from the teen services department

hot picks

check out for teens these hot new titles for teens!





By Melissa de la Cruz (YA F De I)

392 pages 2023 Mystery Fiction

When 18-year-old Spencer Sandoval wakes up in the hospital, she has no memory of the car accident that landed her there. She knows her ex-boyfriend Ethan was driving and that there were two other passengers in the car; one of them is dead. Ethan has been charged with murder, but as bits and pieces of Spencer's memory return, she's not sure he was at fault. Something's not right, and she's determined to figure it out. But the police, and Ethan himself, are convinced that the case is closed, so Spencer's on her own until Ethan's best friend Jackson says he'll help her find the truth. As they begin to uncover clues that might point to Ethan's innocence, someone doesn't want them to keep digging. (Grades 9 & up)



A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

By Dan Santat (YA B SANTAT)

308 pages 2023 Biography

Dan should be looking forward to his class trip to Europe, but the thought of spending three weeks with the same kids who make fun of him at school sounds more like a living nightmare than the once-in-a-lifetime experience his parents say it will be. But with the help of some new friends, Dan starts to come out of his shell and come to enjoy all the memorable moments he's experiencing. (Grades 9 & up)

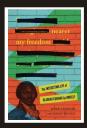


THE DAVENPORTS

By Krystal Marquis (YA F Marq)

379 pages 2023 Historical Fiction

In 1910 in Chicago, a few Black families managed to use their wealth and success to carve out a place in society. Perhaps the best known are the Davenports. Their three children have grown up insulated by their privilege, but as they reach adulthood and are exposed to more of the world around them, John, Olivia, and Helen find their interests being drawn in unexpected directions. The siblings must decide whether they want to follow the paths their parents have planned out for them — in life and love — or forge their own futures. (Grades 7 & up)



NEARER MY FREEDOM: THE INTERESTING LIFE OF OLAUDAH EQUIANO BY HIMSELF

By Monica Edinger and Lesley Younge (YA B EQUIANO)

216 pages 2023 Biography

In this found poetry narrative, Olaudah Equiano's original autobiography is renewed. Follow his extraordinary journey from Africa, through the Middle Passage, enslaved on British navy vessels, and finally achieving freedom for himself and others. The authors include short histories to contextualize the time period. This book is an excellent look at a dark time in history through the eyes of one who experienced it. (Grades 6 & up)



HUNTED BY THE SKY

By Tanaz Bhathena (YA F Bhat)

374 pages 2020 Fantasy Fiction

Gul is angry. Her parents were just murdered by King Lohar's loyal soldiers, and she is on the run. All she can think of is revenge. So when a group of rebel women offers her a way to unlock her dormant magic, she takes them up on it. Meanwhile, Cavas is living in the tenements, trying to care for his dying father on his meager stable hand wages. He would do anything to save his father. Then he meets Gul, and his fate becomes entwined with hers. Now they are both undercover in the king's fort, trying to save the kingdom while learning secrets about themselves that might change their view of the world. Reviewed by TAB member Evelyn B. (Grades 7 & up)