

from the teen services department

hot picks

check out these hot new titles for teens!

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LIAR'S BEACH

By Katie Cotugno (YA F Cotu)

277 pages 2023 Mystery

Michael Linden is apprehensive about spending the end of the summer at his wealthy friend Jasper's house on Martha's Vineyard. After all, Linden (as his friends call him) is not rich and has kept this fact a secret from all of his boarding school friends. The first couple of days are fun, filled with parties, swimming, and lounging by the pool, but then tragedy strikes: a teen is found unconscious in Jasper's pool. Was it an accident or attempted murder? And what secrets have his friends been hiding? (Grades 9 & up)

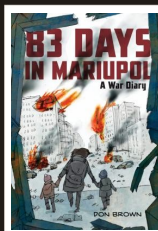


PICTURE DAY

By Sarah Sax (YA F BRINKLEY YEARBOOK)

284 pages 2023 Graphic Novel

Picture day is Viv's least favorite day of the year. But this year is different. Viv spontaneously chops off her braid right before getting her picture taken and live-streams the act. She instantly becomes the biggest influencer at her middle school. Everyone wants her advice and help on planning things like dances and rallies. But all the new fame quickly becomes overwhelming, causing her prior friendships and relationships to suffer. Viv always dreamed about being noticed and popular, but now that she is, maybe it's not everything she thought it would be. (Grades 6 & up)

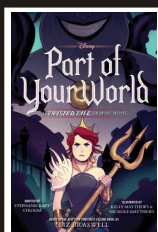


83 DAYS IN MARIUPOL: A WAR DIARY

By Don Brown (YA 947.74086 Brow)

127 pages 2023 Nonfiction

In Don Brown's latest nonfiction graphic novel, readers experience the horrors the Ukrainian coastal city of Mariupol endured when Russia invaded in February of 2022. Allowing his gray-toned illustrations to show the tragedy, quotes of the victims are reminders of the reality of the situation. Readers get to glimpse into this new reality for the families, soldiers, doctors, and leaders who are still living in a war-torn nation. (Grades 9 & up)

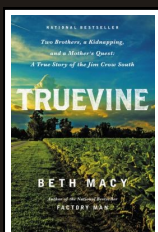


PART OF YOUR WORLD: A TWISTED TALE GRAPHIC NOVEL

By Stephanie Kate Stroh (YA F TWISTED TALE)

155 pages 2023 Graphic Novel

This twisted tale graphic novel reimagines the story of *The Little Mermaid* into a world where Ariel lost and Ursula won. The sea witch, in her human form of Vanessa, has married a bewitched Prince Eric and holds King Triton captive, while Ariel rules Atlantica in her father's stead. But when Eric's memories of who Vanessa really is begin to resurface, he and Ariel must team up to try to save both their kingdoms, and maybe find their own version of "happily ever after." (Grades 7 & up)



TRUEVINE: TWO BROTHERS, A KIDNAPPING, & A MOTHER'S QUEST

By Beth Macy (364.154092 Macy)

420 pages 2016 Nonfiction

In Beth Macy's *Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother's Quest*, a captivating narrative unfolds against the backdrop of the Jim Crow South, revealing the mesmerizing yet forgotten story of George and Willie Muse. The brothers, African Americans with albinism, are kidnapped and forced into the world of carnival exhibits, a harrowing journey that Macy delicately unveils. With empathy and precision, Macy navigates the complexities of identity and discrimination, painting a vivid portrait of the Muse brothers' resilience in the face of adversity. Macy's storytelling shines as she carefully interweaves historical context, showcasing the racial tensions and societal norms of the era. *Truevine* is a poignant exploration of forgotten history, offering readers a profound reflection on the enduring strength of family ties, the pursuit of identity, and the indomitable spirit that defines even the darkest chapters of the past. Reviewed by TAB member Vivek A. (Grades 9 & up)