

Enjoyable Reads for High Schoolers

Fiction

Andrews, Jesse. ***Me and Earl and the Dying Girl***.

With only foul-mouthed Earl as a friend, Greg's mother forces him to renew his friendship with Rachel, who has leukemia.

Asher, Jay and Carolyn Mackler. ***The Future of Us***. In 1996, neighbors Josh and Emma discover that an AOL start-up disk takes them to an unheard-of website called Facebook.

+Bray, Libba. ***The Diviners***. Exiled from Ohio to NYC in the 1920s, Evie, who has a special gift, investigates a series of grisly, occult-based murders.

+Clare, Cassandra. ***Mortal Instruments***. Searching for her brother, Tessa is caught between warring sides in the paranormal world in Victorian London.

+de la Peña, Matt. ***Mexican Whiteboy***. Danny, who is biracial, feels he doesn't fit in at his nearly white school or with his Mexican father's family.

Flake, Sharon G. ***You Don't Even Know Me***. Stories and poems portray many issues faced by African American teen boys.

Flinn, Alex. ***A Kiss in Time***. Princess Talia, awakened after 300 years by a kiss from Jack, escapes with him to 21st century Florida.

Green, John and David Levithan. ***Will Grayson, Will Grayson***. The lives of two Will Graysons, one gay, one straight, intersect.

Handler, Daniel and Maira Kalman. ***Why We Broke Up***. Via a letter and a box of trinkets, Min, a cinema buff, details the many, many reasons for breaking up with Ed, basketball co-captain.

Johnson, Maureen. ***13 Little Blue Envelopes***. Her late beloved Aunt Peg sends Ginny on a great adventure, providing her with 13 sealed messages to guide her through Europe.

+Lake, Nick. ***In Darkness***. An earthquake traps Shorty in a Haitian hospital. Struggling to survive, he recalls the violence of his past and the life of Haitian liberator, Toussaint L'Ouverture.

Levithan, David. ***Every Day***. "A" wakes up each day in a different teen's body. Although determined to never cause changes in the host's life, "A" falls in love with the host's girlfriend.

+Lu, Marie. ***Legend***. In a future California, two 15-year olds - Day, the Republic's #1 enemy and June, a top soldier - cross paths and discover they have an enemy in common.

Oppel, Kenneth. ***This Dark Endeavor***. To save his twin brother's life, Victor Frankenstein (with a good friend and his beloved adopted sister) seeks a dangerous, alchemical cure.

+Pratchett, Terry. ***Dodger***. Rescuing a damsel in distress, Dodger rises from the sewers in Victorian England, encountering Charles Dickens, Sweeney Todd, and even the Queen herself.

Riggs, Ransom. ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children***. His grandfather's violent death leads Jacob to visit the Welsh island where his grandfather hid in a strange orphanage from the Nazis.

+Reinhart, Dana. ***The Things a Brother Knows***. After three years as a Marine overseas, Boaz returns home a hero, but his younger brother suspects that something is very wrong with Boaz.

Wein, Elizabeth. ***Code Name Verity***. A secret agent reveals secrets to her Nazi captor in an effort to keep herself and her friend alive.

Non Fiction

+780.92 JOP Angel, Ann. ***Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing***. A fascinating portrait of the iconic first queen of rock.

+B Hoover Aronson, Marc. ***Master of Deceit: J. Edgar Hoover and America in the Age of Lies***. The first director of the FBI was a complex man who used lies, deceit, and power to his advantage.

796.357 BAL Ballard, Chris. ***One Shot at Forever. A Small Town, An Unlikely Coach and a Magical Baseball Season***. The Macon Ironmen, most definitely underdogs, experience an incredible season.

+64.52 LAR Larson, Erik. ***The Devil in the White City***. Architect Daniel Burnham designs the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago while a nearby psychopath has his own plan.

+B Lacks Skloot, Rebecca. ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***. Her cells, still alive 60 years after her death, were used in great medical discoveries yet her family was unaware of their use.



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