

Locally Reviewed Novels

1984 [6 books]

37816 KT
 JS 407 pce 1984 Harper Collins
 George Orwell
 Depicts life in a totalitarian regime of the future.

Dystopian fiction; Science fiction;
 Totalitarianism—Fiction; English/
 Language Arts

The 500 Years of Resistance Comic Book [6 books]

36582 KT
 S 87 pce 2014 Arsenal Pulp
 Gord Hill

The 500 Years of Resistance Comic Book is a powerful and historically accurate graphic portrayal of Indigenous resistance to the European colonization of the Americas, beginning with the Spanish invasion under Christopher Columbus and ending with the Six Nations land reclamation in Ontario in 2006.

First Nations; Graphic novels;
 Reading; Residential schools;
 Aboriginal; English/Language Arts

All he knew

39731 BK
 IJ

Helen Frost.

In 1939 six-year-old Henry, who is deaf, is taken from his family and placed in a home for the feeble-minded where, years later, his friends include a conscientious objector serving there during World War II. Includes historical notes.

Conscientious objectors—Fiction;
 Deaf—Fiction; Historical fiction;
 Institutional care—Fiction; Novels in
 verse; People with disabilities—
 Fiction; World War,
 1939-1945—Fiction

All He Knew [6 books]

40026 KT
 IJ 254 pce 2020 Farrar Starus
 Giroux

Helen Frost

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Institutional care—Fiction; World
 War, 1939-1945—Fiction;
 Conscientious objectors—Fiction;
 People with disabilities—Fiction;
 Novels in verse; Historical fiction;
 Deaf—Fiction; Inclusive education;
 English/Language Arts

*Alone

42372 BK
 IJ 410 p. 2022 Aladdin
 Megan E. Freeman.

"When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone—left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own. Her only companions are a Rottweiler named George and all the books she can read. After a rough start, Maddie learns to trust her own ingenuity and invents clever ways to survive in a place that has been deserted and forgotten. As months pass, she escapes natural disasters, looters, and wild animals. But Maddie's most formidable enemy is the crushing loneliness she faces every day"—Amazon.

Survival skills—Fiction; Loneliness—
 Fiction; Girls—Fiction; Novels in
 verse; Human-animal relationship—
 Fiction; Social Studies; English/
 Language Arts

And the Mountains Echoed [6 books]

35843 KT
 S 402 pce 2013 Viking
 Khaled Hosseini

This novel is about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. In this tale revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe - from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos - the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page.

Afganistan—fiction; Family—Fiction;
 Social Studies

Annie Mae's movement [4 books]

34575 KT
 S 52 pce 1998 Playwrights Canada
 Press

Yvette Nolan

This book explores what it must have been like to be Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, a woman in a man's movement, a Canadian in America, an Aboriginal in a white-dominant culture at a time when it felt like we could really change the world. Dying under mysterious circumstances, it is still

unclear as to what really happened to her back in the late 70s. Instead of recounting cold facts, this play looks for the truth from examining the life and death of this remarkable Aboriginal woman; that we cannot know the consequences of our actions; that we live on in the work that we do and the people we affect long after we have passed from this world.

BC First Nations Studies 12; First Nations—Plays; Aboriginal

Baby Teeth

38362 BK
 T 320 p. 2021 St. Martin's
 Zoje Stage.

"Afflicted with a chronic debilitating condition, Suzette Jensen . . . brought Hanna into the world, pleased and proud to start a family with her husband Alex. Estranged from her own mother, Suzette is determined to raise her beautiful daughter with the love, care, and support she was denied. But Hanna proves to be a difficult child. Now seven years old, she has yet to utter a word, despite being able to read and write. Defiant and anti-social, she refuses to behave in kindergarten classes, forcing Suzette to homeschool her. Resentful of her mother's rules and attentions, Hanna lashes out in anger, becoming more aggressive every day. The only time Hanna is truly happy is when she's with her father. To Alex, she's willful and precocious but otherwise the perfect little girl, doing whatshe's told. Suzette knows her clever and manipulative daughter doesn't love her. She can see the hatred and jealousy in her eyes. And as Hanna's subtle acts of cruelty threaten to tear her and Alex apart, Suzette fears her very life may be in grave danger"—Provided by publisher.

Crohn's disease—Fiction;
 Emotionally disturbed children—
 Fiction; Mother-daughter
 relationship—Fiction; Mystery fiction;
 Violence—Fiction

Bar code series

For descriptions see individual titles:
 The bar code tattoo [38120]

The bar code tattoo

38120 BK
 JS 252 p. 2004 Scholastic Inc.
 Suzanne Weyn.

Bar code series - Kayla is ostracized at school because she refused to get the required tattooed bar code and now she and her family must run to avoid the dangers threats against them. ([FIC])

Individuality—Fiction; Science
 fiction; Tattooing—Fiction

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Beast rider : a boy's journey beyond the border

38843 BK

Tony Johnston and María Elena Fontanot de Rhoads.

"To be reunited with his brother, twelve-year-old Manuel will have to cross the border and survive the perilous journey from Mexico to Los Angeles"—Provided by publisher.

Brothers—Fiction; Locomotives—Fiction; Mexico; Prejudices—Fiction; Travel—Fiction; Fontanot de Rhoads, Maria Elena,—author

Becoming Muhammad Ali [6 books]

39465 KT

IJ 310 pce 2020 Little Brown and Company

James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

"Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces to vividly depict his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali."—From publisher's website.

African Americans; Ali, Muhammad; Athletes; Boxers (Sports)

Becoming Muhammad Ali : a novel

39931 BK

PI

James Patterson and Kwame Alexander ; illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile.

"A biographical novel tells the story of Cassius Clay, the determined boy who would one day become Muhammad Ali, one of the greatest boxers of all time"—OCLC.

African Americans—Fiction; Biographical fiction; Boxing—Fiction; Novels in verse; Alexander, Kwame,—author; Ali, Muhammad,—1942-2016—Fiction; Anyabwile, Dawud,—1965—illustrator

Beverly Hills Maasai

38122 BK

248 p. 2010 Doubleday Canada Eric Walters.

When Alexandria answers the phone in her California mansion, the last person she's expecting to hear from is Nebala, the Maasai warrior she befriended during her life-altering trip to Kenya. Not only is Nebala calling, he, along with two other Maasai, have just arrived at the LA airport. They are there to compete in the Beverly Hills

marathon, a race they plan on winning so that the prize money can be used to build a well in their village back home.

Compassion—Fiction; Courage—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Fund raising; Gifts—Fiction; Marathon running—Fiction

The birchbark house [6 books]

37346 KT

I 244 pce 1999 Disney Hyperion Books

Louise Erdrich

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

First Nations; Islands; Ojibwa (First Nations people)—Fiction; Seasons—Fiction

Black radishes [6 books]

36331 KT

I 222 pce 2010 Yearling Susan Lynn Meyer

Gustave doesn't want to move to the countryside, far from his friends, but he has no choice as it is March of 1940, and Paris is not a safe place for Jews. When Paris is captured by the Nazis, Gustave knows that his friends and their families must make it out of the occupied zone. When he learns that his new friend Nicole works for the French Resistance, he comes up with a plan.

Historical fiction; Holocaust, 1939-1945—Fiction; Jewish children in the Holocaust—Fiction; Jews—Fiction; Paris (France)—History—Fiction; Reading; War stories

The Blackbird Girls [6 Books]

40659 KT

IJ 340 pce 2020 Puffin Books Written by Anne Blankman

"On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work—Chernobyl—has exploded. Before they know it, the two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad to stay with Valentina's estranged grandmother, Rita Grigorievna. In their new lives in Leningrad, they begin to learn what it means to trust another person. Oksana must face the lies her parents told her all her life. Valentina must keep her grandmother's secret, one that could put all their lives in danger. And both of them discover something they've wished for: a best friend. But how far would you go to save your best friend's life? Would you risk your own?"—Amazon.com.

Nuclear Power Plants—Accidents—Fiction; Girls—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts; Historical fiction; Toleration—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction

Bless me, Ultima

39969 BK

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Rudolfo Anaya.

Six-year-old Antonio embarks upon a spiritual journey under the watchful guidance of Ultima, a healing woman, that leads him to question his faith and beliefs in family, religion, and other aspects of his Chicano culture.

Mexican Americans—Fiction; New Mexico—Fiction; Spiritualism—Fiction; Voyages and travels—Fiction

The Body Under the Piano [6 Books]

40160 KT

Jl 325 pce 2020

Written by Marthe Jocelyn

Aggie Morton and her friend Hector discover a dead body on the floor of the Mermaid Dance Room. They work together to solve the case before Aggie's beloved dance instructor is charged with a crime she didn't commit.

Teenage girls—Fiction; Mystery fiction; Fiction; England—Fiction; Criminal investigation—Fiction

The boundless [30 copies]

37183 KT

IJ 332 pce 2014 HarperTrophy

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.

Adventure fiction; Canada—Fiction; Circus; Historical fiction; Railroads

Brian's hunt [6 books]

31425 KT

PI 103 pce 2003 Scholastic

Gary Paulsen

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, Brian returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.

Bears—Fiction; Fiction—Study and teaching; Language arts; Reading; Wilderness survival—Fiction

The bridge home

38846 BK

IJ

Padma Venkatraman.

Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Chennai, India.

Homeless persons—Fiction; India—Fiction; Missing persons—Fiction; Runaway children—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

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The Bridge Home [6 Books]

40880 KT
IJ 194 pce 2019 Puffin
Written by Padma Venkatraman.
Four determined homeless children
make a life for themselves in Chennai,
India.

Social Studies; English/Language
Arts; India–Fiction; Missing
persons–Fiction; Runaway
children–Fiction; Homeless
persons–Fiction; Siblings–Fiction

Chaos inside: Thunderstorms [6 books]

36234 KT
S 125 pce 2014 Ronsdale Press
Garry Gottfriedson
Chaos Inside Thunderstorms draws
the audience into the centre of the
tumultuous political, socio/economical
and historical reality of the First
Nations experience in Canada today.
It is poetic expression that examines
leadership, resilience, honour, shame,
and love. It examines the issues
implicit in the Idle No More Movement
and the Truth and Reconciliation
conferences. Although the book
speaks of age-old themes, it explores
them through fresh modern eyes.
Eloquent and witty, these poems are
power-packed with imagery that
uncovers the raw politics of race.
There is nothing polite about them.
Chaos Inside Thunderstorms is candid
and challenging. More importantly, it
is thought-provoking and engaging.
(809.1)

First Nations–Canada;
Poetry–Collections

The Copycat [6 Books]

40169 KT
JI 417 pce 2020
Written by Wendy McLeod MacKnight
Ali, a young middle-school student,
has always acted like a copycat to
make friends and to simply fit in.
However, when she unexpectedly
inherits the ability to shape-shift and
change her appearance at will, fitting
in seems almost impossible. While
there are many risks, being able to
change one's appearance instantly
does have its advantages. Upon
discovering that her cousin Alfie
attends the same school, they both
find themselves immersed in a
decades old family feud. With a lot of
practice, and a few hurt feelings along
the way, Ali Learns to use her
"copycat" powers to help resolve many
problems. In so doing, she comes to
realize that the two most important
things in life are loving your family and
loving yourself.

Suspense fiction; Family life–
Fiction; Satire–Fiction; Fantasy
fiction; Coming of Age; Humorous
fiction; Mystery fiction; Personal
awareness and social responsibility

Crenshaw [6 Books]

40834 KT
PIJ 245 pce 2015 Square Fish/
Feiwel and Friends
Written by Katherine Applegate.
"A story about a homeless boy and
his imaginary friend that proves in
unexpected ways that friends matter,
whether real or imaginary"—Provided
by publisher.

Imaginary playmates–Fiction;
Family life–Fiction; Homeless
persons–Fiction; Cats–Fiction;
Friendship–Fiction; English/
Language Arts

Dear Canada

For descriptions see individual titles:
These are my words : the residential
school diary of Violet Pesheens [6
books] [37989]

These are my words : the residential
school diary of Violet Pesheens
[38113]

Displacement

39745 BK
JS
Kiku Hughes.
"Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco
when suddenly she finds herself
displaced to the 1940s Japanese-
American internment camp that her
late grandmother, Ernestina, was
forcibly relocated to during World War
II. These displacements keep
occurring until Kiku finds herself stuck
back in time. Living alongside her
young grandmother and other
Japanese-American citizens in
internment camps, Kiku gets the
education she never received in
history class. She witnesses the lives
of Japanese-Americans who were
denied their civil liberties and suffered
greatly, but managed to cultivate
community and commit acts of
resistance in order to
survive"—Provided by publisher.

Graphic novels; Historical graphic
novels; Japanese Americans–
Graphic novels; Japanese
Americans–Evacuation and
relocation, 1942-1945–Graphic;
Mother-daughter relationship–
Graphic novels; Time
travel–Graphic novels; United
States–Politics and
government–Graphic novels

Displacement [6 books]

39857 KT
IJ 274 pce 2020 First Second
Kiku Hughes
"Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco
when suddenly she finds herself
displaced to the 1940s Japanese-
American internment camp that her
late grandmother, Ernestina, was
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novels; Mother-daughter
relationship–Graphic novels; Time
travel–Graphic novels; United
States–Politics and
government–Graphic novels

Dog [5 books]

33814 KT
I 181 pce 1982 Candlewick Press
Daniel Pennac
Rescued from certain death by a
kindly dog at the city dump, an
abandoned puppy grows up fending
for himself until he finds a home with
a willful little girl. Could she be the
mistress of his dreams?

Animals–Fiction

Dragonwings [6 books]

27956 KT
I 248 pce 1975
Laurence Yep
For all his eight years, Moon Shadow
has lived with his mother and
grandmother in a small village in
down. Moon Shadow suddenly finds
himself sailing to America to start a
new life in a strange new land with a
man he has never met - his father.
Life in America is very hard. Moon
Shadow must learn new customs, a
different language and new ways to
deal with strange people. But most of
all, he must learn about his father.

China–Fiction;
Multiculturalism–Fiction; Reading

Dream wheels : a novel

38391 BK
T 398 p. 2007 Anchor Canada
by Richard Wagamese.
Rodeo cowboy Joe Willie Wolfchild
suffers a devastating accident just
moments before becoming World
Champion. In the process of
rebuilding his life, he befriends a
young man on probation who helps
him find his purpose once again.

First Nations–Fiction; Friendship–
Fiction; Self-realization–Fiction;
Western stories

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Dreamcatcher [2 books]

31803 KT
IJ 137 pce 1995 Polestar
Meredy Maynard

Thirteen-year-old Fran struggles with the changes in his life after his father dies and his mother moves the family away from the city, but he finds good friends in Bandit, a baby raccoon, and Jo, a Native girl who is also dealing with the loss of a parent. (FIC)

First Nations–Canada–Fiction;
Literature–Study and teaching
(Secondary); Teenagers–Fiction

Eco warrior

38837 BK
JS

Philip Roy.

Submarine outlaw Series - "Alfred takes his homemade submarine into the Southern Ocean to thwart the actions of the Japanese whalers. In Australia, he is mistakenly accused of sabotaging an oil tanker, forcing him to escape to Tasmania. There he meets up with Merwin Hughes, an eccentric environmentalist, and together they travel south. They are followed along the way by a friendly blue whale and her calf, and a bond is established. Soon after, they encounter a tanker on its way to illegally refuel the whalers' ships. When Captain Paul Watson arrives aboard the Sea Shepherd Society's flagship, the Steve Irwin, to stop the whalers, Al must first try to save the mother and calf even as he helps Watson fight off the whalers"—OCLC.

Adventure fiction; Animal rescue–Fiction; Blue whales–Fiction;
Submarines–Fiction; Voyages and travels–Fiction; Whaling–Fiction

Every soul a star [6 books]

36342 KT
IJ 322 pce 2010 Little Brown
Wendy Mass

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of their own problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

Bildungsromans; Friendship–Fiction; Reading; Solar eclipses–Fiction

Five Little Indians [6 books]

40103 KT
S 293 pce 2020 Harper Perennial
Michelle Good

With compassion and insight, 'Five Little Indians' chronicles the desperate quest of these residential school survivors to come to terms with their past and, ultimately, find a way forward. Michelle Good is a writer of Cree ancestry and a member of the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in SK. She lives in Kamloops, BC.

Survival; Cree (First Nations people); Canadian authors;
Historical fiction; Residential schools; First Nations authors; First Nations–Residential schools–Fiction; First Nations–Fiction; First Nations children–Fiction; English/Language Arts; Social Studies;
Aboriginal

***Forever Birchwood [6 Books]**

41245 KT
IJ 291 pce 2022 HarperCollins
Publishers

written by Danielle Daniel

"Adventurous, trail-blazing Wolf lives in a northern mining town and spends her days exploring the mountains and wilderness with her three best friends: Penny, Ann, and Brandi. The girls' secret refuge is their treehouse hideaway, Birchwood, Wolf's favorite place on earth. After her beloved grandmother tells her that she is the great-granddaughter of a tree talker, Wolf knows that she is destined to protect the birch trees and wildlife that surround her. But Wolf's mother doesn't understand this connection at all. Not only is she reluctant to engage with their family's Indigenous roots, she seems suspiciously on the wrong side of the environmental protection efforts in their hometown. To make matters worse, she's just started dating an annoying new boyfriend named Roger, whose motives, and construction company, seem equally suspect. As summer arrives, though, so do bigger problems. Wolf and her friends discover plastic orange bands wrapped around the trees near their cherished hangout spot, and their once stable friendship seems on the verge of unraveling. Birchwood has given them so much—can they even stay together long enough to save this special place?"—Provided by publisher.

Grandmothers–Fiction; Logging–Fiction; Tree houses–Fiction;
English/Language Arts; First Nations–Fiction; Daniel, Danielle,–illustrator; Friendship–Fiction;
Mother-daughter relationship–Fiction; Environmentalists–Fiction;
Aboriginal

Front desk

38987 BK

PJ

Kelly Yang.

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them. While her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants—not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.

Chinese Americans–Fiction;
Friendship–Fiction; Hotels and motels–Fiction; Immigrants–Fiction;
Self-confidence–Fiction

Front desk [6 books]

39184 KT
I 286 pce 2018 Scholastic Inc.
Kelly Yang

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Chinese Americans–Fiction;
Friendship–Fiction; Hotels and motels–Fiction; Immigrants–Fiction;
Self-confidence–Fiction

The German girl [6 books]

37850 KT
JS 557 pce 2016 Gale

Armando Lucas Correa

Before everything changed, Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now the streets of Berlin are draped in swastikas and Hannah is no longer welcome in the places she once considered home. A glimmer of hope appears in the shape of the St Louis, a transatlantic liner that promises Jews safe passage to Cuba. The Rosenthals sell everything they have to fund visas and tickets. At first the liner feels like luxury, but as they travel the circumstances of war change, and it soon becomes their prison. Seven decades later in New York, on her twelfth birthday Anna Rosen receives a package from Hannah, the great-aunt she never met but who raised her deceased father. Anna and her mother immediately travel to Cuba to meet this elderly relative, and for the first time Hannah tells them the untold story of her voyage on the St Louis.

Cuba–Fiction; Historical fiction;
Holocaust, 1939-1945–Fiction;
Jewish children in the Holocaust;
Jews–Cuba–Fiction; Jews–German–Fiction; Refugees–Fiction;
Social Studies

A girl called Echo [6 books]

40162 KT
IS 47 pce 2017 Highwater Press
Written by Katherena Vermette

"Echo Desjardins, a 13-year-old Métis girl adjusting to a new home and school, is struggling with loneliness while separated from her mother. Then an ordinary day in Mr. Bee's history class turns extraordinary, and Echo's life will never be the same. During Mr. Bee's lecture, Echo finds herself transported to another time and place – a bison hunt on the

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Saskatchewan prairie – and back again to the present. In the following weeks, Echo slips back and forth in time. She visits a Métis camp, travels the old fur-trade routes, and experiences the perilous and bygone era of the Pemmican Wars"—Back cover.

Métis—History; Communication; Métis; Indigenous peoples; Indigenous peoples—Canada—History—Graphic novels; Personal and cultural identity; Teenage girls—Psychological aspects; Time travel—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; History

The Girl who Drank the Moon [6 Books]

40954 KT
IJ 388 pce 2016 Algonquin Young Readers

Written by Kelly Barnhill

"An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her."—Provided by publisher.

Witches—Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Friendship—Fiction; English/Language Arts

The Golden Spruce: a true story of myth, madness and greed [6 books]

31843 KT
JS 256 pce 2005 Vintage
John Vaillant

A thrilling mystery story about cultural clash and environmental obsession; of man against nature. On a winter night in 1997, a British Columbia timber scout, Grant Hadwin, committed an act of shocking violence in the Queen Charlotte Islands. His victim was a unique 300 year old sitka spruce tree, fifty metres tall and covered with luminous golden needles. In a bizarre environmental protest, Hadwin chopped the tree down. The entire surrounding community was horrified. Not only was the golden spruce a scientific marvel and tourist attraction, it was sacred to the Haida people and beloved by local loggers. Shortly after confessing to the crime, Hadwin disappeared under suspicious circumstances. (364.164)

First Nations; Forests and forestry—British Columbia; Haida (First Nations people)

A good kind of trouble

38943 BK

PIJ

Lisa Moore Ramée.

"Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she'd also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly

questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. Wait, what? Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. She starts wearing an armband to school in support of the Black Lives movement. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn't face her fear, she'll be forever tripping over the next hurdle. Now that's trouble, for real."—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Middle schools—Fiction; Protest movements—Fiction; School stories

Goodnight Desdemona (Good morning Juliet) [6 books]

36861 KT

JS 88 pce 1990 Vintage Canada
Ann-Marie MacDonald

In this exuberant comedy and original revision of Shakespeare's Othello and Romeo and Juliet – Constance Ledbelly, a drab and dusty academic, deciphers a cryptic manuscript she believes to be the original source for the tragedies, and is transported into the plays themselves. She visits Juliet and Desdemona, has a hand in saving them, and finds out what these women are about. In true Shakespearean spirit, Constance plunders the plays and creates something new, all the while engaging in a personal voyage of self-discovery. With an abundance of twists, fights, dances, seductions, and wild surprises, the play is an absolute joy of theatricality.

Drama; Plays; Reading; Shakespeare, William

The great gatsby [6 books]

35747 KT

S 170 pce 1950 Penguin books
F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby is one of the great love stories of our time.

Long Island (N.Y.)—Fiction; Love stories; Love stories; Man-woman relationships—Fiction; Upper class—Fiction

Green grass, running water

38853 BK

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Thomas King.

Story of five Blackfoot people in the town of Blossom and its nearby reserve, whose lives continually cross.

Alberta—Fiction; Coyote (Legendary character)—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; First Nations—Fiction; First Nations—Alberta—Fiction; Native Americans—Fiction

The Greystone secrets

For descriptions see individual titles:

The strangers [38927]

Harvey Comes Home [6 Books]

40158 KT

JJ 218 pce

2019

Written by Colleen Nelson

"A young boy volunteering at a retirement home finds a stray dog and notices that it revives decades-old memories for a bitter resident. The boy bonds with the resident as he listens to stories about growing up in Saskatchewan during the Great Depression. Thanks to his new friend and his canine companion, the elderly man is able to pass away peacefully, immersed in fond memories of his youth"

Historical fiction; Depressions—1929—Fiction; Human-animal relationships—Fiction; Dogs; Survival—Fiction; Coming of Age; Personal awareness and social responsibility

Hello, Universe [6 Books]

40677 KT

IJ 345 pce 2017 Greenwillow Books, an imprint of Ha

Written by Erin Entrada Kelly.

The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Missing children—Fiction; English/Language Arts; People with disabilities—Fiction; Deaf—Fiction; Self-reliance—Fiction; Psychics—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Hearing impaired—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction; Bullies—Fiction

A house in the sky : a memoir

38356 BK

Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett.

"The spectacularly dramatic memoir of a woman whose curiosity about the world led her from rural Canada to imperiled and dangerous countries on every continent, and then into fifteen months of harrowing captivity in Somalia -a story of courage, resilience, and extraordinary grace. At the age of eighteen, Amanda Lindhout moved from her hardscrabble Alberta hometown to the big city -Calgary - and worked as a cocktail waitress, saving her tips so she could travel the globe. As a child, she escaped a violent household by paging through National Geographic and imagining herself in its exotic locales. Now she would see those places for real. She backpacked through Latin America, Laos, Bangladesh, and India, and emboldened by each experience, went on to travel solo across Sudan, Syria, and Pakistan. In war-ridden Afghanistan and Iraq she carved out a fledgling career as a TV reporter. And then, in August 2008, she traveled to Mogadishu, Somalia -"the most dangerous place on Earth" -to report

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on the fighting there. On her fourth day in the country, she and her photojournalist companion were abducted. An astoundingly intimate and harrowing account of Lindhout's fifteen months as a captive, *A House in the Sky* illuminates the psychology, motivations, and desperate extremism of her young guards and the men in charge of them. She is kept in chains, nearly starved, and subjected to unthinkable abuse. She survives by imagining herself in a "house in the sky," looking down at the woman shackled below, and finding strength and hope in the power of her own mind. Lindhout's decision, upon her release, to counter the violence she endured by founding an organization to help the Somali people rebuild their country through education is a wrenching testament to the capacity of the human spirit and an astonishing portrait of the power of compassion and forgiveness"—

Canada—Biography; Hostages—Biography; Journalists—Biography; Somalia—History; Corbett, Sara,—author; Lindhout, Amanda

How to ruin your life : and other lessons school doesn't teach you [6 books]

38475 KT

IJ 111 pce 2010 Red Deer Press Carolyn McTighe

The friendship between nine-year-old Penelope Jane Parker and her schoolmate Katie is threatened when P.J., anxious to show off her running skills at the annual school track meet, slows down to let her non-athletic friend Katie catch up and ends up losing the race.

Competition (Psychology)—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Interpersonal relationships—Fiction; School stories

Ikenga

39501 BK

IJ

Nnedi Okorafor.

In southeastern Nigeria, twelve-year-old Nnamdi is determined to avenge his police chief father, who was murdered while trying to rid the town of criminals, but Nnamdi feels powerless until he receives a magical object which gives him superpowers.

Blacks—Fiction; Criminals—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Magic—Fiction; Nigeria—Fiction; Revenge—Fiction; Superheroes—Fiction

Ikenga [6 books]

39809 KT

I 227 pce 2020 Viking Nnedi Okorafor

In southeastern Nigeria, twelve-year-old Nnamdi is determined to avenge his police chief father, who was murdered while trying to rid the town of criminals, but Nnamdi feels powerless until he receives a magical object which gives him superpowers.

Blacks—Fiction; Criminals—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Magic—Fiction; Nigeria—Fiction; Revenge—Fiction; Superheroes—Fiction

The illustrated man

38363 BK

JS

Ray Bradbury.

Features a new introduction by the author and presents eighteen science fiction stories that are revealed as illustrations on one man's tattooed body.

Horror—Fiction; Science fiction; Short stories

Inside out & back again [6 books]

37758 KT

PI 262 pce 2011 Harper Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Alabama—History—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Novels in verse; Social Studies; Vietnam—History—Fiction; Vietnamese Americans—Fiction

An inspector calls : The graphic novel [30 books]

36006 KT

S 136 pce 2012 Classical Comics J.B. Priestley

This kit is the entire play, in original text, as a full color graphic novel. The Birling family are spending a happy evening celebrating the engagement of Sheila Birling to Gerald Croft - a marriage that will result in the merging of two successful local businesses. Yet, just when everything seems to be going so well, they receive a surprise visit from an Inspector Goole who is investigating the suicide of a young woman. Surely none of these respectable people could have anything to do with her sad fate...or could they?

Graphic novels; Plays

Kasey & Ivy

39082 BK

Alison Hughes.

"Through twenty-six letters to her friend Nina, twelve-year-old Kasey chronicles the often humorous observations and impressions of her unexpected, month-long stay in a geriatric ward for the treatment of a rare but treatable bone disease ("oste-something-something-itis"). Kasey tries to make her life less dull by wearing her own nightgowns, surrounding herself with her favourite stuffies and developing an unusual exercise routine. Hospital food, insomnia and the germmy communal bath are enduring sources of dread, but some new (and unexpected)

friends make her life bearable."—Goodreads.

Friendship—Fiction; Hospitals—Fiction; Letters—Fiction

The last dog on earth [6 books]

36578 KT

I 230 pce 2003 Yearling

Daniel Ehrenhaft

In this boy-and-his-dog tale with a twist, Logan Moore, 14, doesn't measure up to the expectations of his mom and stepdad, and is friendless at school. His one interest, inventing electronic gadgets, only gives vent to mischievous impulses. The teen lacks direction and self-esteem until he adopts Jack, a wild and mangy mutt. Initially, Logan is a reluctant caregiver, but real affection and trust soon blossom between the two as he proves himself to be a loving and effective trainer. The twist is provided by the emergence of a deadly and contagious disease that causes infected canines to become vicious before they die. These events are revealed through textual inserts (news reports, e-mails, etc.). A parallel story line involves a renegade scientist who may hold the key to developing a vaccine against POS, which can be developed from the blood of an immune animal. The disparate plots come together as Logan, running away with Jack from mandatory quarantine or worse, stumbles upon the scientist, who turns out to be his biological father, whom he hasn't seen in years. The dog proves to be immune and provides the life-saving solution to the scientific puzzle but sadly dies from brutal injuries inflicted by vigilantes.

Diseases—Fiction; Dogs—Fiction; Human-animal relationships—Fiction; Reading

Long Way Down

39146 BK

JS 306 p. 2017 Atheneum

Jason Reynolds.

In this verse novel, Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting. Meanwhile seven ghosts who knew Shawn, board the elevator with Will and reveal truths he needs to know.

Brothers—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; Ghost stories; Homicide—Fiction; Novels in verse; Revenge—Fiction

Long way down : the graphic novel [6 books]

39405 KT

JS 2020 Atheneum

Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

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Brothers—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; Ghost stories; Graphic novels; Homicide—Fiction; Revenge—Fiction

Loot: how to steal a fortune [6 books]

36580 KT
I 266 pce 2014 Scholastic
Jude Watson

On a foggy night in Amsterdam, a man falls from a rooftop to the wet pavement below. It's Alfie McQuinn, the notorious cat burglar, and he's dying. As sirens wail in the distance, Alfie manages to get out two last words to his young son, March: "Find jewels. "But March learns that his father is not talking about a stash of loot. He's talking about Jules, the twin sister March never knew he had. No sooner than the two find each other, they're picked up by the police and sent to the world's worst orphanage. It's not prison, but it feels like it. March and Jules have no intention of staying put. They know their father's business inside and out, and they're tired of being pushed around. Just one good heist, and they'll live the life of riches and freedom most kids only dream about. Watch out!

Mystery; Reading

Lucky Jonah [6 books]

38180 KT
IJ 225 pce 2016 Harper Trophy
Canada
Richard Scrimger

Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his cute, athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity. Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else's body—and someone else's life. But with a limited number of shots and trouble mounting click by click, will this unhappy boy find a new life? Or will his deepest, darkest secret follow him wherever he goes? A hilarious take on a Freaky Friday-esque switcheroo with an outsized identity crisis.

Bullies—Fiction; Cameras—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction

Lucky Jonah [6 books]

37687 KT
IJ 225 pce 2016 Harper Trophy
Canada
Richard Scrimger

Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his cute, athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity. Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else's body—and someone else's life. But with a limited number of shots and trouble mounting click by click, will this unhappy boy find a new life? Or will

his deepest, darkest secret follow him wherever he goes? A hilarious take on a Freaky Friday-esque switcheroo with an outsized identity crisis.

Bullies—Fiction; Cameras—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Secrecy—Fiction; Self-acceptance—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction

March

March. Book one

38169 BK
JS 2013

[written by] John Lewis, Andrew Aydin
[illustrated by] Nate Powell.
Presents in graphic novel format events from the life of Georgia congressman John Lewis, focusing on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.

African Americans—Civil rights—Graphic novels; Black history; Civil rights—History—Graphic novels; Civil rights workers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Legislators—United States—Graphic novels; Aydin, Andrew,—author; Lewis, John,—1940 February 21—Graphic novels; Powell, Nate,—illustrator; Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (U.S.)—Graphic novels; United States.—Congress.—House—Graphic novels

March: Book one [6 books]

37985 KT
JS 121 pce 2013 Top Shelf
Productions

Written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin

A graphic novel account of some pivotal moments in the Civil Rights Movement.

African Americans—Civil rights—Graphic novels; Black history; Civil rights—History—Graphic novels; Civil rights workers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Legislators—United States—Graphic novels; Lewis, John—1940 February 21—Graphic novels; Social Studies; United States—Congress—House—Graphic novels

Maybe a fox

38125 BK
IJ

by Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee.
"When her sister Sylvie goes missing on a snowy morning and is never seen again, Jules refuses to believe she is gone forever, meanwhile, in the shadow world, a shadow fox is born."—OCLC.

Fantasy fiction; Foxes—Fiction; Missing persons—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction; McGhee, Alison,—1960—author

Me and Banksy

39612 BK
PIJ

Tanya Lloyd Kyi.
"When someone hacks into her school's security videos and broadcasts students at embarrassing moments, Dominica expresses her anger through graffiti, and then wonders if she might use her artistic talent to do something about the problem"—OCLC.

Electronic surveillance—Fiction; Graffiti—Fiction; Privacy—Fiction; School stories

Me and Banksy [6 Books]

40159 KT
JIS 261 pce 2020

Written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi.
"When someone hacks into her school's security videos and broadcasts students at embarrassing moments, Dominica expresses her anger through graffiti, and then wonders if she might use her artistic talent to do something about the problem"—OCLC.

Graffiti—Fiction; Electronic surveillance—Fiction; School stories; Privacy—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction

The mighty heart of Sunny St. James

40185 BK
PI

Ashley Herring Blake.
"Twelve-year-old Sunny St. James must navigate heart surgery, reconnections with a lost mother, the betrayal of a former best friend, first kisses, and emerging feelings for another girl"—

Friendship—Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Lesbians—Fiction; Romance fiction; Heart—Transplantation—Fiction

The mighty heart of Sunny St. James [6 books]

39958 KT
IJ 375 pce 2020 Little Brown and
Company

Ashley Herring Blake
"When Sunny St. James receives a new heart, she decides to set off on a "New Life Plan": 1) do awesome amazing things she could never do before, 2) find a new best friend, and 3) kiss a boy for the first time. Her "New Life Plan" seems to be racing forward, but when she meets her new best friend Quinn, Sunny questions whether she really wants to kiss a boy at all. With the reemergence of her estranged mother, Sunny begins a journey to becoming the new Sunny St. James".—from publisher's website

Friendship—Fiction; Heart—Transplantation; Mothers and daughters—Fiction

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Milo: sticky notes & brain freeze [6 books]

36419 KT
IJ 275 pce 2010 Aladdin Books
Alan Silverberg
In love with the girl he sneezed on the first day of school and best pals with Marshall, the "One Eyed Jack" of friends, seventh-grader Milo Cruikshank misses his mother whose death has changed everything at home.
Family-Fiction; Reading

A mind spread out on the ground

38858 BK
Alicia Elliott.
"...A Mind Spread Out on the Ground is a personal and critical meditation on trauma, legacy, oppression and racism in North America. In an urgent and visceral work that asks essential questions about Native people in North America while drawing on intimate details of her own life and experience with intergenerational trauma, Alicia Elliott offers indispensable insight and understanding to the ongoing legacy of colonialism." -OCLC.
Canada-Race relations; Family life; First Nations-Biography; First Nations; Indigenous peoples-Canada; Indigenous peoples-Canada-Social conditions; Racism-Canada

A mind spread out on the ground [6 books]

38910 KT
S 223 pce 2019 Doubleday Canada
Alicia Elliott
"...A Mind Spread Out on the Ground is a personal and critical meditation on trauma, legacy, oppression and racism in North America. In an urgent and visceral work that asks essential questions about Native people in North America while drawing on intimate details of her own life and experience with intergenerational trauma, Alicia Elliott offers indispensable insight and understanding to the ongoing legacy of colonialism." - OCLC.
Canada-Race relations; Family life; First Nations-Biography; First Nations; Indigenous peoples-Canada; Indigenous peoples-Canada-Social conditions; Racism-Canada

The miscalculations of Lightning Girl

40038 BK
PI
Stacy McAnulty.
A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

School stories; Interpersonal relations-Fiction; Middle schools-Fiction; People with disabilities-Fiction; Obsessive-compulsive disorder-Fiction

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl [6 Books]

40168 KT
JI 293 pce 2018
Written by Stacy McAnulty
A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder-Fiction; School stories-Fiction; Interpersonal relations-Fiction; Coming of Age; Personal awareness and social responsibility; People with disabilities-Fiction; Middle schools-Fiction

The Misewa Saga

The barren grounds [6 books]

40002 KT
IJ 247 pce 2020 Puffin
David A. Robertson
"Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home-until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal opens to another reality, Askí, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, where they meet Ochek (Fisher). The only hunter supporting his starving community, Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission. Accompanied by Arik, a sassy Squirrel they catch stealing from the trapline, they try to save Misewa before the icy grip of winter freezes everything-including them"-Provided by publisher.

Magic-Fiction; Winnipeg (Man.)-Fiction; Foster children-Fiction; Indigenous peoples-Canada-Fiction; Imaginary places-Fiction; First Nations-Fiction; Fantasy fiction; First nations children-Fiction; Survival skills-Fiction

The barren grounds

39801 BK
IJ
David A. Robertson.
"Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home-until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal

opens to another reality, Askí, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, where they meet Ochek (Fisher). The only hunter supporting his starving community, Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission. Accompanied by Arik, a sassy Squirrel they catch stealing from the trapline, they try to save Misewa before the icy grip of winter freezes everything-including them"-Provided by publisher.

Fantasy fiction; First Nations-Fiction; First nations children-Fiction; Foster children-Fiction; Imaginary places-Fiction; Indigenous peoples-Canada-Fiction; Magic-Fiction; Survival skills-Fiction; Winnipeg (Man.)-Fiction

Moon of the crusted snow : a novel

39890 BK
T
Waubgeshig Rice.
After a winter storm cuts off all contact and supplies from a small community, people begin to panic when the death toll starts rising. A group of friends turn to the Anishinaabe traditions in hopes of helping their community.

Apocalyptic fiction; City and town life-Fiction; Dystopian fiction; First Nations-Fiction; Interpersonal relations-Fiction; Ojibwa (First Nations people)-Fiction

*** Moon of the crusted snow : a novel [30 books]**

41615 KT
S 218 pce 2018 ECW
written by Waubgeshig Rice
After a winter storm cuts off all contact and supplies from a small community, people begin to panic when the death toll starts rising. A group of friends turn to the Anishinaabe traditions in hopes of helping their community.

Apocalyptic fiction; Ojibwa (First Nations people)-Fiction; Social Studies; Aboriginal; English/Language Arts; City and town life-Fiction; Dystopian fiction; First Nations-Fiction; Interpersonal relations-Fiction

Moon of the Crusted Snow : a novel [6 Books]

40856 KT
S 218 pce 2018 ECW
Written by Waubgeshig Rice
After a winter storm cuts off all contact and supplies from a small community, people begin to panic when the death toll starts rising. A group of friends turn to the Anishinaabe traditions in hopes of helping their community.

Apocalyptic fiction; Aboriginal; City and town life-Fiction; Dystopian fiction; First Nations-Fiction; Interpersonal relations-Fiction; Ojibwa(First Nations people)-Fiction; English/Language Arts

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My life as a diamond

38931 BK
IJ

Jenny Manzer.

"In this novel for middle-graders, talented baseball player Caspar Cadman has a great arm and a big secret. He used to live life as a girl called Cassandra"—OCLC.

Baseball—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

My life as a diamond [6 books]

38515 KT

I 161 pce 2018 Orca Book Publishers

Jenny Manzer

"In this novel for middle-graders, talented baseball player Caspar Cadman has a great arm and a big secret. He used to live life as a girl called Cassandra"—OCLC.

Baseball—Fiction; Gender identity—Fiction; Transgender people—Fiction

My Name is Konisola [6 Books]

40161 KT

JL 178 pce 2020 Second Story Press

Written by Alisa Siegel

"Based on a true story. On a freezing cold winter night, nine-year-old Konisola and her mother step off a plane in Canada, having left Nigeria with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are running for their lives, having lived under the threat of violence from a controlling family member. Soon after they land, disaster strikes—Konisola's mother is hospitalized and Konisola is forced to fend for herself in a strange country with no family and no friends. Will she be allowed to stay in Canada as a refugee, or will she and her mother be sent back across the ocean? This is a story of bravery and determination, of loss, and of generosity and good will that paved the way for a new family"—Provided by publisher.

Historical fiction; ; Refugees; Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Multiculturalism; Personal awareness and social responsibility

My sister, the serial killer : a novel

38868 BK

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Oyinkan Braithwaite.

Korede is bitter. How could she not be? Her sister, Ayoola, is many things: the favorite child, the beautiful one, possibly sociopathic. And now Ayoola's third boyfriend in a row is dead. Korede's practicality is the sisters' saving grace. She knows the best solutions for cleaning blood, the trunk of her car is big enough for a body, and she keeps Ayoola from posting pictures of her dinner to Instagram when she should be mourning her "missing" boyfriend. Not that she gets any credit. A kind, handsome doctor at the hospital where Korede works is the bright spot

in her life. She dreams of the day when he will realize they're perfect for each other. But one day Ayoola shows up to the hospital uninvited and he takes notice. When he asks Korede for Ayoola's phone number, she must reckon with what her sister has become and what she will do about it"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Homicide—Fiction; Humorous fiction; Mystery fiction; Serial killers—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction

Night

40278 KT

S 120 pce 2006 Hill and Wang

Written by Elie Wiesel

Presents a true account of the author's experiences as a Jewish boy in a Nazi concentration camp.

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives; World War—1939-1945; Jews—Biography; Holocaust survivors; Holocaust survivors—Biography

Noggin

38355 BK

JS

John Corey Whaley.

After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body. Now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist, while figuring out changes in his relationships.

Death—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Kansas City (Mo.)—Fiction; Science fiction; Transplantation of organs, tissues, etc.—Fiction

The outsiders

38547 BK

PIJS 2003 SPEAK, an imprint of Penguin Putnam

S.E. Hinton.

Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960s Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul-searching for one of the kids involved, a sensitive fourteen-year-old writer named Ponyboy.

Family life—Fiction; Gangs—Fiction

Paper Wishes [6 Books]

40163 KT

JL 181 pce 2016

Written by Lois Sepahban

Near the start of World War II, young Manami, her parents, and Grandfather are evacuated from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp in the desert for Japanese-American citizens.

Fiction—Study and teaching; Family life—Fiction; Japanese Americans—Evacuation and relocation, 1942-45—Fiction; World War, 1939-1945—Japan—Fiction; Historical fiction; Mutism—Fiction; Personal and cultural identity; Adventure fiction; Coming of Age; Japanese Americans—Fiction; Personal awareness and social responsibility; Social Studies

Pine Island home [6 Books]

40164 KT

IJ 229 pce 2020

Written by Polly Horvath

Orphaned and alone, the four McCready sisters, aged eight to fourteen, move to a house off the coast of British Columbia left them by their great aunt, and get by with the help of neighbors.

Survival; Eccentrics and eccentricities—Fiction; Adventure fiction; Coming of Age; Orphans—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction

A Place to Belong [6 books]

39978 KT

IJ 405 pce 2020 Simon & Schuster Cynthia Kadohata

Twelve-year-old Hanako and her family, reeling from their confinement in an incarceration camp, renounce their American citizenship to move to Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb dropped by Americans.

Atomic bomb—Fiction; Hiroshima-shi (Japan)—History—Fiction; Historical fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Japanese Americans—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Playing Atari with Saddam

Hussein : based on a true story

38867 BK

PIJ

Jennifer Roy with Ali Fadhil.

For forty-two days in 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil and his family struggle to survive as Basra, Iraq, is bombed by the United States and its allies.

Children and war—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Historical fiction; Iraq—History—Fiction; Persian Gulf War, 1991—Fiction; Fadhil, Ali,—author; Hussein, Saddam,—1937-2006

The raiders of folklore

The eye of Odin: the raiders of folklore - book 1 [6 books]

36583 KT

I 263 pce 2015 Stag's Head books Dennis Staginnus

On probation for burglary, disliked by everyone at school, and with no memory of his past, fifteen-year-old Grayle Rowen thought his life couldn't suck more than it already did. He was wrong—it was about to get worse. Much worse. While on a field trip to the Vancouver Museum, Grayle is

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forced to steal a Viking runestone from the museum's newest exhibit. Should've been an easy job, especially for a master thief like Grayle. What he didn't expect was another student, Sarah Finn, tagging along, or the Viking goddess of death showing up to steal the same artifact. Now in a fight for their lives, Grayle and Sarah learn the runestone is one of five markers describing the whereabouts of the Eye of Odin, a mystical orb said to give its owner infinite knowledge of the past, present, and future. Though Grayle would love nothing more than to ditch Sarah, he knows he'll have little hope of finding the Eye and unlocking his mysterious past without her. Dodging Hel-hounds, Frost Giants, and a cannibal Hex, the two teenagers race from Canada to the frozen reaches of Norway in an effort to recover the remaining runestones. The stakes are clear: find the markers in time and save the world. Fail, and the Viking goddess will use the Eye to destroy mankind.

Fantasy; Reading

Reproduction : a novel

38865 BK

Ian Williams.

Felicia and Edgar meet as their mothers are dying. Felicia, a teen from an island nation, and Edgar, the lazy heir of a wealthy German family, come together only because their mothers share a hospital room. Felicia's mother dies and Edgar's "Mutter" does not—not right away, anyway. On her own in the cold white north, Felicia drops out of high school and takes a job as Mutter's caregiver. While Felicia and Edgar don't quite understand each other, they form a bond built on grief (and proximity) that results in the birth of a son Felicia calls Armistice. Army, for short. Some years later, Felicia and Army (now 14) are living in the basement of a home owned by Oliver, a man of Portuguese descent who works a gripe about his ex-wife into any conversation. Oliver has two kids, the teenaged Heather and the odd little Hendrix, and these three, along with Felicia and Army, form an unconventional family, except that Army wants to sleep with Heather, and Oliver wants to kill Army. Army has never met his father, but his fascination with his absent father—and his absent father's money—begins to grow as odd gifts from Edgar begin to show up (like a case of Jolly Ranchers and some red shoelaces). And Felicia, who has kept her distance from the man, feels Edgar's shadow looming over them. A brutal assault, a mortal disease, a death, and a birth reshuffle this group of people again to form another version of the family.

Death—Fiction; Family—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Parent-child relationship—Fiction; Romance fiction

Sadako and the thousand paper cranes

18378 BK

64 p. 1979 Dell

by Eleanor Coerr ; paintings by Ronald Himler.

Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Atomic bomb victims; Himler, Ronald,—illustrator

Sadako and the thousand paper cranes [30 copies]

35518 KT

IJ 1977 Puffin

by Eleanor Coerr ; paintings by Ronald Himler.

Based on a true story, Hiroshima-born Sadako is lively and athletic—the star of her school's running team. And then the dizzy spells start. Soon gravely ill with leukemia, an aftereffect of the atom bomb that fell on her city when she was only an infant. Recalling Japanese legend, Sadako sets to work folding paper cranes. For the legend holds that if a sick person folds one thousand cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again. (172.42)

Atomic bomb victims; English and language arts; Fiction—Study and teaching; Japan—Fiction; Peace; Social Studies; Nasu, Masamoto.—Children of the paper crane : the story of Sadako S

Sadako and the thousand paper cranes [6 books]

37753 KT

PI 79 pce 1977 Puffin Books

by Eleanor Coerr

Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Atomic bomb—Physiological effect; Biographical fiction; Death; Hiroshima-shi (Japan)—Hstory; Historical fiction; Leukemia

Sadako and the thousand paper cranes kit [30 books]

15172 KT

IJ 1977 Puffin

by Eleanor Coerr ; paintings by Ronald Himler.

This video's faithful retelling of Eleanor Coerr's story is read by Liv Ullmann and is a powerful plea for world peace. Delicate Japanese-style drawings form a backdrop to the story. The books "Sadako" by Eleanor Coerr and "Children of the paper crane : the story of Sadako Sasaki and her struggle with the A-Bomb disease" by Masamoto Nasu, "How to fold a paper crane" by George Levenson are also included in this kit. (172.42)

Atomic bomb victims; English and language arts; Fiction—Study and teaching; Japan—Fiction; Peace; Social Studies; Nasu, Masamoto.—Children of the paper crane : the story of Sadako S

Sadie

39112 BK

JS

Courtney Summers.

"Sadie hasn't had an easy life. Growing up on her own, she's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated small town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. But when Mattie is found dead, Sadie's entire world crumbles. After a somewhat botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice and hits the road following a few meager clues to find him. When West McCray—a radio personality working on a segment about small, forgotten towns in America—overhears Sadie's story at a local gas station, he becomes obsessed with finding the missing girl. He starts his own podcast as he tracks Sadie's journey, trying to figure out what happened, hoping to find her before it's too late"—OCLC.

Mystery fiction; Podcasting—Fiction; Revenge—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction; Speech disorders—Fiction

Sara and the Search for Normal [6 Books]

40165 KT

IJ 265 pce 2020

Written by Wesley King

Seventh-grader Sara wants to be normal but her panic attacks and other episodes cause her to isolate herself until, in group therapy, she meets talkative and outgoing Erin, her first friend.

Mental illness—Fiction; Panic Disorders; Family life—Fiction; Human behaviour—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction

Sektion 20

38879 BK

JS 274 p. 2011 Bloomsbury

Paul Dowswell.

Alex, no longer pretending to be a model East German in East Berlin during the Cold War, realizes that the Stasi is watching him when he is blocked from further education, his summer job is mysteriously cancelled, and friends begin avoiding him. His parents decide that the only option is to flee the area.

Cold war—Fiction; Germany (East)—Fiction; Germany (East).—Ministerium für Staatssicherheit—Fiction

Locally Reviewed Novels

Sektion 20 [6 books]

36420 KT

IJ 274 pce 2011 Bloomsbury
Paul Dowswell

Alex lives in East Berlin. The Cold War is raging and he and his family are forbidden to leave. But the longer he stays, the more danger he is in. Alex is no longer pretending to be a model East German, and the Stasi has noticed. They are watching him.

Europe—fiction; Historical fiction;
Reading

A series of unfortunate events

The bad beginning [6 books]

37659 KT

I 142 pce 1999 Harper/Trophy
Lemony Snicket

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune

Humorous fiction; Orphans—Fiction;
Siblings—Fiction

Shadow Children

Among the hidden [30 copies]

16465 KT

IJ 1998 Aladdin Paperbacks
Margaret Peterson Haddix.

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. (808.0683)

Fiction—Study and teaching;
Population—Fiction; Science fiction

Among the Hidden [6 copies]

26811 KT

IJ 153 pce 1998 Alladin Paperbacks
Margaret Peterson Haddix.

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the governm

Population—Fiction; Reading;
Science fiction; English/Language
Arts

Shot in the dark

38836 BK

PIJ

Janet M. Whyte.

Sports stories Series - "Eighth-grader Micah is psyched to have made the BC junior goalball team, even though he gets the news while dealing with a flare-up of his degenerative eye condition. What he's not happy about is his parents' decision to get him a guide dog, and the possibility of losing his independence. When Liam, a new first-rate player, joins the goalball team, Micah's frustration with his vision spills onto the court. It's only

with the help of Cam, his Orientation and Mobility Specialist, that Micah starts to get a handle on his aggression and trust people enough to communicate how he feels. But with the team's big junior tournament in Richmond, B.C., quickly approaching, Micah has to reconcile his differences with his teammates, both on and off the court, to become a real team player"—Publisher.

Eye—Diseases—Fiction; Goalball—
Fiction; Sports—Fiction; Sports
tournaments—Fiction

Sit

38126 BK

stories by Deborah Ellis.

"The seated child. With a single powerful image, Deborah Ellis draws our attention to nine children and the situations they find themselves in, often through no fault of their own. In each story, a child makes a decision and takes action, be that a tiny gesture or a life-altering choice"—OCLC.

Children—Fiction; Decision making—
Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction;
Self-reliance—Fiction; Short stories

Sit [30 books]

39543 KT

I 139 pce 2017 Groundwood Books/
House of Anansi Pr
Deborah Ellis

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Children—Fiction; Decision making—
Fiction; Multiculturalism—Fiction;
Self-esteem—Fiction;
Self-reliance—Fiction; Short stories

The skin I'm in [6 books]

23841 KT

I 172 pce 1998 Scholastic Canada
Sharon G. Flake.

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka Madison, insecure about her very dark skin, rejects the support of a new teacher, Miss Saunders, whose skin looks blotched because of a rare medical condition—but soon Maleeka begins to see that Miss Saunders could be a role model, and that she must learn to love herself and accept love from others. ([FIC])

African Americans—Fiction;
Reading; School stories; Schools—
Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction;
Teachers—Fiction

Socks

38354 BK

PI 156 p. 1973 HarperTrophy
Beverly Cleary ; illustrated by Alan
Tiegreen.

The happy home life of Socks, the cat, is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.

Cats—Fiction; Family life—Fiction;
Infants—Fiction; Tiegreen, Alan,—ill

Speak : the graphic novel

38921 BK

JS

Laurie Halse Anderson ; artwork by
Emily Carroll.

"Speak up for yourself -we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless -an outcast -because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her."—OCLC.

High schools—Graphic novels;
Loneliness—Graphic novels; Rape—
Graphic novels; Stress
(Psychology)—Graphic novels;
Teenagers—Graphic novels; Carroll,
Emily,—illustrator; Graphic
novelization of:—Anderson, Laurie
Halse.—Speak

Splinters of scarlet

39743 BK

JS

Emily Bain Murphy.

"In nineteenth-century Copenhagen, an orphaned seamstress goes to work for a retired ballerina and uses her magic to investigate her father's mysterious death while working for the same family years ago"—Provided by publisher.

Denmark—History—Fiction; Historical
fiction; Household employees—
Fiction; Magic—Fiction; Mystery
fiction; Orphans—Fiction

Sports stories

For descriptions see individual titles:

Shot in the dark [38836]

Stand on the sky

40040 BK

IJ

Erin Bow ; cover by Ji-Hyuk Kim.

"Twelve-year-old Aisulu defies the expectations of her Kazakh family and tradition to train an eagle in order to save her brother, Serik, and prevent her family from giving up their nomadic life forever."—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Gender role—
Fiction; Eagles—Fiction;
Nomads—Fiction; Mongolia—Fiction

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Stand on the sky [6 books]

40003 KT

IJ 312 pce 2019 Scholastic Canada
Erin Bow

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Family life—Fiction; Nomads—Fiction; Eagles—Fiction; Mongolia—Fiction; Gender role—Fiction

Starlight : An Unfinished Novel [6 Books]

40956 KT

S 239 pce 2018 McClelland & Stewart

Written by Richard Wagamese.

"Franklin Starlight had long settled into a quiet and predictable life working his remote farm. But his contemplative existence is turned upside down by the sudden arrival of Emmy, a woman who has committed a desperate act so she and her child can escape a harrowing life of violence. After Emmy has a run-in with the law, Starlight agrees to take in her and her daughter to help them get back on their feet. Over time, he introduces them to the land and patiently teaches them the skills that have allowed him not only to survive but to find communion with the world, and, gradually, this accidental family changes Starlight and Emmy in ways they never imagined. But Emmy's abusive ex isn't content to just let her go. He wants revenge and is hunting her down."—Jacket flap.

British Columbia—Fiction; Social Studies; Aboriginal; English/Language Arts; Man-woman relationship—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Abused women—Fiction

The strangers

38927 BK

Margaret Peterson Haddix.

The Greystone secrets Series - Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.

Missing persons—Fiction; Mystery fiction; Siblings—Fiction

Submarine outlaw

For descriptions see individual titles:
Eco warrior [38837]

Theodore Boone

Theodore Boone : kid lawyer

38184 BK

PIJ 263 p. 2011 Puffin Books
John Grisham.

Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Strattenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.

Criminals—Fiction; Legal stories; Mystery fiction; Trials (Homicide)—Fiction

Theodore Boone : kid lawyer [6 Books]

38066 KT

IJ 263 pce 2010 Puffin Books
John Grisham

Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Strattenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.

Criminals—Fiction; Legal stories; Mystery fiction; Trials (Homicide)—Fiction

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens [6 books]

37989 KT

IJ 186 pce 2016 Scholastic Canada
Ruby Slipperjack

Dear Canada Series - Twelve-year-old Violet Pesheens is taken away to Residential School in 1966. The diary recounts her experiences of travelling there, the first day, and first months, focusing on the everyday life she experiences – the school routine, battles with Cree girls, being quarantined over Christmas, getting home at Easter, and reuniting with her family. When the time comes to gather at the train station for the trip back to the residential school, her mother looks her in the eye and asks, "Do you want to go back, or come with us to the trapline?" Violet knows the choice she must make.

Bildungsromans—Fiction; Canada—Fiction; Diaries—Fiction; First Nations—Education—Fiction; First Nations—Residential schools—Fiction; First nations children—Fiction; Historical fiction

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens

38113 BK

by Ruby Slipperjack.

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family. When the time comes to gather at the train station for the trip back to the residential school, her mother looks her in the eye and asks, "Do you want to go back, or come with us to the trapline?" Violet knows the choice she must make.

Bildungsromans; Canada—Fiction; Diaries—Fiction; First Nations—Residential schools—Fiction; First nations children—Fiction; Historical fiction

V for vendetta

35716 BK

T 288 p. 2005 Vertigo/DC Comics
written by Alan Moore ; art by David Lloyd, Tony Weare ; coloring by David Lloyd, Steve Whitaker, Siobhan Dodds ; lettering by Jenny O'Connor, Steve Craddock, Elitta Fell.

A collection of comics from the "V for Vendetta" series, which recounts one man's attempts to rise up against the oppressive government.

Comic books, strips, etc; Dystopias; England—Fiction; Freedom—Comic books, strips, etc; Political science—Comic books, strips, etc; Lloyd, David,—1950—ill; Weare, Tony,—1912-1994,—ill

Wake up missing [6 books]

36223 KT

J 2013 Bloomsbury

Kate Messner

Meet Quentin, a middle school football star from Chicago... Sarah, an Upstate New York girls' hockey team stand-out... Ben, a horse lover from the Pacific Northwest... And Cat, an artistic bird watcher from California. The four have nothing in common except for the head injuries that land them in an elite brain-science center in the Florida Everglades. It's known as the best in the world, but as days pass, the kids begin to suspect that they are subjects in an experiment that goes far beyond treating concussions...and threatens their very identities. They'll have to overcome their injuries - and their differences - to escape, or risk losing themselves forever.

Friendship; Mystery; Science fiction; Survival

Watch us rise

38944 BK

JS

Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan. Frustrated by the way women are treated—even at their progressive New York City high school—two best friends start a Women's Rights Club, post their essays and poems online, and watch it go viral, attracting positive support as well as trolls.

Clubs—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; New York (N.Y.)—Fiction; School stories; Women's rights—Fiction; Hagan, Ellen,—author

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When the soldiers were gone [6 books]

26899 KT

I 101 pce 1999 Puffin Books
Vera W. Propp

After the German occupation of the Netherlands, Benjamin leaves the Christian family with whom he had been living and reunites with his real parents who returned from hiding. Henk closed his eyes and tried to forget about everything that he had just heard. But questions kept lighting up inside his head like fireflies in a dark summer night. Why had Papa said that he had other parents? When had Papa tried to tell him this? Why was everyone crying? Even Papa? Who was Benjamin? It was quiet and warm in the kitchen in front of the fireplace. Kootie lay very still in Kenk's arms. The only sounds were the kitten's purring and crackling of the fire. Time passed. Henk started to shiver. The fire had gone out, and Kootje's fur was cold and wet where Henk's face had been buried. Papa was sitting next to him in front of the fireplace. He took Henk's hand in his. "It's time for you to leave us, Henk," Papa whispered.

Historical fiction; Jews–Netherlands–Fiction; Netherlands–History–1940-1945, German occupation–Fiction; Parent-child relationship–Fiction; Reading

secretive Bart, and keep hope alive for her, her family, and her community of idiosyncratic neighbors at Sunny Pines Trailer park.

Parent-child relationship–Fiction;
Sisters–Fiction

Wounded [30 books]

33825 KT

I 224 pce 2010 Puffin Books
Eric Walters

Marcus, his sister, and his mother are counting the days until Marcus's father comes home from Afghanistan. Waiting weeks for a phone call and receiving only an occasional e-mail has been difficult for the family, but they're ready to celebrate his return. When the big day comes, they're overcome by happiness and relief that he's safe, but as the days pass, Marcus begins to feel that there's something different about his father. He barely sleeps, he's obsessed with news from Afghanistan, and while at times he seems almost too happy, at other times he's erratic and aggressive. Marcus knows that post-traumatic stress disorder affects many soldiers, but at first he finds it hard to believe his father needs help, and then when he does think he needs counselling, he just can't seem to convince his father. (813.54)

Afghanistan–fiction;
Survival–Fiction

You may already be a winner [6 books]

37911 KT

IJ 347 pce 2017 Puffin Books
Ann Dee Ellis

Twelve-year-old Olivia endeavors to care for her younger sister, possibly make a new friend in the quirky and