



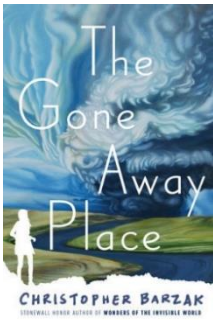
7th-8th Grade Reads

New, Upcoming, & Recommended for Summer 2018

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Genre Key

Adventure/Action	AD	Humor	HU
Animals	AN	Mystery	MY
Fantasy	FA	Realistic	RE
Historical Fiction	HF	Sci-Fi	SF
Horror	HR	Sports	SP



The Gone Away Place
by Christopher Barzak
Y/Fic/Barzak

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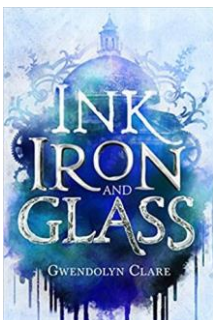
Ellie heads up her high school yearbook, and until the tornadoes come, her biggest worry is how to raise enough money to print them. But since the day when a rash of powerful tornadoes touched down—killing more than half of the students in her school—she's been haunted. And the living are haunting her too, all those left behind in the storm's wake to cope with the "gone away" pieces in their lives. A chance encounter with one ghost leads Ellie to discover a way to free the spirits that have been lingering since the storm, and she learns that she's not the only one seeing the ghosts.



Strange Star
by Emma Carroll
Y/Fic/Carroll

MY

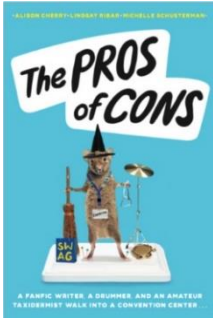
One stormy June evening, five friends meet at Villa Diodati, the summer home of Lord Byron. After dinner is served, they challenge each other to tell ghost stories that will freeze the blood. But one of the guests--Mary Shelley--is stuck for a story to share. Then there's an unexpected knock at the front door. Collapsed on the doorstep is a girl with strange scars on her face. She has traveled a long way with her own tale to tell, and now they all must listen. Hers is no ordinary ghost story, though. What starts as a simple tale of village life soon turns to tragedy and the darkest, most dangerous of secrets.



Ink, Iron, and Glass
by Gwendolyn Clare
Y/Fic/Clare

FA

Can she write a world gone wrong? A certain pen, a certain book, and a certain person can craft entirely new worlds through a branch of science called scriptology. Elsa comes from one such world that was written into creation by her mother—a noted scriptologist. But when her home is attacked and her mother abducted, Elsa must cross into the real world and use her own scriptology gifts to find her.

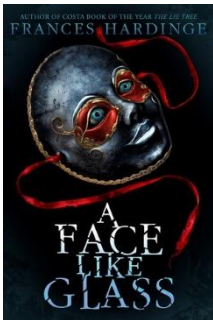


The Pros of Cons

by Aliso Cherry, Lindsay Ribar, & Michelle Schusterman
Y/Fic/Cherry

RE

Callie accompanies her workaholic father to the World Taxidermy Championships. Phoebe arrives with her school's percussion ensemble, hoping to impress bigwigs at the Indoor Percussion Association. And Vanessa is excited to be rooming with her cowriter and internet girlfriend, Soleil, at fanfic-oriented WTFCon. Unfortunately for everyone, the opening day sees them sinking into their own problems: Callie's strained relationship with her father, Phoebe's judgmental attitude, and Vanessa's immense self-doubt. It's only after circumstance puts them together that they find ways to rise above their challenges.

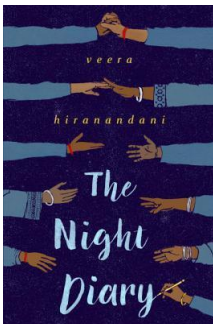


A Face Like Glass

by Frances Hardinge
Y/Fic/Hardinge

FA

In the underground city of Caverna, the world's most skilled craftsmen toil in the darkness to create delicacies beyond compare—wines that remove memories, cheeses that make you hallucinate, and perfumes that convince you to trust the wearer. On the surface, the people of Caverna seem ordinary, except for one thing: their faces are as blank as untouched snow. Expressions must be learned, and only the Facesmiths can teach a person to express (or fake) joy, despair, or fear—at a steep price. Into this dark and distrustful world comes Neverfell, a girl with no memory of her past. Neverfell's expressions are as varied and dynamic as those of the most skilled Facesmiths, except hers are entirely genuine. And that makes her very dangerous indeed.



The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranandani
Y/Fic/Hiranandani

HF

It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims, and hundreds of thousands are killed crossing borders. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs, or what her country is anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees and embark first by train but later on foot to reach her new home



Ice Wolves (Elementals #1)

by Amie Kaufman
Y/Fic/Kaufman

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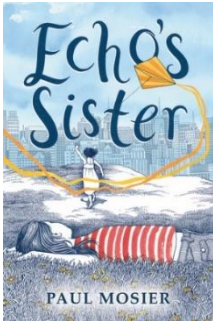
Everyone in Vallen knows that ice wolves and scorch dragons are sworn enemies who live deeply separate lives. So when twelve-year-old orphan Anders takes one elemental form and his twin sister, Rayna, takes another, he wonders whether they are even related. Still, whether or not they're family, Rayna is Anders's only true friend. She's nothing like the brutal, cruel dragons who claimed her as one of their own and stole her away. In order to rescue her, Anders must enlist at the foreboding Ulfar Academy, a school for young wolves that values loyalty to the pack above all else.



Reign of the Fallen
by Sarah Glenn Marsh
Y/Fic/Marsh

FA

Odessa is one of Karthia's master necromancers, catering to the kingdom's ruling Dead. Whenever a noble dies, it's Odessa's job to raise them by retrieving their souls from a dreamy and dangerous shadow world called the Deadlands. But there is a cost to being raised—the Dead must remain shrouded or risk transforming into zombie-like monsters known as Shades. If even a hint of flesh is exposed, the grotesque transformation will begin. A dramatic uptick in Shade attacks raises suspicions and fears among Odessa's necromancer community. Soon a crushing loss of one of their own reveals a disturbing conspiracy: someone is intentionally creating Shades and training them to attack. Odessa is faced with a terrifying question: What if her necromancer's magic is the weapon that brings Karthia to its knees?



Echo's Sister
by Paul Mosier
J/Fic/Mosier

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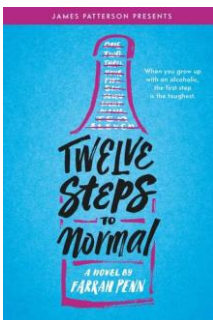
Twelve-year-old El has planned on making her first week at a new school fantastic. She won't go by her given name, Laughter. She'll sit in the back of the classroom where she can make new friends. She won't even have time to think about all the fun her old friends are having without her. Everything will be great. But when her dad picks her up after school and tells her that her younger sister, Echo, has a life-threatening illness, her world is suddenly turned upside down. And with her parents now pressed for time and money, El feels lost and powerless. Then she befriends Octavius, the only other kid in school who gets what she's going through.



Rewind
by Carolyn O'Doherty
Y/Fic/O'Doherty

MY

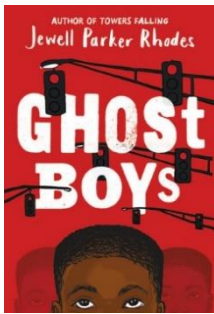
Sixteen-year-old Alex is a Spinner—she has the ability to rewind time to review past events. Hated and feared because of their ability to find the truth, the small population of Spinners is restricted to Centers—compounds created to house and protect them. Alex's society uses the Spinners' skills to solve major crimes, but messing with time comes with consequences: no Spinner lives past the age of twenty. At sixteen, Alex is in her prime—until time sickness strikes early. When she is offered an experimental treatment, Alex sees a future for herself for the first time. But the promising medication offers more than just a cure—it also brings with it dire consequences.



Twelve Steps to Normal
by Farrah Penn
Y/Fic/Penn

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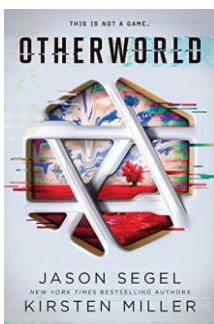
Kira's Twelve Steps To A Normal Life: 1. Accept Grams is gone. 2. Learn to forgive Dad. 3. Steal back ex-boyfriend from best friend... And somewhere between 1 and 12, realize that when your parent's an alcoholic, there's no such thing as "normal." When Kira's father enters rehab, she's forced to leave everything behind--her home, her best friends, her boyfriend...everything she loves. Now her father's sober (again) and Kira is returning home, determined to get her life back to normal...exactly as it was before she was sent away. But is that what Kira really wants?



Ghost Boys
by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Y/Fic/Rhodes

FA

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey towards recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions.



Otherworld
by Jason Segel
Y/Fic/Segel

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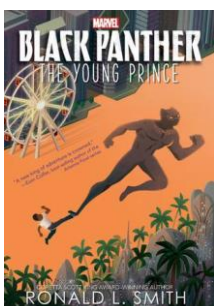
The company says Otherworld is amazing—like nothing you've ever seen before. They say it's addictive—that you'll want to stay forever. They promise Otherworld will make all your dreams come true. Simon thought Otherworld was a game. Turns out he knew nothing. Otherworld is the next phase of reality. It's everything you've ever wanted. And it's about to change humanity forever. Welcome to the Otherworld. No one could have seen it coming.



Misfit City vol. 1
by Kirsten Smith
Y/Graphic/Misfit

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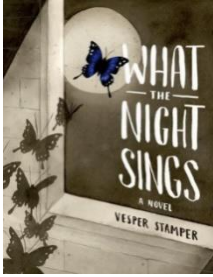
Nothing's happened in Wilder's hometown since they filmed that cult kids' adventure movie there in the 80s...Until one day, she and her friends come upon a centuries-old pirate map! Smothered by her backwater hometown and frustrated by its 1980s cult-movie fame (*The Gloomies*...have you seen it? It's a real classic, y'know.), Wilder is pretty sure she's seen everything Cannon Cove has to offer. She's desperate to get away from home as soon as she can, and move on to bigger, better, and less annoying things—even if that might mean leaving her best friends behind. But when Wilder discovers a centuries-old pirate map, she may find out that real adventure was in their tiny town all along—and they need each other to get to the bottom of it!



Black Panther: The Young Prince
by Ronald L. Smith
Y/Fic/Smith

SF

Life is comfortable for twelve-year-old T'Challa in his home of Wakanda, an isolated, technologically advanced African nation. When he's not learning how to rule a kingdom from his father—the reigning Black Panther—or testing out the latest tech, he's off breaking rules with his best friend, M'Baku. But as conflict brews near Wakanda, T'Challa's father makes a startling announcement: he's sending T'Challa and M'Baku to school in America, and they've been enrolled at South Side Middle School in the heart of Chicago. Despite being given a high-tech suit and a Vibranium ring to use only in case of an emergency, T'Challa realizes he might not be as equipped to handle life in America as he thought.



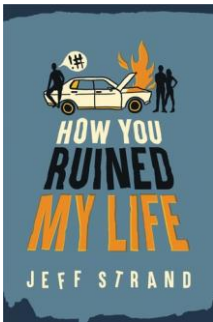
What the Night Sings

by Vesper Stamper

Y/Fic/Stamper

HF

After losing her family and everything she knew in the Nazi concentration camps, Gerta is finally liberated, only to find herself completely alone. Without her Papa, her music, or even her true identity, she must move past the task of surviving and onto living her life. In the displaced persons camp where she is staying, Gerta meets Lev, a fellow teen survivor who she just might be falling for, despite her feelings for someone else. With a newfound Jewish identity she never knew she had, and a return to the life of music she thought she lost forever, Gerta must choose how to build a new future.



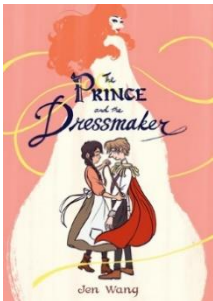
How You Ruined My Life

by Jeff Strand

Y/Fic/Strand

HU

Rod's life is pretty awesome. He plays in a punk rock band that's starting to score gigs and has a great girlfriend. Then he learns that his rich cousin, Blake, will be staying with him for three months—moving into his room, moving in on his girlfriend and band, and basically ruining his life! Prankster Blake has his own ideas on how Rod should live, but his efforts to get Rod girls and bring people to the band's shows are the opposite of helpful. Between Blake's ridiculous pranks and Rod's increasing paranoia, this semester might be the cousins' most memorable yet. That is, if their hijinks don't kill them first.



The Prince and the Dressmaker

by Jen Wang

Y/Graphic/Wang

GN

Prince Sebastian is looking for a bride—or rather, his parents are looking for one for him. Sebastian is too busy hiding his secret life from everyone. At night he puts on daring dresses and takes Paris by storm as the fabulous Lady Crystallia—the hottest fashion icon in the world capital of fashion! Sebastian's secret weapon (and best friend) is the brilliant dressmaker Frances—one of only two people who know the truth: sometimes this boy wears dresses. But Frances dreams of greatness, and being someone's secret weapon means being a secret. Forever. How long can Frances defer her dreams to protect a friend?

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