

from the teen services department

# hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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### 🔥 THE SCARLET ALCHEMIST

By Kylie Lee Baker (YA F Bake)

424 pages 2023 Fantasy

Zilan is an orphaned teenager who lives with her aunt, uncle, and cousins in a poor area of China. She contributes to the household by conducting illegal resurrection alchemy to bring in extra money. She and her cousins dream of moving to the capital and becoming a royal alchemist and royal officials. If they can land those appointments, they will never have to worry about money again. When they get there, they discover all is not as it seems, as they uncover corruption and mystery at every turn. Will they survive? (Grades 9 & up)

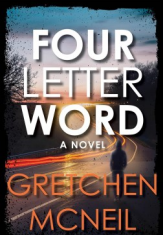


### 🔥 ROYAL SCANDAL

By Aimée Carter (YA F Cart)

408 pages 2024 Mystery

A few months after the events in the first book in the series, *Royal Blood*, eighteen-year-old Evangeline Bright finds herself navigating her role as the King of England's illegitimate daughter. She's become Britain's favorite monarch to hate, and the press is keeping a close eye on her. They pit her against beloved Princess Maisie, sow rumors about her and the President's son, and generally find ways to make her the villain of the story. New threats loom as an attempt is made on Evan's life, and she begins to wonder if it was an inside job. But who would want her out of the way, and why? (Grades 6 & up)

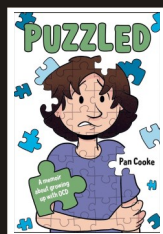


### 🔥 FOUR LETTER WORD: A NOVEL

By Gretchen McNeil (YA F Mcne)

313 pages 2024 Mystery

It's Izzy's senior year in high school and she's looking forward to graduating and studying abroad in Italy. To help with learning Italian, her mother has signed up for an Italian exchange student to live with them for the year. When Alberto arrives, everyone falls in love with him, but Izzy isn't falling for his charm. She feels like something is off about him. He actually reminds her of the wanted Casanova serial killer. When a local girl is murdered, true crime fan Izzy puts her skills to the test to determine if she is living with a murderer (Grades 9 & up)

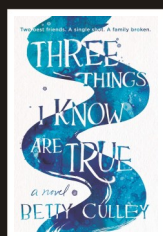


### 🔥 PUZZLED: A MEMOIR OF GROWING UP WITH OCD

By Pan Cooke (YA B COOK)

224 pages 2024 Graphic Novel

In this graphic autobiography, Pan recounts growing up with "the puzzle", his term for what he discovers to be obsessive-compulsive disorder. He struggles to live his life like his friends due to his rigid routines and anxious thoughts as he tries to solve "the puzzle". He eventually understands how his mind works through research and therapy and Pan finds ways to deal with it. This is a great book for anyone who lives with OCD or wants to learn more about it. (Grades 6 & up)



### 🔥 THREE THINGS I KNOW ARE TRUE: A NOVEL

By Betty Culley (YA F Cull)

465 pages 2020 Realistic Fiction

*Three Things I Know Are True* by Betty Culley is a heartbreaking free verse book about Liv and her brother. Liv's brother, Jonah shot himself in the head accidentally with his friend's gun. Now he cannot speak, walk, or take care of himself at all. Liv cares so much about her brother, she feels like she is the only one who can see Jonah as himself in his broken body. Filled with both grief and compassion, this book will touch your heart. Reviewed by TAB member Habiba M. (Grades 9 & up)