

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge

by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin

J/Fic/Anderson

Uptight elfin historian Brangwain Spurge is on a mission: survive being catapulted across the mountains into goblin territory, deliver a priceless peace offering to their mysterious dark lord, and spy on the goblin kingdom—from which no elf has returned alive in more than a hundred years.

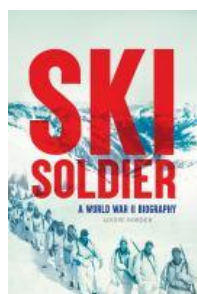


Willa of the Wood

by Robert Beatty

J/Fic/Beatty

In the late 1800s, a twelve-year-old nightspirit living in the Great Smoky Mountains despairs as homesteaders destroy her forest habitat, until a chance encounter with a "day-folk" man changes everything she thought she knew about her people—and their greatest enemy.



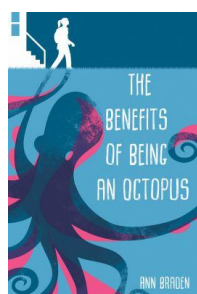
Ski Soldier:

A World War II Biography

by Louise Borden

J/Biog/Siebert

Ever since he first strapped on his mother's wooden skis when he was seven, Pete Seibert always loved to ski. At 18, Pete enlisted in the U.S. Army and joined the 10th Mountain Division, soldiers who fought on skis in World War II. In the mountains of Italy, Pete encountered the mental and physical horrors of war. When he was severely wounded and sent home, Pete worried that he might never ski again.

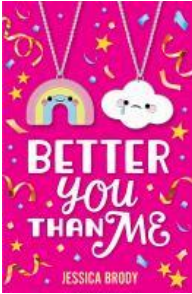


The Benefits of Being an Octopus

by Ann Braden

J/Fic/Braden

Seventh-grader Zoey Albro focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.

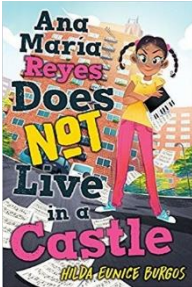


Better You Than Me

by Jessica Brody

J/Fic/Brody

Ruby Rivera is a twelve-year-old superstar with millions of followers. Skylar Welshman is a seventh grader who wants to be cool--and she's Ruby's biggest fan. When Skylar and Ruby meet on the set of Ruby's hit show, *Ruby of the Lamp*, and wish they could switch places, it happens!

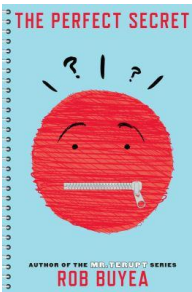


Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle

by Hilda Eunice Burgos

J/Fic/Burgos

Her last name may mean "kings," but Ana Maria Reyes does not live in a castle. She's stuck in a tiny apartment with two parents, three sisters, everyone's friends, and a piano (which she never gets to practice). And when her parents announce a new baby is coming, that means they'll have even less time for Ana Maria. Then she hears about the Eleanor School, New York City's best private academy. If Ana Maria can win a scholarship, she'll be able to achieve the education she's longed for.

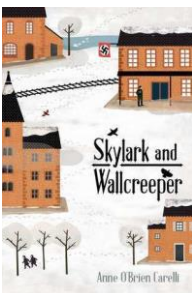


The Perfect Secret

by Rob Buyea

J/Fic/Buyea

Randi, Natalie, Gavin, Trevor, and Scott are assigned community service for cheating on a standardized test. It's not really a punishment, as they like working in the senior center where they've become friends, and besides, they want to reconcile two of their teachers, a mother and daughter, before it's too late.



Skylark and Wallcreeper

by Anne O'Brien Carelli

J/Fic/Carelli

Hurricane Sandy is flooding New York City, and Lily is with her grandmother, Collette. When the National Guard shows up to take them to safety, Collette suddenly produces a red box she's hidden in a closet for years. Once they get to safety, Lily opens the box and finds an old, beautiful pen. Granny tells Lily that the pen is very important. But Lily loses the pen, and she must search the city to try to find it.



The Storm Runner

by Jennifer Cervantes

J/Fic/Cervantes

To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry.

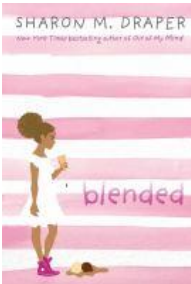


Louisiana's Way Home

by Kate DiCamillo

J/Fic/DiCamillo

Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night and tells her they need to leave home immediately, and this time Granny intends for them never to return.

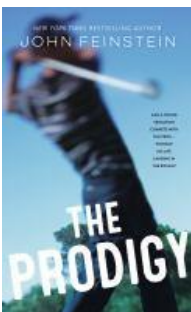


Blended

by Sharon Draper

J/Fic/Draper

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

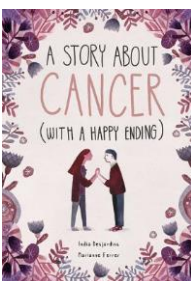


The Prodigy

by John Feinstein

J/Fic/Feinstein

Seventeen-year-old Frank Baker is set to earn a full-ride scholarship to play golf at the university of his choice, but his dad wants him to skip college and turn pro--golf has taken its toll on the family bank account, and his dad is eager to start cashing in on his son's prowess. Pressure mounts when, after reaching the final of the U.S. Amateur tournament, Frank wins an automatic invite to the Masters.



A Story about Cancer With a Happy Ending

by Marianne Ferrer

J/Fic/Ferrer

A teenage girl heads towards the hospital waiting room where the doctors are going to tell her how much time she's got to live. As she walks, she thinks about her journey up to this point: the terrible decor in the hospital, the horrible treatments, but also being with her friends, family, and her new boyfriend Victor. This is a story about cancer with a happy ending. It's about life, love, and especially, hope.

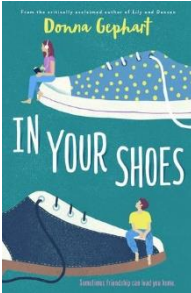


Fake Blood

by Whitney Gardner

J/Graphic/Fake

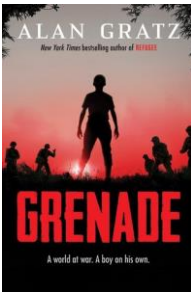
How could a girl like Nia Winters ever like plain vanilla AJ when she only has eyes for vampires? When AJ and Nia are paired up for a group project on Transylvania, it may be AJ's chance to win over Nia's affection by dressing up like the vamp of her dreams. And soon enough he's got more of Nia's attention than he bargained for when he learns she's a slayer.



In Your Shoes

by Donna Gephart
Y/Fic/Gephart

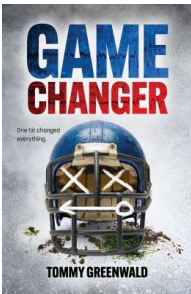
Miles is an anxious boy who loves his family's bowling center. Amy is the new girl at school who wishes she didn't have to live above her uncle's funeral home and tries to write her way to her own happily-ever-after. Then Miles and Amy meet in the most unexpected way, and that's when it all begins.



Grenade

by Alan Gratz
Y/Fic/Gratz

When WWII crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted to fight for the Japanese army. He is handed a grenade and a set of instructions: don't come back until you've killed an American soldier. Ray, an American Marine, has just landed on Okinawa. This is Ray's first battle, and he doesn't know if he'll make it. The two collide in the middle of the battle, and the choices they make in that single instant will change everything.



Game Changer

by Tommy Greenwald
J/Fic/Greenwald

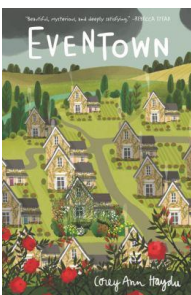
While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma.



Making Friends

by Kristen Gudsnuick
J/Graphic/Making

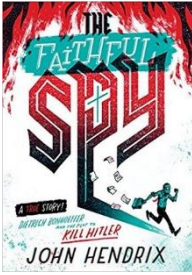
Sixth grade was so much easier for Danny. All her friends were in the same room and she knew exactly what to expect out of life. Now that she's in seventh grade, she's in a new middle school, her friends are in different classes and forming new cliques, and she is totally lost. What Danny really needs is a new best friend! So when she inherits a magic sketchbook in which anything she sketches in it comes to life, she draws Madison, the most amazing, perfect, and awesome best friend ever.



Eventown

by Corey Ann Haydu
J/Fic/Haydu

Something terrible happened to Elodee's and Naomi's family, and now they are sad all the time. Their parents decide to move, and they pick Eventown. Everything seems perfect, and shy Naomie feels right at home. But Elodee starts questioning Eventown's perfection. How can it be perfect when everything is the same?



The Faithful Spy

Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler

by John Hendrix

J/Biog/Bonhoeffer

Bonhoeffer spoke out against the Nazi party and led a breakaway church that rebelled against racist and nationalist beliefs of the Third Reich. Struggling with how his faith interacted with his ethics, Bonhoeffer eventually became convinced that Hitler and the Nazi Party needed to be stopped—and he was willing to sacrifice anything and everything to do so.

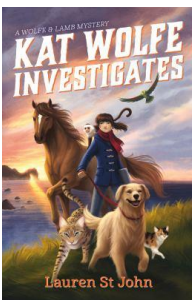


The Thorn Queen

by Elise Holland

J/Fic/Holland

Hidden to most, the world of Glendoch once crackled with alchemy. Now it waits for war—divided and bound by strict rules. So when twelve-year-old Meylyne falls from a tree onto Glendoch's sickly prince, she must flee or face imprisonment in the Shadow-Cellars. The only way she may return home is with a cure for the prince.



Kat Wolfe Investigates

by Lauren St. John

J/Fic/St. John

Kat starts a pet-sitting agency to make pocket money, but then the owner of her first client vanishes from his mansion. Only one person shares Kat's conviction that he's the victim of foul play: Harper Lamb, an American girl laid up with two broken legs thanks to her racehorse. Kat and Harper team up, but what starts out as mystery-solving fun turns deadly for the duo.

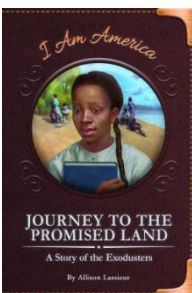


Begone the Raggedy Witches

by Celine Kiernan

J/Fic/Kiernan

On the night that Aunty dies the Raggedy Witches come for Mup's mam. Pale, cold, relentless, they will do anything to coax Mam back to Witches Borough. When they kidnap Mup's dad, Mup and her mam must leave the mundane world to rescue him. But Mam is strange on this side of the border—striding, powerful, and distant.



Journey to a Promised Land

by Allison Lassieur

J/Fic/Lassieur

Hattie Jacobs has a secret dream: to go to school to become a teacher. But her parents were formerly enslaved and are struggling to survive in Nashville, Tennessee, after Reconstruction. When the Jacobs family joins the Great Exodus of 1879 to Kansas, their journey in search of a better life is filled with danger.



Dragon Pearl

by Yoon Ha Lee

J/Fic/Levy

Min comes from a long line of fox spirits. To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic. They must appear human at all times. Min feels hemmed in by the household rules and resents the endless chores, the cousins who crowd her, and the aunties who judge her. She would like nothing more than to escape Jinju, her neglected, dust-ridden, and impoverished planet.

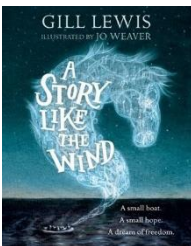


It Wasn't Me

by Alison Dana Levy

J/Fic/Levy

When Theo's photographs are vandalized and trashed beyond all recognition, there are five kids at the scene. All anyone will say is "It wasn't me." Theo doesn't care who it was, he just wants to stop being the victim. But his favorite teacher is asking the six of them to spend vacation week together "learning to trust" and getting to the truth. She calls it a Justice Circle. He calls it his worst nightmare.

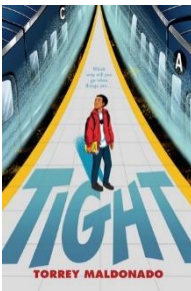


A Story Like the Wind

by Gill Lewis

J/Fic/Lewis

In a small boat spinning out on the sea sits a group of refugees, fleeing their war-stricken homes. They have nothing—except their memories, their stories, and their music.



Tight

by Torrey Maldonado

J/Fic/Maldonado

Bryan's friend Mike has ideas of fun that are crazy—and risky. At first, it's a rush following Mike, hopping turnstiles, subway surfing, and getting into all kinds of trouble. But Bryan never really feels right acting so wrong, and drama really isn't him. So which way will he go, especially when his dad tells him it's better to be hard and feared than liked?



The Once and Future Geek

by Mari Mancusi

J/Fic/Mancusi

Young King Arthur accidentally time travels to the 21st century and Googles himself, discovering the not-so-happily ever after in store for him. He decides he'd much rather stay here—and join the football team instead. Now modern day gamer geeks Sophie and Stu, with the help of Merlin, find themselves in a race against time to get the stubborn once and future king back to the past where he belongs.



Nowhere Boy

by Katherine Marsh

J/Fic/Marsh

Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and thirteen-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on the adventure of a lifetime.

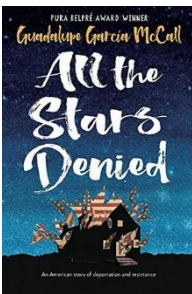


Float

by Laura Martin

J/Fic/Martin

Emerson's uncontrollable floating is a RISK factor, which means that he deals with Reoccurring Incidents of the Strange Kind. The last place Emerson wants to be is at a summer camp for RISK kids, so he's shocked when he actually starts having fun—and he even makes some new friends. But the summer takes a serious turn when Emerson and his friends discover that one of their own is hiding a deadly secret.

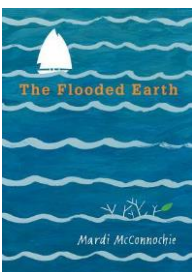


All the Stars Denied

by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

J/Fic/McCall

When Estrella organizes a protest against the treatment of tejanos in their town of Monteseo, Texas, she becomes a target of “repatriation” efforts to send Mexicans “back to Mexico”—whether they were ever Mexican citizens or not. Dumped across the border and separated from half her family, Estrella must figure out a way to survive and care for her mother and baby brother.

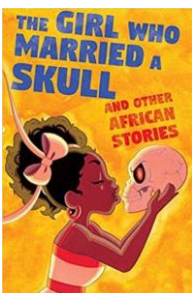


The Flooded Earth

by Mardi McConnochie

J/Fic/McConnochie

Twins Will and Annalie thought the hardest part about this year was going to be their separation. But that was before the Admiralty raided their father's workshop. Before they sent a questioner to threaten Annalie at school. Before their father disappeared, leaving a single coded clue to his destination.

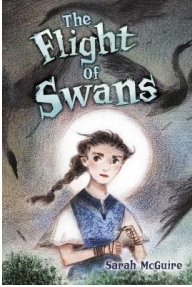


The Girl Who Married a Skull, and Other African Stories

by Kel McDonald

J/Fic/McDonald

Have you heard the one about the skull who borrowed body parts to pass himself off as a complete human so he could trick the village beauty into marriage? Well, what about when Frog and Snake's daughters had a play date? Okay, okay. But surely you've heard the story about the crocodiles who held a vote on whether or not to eat a man that had saved one of their lives? No? Have we got some stories for you.

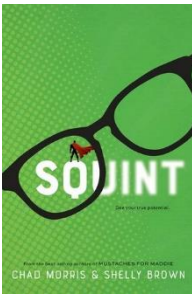


The Flight of Swans

by Sarah McGuire

J/Fic/McGuire

Princess Ryn's six older brothers have always been her protectors—until her father takes a new Queen, a frightening, mysterious woman who enchants the men in the royal family. When Ryn's attempt to break the enchantment fails, she makes a bitter bargain: the Queen will spare her brothers' lives if Ryn remains silent for six years.



Squint

by Chad Morris

J/Fic/Morris

Flint Minett has keratoconus, an eye disease, but desperately wants to win a comic book art contest so that he and his new friend McKell Panganiban will be better accepted at middle school.



Resistance

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

J/Fic/Nielsen

In 1942 sixteen-year-old Chaya Lindner is a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland, a courier who smuggles food and documents to the isolated Jewish ghettos in southern Poland, depending on her forged papers and "Aryan" features—but when a mission goes wrong and many of her colleagues are arrested she finds herself on a journey to Warsaw, where an uprising is in the works.

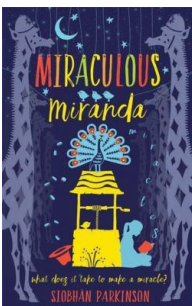


Mech Cadet Yu

by Greg Pak

J/Graphic/Mech

Once a year, giant robots from outer space come to Earth and bond with young cadets from the elite Sky Corps Academy to defend the world from the terrifying aliens known as the Sharg. It's a great honor to be chosen, but this year...well, the wrong kid was picked.



Miraculous Miranda

by Siobhan Parkinson

J/Fic/Parkinson

Miranda has a Big Imagination, and always wins Word of the Day at school. When her sister Gemma is taken into hospital, Miranda escapes into her own fantasy land, Magnanimous. As her sister gets worse, things Miranda writes seem to trigger small miracles. Can Miranda write a miracle for her sister?

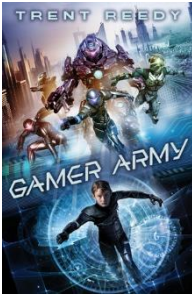


Apple in the Middle

by Dawn Quigley

J/Fic/Quigley

Apple's name, chosen by her mother on her deathbed, has a double meaning: treasured apple of my eye, but also the negative connotation: a person who is red, or Indian, on the outside, but white on the inside. After her wealthy father kicks her out, Apple agrees to meet her Native American relatives on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

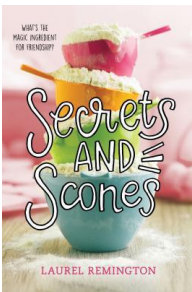


Gamer Army

by Trent Reedy

J/Fic/Reedy

After Rogan levels up yet again on Laser Viper, the creator of the game invites him to exclusive tournament. The gamers are flown to headquarters, where they stay in luxury dorms and test out cutting edge gaming equipment, doing battle as powerful robots. But as the contest continues, the missions become harder, losing gamers are eliminated, and their suspicion grows that the game may not be what it seems.

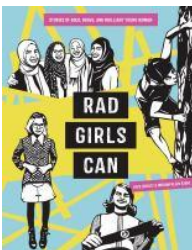


Secrets and Scones

By Laurel Remington

J/Fic/Remington

Scarlett is sick of being the star—and victim—of her mom's famous blog. Her solution? Become completely boring and deprive her mom of embarrassing material. The only problem is, being boring is boring. So when Scarlett finds a gorgeous kitchen while housesitting, it's too tempting to resist. Soon, Scarlett is whipping up a batch of scones...and making an unexpected friend.



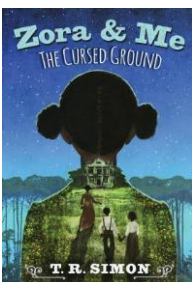
Rad Girls Can:

Stories of Bold, Brave, and Brilliant Young Women

by Kate Schatz

J/Biog/Rad

Learn about a diverse group of young women who are living rad lives, whether excelling in male-dominated sports like boxing, rock climbing, or skateboarding; speaking out against injustice and discrimination; expressing themselves through dance, writing, and music; or advocating for girls around the world.



The Cursed Ground

by T.R. Simon

J/Fic/Simon

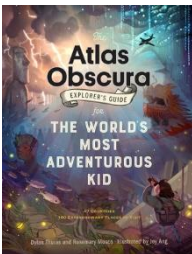
When Zora Neale Hurston and her best friend, Carrie Brown, discover that the town mute can speak after all, they think they've uncovered a big secret. But Mr. Polk's silence is just one piece of a larger puzzle that stretches back half a century to the tragic story of an enslaved girl named Lucia.



Right as Rain

by Lindsey Stoddard
J/Fic/Stoddard

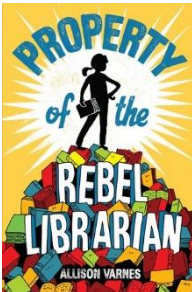
It's been almost a year since Rain's brother Guthrie died, and her parents still don't know it was all Rain's fault. In fact, no one does—Rain buried her secret deep, no matter how heavy it weighs on her heart. So when her mom suggests moving the family from Vermont to New York City, Rain agrees. But life in the big city is different. She's never seen so many people in one place—or felt more like an outsider.



The Atlas Obscura

Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid
by Dylan Thuras
J/910/Thur

Visit the site of the Tunguska event in Siberia, where a meteor slammed into the earth in 1908—and then skip over to the Yucatan, ground zero for the ancient meteor crash that caused the mass extinction of dinosaurs. Then, while in Mexico, tour the fantastical Naica caves, home to crystals ten times larger than the average person—then, turn the page to a cave so vast you could fly a 747 through it!



Property of the Rebel Librarian

by Allison Varnes
J/Fic/Varnes

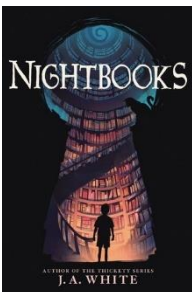
When twelve-year-old June Harper's parents discover what they deem an inappropriate library book, everything June loves about Dogwood Middle School unravels: Ms. Bradshaw is suspended, an author appearance is canceled, the library is gutted, and all books on the premises must have administrative approval.



Bone Hollow

by Kim Ventrella
J/Fic/Ventrella

Gabe knows it was foolish to save that chicken. On the roof. In the middle of a storm. But Ms. Cleo loves the chicken more than him. After falling off the roof, Gabe wakes up to find his neighbors staring at him tearfully. To his confusion, none of them seem to hear Gabe speak. It's almost as if they think he's dead. But Gabe's not dead. So why does everyone scream in terror when he shows up to his own funeral?



Nightbooks

by J.A. White
J/Fic/White

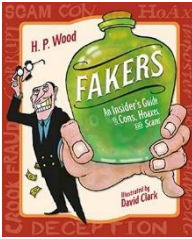
Alex's original hair-raising tales are the only thing keeping the witch Natacha happy, but soon he'll run out of pages to read from and be trapped forever. He's loved scary stories his whole life, and he knows most don't have a happily ever after. Now that Alex is trapped in a true terrifying tale, he's desperate for a different ending—and a way out of this twisted place.

Fakers:

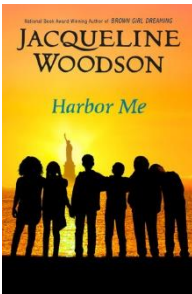
An Insider's Guide to Cons, Hoaxes, and Scams

by H.P. Wood

J/364.16/Wood



In this era of daily online hoaxes, it's easy to be caught off-guard. *Fakers* arms kids with information, introducing them to the funniest, weirdest, and most influential cons and scams in human history. Profiles of con artists will get readers thinking about motivation and consequence, and practical tips will help protect them from falsehoods. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is—except for this book!

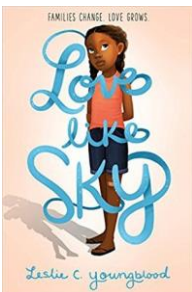


Harbor Me

by Jacqueline Woodson

J/Fic/Woodson

In the room they soon dub the ARTT Room (short for "A Room to Talk"), six kids discover it's safe to talk—about everything from Esteban's father's deportation and Haley's father's incarceration to Amari's fears of racial profiling and Ashton's adjustment to his changing family fortunes.



Love Like Sky

by Leslie C. Youngblood

J/Fic/Youngblood

Eleven-year-old Georgie is still adjusting to leaving Atlanta for a small town, having a stepfather, and being unable to get close to her stepsister when her six-year-old sister, Peaches, suddenly becomes very ill.

Read, loved, and recommended by your librarians!



CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

**25 Boston Rd
Chelmsford, MA 01824
978-256-5521 x 1212**