

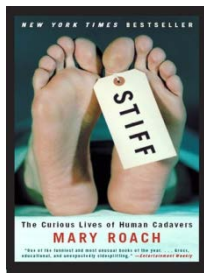


Summer before 11th Grade

	<p>Murphy, Julie. <i>Dumplin'</i>. Willowdean, self-proclaimed “fat girl”, has always been comfortable in her own skin. That is, until she finds herself in a relationship. In her quest to reclaim her self-confidence, she enters a beauty pageant, following in the footsteps of her mother. Follow Willowdean in this witty, heartwarming story as she finds herself again. (Realistic Fiction)</p>
	<p>Nelson, Jandy. <i>I'll Give You the Sun</i>. Twins Noah and Jude are inseparable. That is, until a crushing secret forces a bitter separation between the siblings. Noah gets into the art school of his dreams, while Jude, equally as talented does not. Jude finds her own set of friends while Noah's affection for his neighbor grows but has to remain a secret. Can Noah and Jude ever find their way back to each other? A beautiful, heartbreaking tale told from both Jude and Noah's perspective, readers will be immersed in the color and beauty of the heartbreak, love, and redemption found woven in the story. (Realistic Fiction)</p>
	<p>Winters, Cat. <i>In the Shadow of Blackbirds</i>. 1918. The Spanish influenza is ravaging the country. A war is raging. Mary Shelley never believed in ghosts but everyone around her is flocking to séances and spiritual rituals to ease the pain of loss. Mary is forced to think her belief system when her true love, who died in battle, appears before her. In this beautiful tale, Mary is forced to rethink her idea of reality, and her own sanity. (Historical Fiction)</p>
	<p>Russo, Meredith. <i>If I Was Your Girl</i>. New girl, Amanda, just wants to fit in and make new friends. But, as Amanda navigates her way through her new school, her secret weighs heavy on her. Amanda meets Grant, a breath of fresh air, one who makes her want to share everything and let down her guard. If she tells Grant everything, including her secret, will Grant stick around? Will he see past Amanda's past as Andrew, and want to continue being with her? (Contemporary Fiction, LGBT)</p>

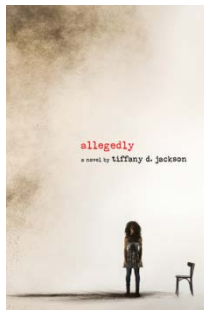
	<p>Grant, John. <i>Debunk It!: How To Stay Sane in a World of Misinformation.</i> We are veritably assaulted by information in the digital age. With “facts” at our fingertips, “experts” and pundits weighing in on literally <i>everything</i>, and countercultures rejecting science for the sake of advancing an agenda, it’s often difficult to sift through the noise and get to the truth in any story. Grant’s meticulously researched time slices through the bunk and gets to the heart (and truth) of the story. Get ready to sharpen your critical thinking! (Nonfiction)</p>
	<p>Gray, Claudia. <i>Defy the Stars.</i> During an interstellar war, enemies Noemi and Abel are forced by chance to work together. Abel, a machine, and an abomination to the people of Genesis. Noemi, a rebel from Genesis, is risking everything to save all that she loves. Being forced to work together has Noemi and Abel questioning everything they ever thought was true. The sequel will be out this year! (Science Fiction)</p>
	<p>Yoon, Nicola. <i>Everything, Everything..</i> In this bestselling, soon-to-be movie, an unlikely love story develops. Maddy is allergic to the world, everything. She hasn’t left her house in seventeen years, and the only contact she has is with her mother and her nurse. Along comes a moving truck one day, and with it a handsome young man moving in right next door. Maddy knows she is going to fall for Olly, but then what? Dive into this book to find out if true love can prevail. (Realistic Fiction)</p>
	<p>Busby, Cylin. <i>Blink Once.</i> West, a high school senior, has everything going for him. Handsome, popular, he is at a high point in his life, until a dangerous accident leaves him with a traumatic brain injury. Strapped to a hospital bed and fading in and out of consciousness, West struggles with being alone and scared. That is, until he meets Olivia, the patient in the room next to him. As his affection for Olivia grows, he begins having recurring nightmares, in which Olivia seems to dominate. As he begins to recover he learns that all may not be as it seems, and he is desperate to find out Olivia’s secret. (Paranormal)</p>
	<p>Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. <i>Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court.</i> Lew Alcindor was just a kid from New York City who didn’t really fit in until his gift for basketball was discovered. A wonderful memoir about the transformation of Lew into Kareem Abdul-Jabbar - you won’t want to put it down! (Nonfiction, Memoir)</p>



Roach, Mary. *Stiff*.
Long has humankind wondered what happens when we die, and though Mary Roach doesn't have the answer to that question, she does for this question: "What happens when you donate your body to science?" What follows is *Stiff*: a wryly humorous exploration of death, dying, and donating. Roach traces the history of burials (prepare yourself for the head-scratching methods used in medieval times) and the contemporary scientific approach to disposal. (Nonfiction)



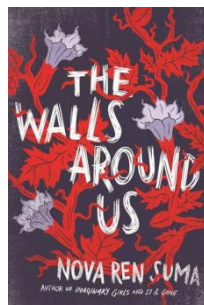
Jude, Sarah. *The May Queen Murders*.
Rowan's Glen is bound by rules--stay away from the woods at night. Those living in the Glen should not associate with the townsfolk. 16 year old Ivy loves the simple way of life in the Glen. As her best friend and cousin, Heather, drifts farther and farther away from her, Ivy must confront her own fears and superstitions about the townsfolk, and the woods. When teenage girls are found murdered in the Glen then community is thrown into a panic and locked down. Secrets abound, Ivy sets out to protect herself while trying to unlock the secrets held by Rowan's Glen for years. (Thriller)



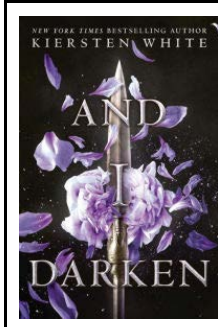
Jackson, Tiffany D. *Allegedly*
A starred-review by School Library Journal, this story focuses on injustices of the juvenile justice system as Mary is incarcerated for the death of a three-month-old infant when she is only nine years old. (Thriller/Mystery)



Perez, Ashley Hope. *Out of Darkness*.
In 1937, New London, Texas saw one of the worst school disasters in American history. More than 295 teachers and students were killed when a natural gas explosion leveled a school. *Out of Darkness* uses this horrifying event as the backdrop for a heartbreaking story about segregation, family values, and lines that can divide us. (Historical Fiction)



Suma, Nova Ren. *The Walls Around Us*.
Amber is in a juvenile detention center for killing her stepfather. Oriana is her cellmate. Violet is an ambitious ballerina heading to Julliard after high school. Three girls, plagued by guilt, and terrible, shocking secrets that ties all three of them together. A brilliantly constructed mystery and frightening ghost story, *The Walls Around Us* is like nothing you've ever read. Ever. (Thriller)



White, Kiersten. *And I Darken*.

Fans of *Game of Thrones* will delight in White's novel. A brutal, cold hearted princess is torn away from her homeland. Along with her gentle younger brother, they are used as pawns in a vicious power game. Mehmed, the heir to Lada and Radu's homeland, form a vicious triangle that strains the bonds of loyalty and love. (Historical Fiction)

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