

from the teen services department

# hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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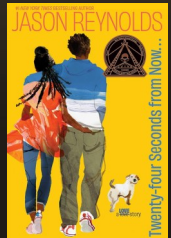


### IT HAPPENED TO ANNA

**By Tehlor Kay Mejia (YA F Meji)**

**213 pages 2024 Horror**

Sadie has been haunted by a ghost since childhood. A ghost that doesn't want her to have any friends. The last friend she had, Anna, died mysteriously at the hand of her ghost. At her new school, Sadie does her best to avoid making new friends. But when she meets Mal, her ghost doesn't seem to mind her. Mal might not be the best influence on Sadie, but she's always dreamed of having a best friend, one her ghost won't try to murder, so she is willing to overlook some of her destructive behaviors. But is there more to Mal than meets the eye, something more sinister? Read this haunting story to find out! (Grades 6 & up)



### TWENTY-FOUR SECONDS FROM NOW...: A LOVE STORY

**By Jason Reynolds (YA F Reyn)**

**239 pages 2024 Realistic Fiction**

Neon and Aria are in love with a capital L. They've been dating for two years and are finally ready to take the next step in their relationship. But Neon is nervous – what if nothing goes as planned? Look back on Neon and Aria's relationship twenty-four seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, and months from the present, as Neon reflects on what led them to this point. This book is a refreshing and honest look at teenage relationships told from a Black male perspective. (Grades 9 & up)

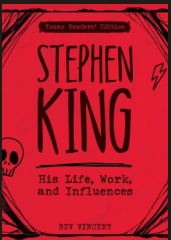


### WE ARE THE BEASTS

**By Gigi Griffis (YA F Grif)**

**340 pages 2024 Historical Horror**

Set in the former province of Gévaudan, France during the 1760's, this story includes the legend of the Beast of Gévaudan, a well-known werewolf tale. The book follows Josephine and Clara through troubling events in their village. Residents of the area are going missing, only to be found in shreds. As the deaths accumulate, the girls find an opportunity that may just save them all. (Grades 9 & up)

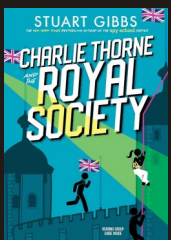


### STEPHEN KING: HIS LIFE, WORK, AND INFLUENCES

**By Bev Vincent (YA B KING)**

**191 pages 2024 Biography**

This visual biography reveals the fascinating story and legacy of Stephen King, the undisputed master of horror literature. From his childhood background as an admirer of all things frightening to his evolution as a writer over his nearly 50-year career, this book provides personal insights into King's influences, struggles, and experiences. Designed for young adults and filled with photos and quotes, this biography brings the essence of King's writing to life. (Grades 7 & up)



### CHARLIE THORNE AND THE ROYAL SOCIETY

**By Stuart Gibbs (YA F Gibb)**

**401 pages 2024 Adventure**

The final book in the Gibbs series allows the reader to follow Charlie, a 13-year-old genius, in her quest for hidden answers to some of history's greatest scientific questions. A step up in complexity from Gibbs' Space Case or Spy School books, Charlie Thorne introduces middle-grade readers to the spy thriller genre by crossing adventure, youth, and danger, while avoiding overtly mature or violent themes. This story provides enough context that it would be read aside from the series, though it will leave the reader looking for more. Reviewed by TAB member Maggie D. (Grades 6 & up)