SUPERMAN: DAWNBREAKER
By Matt de la Pena (YA F De l)
289 pages  2019 Science Fiction
Clark Kent tries to live a quiet life in the small town of Smallville with his mother and father. The Mankins Corporation has been moving in and buying up farms for excessive amounts of money, and no one knows why. Clark’s friend Lana thinks that the Mankins are up to no good. With the help of their friend Lex they decide to break in to see what’s going on. There they discover people with green fluids being pumped into their bodies, and a plot to kill people. Clark is left with a decision: live his quiet life on the farm, or leave that life behind and become the hero. (Grades 7 & up)

INTERNEMENT
By Samira Ahmed (YA F Ahme)
387 pages  2019 Realistic Fiction
In a future not far off, Muslim-Americans are deemed an enemy of the people by an Islamophobic president. Seventeen-year-old Layla, her parents, and hundreds of other Muslim-Americans are forced into a fenced and heavily guarded internment camp in the California desert. Burning with rage at the illegality of their imprisonment, and horrified that many internees are complying, Layla knows she must resist. With a group of fellow teenagers and the help of a sympathetic guard, Layla leads a series of rebellions against the despicable Camp Director. When the safety of her family is threatened, Layla’s faced with a choice—keep resisting for the sake of all, or silence herself to save those she loves. (Grades 9 & up)

FOUR DEAD QUEENS
By Astrid Scholte (YA F Scho)
413 pages  2019 Fantasy Fiction
In the kingdom of Quadra, four queens share the throne. Each queen looks out for the best interests of her quadrant, and each quadrant has a specific role. Seventeen-year-old Keralie lives in the commerce quadrant and has developed her skills as a thief. When she’s tasked with stealing a package, she realizes too late that it contains memories of the assassinations of each of the queens. But there’s been no announcement from the palace. Together with the messenger who was supposed to deliver the package, Keralie sets out to determine if the queens are still alive and, if so, warn them of their impending fates. (Grades 6 & up)

UNDER THE MOON: A CATWOMAN TALE
By Lauren Myracle (YA F CATWOMAN)
222 pages  2019 Graphic Novel
Fourteen-year-old Selina Kyle’s life is in total disarray—her mother’s latest boyfriend, Darnell, is mean and vindictive, and her only friend is a kitten that she has saved from a dumpster. One day Darnell locks Selina in a closet and kills the kitten, causing Selina to run away from home. She then meets Oja, who trains her in Parkour and invites her to join his gang in their latest heist: stealing a book from the library of a local billionaire. (Grades 9 & up)

THE ALCHEMYST
By Michael Scott (YA F Scot)
375 pages  2007 Fantasy Fiction
Josh and Sophie Newman are regular teens just trying to do their summer jobs until they witness the alchemist Nicholas Flamel fighting with the evil magician Dr. John Dee. From there they are sucked into a magical world they didn’t even know existed. This six-book series is highly recommended to Harry Potter fans and Norse Mythology lovers alike. With stunning magic and vivid details, it’s hard not to get sucked into the magical world with Josh and Sophie. I would give this fabulous book and the rest of this series five out of five stars! Reviewed by TAB member Jenna P. (Grades 6 & up)