

BOOK
RAVE

BEST BOOKS
FOR TEENS

Sedgwick, Marcus
Ghosts of Heaven

Four linked stories of discovery and survival begin in the Paleolithic era with the girl who makes the first written signs and spans time to conclude with an astronaut on the first spaceship from Earth sent to colonize another world.

Shabazz, Ilyasah
X: A Novel

X follows Malcolm Little through a difficult childhood as the son of a slain civil rights activist to a youth spent exploring the seedy nightlife in Boston and New York. After one too many hustles lands Malcolm in prison, he discovers the Nation of Islam and new purpose as the charismatic and controversial Malcolm X.

Sheinkin, Steve
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War

This true-life political thriller follows Pentagon official Daniel Ellsberg through his career to his astonishing decision in 1971 to leak to the press 7,000 pages of top secret documents about the Vietnam War. The release of the Pentagon Papers sparked a landmark struggle involving America's newspapers, president, and Supreme Court.

Shusterman, Neal
Challenger Deep

Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose family and friends become anxious after he begins to compulsively walk the city for hours, lost in strange delusions. In his mind, he is a crew member on a ship headed for the deepest point on earth, locked in a battle of wills with the controlling captain. This is a gripping exploration of a devastating psychotic break.

Smith, Andrew
The Alex Crow

Fifteen-year-old Ariel was sole survivor of an attack on his small Middle Eastern village. Now living with an American family and attending a tech-detox summer program, his story is woven across space and time with those of a schizophrenic bomber, a failed arctic expedition from the late 19th century, and a depressed, bionic reincarnated crow.

Stead, Rebecca
Goodbye Stranger

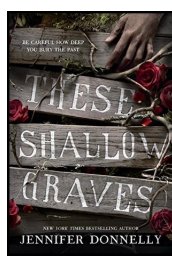
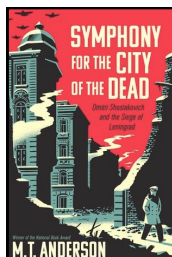
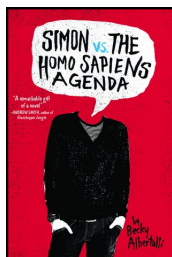
Bridge and her best friends, curvacious Em and crusader Tab, are trying to navigate 7th grade with some tough new circumstances involving accidents, boys, and embarrassing choices. Tensions are rising and confusion is rampant, yet they are trying to stick with their one big friend rule—no fighting.

Suma, Nova Ren
Walls Around Us

Violet is an 18-year-old ballerina who might just achieve her dreams, if she can keep a lid on the secrets around the murders of her rivals. Amber has been locked in juvie so long, she doesn't remember freedom. Linking them is Orianna, accused of a terrible crime and about to unlock the supernatural events that link them all.

Watson, Renee
This Side of Home

Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things: friends, boys, and their plans to attend a traditionally African-American college. But as their neighborhood in Portland, Oregon moves from run-down to upscale, they do not see eye-to-eye—especially after their best friend's family is evicted and is replaced with a white family.



Albertelli, Becky

Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda

Simon wants to keep being gay kind of private. But when a scheming classmate spots an email exchange between Simon and his anonymous online crush, Martin threatens to tell everyone unless Simon agrees to help Martin pursue his own romantic quest.

Anderson, M.T.

Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad

A three-year siege of Leningrad by Adolph Hitler's Wehrmacht left millions dead and starving. In the midst of the devastation, Leningrad native Dmitri Shostakovich wrote his Leningrad Symphony which brought their story to the world. This powerful music is woven through an amazing story of hope and the resiliency of the human spirit.

Donnelly, Jennifer

These Shallow Graves

Already chafing under the limited expectations for a wealthy young woman in the 19th century, Jo Monfort is propelled to action after her father dies in what is declared an accidental shooting. Believing there is more than meets the eye, Jo seeks the truth at the risk of her own reputation.

Hoose, Phillip

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

After Denmark failed to resist German occupation, a group of schoolboys led by 15-year-old Knud Pedersen organized countless acts of sabotage, which eventually sparked a full-blown Danish resistance.



Lee, Stacey

Under a Painted Sky

Following a tragic accident and fearing for her life, Samantha, a Chinese-American girl in 1849, teams up with Annamae, an African-American slave girl. They set out for California on the Oregon Trail, disguised as boys seeking gold.

Murphy, Julie

Dumplin'

Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean can't quite believe handsome jock Bo has real feelings for her. Willowdean takes on the ultimate challenge—entering the Miss Teen Blue Bonnet Pageant that is Clover City's crown jewel and her mother's great passion.

Ness, Patrick

The Rest of Us Just Live Here

Surrounded by indie kids who are the Chosen Ones to fight the zombie invasions and soul-eating ghosts or whatever, Mikey is just trying to graduate and maybe find the guts to ask out the alluring Henna.

Older, Daniel José

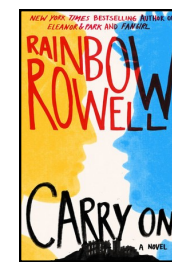
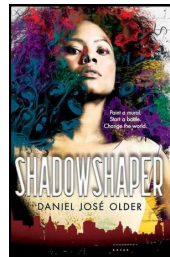
Shadowshaper

After Sierra Santiago learns that her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers, she finds herself locked in a mortal battle with an evil anthropologist in a fight to save herself and those she loves.

Priest, Cherie

I Am Princess X

May believed Princess X, a sword-wielding, red Chuck-wearing superhero she helped create, died with her friend Libby three years ago. When she begins to see images of Princess X appearing around Seattle, May is driven to pursue answers.



Rowell, Rainbow

Carry On

Rainbow Rowell has thrilled her fans by writing the fictional fan fiction for the fictional fiction from her best-selling book, *Fangirl*. Simon Snow is having a rough final year at the Watford School of Magicks, dominated by the mystery of his missing roommate, Baz, who Simon hates, fears, and yet can't let go.

Ruby, Laura

Bone Gap

When the beautiful and mysterious Roza goes missing, other people in Bone Gap are not surprised. But Finn knows she was kidnapped by a dangerous man—a man he can't describe or remember properly; a man who hungers for Roza is a most unusual way. **Winner of the 2016 Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.**

Schlitz, Laura Amy

The Hired Girl

Prospects are limited for 14-year-old Joan Skraggs, living on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania in 1911. Yearning for the adventure and true love she reads about in her beloved novels, Joan seeks out a new, better life for herself as a hired girl, cooking and cleaning for six dollars a week.

Schmidt, Gary D.

Orbiting Jupiter

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. Just as he begins to believe he might have a future, shadows of his past intrude and turn everything upside down.

