

from the teen services department

# hot picks

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### **A MULTITUDE OF DREAMS**

By Mara Rutherford (YA F RUTH)

384 pages 2023 Fiction

When a plague sweeps through the kingdom many citizens perish, including the king's favorite daughter Imogen. That is where Seraphina comes in, she looks remarkably like the princess. She is forced to act the part, remaining a prisoner in the castle. The king locked the doors and windows to keep the plague out and the people in, pretending nothing is wrong. But with dwindling food supplies it is time for the charade to end. When an outside danger becomes eminent Seraphina must decide who she can trust in order to survive. (Grades 7 & up)



### **MOUNTAIN OF FIRE: THE ERUPTION AND SURVIVORS OF MOUNT ST. HELENS**

By Rebecca E. F. Barone (YA 551.210979 Baro)

173 pages 2024 NonFiction

On May 18, 1980, the long dormant volcano Mount St. Helens erupted killing 57 people. An earthquake 59 days before created a frenzy as scientists began to predict the impending doom that was to come. This narrative nonfiction story pieces together the days leading up to the eruption, the tragedy that unfolded during, and the aftermath. It's a story of tragedy, survival, and determination. (Grades 6 & up)

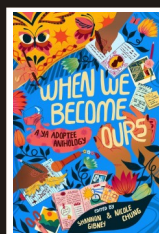


### **ROAD HOME**

By Rex Ogle (YA 362.775692 Ogle)

264 pages 2024 Nonfiction

At the age of 17, Rex is kicked out of his house by his father because of his sexuality. Alone and with no idea where to go, Rex ends up in New Orleans at the home of a man he met on the beach. They begin a relationship that lasts a few weeks until something happens that forces Rex to leave. Now homeless and wandering the streets of New Orleans, he struggles each day to survive, always wondering if he could or should have taken a different path. This is a story of love, loss, depression, and ultimately joy and forgiveness. (Grades 9 & up)

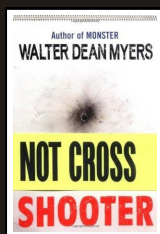


### **WHEN WE BECOME OURS**

Edited by Shannon Gibney and Nicole Chung (YA F When)

336 pages 2023 Anthology

In this anthology of short stories, experiences of being adopted as children of color are told through various genres. These eye-opening (and sometimes provocative) stories explore racial and family dynamics that will leave readers wanting more. This book has a little something for everyone with a powerful theme of finding belonging throughout. (Grades 9 & up)



### **SHOOTER**

By Walter Dean Myer (Ebook)

240 pages 2004 Realistic Fiction

The book offers insight about the very real consequences and effects of drugs, bullying and bad influences. The format of this book is in the style of an interview, and follows the lives of two young highschoolers who were the best friends of a school shooter. This dramatic and heartfelt book will leave you on the edge of your seat as the suspense builds up, until then, enjoy reading Shooter! Reviewed by TAB member Nissi X. (Grades 8 & up)