

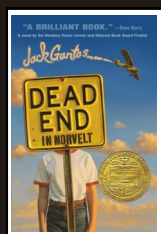
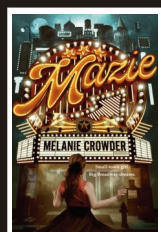
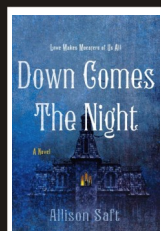
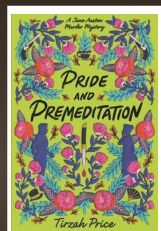
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PRIDE AND PREMEDITATION

By Tirzah Price (YA F Pric)

360 pages 2021 Mystery Fiction

A loose adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* features Lizzie Bennett as an aspiring lawyer who sets out to prove her worth by discovering who murdered Mr. Hurst. However, it's not easy being a woman in early 1800's London, as Mrs. Bennett is set on arranging marriages for her five daughters and considers Mr. Collins, the heir to the Bennett estate and overall dullard, a suitable match for Lizzie. Lizzie also finds her efforts hindered by Mr. Darcy, the lawyer for Mr. Bingley, who is the prime suspect in the murder. As clues are uncovered and events unfold, Lizzie finds herself working more closely with Mr. Darcy, and, despite their initial prejudices, they develop a mutual respect for each other that turns into something more. A fun retelling with a murder-mystery twist! (Grades 9 & up)



WE ARE THE ASHES, WE ARE THE FIRE

By Joy McCullough (YA F Mccu)

383 pages 2021 Realistic Fiction

A novel written in prose and verse follows the life of Em Morales after her sister Nor is raped by a football player at a frat party. Without hesitation, Em becomes her sister's strongest advocate on social media. The entire Morales family was relieved when Nor's rapist was found guilty but are stunned when he receives no jail time. Trying to cope with her rage, Em continues to speak her mind on social media, only leading to harassment and threats against Nor. Thanks to a new friendship with non-binary Jess, Em begins writing a novel as a way to express her anger. Will her written words be enough to help ease her rage or only continue to strain her relationships with her sister, family, and friends? (Grades 9 & up)



DOWN COMES THE NIGHT

By Allison Saft (YA F Saft)

388 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

Wren is an exceptional healer in the Queen's Guard of Versia, but is dismissed after recklessly using her magic. Things quickly change for Wren after she receives a letter from a reclusive noble asking for her to come to his estate to heal one of his servants. When Wren arrives she learns that she isn't healing a servant, but Hal, the Reaper of Versia, a powerful soldier and great killer of her people. She still agrees to help heal him but she has to get close to him to discover what mysterious illness plagues him. Soon Wren and Hal uncover that their host may have a sinister ulterior motive for them. As they uncover a menacing threat, Wren is torn between her duty to her kingdom and her heart. (Grades 9 & up)



MAZIE

By Melanie Crowder (YA F Crow)

334 pages 2021 Historical Fiction

In 1959 Nebraska, seventeen-year-old Mazie knows she is meant for bigger and more exciting things than farm life. She has dreamt of being a Broadway star since childhood, and when the opportunity to move to New York unexpectedly happens, Mazie jumps at it even though it means leaving her family and her boyfriend. However, life in New York is not all glitz and glam – she is repeatedly turned down for roles and money runs out quickly. When she finally lands a part, it comes with a creepy director and a traveling show that will take her right back to the Midwest. Mazie must decide what her dream actually is – will she change herself to fulfill it, or is there a better dream out there? (Grades 7 & up)



DEAD END IN NORVELT

By Jack Gantos (YA F Gant Newbery)

341 pages 2011 Historical Fiction

In my opinion, this book is a must read. Believe or not, I've read this book 4 times! Every page has something for everyone. It has humor, mystery, murder, and history. The characters feel so alive and all of the characters' emotions feel so genuine. I would rate this book a 6 out of 5 if I could. I would recommend this book for anyone looking for a fantastic read.

Reviewed by TAB member Connor K. (Grades 6 & up)