the end of the World of Faerie and the human world if she isn't stopped. (Grades 9 & up)

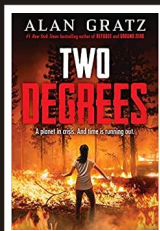


KILL JOY

By Holly Jackson (YA F Jack)

117 pages 2022 Mystery Fiction

In this prequel novella to *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, Pip Fitz-Amobi and her friends gather at the end of the school year to celebrate a birthday with a murder mystery party. Pip has other things on her mind – namely choosing a topic for her senior capstone project. Find out if Pip's brilliant mind can unravel the murder mystery before her friends, and discover what happens that sparks her interest in true crime. (Grades 9 & up)



TWO DEGREES

By Alan Gratz (YA F Grat)

365 pages 2022 Adventure Fiction

A wildfire suddenly spirals out of control while Akira is riding her horse in the California woods. A polar bear wanders uncharacteristically close to a village in Canada, attacking Owen and George on their way to an overnight campout. A hurricane destroys everything in Natalie's Miami neighborhood as she is swept away from her home and her family. Three unprecedented disasters occurring at the same time test the survival skills of these teens, prompting them to start a dialogue about climate change and what humanity needs to do to prevent these types of disasters from occurring more frequently. (Grades 6 & up)

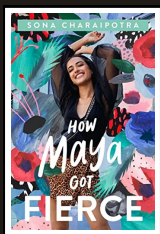


GALLANT

By V.E. Schwab (YA F Schw)

338 pages 2022 Fantasy Fiction

There are three things you should know about Grace Prior: She has never spoken a word, she has lived most of her life in an orphanage, and she is haunted by shadows. Growing up, the only clue to her past was her mother's journal, which documents her unwinding mental state. There is one warning: to stay away from Gallant. She has never understood the meaning until she receives a letter calling her back to her family home of the same name. Forced out of the orphanage with this new information, Olivia travels to meet her last relative and uncover the secrets of Gallant and the shadows that are kept there. (Grades 9 & up)



HOW MAYA GOT FIERCE

By Sona Charaipotra (YA F Char)

279 pages 2022 Realistic Fiction

How Maya Got Fierce by Sona Charaipotra is a cute, funny, and inspiring young adult novel about 17-year-old American-Indian Maya Gera. It follows her summer adventure in NYC as she tries to balance her familial expectations, societal pressure, and personal dreams. The book truly transported me into her world. I also resonated with the immigrant family pressures and expectations. It was cool to see Maya pursue her own goals even with her life becoming super hectic. I always enjoy Charaipotra's work and she did a wonderful job including modern elements as well. Reviewed by TAB member Shauna S. (Grades 9 & up)



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