Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor.

YA FIC TAYLOR L

In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, a hero, a librarian, and a girl must battle the fantastical elements of a mysterious city stripped of its name.

Blankets by Craig Thompson.

GN FIC THOMPS C

Loosely based on the author's life, chronicling his journey from childhood to adulthood, exploring the people, experiences, and beliefs that he encountered along the way.

The Martian by Andy Weir.

FIC WEIR A

Mark Watney was nearly killed by a dust storm on Mars and was abandoned by his crew who thought him dead. Now he's all alone with no way of letting Earth know he's alive, which doesn't matter because his supplies would run out before they'd get there. Either way, the environment or human error will likely kill him first. Not giving in, Mark works to survive, battling obstacle after obstacle, but will it be enough?

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead.

FIC WHITEH C

Follows the experiences of two African-American teenagers at an abusive reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.

Kent State by Deborah Wiles.

YA FIC WILES D

Recounts the story of what happened at Kent State in May 1970, when four college students were killed by National Guardsmen, and a student protest was turned into a bloody battlefield.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate.

FIC WINGAT L

The interwoven story of Avery Stafford, a lawyer from a prominent South Carolina family, and Rill Foss, the eldest of five children who were taken from their parents' boat by an unscrupulous children's home in the 1930s.

Frankly in Love by David Yoon.

YA FIC YOON D

High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love or himself at all

Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao.

YA FIC ZHAO X

The boys of Huaxia dream of pairing up with girls to pilot Chrysalises, giant transforming robots that can battle the mecha aliens that lurk beyond the Great Wall. It doesn't matter that the girls often die from the mental strain. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, it's to assassinate the ace male pilot responsible for her sister's death. But she gets her vengeance in a way nobody expected.



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RECOMMENDED READS FOR TWELFTH GRADE



Lovely War by Julie Berry.

YA FIC BERRY J

They are Hazel, James, Aubrey, and Colette. A classical pianist from London, a British would-be architect-turned-soldier, a Harlem-born ragtime genius in the U.S. Army, and a Belgian orphan with a gorgeous voice and a devastating past. Their story, as told by goddess Aphrodite, who must spin the tale or face judgment on Mount Olympus, is filled with hope and heartbreak, prejudice and passion, and reveals that, though War is a formidable force, it's no match for the transcendent power of Love.

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley.

YA FIC BOULLE A

Daunis, who's part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie.

FIC CHRIST A

While en route from Syria to Paris, in the middle of a freezing winter's night, the Orient Express is stopped dead in its tracks by a snowdrift. Passengers awake to find the train still stranded and to discover that a wealthy American has been brutally stabbed to death in his private compartment. Incredibly, that compartment is locked from the inside. With no escape into the wintery landscape the killer must still be on board. Fortunately, the brilliant Belgian inspector Hercule Poirot is also on board, having booked the last available berth.

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline.

FIC CLINE E

In 2044, Wade Watts escapes his depressing reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia where you can be anything you want to be. Like most of humanity, Wade is obsessed by the ultimate lottery ticket that lies concealed within this alternate reality: OASIS founder James Halliday, who died with no heir, has promised that control of the OASIS - and his massive fortune - will go to the person who can solve the riddles he has left scattered throughout his creation.

A Winter's Promise by Christelle Dabos.

YA FIC DABOS C

Plain-spoken, headstrong Ophelia cares little about appearances. Her ability to read the past of objects is unmatched in all of Anima and, what's more, she possesses the ability to travel through mirrors, a skill passed down to her from previous generations. Her idyllic life is disrupted, however, when she is promised in marriage to Thorn, a taciturn and influential member of a distant clan.

Looking for Alaska by John Green.

YA FIC GREEN J

Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Girl, Interupted by Susanna Kaysen.

616.89 KAY

In 1967, after a session with a psychiatrist she'd never seen before, eighteen-year-old Susanna Kaysen was put in a taxi and sent to McLean Hospital. She spent most of the next two years on the ward for teenage girls in a psychiatric hospital. Kaysen's memoir encompasses horror and razor-edged perception while providing vivid portraits of her fellow patients and their keepers.

The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune.

FIC KLUNE T

A tightly wound caseworker is pushed out of his comfort zone when he's sent to observe a remote orphanage for magical children.

We Are Okay by Nina LaCour.

YA FIC LACOUR N

After leaving her life behind to go to college in New York, Marin must face the truth about the tragedy that happened in the final weeks of summer when her friend Mabel comes to visit.

The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery.

594.56 MON

An investigation of the emotional and physical world of the octopus.

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell.

YA FIC ROWELL R

Cath struggles to survive on her own in her first year of college while avoiding a surly roommate, bonding with a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words, and worrying about her fragile father.

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi.

GN YA FIC SATRAP M

A wise, funny, and heartbreaking memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution.

Grasshopper Jungle by Andrew Smith.

YA FIC SMITH A

Austin Szerba narrates the end of humanity as he and his best friend Robby accidentally unleash an army of giant, unstoppable bugs and uncover the secrets of a decades-old experiment gone terribly wrong.