



RISING ELEVENTH GRADERS FICTION

Crackback by John Coy

YA Fic & PB

Football has always been center stage for Miles. But he soon learns there's more to life than the sport he loves – will this lesson come at a price?

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports until he forms a swimming team and recruits some of the school's misfits.

Bad by Jean Ferris

YA Fic & PB

When sixteen-year-old Dallas is arrested for a skating crime and placed into a girls' detention facility, she must make decisions that will affect the rest of her life.

Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

After hitting his girlfriend, Nick must attend an anger management class, keep a journal, and also learn how to confront his real enemy.

Breaking Up by Aimee Friedman, illustrated by Christine Norrie

YA Graphix Fic

"There's a fine line between a friend and an enemy." So begins Chloe Sacks' junior year at Georgia O'Keeffe School for the Arts, also known as Fashion High.

Shattering Glass by Gail Giles

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

YA PB Fic, Fic, Audiobook, Large Print, also available in Spanish

Christopher is fifteen years old and autistic. Obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, he sets out to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and bring the killer to justice.

Invisible by Pete Hautman

YA Fic

Who would expect a loner obsessed by model trains and a football player to be best friends? Deep secrets provide the answer.

Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier

YA PB Fic

Trying to fit in at her American high school, seventeen-year-old Dimple Lala distances herself from her parents' Indian customs, including their desire to choose her husband.

13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

YA Fic & PB

After Ginny receives a packet of envelopes with specific instructions from her Aunt Peg, she begins a life-changing journey across Europe, following in her aunt's footsteps.

Spellbound by Janet McDonald

YA PB Fic

Raven, a teenage mother and high school dropout, decides to enter a spelling bee competition which could lead to a college scholarship.

Street Love by Walter Dean Myers

YA Fic

Seventeen-year-old Damien is ready to leave Harlem when he falls for Junice, a girl from the streets. Their love is challenged by gang fights, poverty and uncertainty in this story told in free verse.

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

YA SFF & PB SFF, Audiobook

In a world very much like ours, yet very different, Lyra and her daemon embark on a dangerous quest to rescue kidnapped children from the sinister Gobbler.

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples

YA PB Fic & Audiobook

Shabanu, the daughter of a modern-day nomad in Pakistan, is torn between her willingness to follow ancient customs and her own desire for independence.

The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfeld (and other books in the series)

YA Fic & PB

For one secret hour each night, the town belongs to the dark creatures that haunt the shadows. A small group of teenagers know and only they are free to move about at the midnight time.

The Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin

YA PB SUS

Though David is the accused, but acquitted murderer, his cousin Lily holds the deeper secret.

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

YA Graphix Fic

Yang skillfully weaves together three parallel stories to explore the struggle against stereotyping and alienation.

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NONFICTION

I Am the Darker Brother: An Anthology of Modern Poems by African Americans

edited by Arnold Adoff

J 811.508, YA PB NFC

Classic and contemporary writers share the Black experience in America through poetry.

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

Bio, Large Print, Audiobook

At the age of twelve, Beah is forced to fight in Sierra Leone's civil war where he experiences atrocities firsthand.

King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography by Chris Crutcher

YA PB NFC, Audiobook

Author Chris Crutcher's wildly funny memoir recounts growing up in Cascade, Iowa – and why there is a good reason to fear oysters and olives...

One Child by Torey L. Hayden

YA PB NFC

After six-year-old Sheila violently attacks a three-year-old, she is sent to the class for uncontrollable children; teacher Torey Hayden refuses to give up on the brutally abused girl.

Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach

YA 611, 611

Stiff is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies, postmortem.

When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago

YA Bio, Bio, Audiobook in Spanish

Santiago's memoir not only chronicles her move from Puerto Rico to New York, but also her journey from childhood to adolescence.

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Bio, Audiobook

Constantly uprooted and left unfed and poorly clothed, Jeannette Walls relates her story of growing up with a mother who thought homelessness was an adventure and a father with a drinking problem.

Walls: Resisting the Third Reich—One Woman's Story by Hiltgunt Zassenhaus

YA Bio

Hiltgunt's resistance work begins when she refuses to proclaim "Heil, Hitler" as a young schoolgirl in Nazi Germany.

