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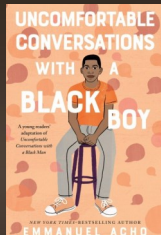
check out these hot new titles for teens!

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UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS WITH A BLACK BOY

By Emmanuel Acho (YA 305.8 Acho)

312 pages 2021 Nonfiction

In this Young Adult adaption of *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*, author Emmanuel Acho discusses systemic racism, racist behaviors, and how young people can help disrupt racism in their communities. Acho does not shy away from difficult topics, covering them in an honest, judgement-free manner that's accessible to young people. Lessons on black history and black culture help uncover the origins of some common stereotypes and myths while breaking them down. A must-read for anyone interested in becoming an ally or learning more about the history of racism and the actions we can take to combat it. (Grades 6 & up)

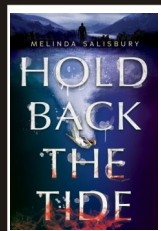


THE ELECTRIC KINGDOM

By David Arnold (YA F Arno)

421 pages 2021 Science Fiction

A deadly Fly Flu has spread across the planet leaving a small number of people seeking different paths of survival in a world with no technology or governing bodies. Kit and her dog are on a mission to find a mysterious portal that will hopefully lead them to a better life. Nico and his adoptive siblings have set out to find an island rumored to be a safe zone from the flu. However, both of their missions are halted when their paths cross and they slowly discover they are mysteriously connected. Told from three points of view, Nico, Kit, and a mysterious figure known as the Deliverer, a tale of post-apocalyptic survival and finding love in spite of darkness unfolds. (Grades 7 & up)



HOLD BACK THE TIDE

By Melinda Salisbury (YA F Sali)

321 pages 2021 Horror

Alva lives with her father in the small town of Ormscaula, Scotland, biding her time until she can run away. There may not have been enough evidence to convict Alva's father of murdering her mother, but she heard the gunshots that fateful night and knows in her heart that he killed her. For the time being Alva, whose family has been the guardians of the loch for generations, continues her daily task of checking the water levels of the loch. Recently the level has been dropping and after several villagers go missing, Alva begins to wonder if it has something to do with the cave that has been exposed from the dropping water levels or the feeling that someone, or something, is watching her. (Grades 9 & up)

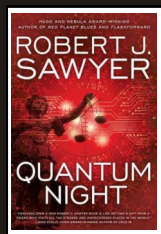


SIXTEEN SCANDALS

By Sophie Jordan (YA F Jord)

235 pages 2021 Historical Fiction

Primrose Ainsworth is the youngest sister in her family and is looking forward to her official introduction to society on her sixteenth birthday. But when that day comes, she's told her debut will need to be postponed until her older sister is betrothed. Prim is not one to give up easily, though, so she and her best friend Olympia sneak out to spend the evening in scandalous Vauxhall Gardens. They are separated when a fight breaks out in a tavern, and Prim is rescued by a mysterious, handsome stranger who introduces himself as Jacob. At first, Prim can't stand his lofty attitude and presumptions, but against her better judgement she begins to fall for him. However, her attraction can only last for the night, as she'll have to go back to reality in the morning. Or can someone like Jacob really fall for someone like her? (Grades 8 & up)



QUANTUM NIGHT

By Robert J. Sawyer (F Sawy)

351 pages 2016 Science Fiction

This science fiction thriller is built around some quantum and psychological theories, mainly, that only 3/7 of the people in the world are conscious, and that over 2/3 of those people are psychopaths. This story dives deep into what makes people human, and I would highly recommend it to people interested in how society runs with surprisingly little input, or even just someone looking for a thriller novel. The science and philosophy of the book is explained well and in-depth, so all readers can learn about this subject and enjoy the story. Reviewed by TAB member Jeremy E. (Grades 9 & up)