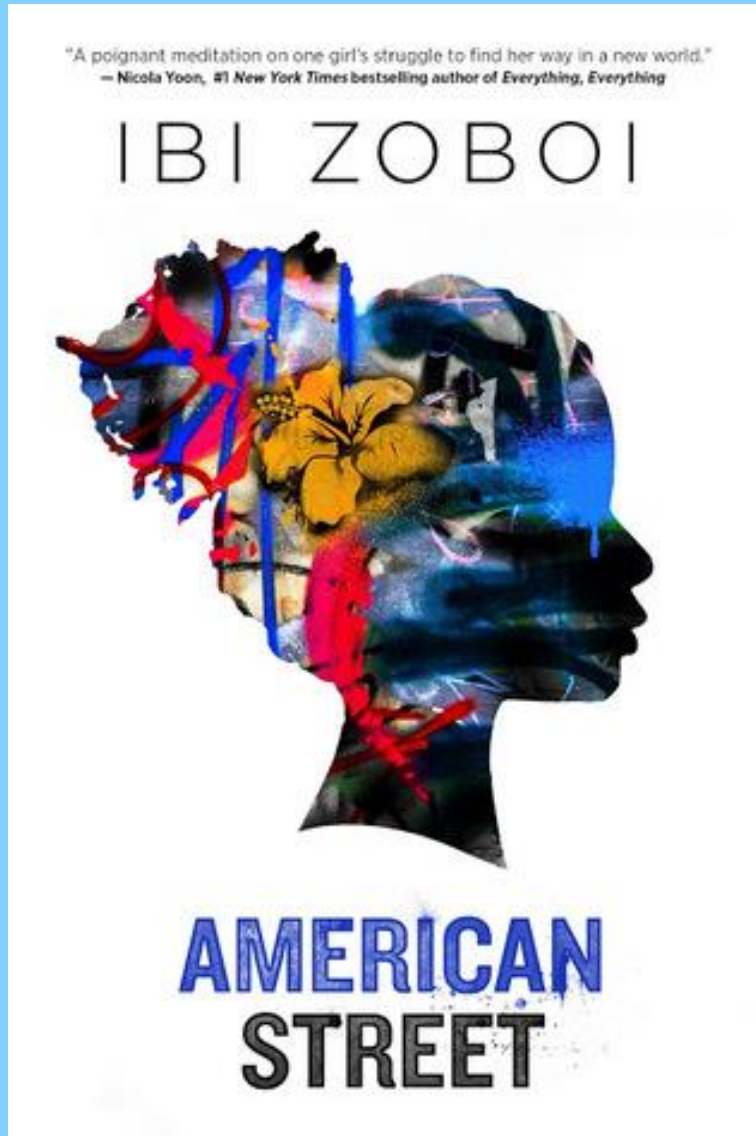




Read for a Lifetime 2020

American Street

by Ibi Zoboi



Fabiola Toussaint hopes to find the American dream when she comes with her mother from Haiti to live with her Aunt Jo and her cousins, Chantal, Primadonna and Princess, on the corner of American Street and Joy Road in Detroit. But when her mother is detained coming into the country, Fabiola must navigate this very different world without her.

**Realistic Fiction*

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation

adapted by Ari Folman

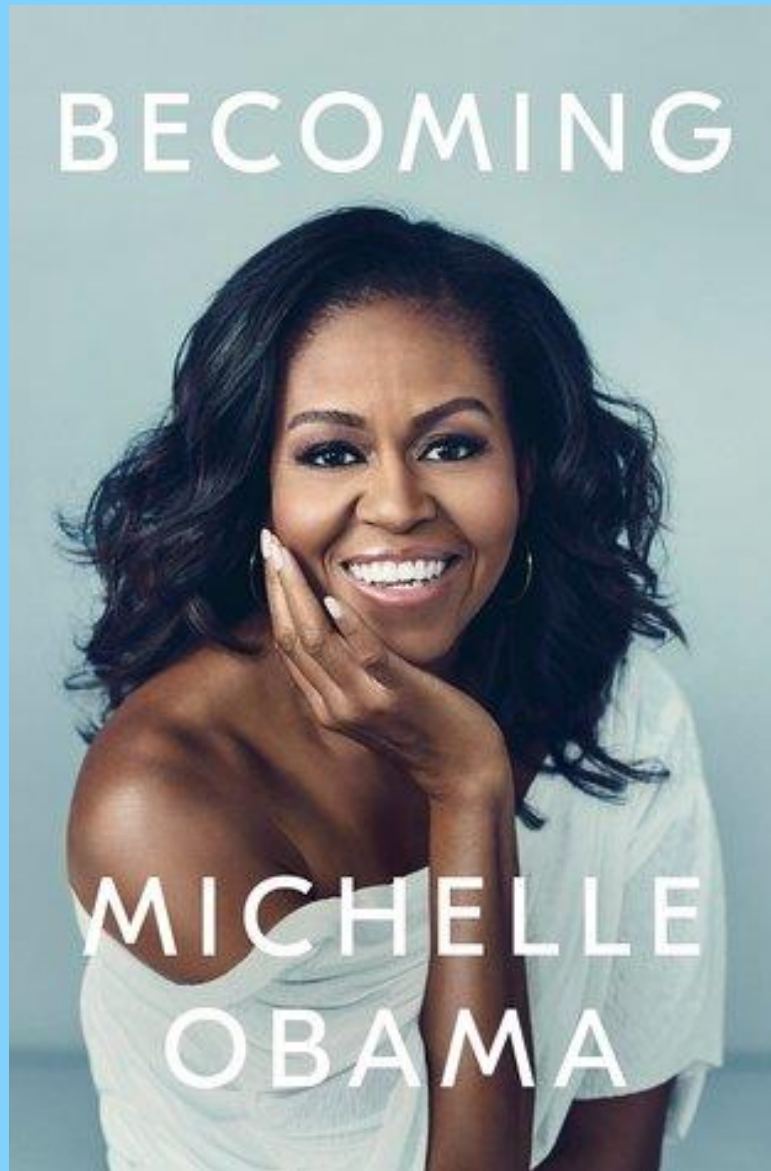


A graphic adaptation of Anne Frank's Diary which uses text from the original diary, while incorporating stunning and expressive illustrations .

**Historical Graphic Novel*

Becoming

by Michelle Obama

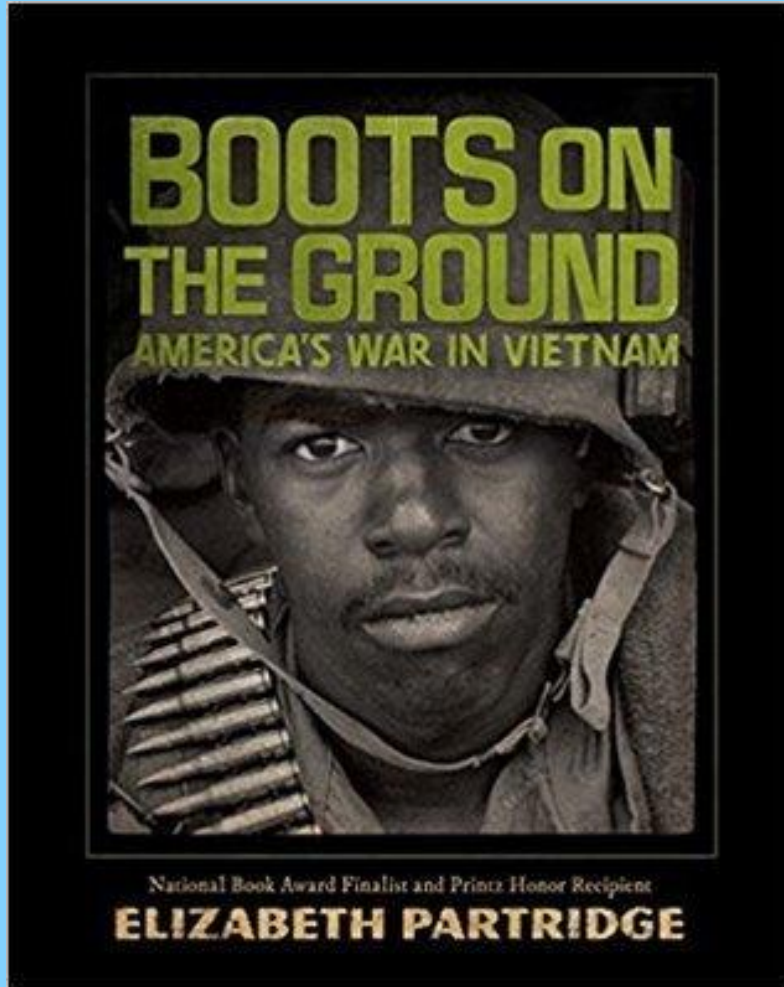


An intimate and uplifting memoir by the former First Lady that showcases the experiences that have shaped her remarkable life, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago through her setbacks and achievements in the White House.

**Autobiography*

Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam

by Elizabeth Partridge

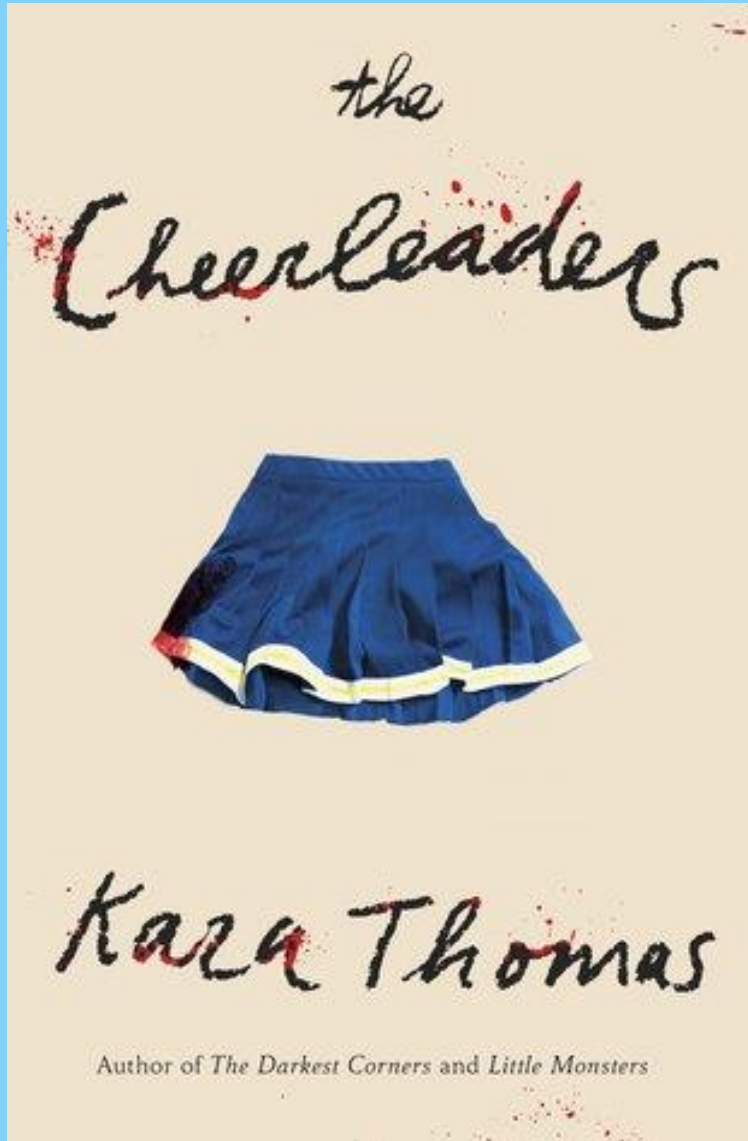


Personal stories of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including six American soldiers, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee. With more than 100 photographs, this book captures the lasting impacts of one of the most tumultuous periods of American history.

**History/War/Politics*

The Cheerleaders

by Kara Thomas

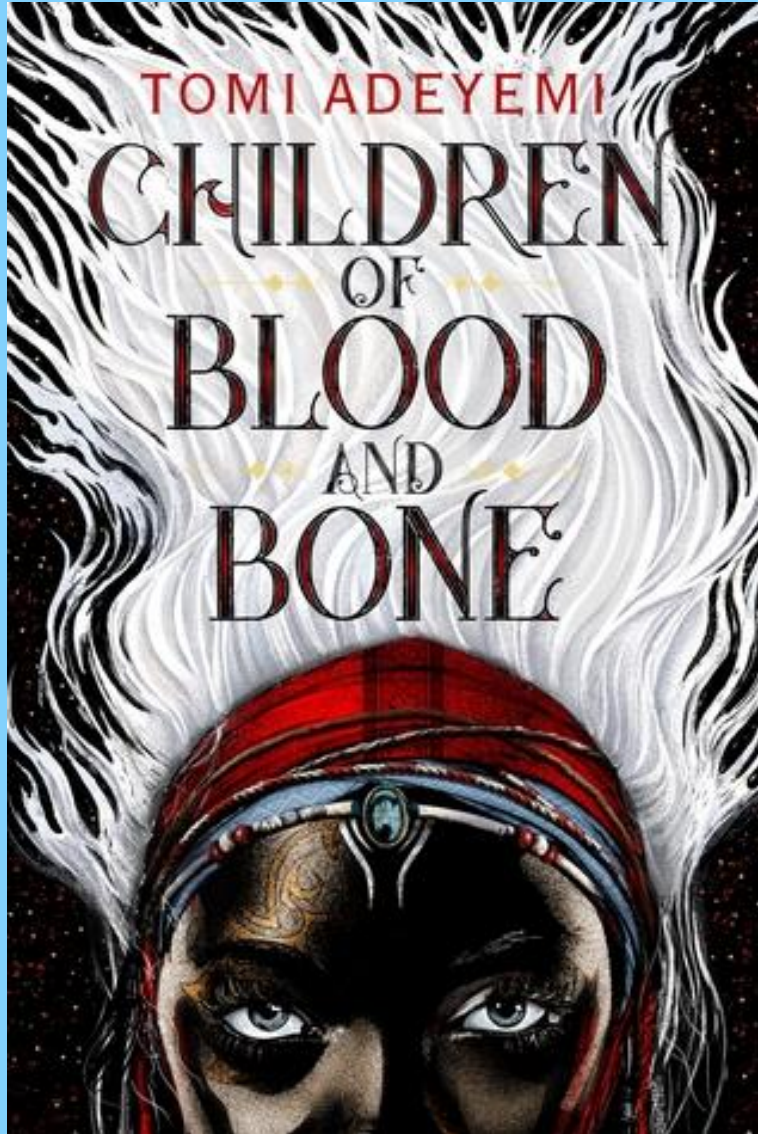


First there was the car accident which took the lives of two cheerleaders, shortly after two other cheerleaders were murdered, followed by the tragic accident that ended Monica's sister's life. Five years later, Monica learns she is not the only one who believes these horrific incidents to be related.

**Mystery/"Who-Done-It"?*

Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

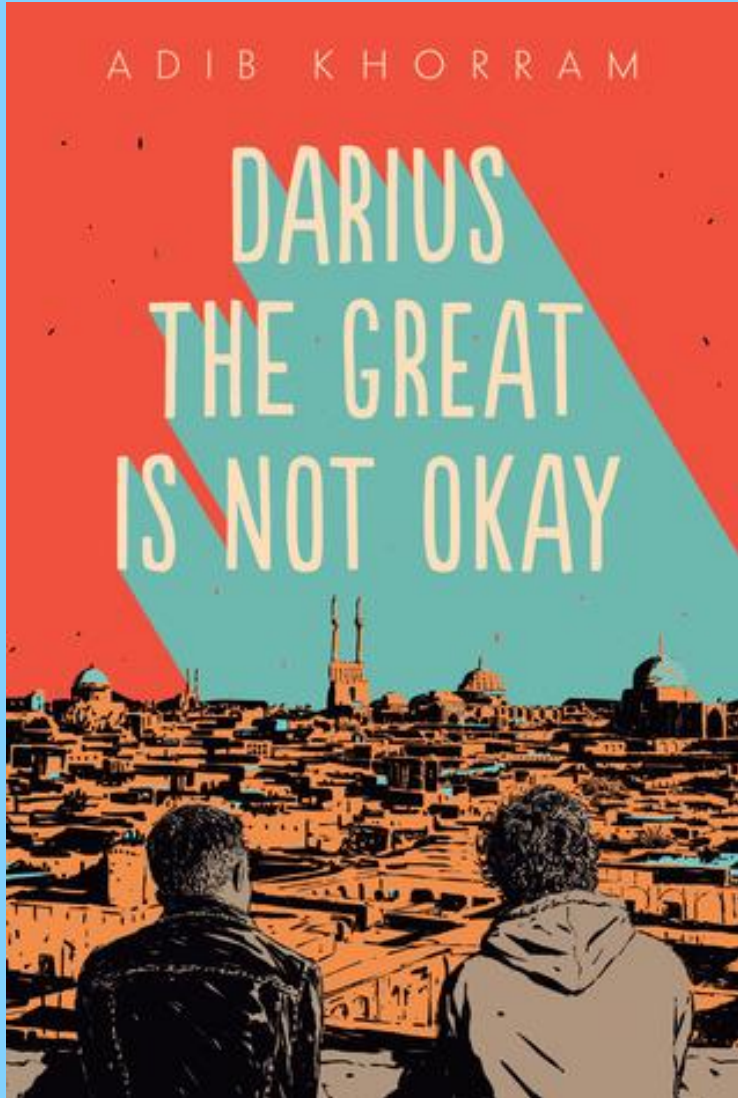


Coming of age in a land where her magi mother was killed by the zealous king's guards along with other former wielders of magic, Zélie embarks on a journey alongside her brother and a fugitive princess to restore her people's magical abilities.

**Fantasy/Magic*

Darius the Great is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

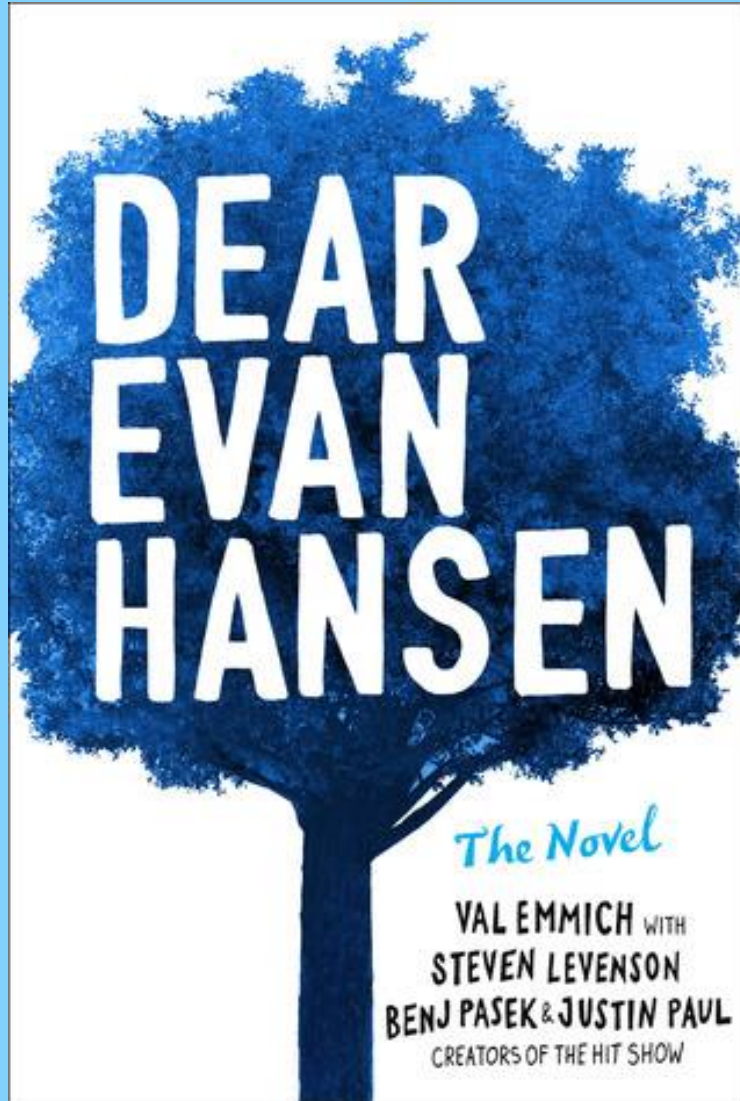


Darius doesn't think he'll ever be enough, in America or in Iran. Darius has never really fit in at home, and he's sure things are going to be the same in Iran. His clinical depression doesn't exactly help matters, and trying to explain his medication to his grandparents only makes things harder. Then Darius meets Sohrab, the boy next door, and everything changes.

**LGBT/Coming of Age*

Dear Evan Hansen

by Val Emmich with Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek, & Justin Paul

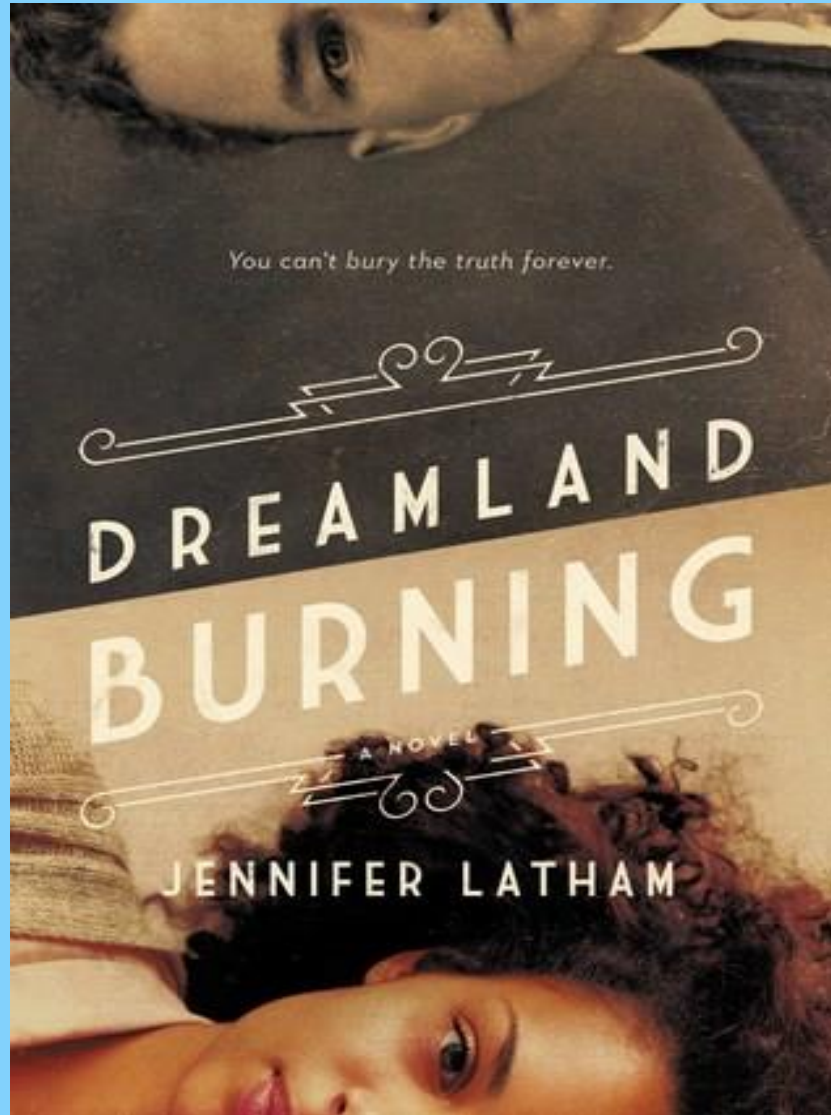


In a tale inspired by the hit Broadway show, a letter that was never meant to be seen by anyone draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's grief over the loss of their son, while Evan is given the chance of a lifetime: to belong. He just has to stick to a lie he never meant to tell... that the notoriously troubled Connor Murphy was his secret best friend.

**LGBT/Mental Illness*

Dreamland Burning

by Jennifer Latham



When seventeen-year-old Rowan Chase finds a skeleton on her family's property, she has no idea that investigating the brutal century-old murder will lead to a summer of painful discoveries about the past...and the present.

**Historical Fiction 1921 race riots*

Dry

by Neal Shusterman & Jarrod Shusterman

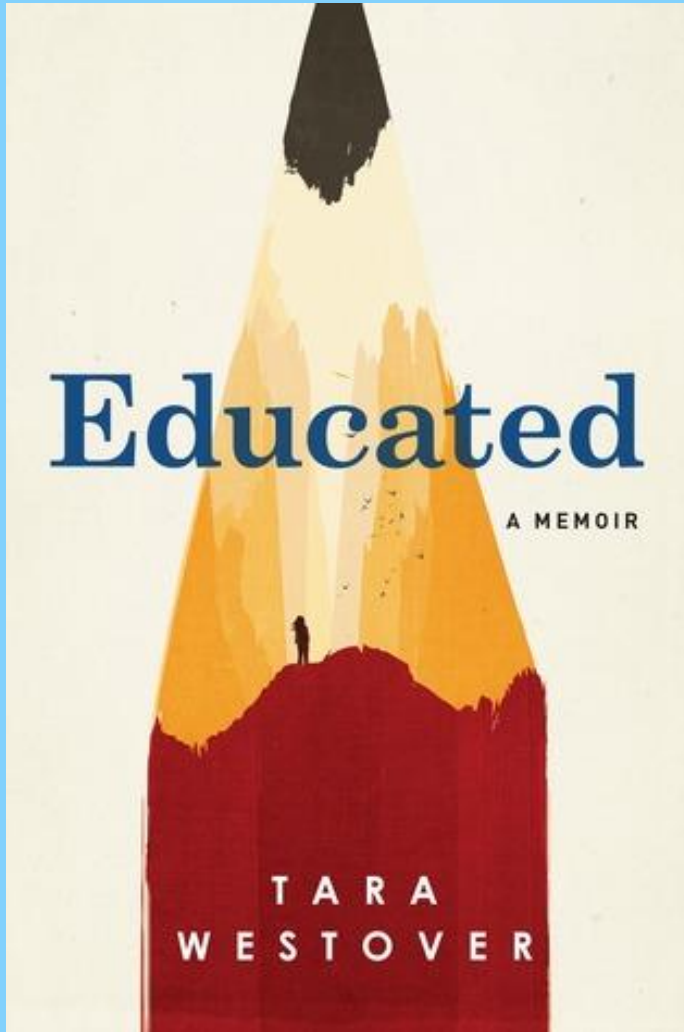


A prolonged drought, “the Tap-Out”, results in the sudden curtailment of Southern California’s water supply. When their parents vanish while seeking non-toxic water, 16-year-old Alyssa and 10-year-old Garrett set out on a journey, searching for their parents and fending for themselves as society deteriorates. Along the way, the siblings pick up three teens: their survivalist neighbor Kelton, unpredictable lone wolf Jacqui, and calculating opportunist Henry.

**Thriller/Survival/Dystopian*

Educated: A Memoir

by Tara Westover

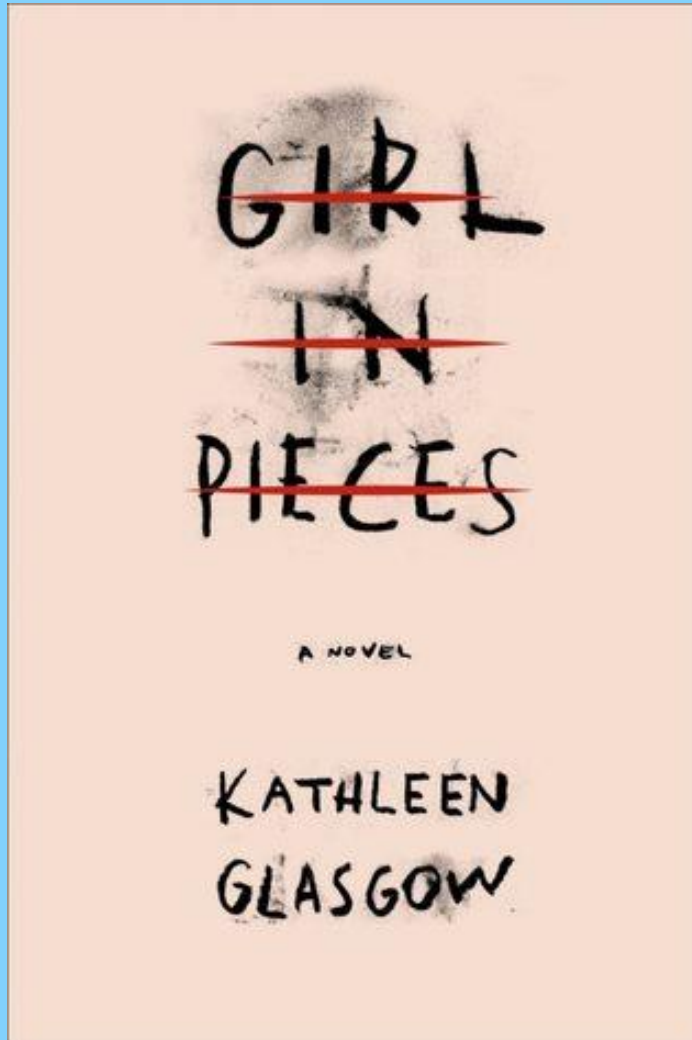


Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education. Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, and if there was still a way home.

**Autobiography*

Girl in Pieces

by Kathleen Glasgow

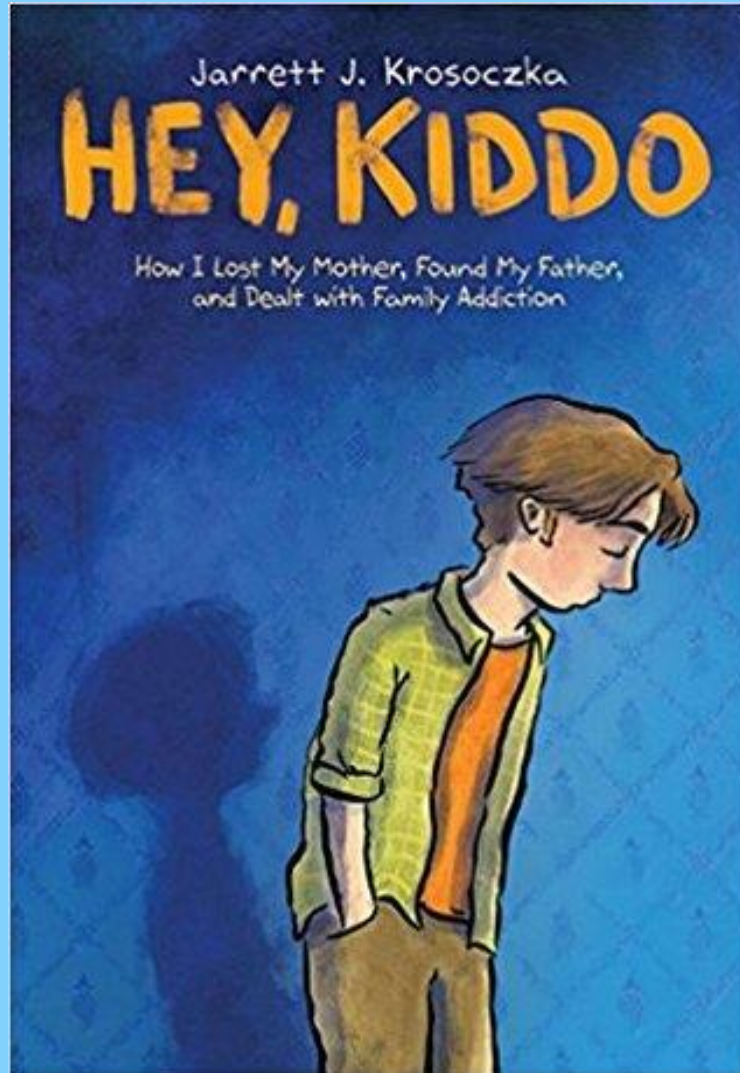


The story begins with 17-year-old Charlie in a mental health facility that specializes in the treatment of girls who have self-injury disorders. When Charlie is released prematurely because of a lack of insurance coverage, she must find her own way in a world she is unprepared to deal with.

**Mental Health*

Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

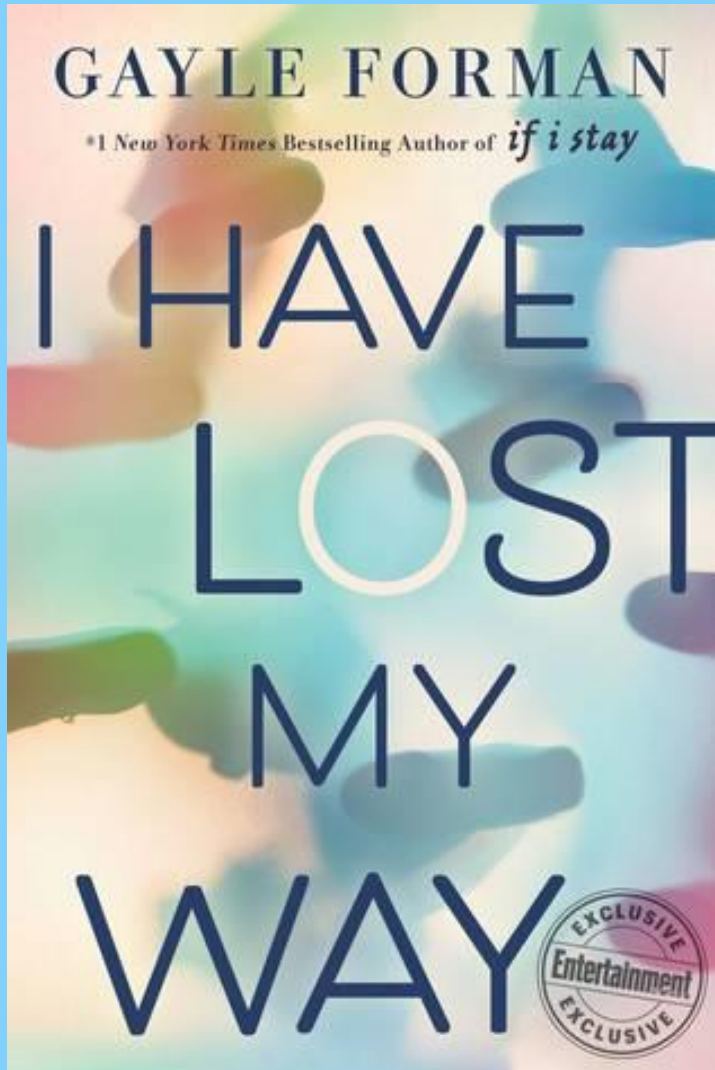


A powerful graphic memoir which traces the author's unconventional coming of age with a drug addicted mother, an absent father, and two lovingly opinionated grandparents.

**Graphic Novel/Biography/Addictions*

I Have Lost My Way

by Gayle Forman

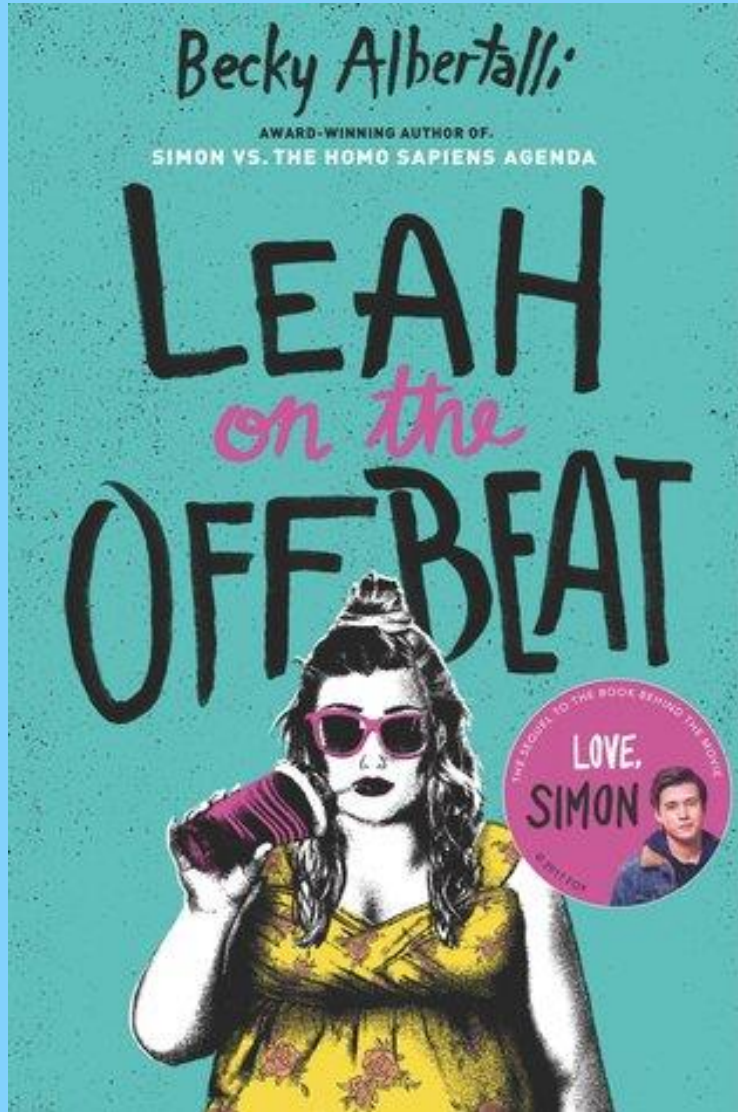


Around the time that internet singing sensation Freya loses her voice while recording her debut album, Harun is making plans to run away from everyone he has ever loved, and Nathaniel is arriving in New York City with a backpack, a desperate plan, and nothing left to lose. When a fateful accident draws these three strangers together, their secrets start to unravel as they begin to understand that the way out of their own loss might just lie in helping the others out of theirs.

**Friendship/Mental Health*

Leah on the Offbeat

by Becky Albertalli

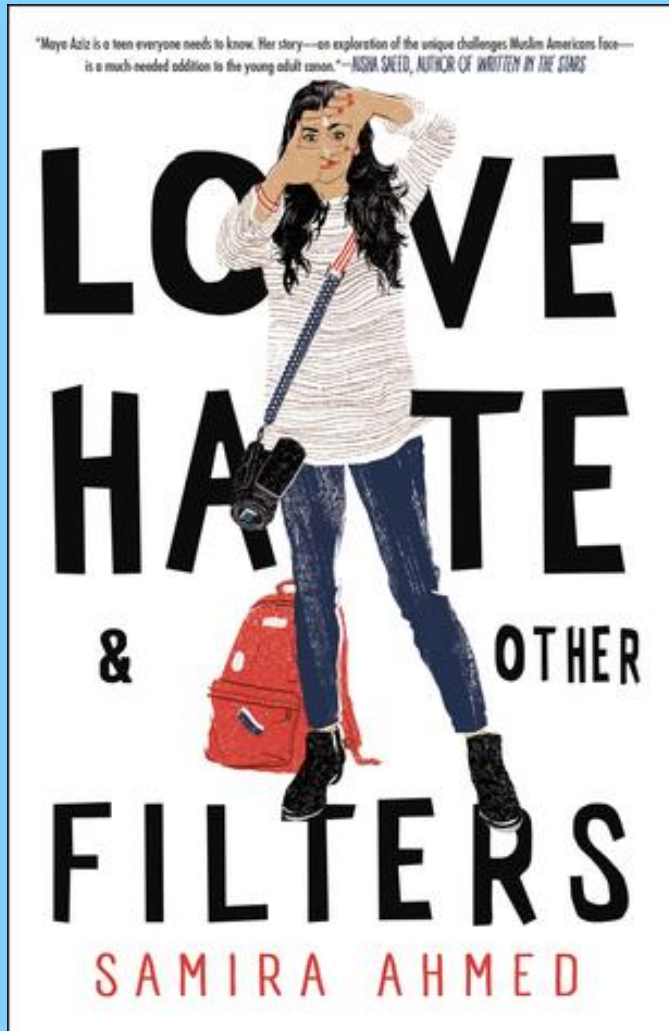


With prom and graduation around the corner, senior Leah Burke struggles with her friendships and bisexuality when her group of friends starts fighting.

**Sequel to Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

Love, Hate, & Other Filters

by Samira Ahmed



Maya Aziz is torn between worlds. There's the proper one her parents expect for their good Indian daughter and the world of her dreams. But in the aftermath of a horrific crime perpetrated hundreds of miles away, her life is turned upside down. The community she's known since birth becomes unrecognizable; neighbors and classmates are consumed with fear, bigotry, and hatred. Ultimately, Maya must find the strength within to determine where she truly belongs.

**Multiculturalism, Prejudice*

Neanderthal Opens the Door

by Preston Norton



Since his older brother died, Cliff Hubbard has been alone. He has no friends in high school, but he can't sneak through undetected, since he's 6'6" and weighs 250 pounds. He couldn't be any more noticeable; his classmates have bestowed upon him the nickname "Neanderthal." They ridicule him and mock his size, his appetite, his appearance, his loneliness. After a near-death experience, he begins a mission: to make Happy Valley High School suck less.

**Humor*

On the Come Up

by Angie Thomas

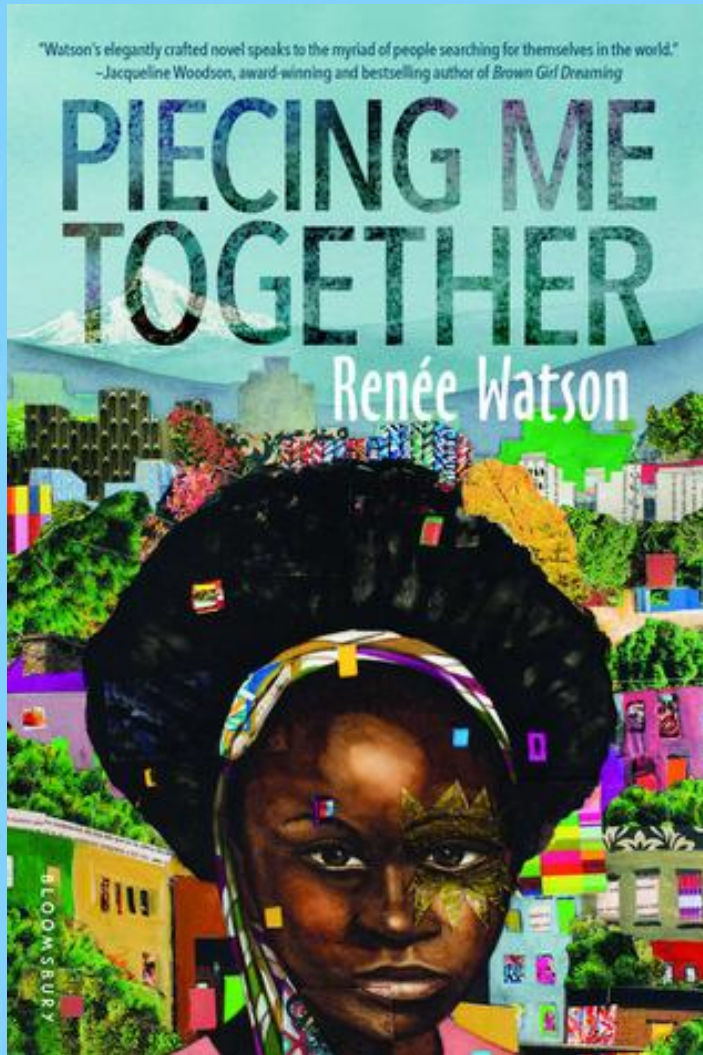


Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time; or at least win her first battle. As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died right before he hit it big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill. But it's hard to get your come up when you're labeled a hoodlum at school, and your fridge at home is empty after your mom loses her job. So Bri pours her anger and frustration into her first song, which goes viral...for all the wrong reasons.

Takes place in the same fictional 'hood as **The Hate U Give*

Piecing Me Together

by Renee Watson



Jade must get out of her poor neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. Her mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. And she has. She accepted a scholarship to a mostly-white private school and even Saturday morning test prep opportunities. But some opportunities feel more demeaning than helpful. In short, poetic chapters, Jade ponders her family, school, and neighborhood relationships, wondering where she fits in.

**Self-Discovery*

The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

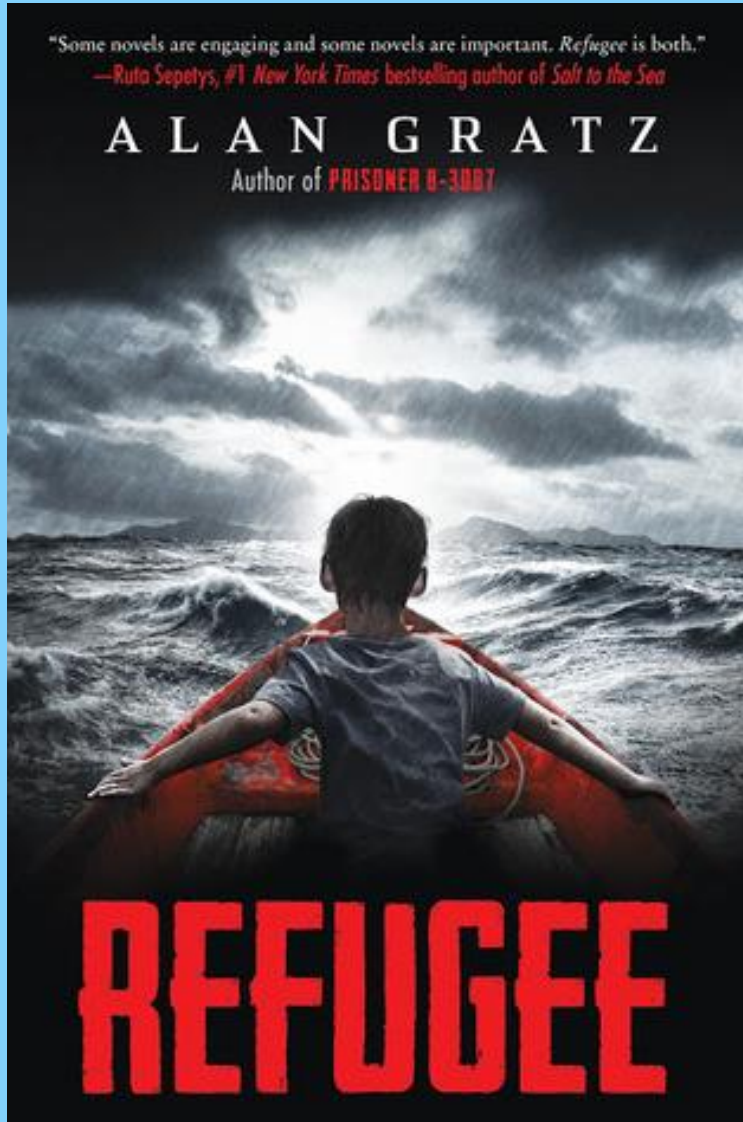


Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers - especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about.

**Fiction in Verse*

Refugee

by Alan Gratz

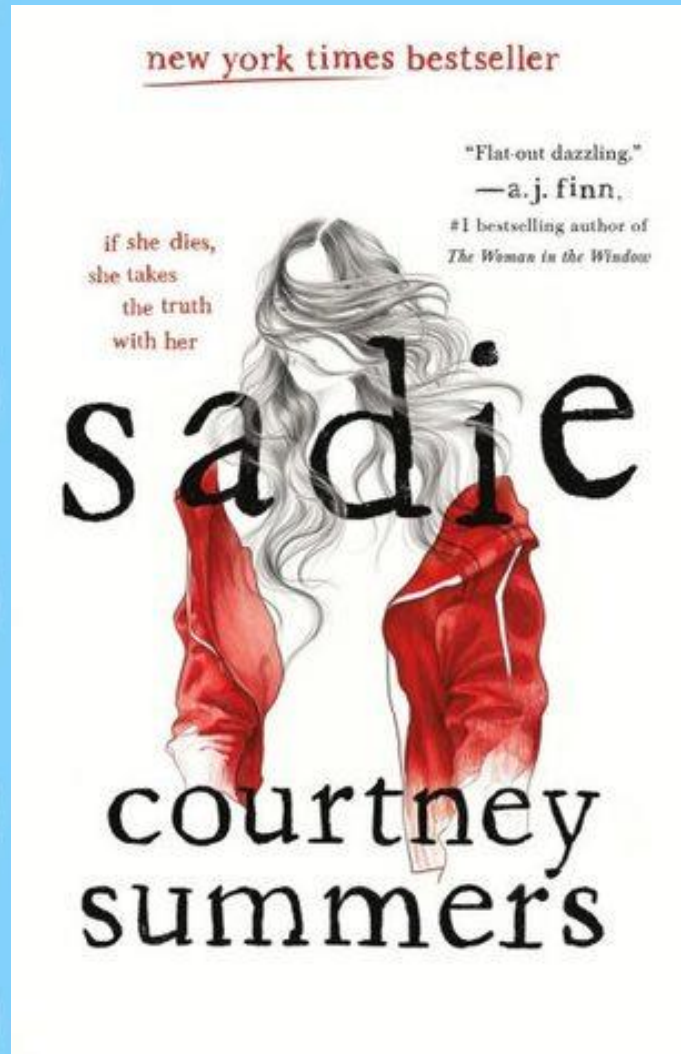


Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

**Historical Fiction/Survival*

Sadie

by Courtney Summers

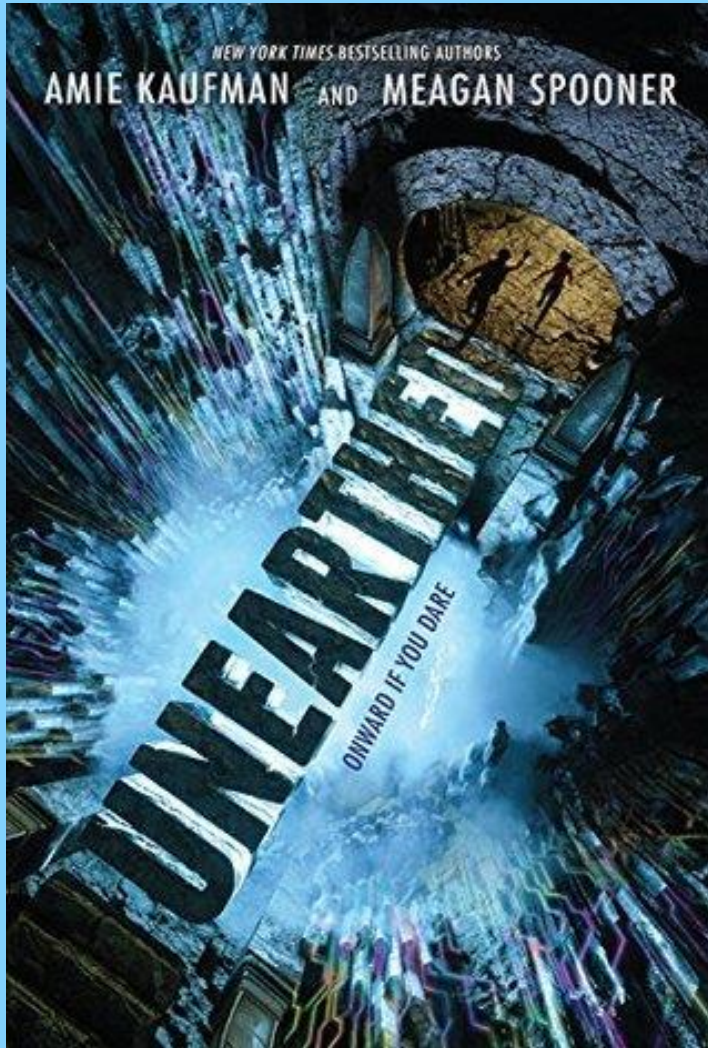


Growing up on her own, Sadie's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated small town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. But when Mattie is found dead, Sadie's entire world crumbles. After a somewhat botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice and hits the road following a few meager clues to find him. When West McCray, a true-crime podcast producer, overhears Sadie's story at a local gas station, he starts investigating and tries to locate Sadie who is on the dangerously close trail of her sister's murderer.

**Mystery/Thriller/"Who-Done-It"*

Unearthed

by Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner

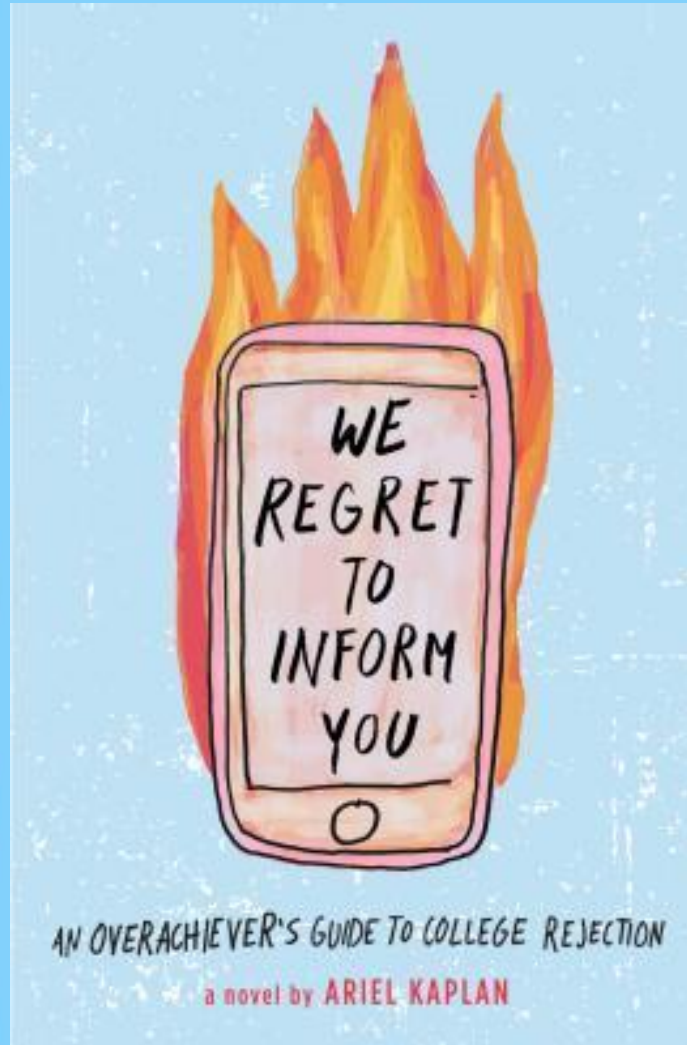


Scholar Jules Addison and scavenger Amelia Radcliffe join forces to unravel secrets of a long-extinct civilization in the abandoned temples of the planet Gaia, only to discover something that could spell the end of the human race.

**Sci-fi/Action*

We Regret to Inform You

by Ariel Kaplan

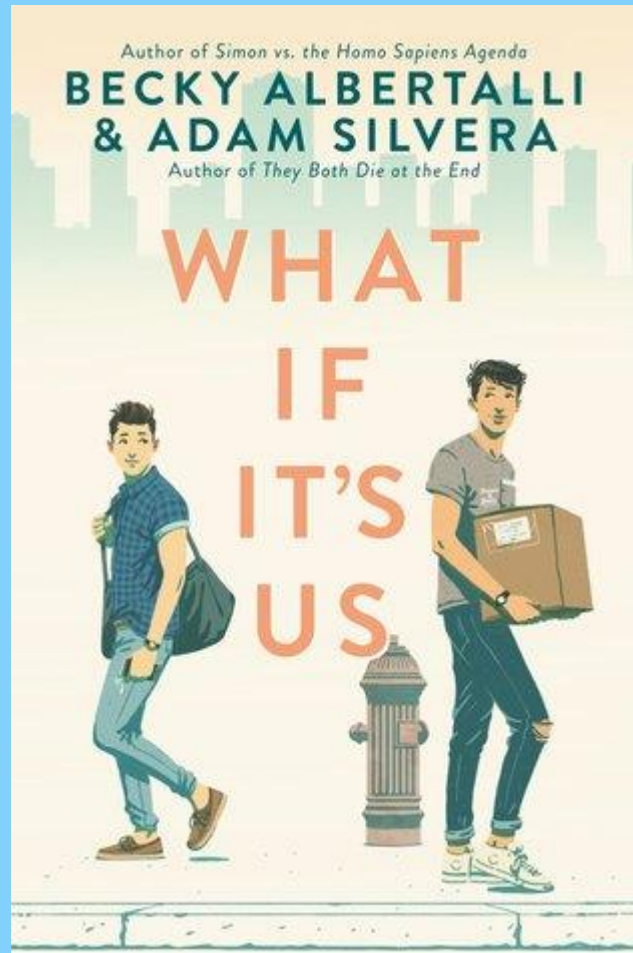


Rejected by every Ivy League and safety college she applies to, a top-scoring high achiever worries that her hard work and her mother's sacrifices have been for nothing and grapples with an increasingly uncertain future while struggling to understand what went wrong. Is it possible that her transcript was hacked? With the help of her friend Nate and a group of eccentric techies, Mischa launches an investigation that will shake the quiet community of Blanchard Prep to its stately brick foundations.

**Mystery*

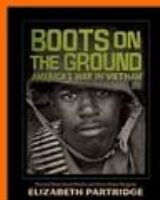
What if it's Us

by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera



Told in two voices, when Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail, they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart.

**LGBT/"Love Story"*



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