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hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

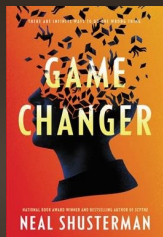
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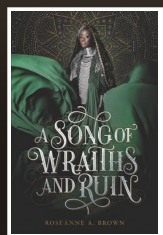


GAME CHANGER

By Neal Shusterman (YA F Shus)

387 pages 2021 Science Fiction

Ash is a rising star on his high school football team, delivering massive hits as a defensive lineman. After a powerful tackle knocks him out for a second, he feels a shift in his brain and notices subtle changes in the world, like stop signs are blue instead of red. During the next game, when he delivers a powerful tackle, his world shifts even more: his family is now rich and he and his brother get along. Subsequent weeks and tackles bring even more decisive changes, causing his perspective to shift as well. As the worlds become more stark and divided, Ash must figure out how to return to his original universe, or risk destroying humanity altogether. (Grades 8 & up)

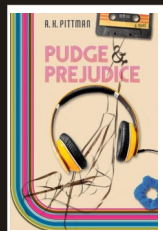


A SONG OF WRAITHS AND RUIN

By Roseanne A. Brown (YA F Brow)

466 pages 2020 Fantasy

During the week-long Solstasia festival, two strangers embark upon deadly missions that will change their lives forever. Malik, a refugee having just fled his war-torn country, arrives in Zarin with his two sisters; the youngest of which is abducted by an evil demon. To guarantee her safe return, Malik makes an unthinkable deal to kill Karina, the Crown Princess of Ziran. To get close to the Princess, Malik must enter the Solstasia competition. At the palace, Karina's mother, the Sultana, has been assassinated. Karina, not wanting the responsibility of the crown, decides to resurrect her mother using ancient magic, which requires the beating heart of a King. Karina knows exactly how to obtain what she needs, by marrying the winner of the Solstasia competition and taking his life. Malik and Karina are both on a secret mission to kill the other; will their plans fall apart once they begin to develop romantic feelings for one another? (Grades 9 & up)

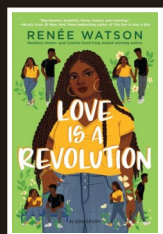


PUDGE & PREJUDICE

By A.K. Pittman (YA F Pitt)

339 pages 2021 Humor

Moving to a new town in the fall of sophomore year is never easy. For Elyse, it's brutal. Her family sticks out in all the wrong ways – from having 5 daughters, to their eccentric parents, to their noticeable lack of money. Elyse feels doubly judged for her curvy figure, which seems to bother everyone else more than it does her. Yet she can endure anything as long as she has her older sister Jayne, who is wonderfully sweet and insanely beautiful. Elyse isn't surprised when Jayne instantly catches the eye of popular Charlie Bingley, but she is less than thrilled to be forced to hang out with Charlie's friend, Billy Fitz. Billy's looks might be swoon-worthy, but Elyse can't stand his arrogance, even if he does make her heart beat faster every time she's with him. A comical retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* set in 1984. (Grades 7 & up)

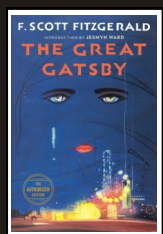


LOVE IS A REVOLUTION

By Renée Watson (YA F Wats)

290 pages 2021 Realistic Fiction

Nala is tired of being compared to her perfect, overachieving cousin. She just wants to be loved and to find her place in the world and she thinks that summer break is the perfect time to make it happen. Things start to change for Nala when she meets Tye, a social activist, at an open mic night. Nala knows that she doesn't have a lot in common with Tye, but a few white lies to pretend they have more in common can't hurt, right? As Nala and Tye spend more time together, her little white lies become more complicated to keep. Nala's summer becomes a time to learn lessons about romantic love and, even more importantly, self love. (Grades 7 & up)



THE GREAT GATSBY

By F. Scott Fitzgerald (F Fitz)

170 pages 1925 Classic Fiction

I really enjoyed this book because it is very plot driven and fast-paced. Each chapter is full of detail. It's about a man named Gatsby who makes it his dream to win over a lost love. The book explores the differences between social classes as well as the topic of the American Dream. It is full of suspense around each corner. I think that it is a great book to analyze since there is a lot of symbolism and also a quick read. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys American classic literature. Reviewed by TAB member Jigyasa G. (Grades 9 & up)