



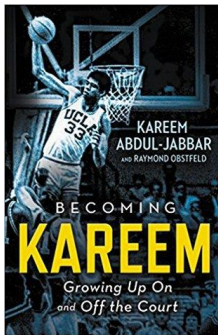
7th-8th Grade Reads

New, Upcoming, & Recommended for Winter 2018

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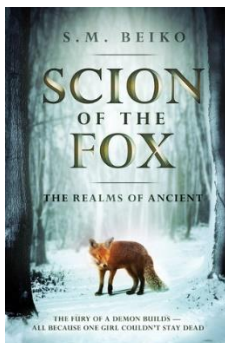
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Becoming Kareem by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Biog/Abdul-Jabbar

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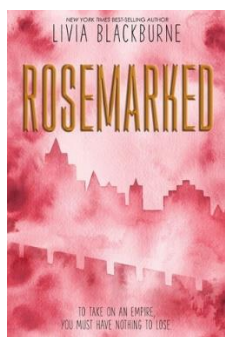
At one time, Lew Alcindor was just another kid from New York City with all the usual problems: He struggled with fitting in, with pleasing a strict father, and with overcoming shyness that made him feel socially awkward. But with a talent for basketball, and an unmatched team of supporters, Lew Alcindor was able to transform and to become Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.



Scion of the Fox (The Realms of Ancient #1) by S.M. Beiko Y/Fic/Beiko

AN

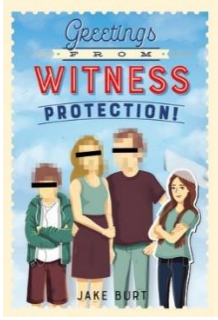
Roan Harken considers herself a typical high school student, but she's uncovering the depth of the secrets her family left behind. Saved from the grasp of Death itself by a powerful fox spirit named Sil, Roan must harness mysterious ancient power, and quickly. A snake-monster called Zabor lies in wait in the bed of the frozen Assiniboine River, hungry for the sacrifice of spirit-blood in exchange for keeping the flood waters at bay. Thrust onto an ancient battlefield, Roan soon realizes that to maintain the balance of the world, she will have to sacrifice more than her life in order to take her place as Scion of the Fox.



Rosemarked by Livia Blackburne Y/Fic/Blackburne

FA

When Zivah falls prey to the deadly rose plague, she knows it's only a matter of time before she fully succumbs. Now she's destined to live her last days in isolation, cut off from her people and unable to practice her art—until a threat to her village creates a need that only she can fill. Dineas thirsts for revenge against his Amparan captors. Now escaped and reunited with his tribe, he'll do anything to free them from Amparan rule. Thrust together on a high-stakes mission to spy on the capital, the two couldn't be more different. But as they grow closer, they must find common ground to protect those they love.



Greetings from Witness Protection!

By Jake Burt

Y/Fic/Burt

RE

The marshals are looking for the perfect girl to join a mother, father, and son on the run from the nation's most notorious criminals. After all, the bad guys are searching for a family with one kid, not two, and adding a streetwise girl who knows a little something about hiding things may be just what the marshals need. Nicki swears she can keep the Trevor family safe, but to do so she'll have to dodge hitmen, cyberbullies, and the specter of standardized testing, all while maintaining her marshal-mandated B-minus average. As she barely balances the responsibilities of her new identity, Nicki learns that the biggest threats to her family's security might not lurk on the road from New York to North Carolina, but rather in her own past.

Turn it Up

by Jen Calonita

Y/Fic/Calonita

RE



The Nightingales are in a serious funk. Bradley Academy's all-girl a cappella group used to be the pride of the sunshine state, but the Nightingales have recently fallen out of harmony. Best friends and co-captains Lidia Sato and Sydney Marino haven't been speaking ever since a boy came between them. And not just any boy—none other than Griffin Mancini, the lead singer of Bradley Academy's smug all-boy a cappella group, the Kingfishers. The Nightingales have no chance of making it to the big state final if their captains are at each other's throats. Their only hope is new girl Julianna Ramirez. But in addition to her serious pipes, she has some serious stage fright. The Nightingales will have to come together if they want to shine at the upcoming competition and restore the group to its former glory.

Dividing Eden

by Joelle Charbonneau

Y/Fic/Colbert

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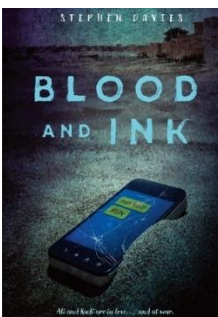
Twins Carys and Andreus were never destined to rule Eden. With their older brother next in line to inherit the throne, the future of the kingdom was secure. But appearances—and rivals—can be deceiving. When Eden's king and crown prince are killed by assassins, Eden desperately needs a monarch, but the line of succession is no longer clear. With a ruling council scheming to gain power, Carys and Andreus are faced with only one option—to take part in a Trial of Succession that will determine which one of them is worthy of ruling the kingdom.

Blood & Ink

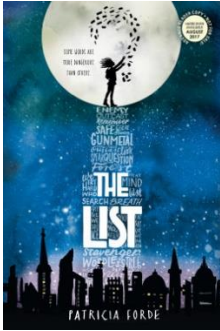
by Stephen Davies

Y/Fic/Davies

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When Ali and Kadi meet, it's hate at first sight. Kadi is the daughter of a librarian in Timbuktu. A lover of music and literature, she will one day become a guardian of an ancient manuscript collection. Ali is the son of shepherds and has been conscripted by Al Qaeda. He helps to overthrow Timbuktu and impose a strict Islamic state. The town's citizens face many abuses as their way of life changes overnight. By circumstance, the two teenagers are thrown together. As they get to know more about each other, both let their guards down. But when Ali discovers the secret vault where Kadi's family keeps their sacred manuscripts, he reports the discovery to his commander. Once Kadi's life is in danger, finally Ali must decide where his loyalties lie.



The List
by Patricia Forde
Y/Fic/Forde

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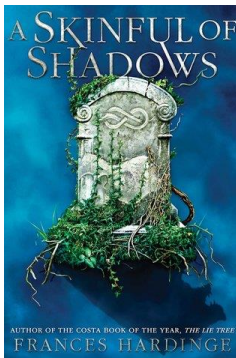
In the city of Ark, speech is constrained to five hundred sanctioned words. Speak outside the approved lexicon and face banishment. The exceptions are the Wordsmith and his apprentice Letta, the keepers and archivists of all language in their post-apocalyptic world. On the death of her master, Letta is suddenly promoted to Wordsmith, charged with collecting and saving words. But when she uncovers a sinister plan to suppress language and rob Ark's citizens of their power of speech, she realizes that it's up to her to save not only words, but culture itself.



The Forgotten Book
by Mechthild Glaser
Y/Fic/Glaser

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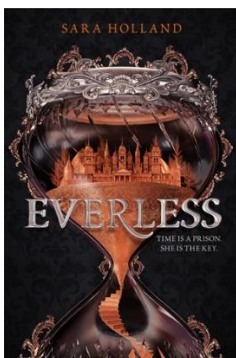
Emma is used to things going her way. Her father is headmaster of her prestigious boarding school, her friends take her advice as gospel, and she's convinced that a relationship with her long-time crush is on the horizon. As it turns out, Emma hasn't seen anything yet. When she finds an old book in an abandoned library, things really start going Emma's way: anything she writes in the book comes true. But the power of the book is not without consequences, and Emma soon realizes that she isn't the only one who knows about it. Someone is determined to take it from her—and they'll stop at nothing to succeed. A new boy in school—the arrogant, aloof, and irritatingly handsome Darcy de Winter—becomes Emma's unlikely ally as secrets are revealed and danger creeps ever closer.



A Skinful of Shadows
by Frances Hardinge
Y/Fic/Hardinge

FA

Sometimes, when a person dies, their spirit goes looking for somewhere to hide. Some people have space within them, perfect for hiding. Twelve-year-old Makepeace has learned to defend herself from the ghosts which try to possess her in the night, desperate for refuge, but one day a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard. And now there's a spirit inside her. The spirit is wild, brutish and strong, and it may be her only defence when she is sent to live with her father's rich and powerful ancestors. There is talk of civil war, and they need people like her to protect their dark and terrible family secret. But as she plans her escape and heads out into a country torn apart by war, Makepeace must decide which is worse: possession—or death.



Everless
by Sara Holland
Y/Fic/Holland

FA

In the kingdom of Sempera, time is currency—extracted from blood, bound to iron, and consumed to add time to one's own lifespan. The rich aristocracy, like the Gerlings, tax the poor to the hilt, extending their own lives by centuries. No one resents the Gerlings more than Jules Ember. A decade ago, she and her father were servants at Everless, the Gerlings' palatial estate, until a fateful accident forced them to flee in the dead of night. When Jules discovers that her father is dying, she knows that she must return to Everless to earn more time for him before she loses him forever. But going back to Everless brings more danger—and temptation—than Jules could have ever imagined.



What Goes Up
 By Katie Kennedy
 Y/Fic/Kennedy

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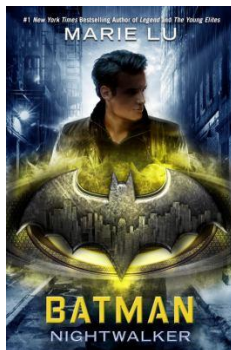
Rosa and Eddie are among hundreds of teens applying to NASA's mysterious Multi-World Agency. After rounds of crazy-competitive testing they are appointed to Team 3, along with an alternate, just in case Eddie screws up (as everyone expects he will). What they don't expect is that aliens will arrive from another dimension, and look just like us. And no one could even imagine that Team 3 would be the only hope of saving our world from their Earth-destroying plans.



Love and Other Train Wrecks
 by Leah Konen
 Y/Fic/Konen

RE

Noah is a hopeless romantic. He's heading back home for one last chance with his first love, whom he broke up with when he went off to college. Ammy doesn't believe in true love—her parents being prime examples. That is, until one winter night when Noah and Ammy find themselves in the same Amtrak car heading to Upstate New York. After a train-wreck first encounter between the two of them, the train suddenly breaks down. Desperate to make it to their destinations, Noah and Ammy have no other option but to travel together. What starts off as a minor detour turns into the whirlwind journey of a lifetime, and over the course of the night they fall in love. But come morning their adventure takes an unexpected turn for the worst.



Batman: Nightwalker
 by Marie Lu
 Y/Fic/Lu

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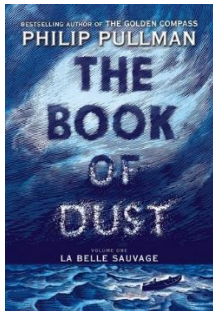
The Nightwalkers are terrorizing Gotham City, and Bruce Wayne is next on their list. The city's elites are being taken out one by one as their mansions' security systems turn against them. Meanwhile, Bruce is about to become eighteen and inherit his family's fortune, not to mention the keys to Wayne Industries and all the tech gadgetry that he loves. But on the way home from his birthday party, he makes an impulsive choice and is sentenced to community service at Arkham Asylum, the infamous prison that holds the city's most nefarious criminals. The most intriguing inmate in Arkham is Madeleine, a brilliant girl with ties to the Nightwalkers. A girl who will only speak to Bruce. She is the mystery he must unravel, but is he convincing her to divulge her secrets, or is he feeding her the information she needs to bring Gotham City to its knees?



Beneath the Haunting Sea
 by Joanna Ruth Meyer
 Y/Fic/Meyer

FA

Sixteen-year-old Talia was born to a life of certainty and luxury, destined to become Empress of half the world. But when an ambitious rival seizes power, she and her mother are banished to a nowhere province on the far edge of the Northern Sea. It is here, in the drafty halls of the Ruen-Dahr, that Talia discovers family secrets, a melancholy boy with a troubling vision of her future, and a relic that holds the power of an ancient Star. On these shores, the eerie melody of the sea is stronger than ever, revealing long-forgotten tales of the Goddess Rahn. The more dark truths that Talia unravels about the gods' history—and her own—the more the waves call to her, and it may be her destiny to answer.



La Belle Sauvage (The Book of Dust #1)

by Phillip Pullman

Y/Fic/Pullman

FA

Eleven-year-old Malcolm Polstead and his dæmon, Asta, live with his parents at the Trout Inn near Oxford. Across the River Thames (which Malcolm navigates often using his beloved canoe, a boat by the name of La Belle Sauvage) is the Godstow Priory where the nuns live. Malcolm learns they have a guest with them, a baby by the name of Lyra Belacqua.



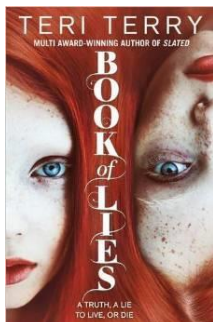
RIP Eliza Hart

by Alyssa B. Sheinmel

Y/Fic/Sheinmel

MY

When Eliza Hart, the most popular girl at Ventana Ranch boarding school, is found dead on the cliffs outside her dormitory, Ellie Sokoloff is determined to figure out what happened to her. After all, Eliza was Ellie's childhood best friend. Never mind that ever since Ellie arrived at school Eliza has spread terrible rumors about her, calling her a liar and a stalker, when all Ellie wanted to do was rekindle their old friendship. Or that Ellie's claustrophobia limits where she can go and what she can do. Or that Ellie's suitemate, Sam, is the only one who will help her... because to everyone else, Ellie looks like the top suspect. Can Ellie clear her name and solve the mystery behind Eliza's death? Her hunt for the truth will uncover secrets she never imagined, sending her deep into her own memories of her childhood with Eliza Hart.



The Book of Lies

by Teri Terry

Y/Fic/Terry

FA

They are trapped, frozen. Waiting. Straining against the wood that holds them. The unwary catch a glimpse now and then - feel their desperate hunger, see a glint of red eyes - and scurry out of the shadows of the wood, back to the light. She's coming; it will be soon. They will run free on the moors again. The Hunt will return. And the ground will run with blood. An ancient curse placed on a family of witches foretells that twins will be born - one good, one evil; and one will destroy the other. But who can be trusted when no one is as they seem?



2018 Young Explorer's Adventure Guide

by Corie Weaver, Sean Weaver

Y/Fic/Weaver

SF

What's it like to be a space station detective? To be homesick for Mars? What do you say when your robot gets you in trouble? Join the adventures of a diverse cast of characters in this year's Young Explorer's Adventure Guide, featuring award-winning writers alongside great new voices. If you're lucky, you might even learn how to raise a dragon from a chicken egg or where to find the best space treasure.



Love and Other Alien Experiences

by Kerry Winfrey

Y/Fic/Winfrey

HF

My name is Mallory Sullivan. My therapist says I have an anxiety disorder. My brother says I'm an "optimistic recluse." Everybody else says I'm a freak. And they kind of have a point, because I haven't left the house in 67 days and only attend class via the webcam on my laptop. The person I talk to the most other than my mom and brother is the completely obnoxious BeamMeUp, and all we do is argue on New Mexico's premiere alien message board. But after yesterday, I have something: a chance. If I can win the homecoming crown by convincing resident hot popular guy and Friday Night Lights spawn Brad Kirkpatrick to go as my date, then maybe #stayathome will never appear next to the name @Mallory_Sullivan ever again.

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