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# hot picks

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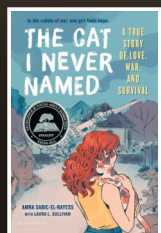


### JUST LIKE THAT

By Gary D. Schmidt (YA F Schm)

387 pages 2021 Historical Fiction

After Meryl Lee's best friend dies in a car accident, her parents decide to send her to a boarding school in Maine for eighth grade. As she struggles with the death of her friend, she also struggles with fitting in at the all-girls school, where most of the girls come from wealthy families and the students are not supposed to mix with the staff. Matt is an orphan, hiding out and on the run from his past involvement with some criminals who seem to find him wherever he goes. When their paths cross, they begin to face what scares them and make new choices. And with the Vietnam War in full swing and young people protesting across the country, they realize that their actions can make a difference, no matter how small it may seem. (Grades 6 & up)



### THE CAT I NEVER NAMED: A TRUE STORY OF LOVE, WAR, AND SURVIVAL

By Amra Sabic-El-Rayess (YA B SABIC-EL-RAYESS)

370 pages 2020 Nonfiction

In 1992, Muslim teenager Amra had just returned to her hometown of Biha, Bosnia after a semester away at school when Serbian troops rolled in on their tanks, prepared to purge the territory of Muslims and Catholics. That same day, a stray cat followed her home, and through a series of coincidences, unwittingly saved Amra and her family's lives multiple times throughout the war. Abandoned by her Serbian friends and neighbors and living in a city under siege, Amra went on to endure nearly four years of constant fear and atrocities. Through it all, her unnamed cat became not just her guardian, but a source of comfort and hope when she felt surrounded by despair. (Grades 9 & up)



### LORE

By Alexandra Bracken (YA F Brac)

466 pages 2021 Fantasy

Every seven years a hunt called the Agon is held to punish nine Greek gods for rebelling against Zeus over a thousand years ago. Their powers are taken away and they are sent to earth as mortals. They are then hunted by the descendants of ancient heroes who hope to kill and inherit their powers. Lore had always dreamed of participating in the Agon but after her family is murdered by a rival family, who killed and inherited the god of wars' powers, she decides to run away. She vows to never take part in the hunt but is tempted by the god Athena who seeks an alliance and promises Lore revenge against the person who killed her family. (Grades 9 & up)

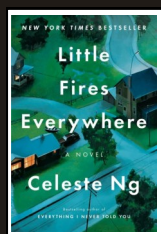


### THIS IS NOT THE JESS SHOW

By Anna Carey (YA F Care)

301 pages 2020 Science Fiction

It's 1998, and Jess's life has been pretty normal up until now, but her junior year is starting to feel a little "off." She's developed a crush on her childhood best friend, but her friends are trying to steer her towards another guy; conversations stop and people act oddly when she's around; and she's starting to hear strange phrases in the background. When a small device with an apple logo falls out of her friend's backpack, Jess is even more confused. Why are people acting so strangely, and why is half the town apparently sick with a mysterious flu? As she begins to question what's going on, her sense of what's real is unraveled. (Grades 9 & up)



### LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE

By Celeste Ng (F Ng)

338 pages 2017 Mystery

Everything in Shaker Heights, Ohio appears to be idyllic until Mia Warren, a single mother and her daughter Pearl, move into a rental owned by the wealthy Richardson family and initiate a chain of events that devastates the seemingly perfect community. A local court case infects every area of Shaker Heights. The polarized climate even trickles down to Pearl and the Richardson children, who take varying stances on the issue. However, when the verdict is decided, it unleashes a dangerous spark that consumes the whole town in its wake. This novel delicately explores the tensions between race, social class, and economic status and is a slow, thrilling burn of a novel. I would highly recommend this book to everyone. Reviewed by TAB member Grace M. (Grades 9 & up)