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# hot picks

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## SUNSHINE

By Jarrett K. Krosoczka (YA B KROSOCZKA)

226 pages 2023 Biography

In 1994, 16-year-old Jarrett signs up to be a summer counselor at Camp Sunshine, a camp for kids with serious illnesses and their families. Jarrett's family is worried that the job will be too depressing for him, but he assures them everything is going to be fine. He just wants to help the kids and families have fun and enjoy their time away from hospitals and treatments. He realizes that might be a little harder than he imagined once he gets there and is given his one-on-one assignment with Diego, a quiet kid who has an advanced brain tumor and is in a wheelchair. But with a little patience, Jarrett is eventually able to break Diego out of his shell and is able to find inspiration from the kids at camp. (Grades 7 & up)



## ROYAL BLOOD

By Aimee Carter (YA F Cart)

359 pages 2023 Mystery Fiction

Evan's life is turned upside down when she is whisked off to England to live with her father, the King. She's known that she was his secret illegitimate daughter since she was 11 but thought he didn't want anything to do with her or her mother. Now weeks before her 18th birthday, she's thrust into a world of etiquette, stylists, and royalty, with a half-sister (the heir) and a queen who can't stand the sight of her. Evan would rather lie low until she turns 18 and can do what she wants, but when she's at a party where the host, Jasper, falls off a balcony and dies, her secret is outed and she becomes the No. 1 suspect in his death. Desperate to keep her mother's identity a secret, Evan starts to investigate who within the palace is leaking information to the press and figure out what really happened the night Jasper died. (Grades 7 & up)

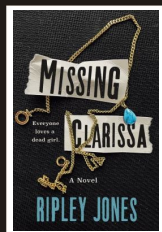


## THIS WICKED FATE

By Kalynn Bayron (YA F Bayr)

310 pages 2022 Fantasy Fiction

Picking up where *This Poison Heart* left off, Briseis's life is turned upside down with the realization that her new house was just a set-up, Greek gods still exist, and her long-lost aunt just walked through the door. In order to save her mother from the underworld, she must set off on an adventure with a supernatural crew to reunite the pieces of a legendary plant within a month. Throughout their heroes' journey, they must face creatures that have only been seen in myths. This refreshing twist to Greek mythology is a great conclusion to the duology. (Grades 8 & up)

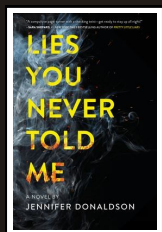


## MISSING CLARISSA

By Ripley Jones (YA F Jone)

244 pages 2023 Mystery Fiction

When best friends Cam and Blair start a podcast about a decades-old missing person case in their small Washington town, their main goals are to get an A in journalism class and build a following for their podcast. Soon, though, they start piecing together information about the missing girl, Clarissa, and realizing that the impression they had of her may not be complete. But as they uncover new facts and their podcast grows in popularity, the stakes get higher, putting in jeopardy their friendship, their families, the people who knew Clarissa, and their own safety. (Grades 7 & up)



## LIES YOU NEVER TOLD ME

By Jennifer Donaldson (YA F Dona)

325 pages 2018 Mystery Fiction

Gabe's life is almost perfect: a gorgeous girlfriend, a loving family, and great friends. But good things never last. Shocking events lead him to Catherine, the new quiet girl at school, but for better or for worse? Elyse's life, on the other hand, could not be worse. Elyse had to battle her mom's drug addiction alongside her and help her get through it in hopes of a brighter future. Everything in her life is put on standstill when her relationship with the drama teacher reaches another level. Gabe and Elyse have never met, but one thing is for sure — their lives are about to change. Reviewed by TAB member Nissi X. (Grades 9 & up)