

from the teen services department

# hot picks

## check out these hot new titles for teens!

### for teens

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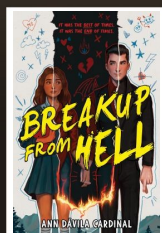


### STARS AND SMOKE

By Marie Lu (YA F Lu)

328 pages 2023 Adventure Fiction

Sydney Cossette has escaped her difficult past and fully embraced life as a fledgling agent for Panacea, a covert organization that handles the kind of cases the CIA can't. She's on a mission to take down a brutal crime boss, stop the sale of a terrifying new chemical weapon, and land a promotion. The only problem is that for her partner on her assignment, Panacea has recruited Winter Young, an international pop star and well known heartthrob with no spy training. If the two can't find a way to work together – and navigate their confusing feelings toward each other – the consequences could be life or death. (Grades 9 & up)



### BREAKUP FROM HELL

By Ann Davila Cardinal (YA F Card)

292 pages 2023 Horror

Mica is tired of her boing life in her small Vermont town, until she meets Sam, a new guy who mysteriously shows up in town and who she falls for fast. But as their romance quickly unfolds, strange things start happening to Mica, her friends, and the rest of her usual quiet town. They begin experiencing borderline supernatural powers and having nightmarish visions about Hell and the end of the world. With the town turning into chaos, Mica's Abuela divulges long kept family secrets that might give an explanation for what is happening. Mica might have to end her whirlwind romance with Sam sooner than she wants. Even if it means her world might end – literally! (Grades 8 & up)



### FOUR EYES

By Rex Ogle (YA F FOUR EYES)

218 pages 2023 Graphic Novel

Rex is looking forward to starting middle school until he gets there and discovers his best friend has deserted him for the popular crowd, his family is poor enough that he's in the free lunch program, and he starts getting headaches and failing tests because he can't see the board. He needs glasses, but his mom can't afford to buy him the cool frames, so he's stuck wearing a pair that make him look like an alien. How is he supposed to survive sixth grade when everyone makes fun of him? But he eventually manages to find a small group of friends that accept him for who he is, glasses and all. (Grades 6 & up)

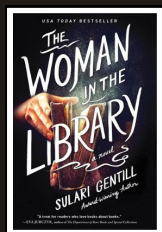


### MICHI CHALLENGES HISTORY

By Ken Mochizuki (YA B WEGLYN)

150 pages 2023 Biography

Michi Nishiura was living a happy life as a farmworker's daughter until Executive Order 1066 was issued, leading to the forced removal of all Japanese Americans on the west coast. She and her family were sent to one of the many internment camps created to ensure no Japanese Americans could sabotage the U.S during World War II. Once released, Michi began investigating the politics and decision-making surrounding the camps, becoming a leading voice of activism in the Japanese American community. This amazing read showcases a true spirit of activism as well as the horrors of a dark chapter in American history. (Grades 7 & up)



### THE WOMAN IN THE LIBRARY

By Sulari Gentill (F Gent)

265 pages 2022 Mystery Fiction

*The Woman in the Library* has two mysteries for the price of one. The story mostly focuses on a group of four strangers who find themselves in the library when a dead body is found. One of them is the killer, although the rest don't know it and try to continue their daily lives. Alongside this intriguing story, there are mysterious letters inserted between chapters. They seem to be from a friend of the author who is giving advice on how to improve the story, but there is something more there. The constant shifting between the main character's perspective and the author's is a unique and fun feature of this novel. Reviewed by TAB member Evelyn B. (Grades 9 & up)