

Teen Summer Reading

The Poet X

By Elizabeth Acevedo

YA ACEVE

Xiomara has learned to be fierce and let her fists do the talking, but she pours out her heart and passions into her notebook. While her Mami is insistent that she follows the rules of the church, Xiomara is more interested in her school's slam poetry club and a boy in her bio class.

Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda

By Simon Albertalli

YA ALBERT

It's not that Simon hides the fact that he's gay, he's just not that open about it. He prefers to keep his drama on stage and not in real life. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, and he's pressured into acting as a wingman for one of his friends, Simon realizes that sometimes making changes is the least dramatic thing he can do. Recommended by our Teen Advisory Group!

The Hate U Give

By Angie Thomas

YA THOMA

In this multi award winning novel, Starr has learned how to move between the worlds of home and school. But when she witnesses the shooting of her best friend by the police, Starr realizes that what she says or doesn't say could endanger herself, her family and her friends. What can Starr do?

Scythe

By Neal Shusterman

YA SHUST

In a world where there is no disease, hunger or death, only a scythe can cause someone to die. Citra and Rowan are chosen to be the next scythes and must master the art of taking a life. As their final test approaches both know that failure could equal the loss of their own life. Recommended by MCPL's Teen Advisory Group!

One of Us is Lying

By Karen McManus

YA MCMAN

Five students are assigned to detention, but only four leave the room alive. Who killed Simon, the school outcast? Simon knew some pretty juicy gossip that he was going to spill the next day, but is that what got him killed? And what about the other four students in detention with him? What do they know that they aren't telling? Recommended by MCPL's Teen Advisory Group!

Everything Everything

By Nicola Yoon

YA YOON

Maddy is allergic to everything. Literally. Even leaving her home poses risks to her health. When a new family moves in next door, and Maddy meets Olly, she realizes that she's ready risk it all to see if life can include more than just the inside of her house.

Grave Mercy

By Robin LaFevers

YA LAFEV

The first in "His Fair Assassins" series, Ismae flees an arranged marriage to the convent of St. Mortain. There, she discovers that the God of Death has blessed her with special gifts. If she chooses to remain, she will be trained as an assassin. To fulfill her destiny, she must destroy the lives of others. Recommended by our Teen Advisory Group!

Darkest Minds

By Alexandra Bracken

YA BRACK

When Ruby wakes up on her tenth birthday, something isn't right. She survives a dangerous disease that kills most children, but with survival comes strange powers that land Ruby in a "rehabilitation" camp for survivors like her. When the true nature of her powers comes to light, Ruby escapes, hoping to make it to East River, the one safe place for her. Nominated for YALSA's Teen Top Ten, this novel will soon be a movie as well.

Serpentine

By Cindy Pons

YA PONS

Starbright was bought by a wealthy family in the Kingdom of Xia to become handmaid and companion to their daughter. As Starbright becomes older, she discovers a darkness inside of her that not even the light of day can banish. These changes scare her; can she still be best friends with Zhen Ni or will she succumb to the darkness within her?

Goblins of Bellwater

By Molly Ringle

YA RINGL

Bellwater, Washington is home to more than people; goblins live in the woods around the city. Skye falls victim to a goblin curse, while her sister Livy tries to figure out what happened. Kit, the city's goblin liaison, starts dating Livy to protect her from the goblins. Meanwhile, Skye has enchanted Kit's cousin Grady with a kiss, cursing them to become goblins. Based on Christina Rossetti's poem, "The Goblin Market," this novel brings the world of faeries and goblins into the real world.



The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives

By Dashka Slater

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Sasha and Richard might never have ever interacted if it weren't for the 57 bus. Sasha, a teen who identifies as agendered, has their skirt lit on fire by a black teen while riding the bus. The black teen, Richard, is charged with a hate crime and faces a life behind bars. This stunning work of nonfiction highlights the challenges and dangers that LGBT teens face every day and is a nominee for the YASLA's Excellence in Nonfiction Award.

Long Way Down

By Jason Reynolds

YA REYNO

Will's brother was killed and Will knows what to do next. With his brother's gun in his waistband, Will heads to the elevator. As the elevator stops at each floor, someone gets on. Someone who knows another part of the story. Will knowing all the parts of the story of his brother's shooting change Will's mind? Nominated for YALSA's Teen Top Ten, this book has won several awards.

Don't Cosplay with My Heart

By Cecil Castelluci

YA CASTE

When Edan is cosplaying her favorite superhero, Gargantua, she feels powerful. Which is a good thing because right now, everything is a mess: Her family, her crush, her best friend. Going to conventions makes Edan feel like she finally belongs someplace. When her personal life starts to spiral out of control, Edan needs to decide if she's the hero of her story or just a sidekick.

Now is Everything

By Amy Giles

YA GILES

From the outside, Hadley's family looks normal, but she spends most of her time at home trying to protect her younger sister from her father. When her forbidden relationship with Charlie changes, suddenly the violence at home increases, causing an accident that changes everything. When Hadley attempts suicide, her doctors and friends want to know why, but Hadley won't talk.

The Forgotten Book

By Mechthild Glaser

YA GLASE

Finding the old book in the school library was more than just luck. Everything Emma writes in the book comes true. But making wishes come true isn't without consequence and Emma realizes that someone knows about the book and it's magic and wants to take it away from her. When Darcy De Winter arrives at school, suddenly Emma has an ally against the danger.

Strange the Dreamer

By Laini Taylor

YA TAYLO

The mythical city of Weep has haunted Lazlo Strange's dreams for years, but he's not the kind of person who would set out on a journey to find it. When a band of legendary warriors arrive at his library, Strange must decide if he will fulfill his dream or lose it forever. Nominated for YALSA's Teen Top Ten list.

Inexplicable Logic of my Life

By Benjamin Alire Saenz

YA SAENZ

Up until now, Sam thought he knew his place in the world. He had his Mexican American family, his adoptive dad and his best friend. However, during his senior year of high school, Sam begins to question who he is and what his place is in the universe. Nominated for CCBC's *Choices* and as one of YAL-

SA's Best Fiction for Young Adults.

Also nominated by Teens for YALSA's Teen Top Ten.

Mask of Shadows

By Linsey Miller

YA MILLE

Sal is a thief and a good one, but wants more than just the endless drudgery. Sal decides to audition for the Queen's Left Hand, her band of personal assassins. The audition is a fight to the death with ex-soldiers, evil apothecaries and acrobats. In the process, Sal wins the heart of Elise, a scribe at court. Will Sal survive? Can Sal and Elise begin a new life together? Nominated for YALSA's Teen Top Ten.

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By Gregory Katsoulis

YA KATSO

Speth Jime has been raised to know the consequences of falling into debt, especially because after she turns 15, she must pay for every word and every gesture she makes. As she plans her Last Day speech, her friend commits suicide rather than have to work off his family's crippling debt. In shock, Speth decides not to ever speak a word again. Nominated for YALSA's Teen Top Ten, this dystopian novel will make you think twice every time you speak.

Art of Being Normal

By Lisa Williamson

YA WILLI

The first day at his new school, Leo just wants to be invisible. When Leo stands up for a classmate during a fight, they become friends. Leo's new friend, Dave, wants to transition to a girl, and with Leo's support and help, she does. And Leo knows how difficult it can be, because he was once a girl. Recommended by our own Teen Advisory Group!