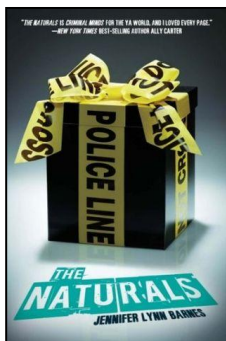


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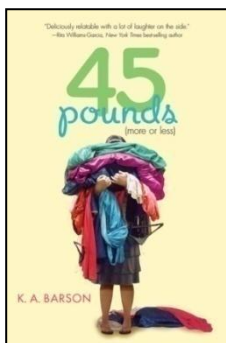


### ***The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

"Seventeen-year-old Cassie, who has a natural ability to read people, joins an elite group of criminal profilers at the FBI in order to help solve cold cases" [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/828486737>

**Keywords:** Criminal Profilers, Criminal Investigation, Mystery & Detective Stories



### ***45 Pounds (More or Less)* by K.A. Barson**

"When Ann decides that she is going to lose 45 pounds in time for her aunt's wedding, she discovers that what she looks like is not all that matters" [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/812081153>

**Keywords:** self esteem, weight loss, stepfamilies, family crises

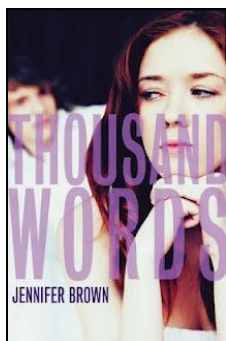


### ***The Coldest Girl in Coldtown* by Holly Black**

"When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/819320765>

**Keywords:** vampires, love stories

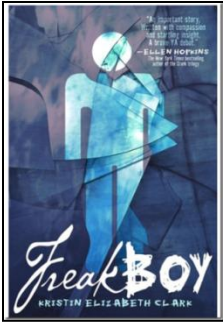


### ***Thousand Words* by Jennifer Brown**

"Talked into sending a nude picture of herself to her boyfriend while she was drunk, Ashleigh became the center of a sexting scandal and is now in court-ordered community service, where she finds an unlikely ally, Mack." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/806014841>

**Keywords:** dating, sexting



### **Freakboy by Kristin Elizabeth Clark**

"Told from three viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Brendan, a wrestler, struggles to come to terms with his place on the transgender spectrum while Vanessa, the girl he loves, and Angel, a transgender acquaintance, try to help." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/824119609>

**Keywords:** novels in verse, sexual orientation, transgender people, gender fluidity

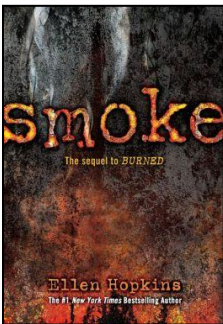


### **Just One Day by Gayle Forman**

"Sparks fly when American good girl Allyson encounters laid-back Dutch actor Willem, so she follows him on a whirlwind trip to Paris, upending her life in just one day and prompting a year of self-discovery and the search for true love." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/797334729>

**Keywords:** love, voyages & travels, Europe, actors & actresses

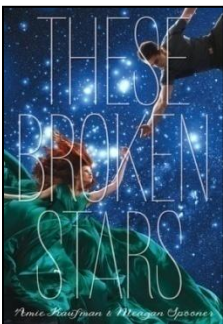


### **Smoke by Ellen Hopkins**

"After the death of her abusive father and loss of her beloved Ethan and their unborn child, Pattyn runs away, desperately seeking peace, as her younger sister, a sophomore in high school, also tries to put the pieces of her life back together." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/812614393>

**Keywords:** novels in verse, grief, runaways, Mormons

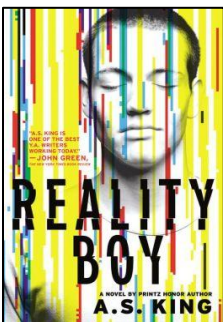


### **These Broken Stars by Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner**

"Two star-crossed lovers must fight for survival when they crash land on a seemingly uninhabited planet." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/828486840>

**Keywords:** love stories, space voyages, survival, science fiction

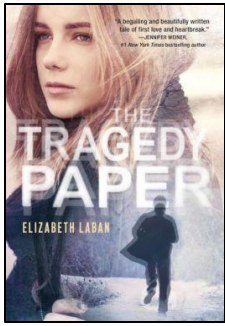


### **Reality Boy by A.S. King**

"An emotionally damaged seventeen-year-old boy in Pennsylvania who was once an infamous reality television show star, meets a girl from another dysfunctional family, and she helps him out of his angry shell" [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/823387391>

**Keywords:** reality TV, fame, dating

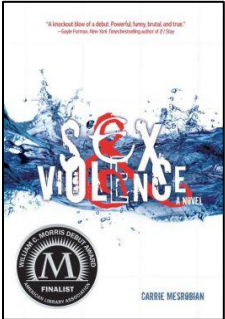


### ***The Tragedy Paper* by Elizabeth Laban**

"While preparing for the most dreaded assignment at the prestigious Irving School, the Tragedy Paper, Duncan gets wrapped up in the tragic tale of Tim Macbeth, a former student who had a clandestine relationship with the wrong girl, and his own ill-fated romance with Daisy." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/786460933>

**Keywords:** boarding schools, dating, albinos & albinism

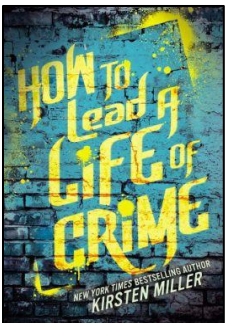


### ***Sex and Violence* by Carrie Mesrobian**

"Sex has always come without consequences for [Evan, until] the night when all the consequences land at once, leaving him scarred inside and out." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/822229908>

**Keywords:** sex, emotional problems, psychotherapy

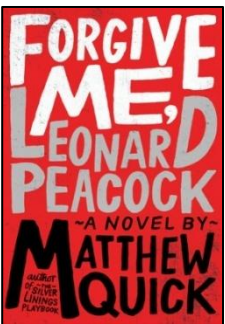


### ***How to Lead a Life of Crime* by Kirsten Miller**

"A teenaged pickpocket, haunted by the ghost of his brother killed by his father, is recruited for Mandel Academy, a school for criminals where only one student survives each semester." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/796756122>

**Keywords:** ghosts, criminals, survival

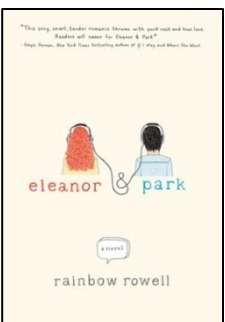


### ***Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock* by Matthew Quick**

"A day in the life of a suicidal teen boy saying good-bye to the four people who matter most to him." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/811426726>

**Keywords:** suicide, mental illness, abuse

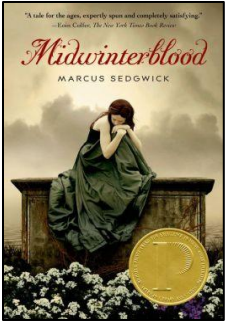


### ***Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell**

"Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/819860760>

**Keywords:** love stories, realistic fiction, 1980's



### **Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick**

"Seven linked vignettes unfold on a Scandinavian island inhabited--throughout various time periods--by Vikings, vampires, ghosts, and a curiously powerful plant." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/793339976>

**Keywords:** love stories, ghost stories, vampires, Vikings, reincarnation

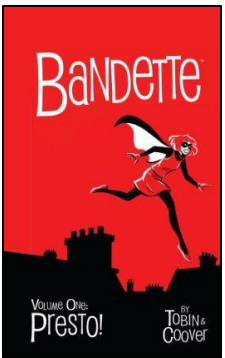


### **Winger by Andrew Smith**

"Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/779096136>

**Keywords:** rugby, boarding schools

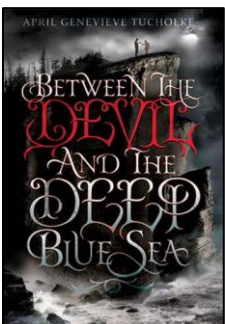


### **Bandette V. 1: Presto! By Paul Tobin**

"A costumed teen burglar by the *nome d'arte* of Bandette and her group of street urchins find equal fun in both skirting and aiding the law...But can even Bandette laugh off the discovery of a criminal plot against her life? " [Source: Darkhorse.com]

<https://www.darkhorse.com/Books/21-225/Bandette-Volume-1-Presto-HC>

**Keywords:** graphic novel, detective and mystery stories



### **Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea by April Genevieve Tucholke**

"Violet is in love with River, a mysterious seventeen-year-old stranger renting the guest house behind the rotting seaside mansion where Violet lives, but when eerie, grim events begin to happen, Violet recalls her grandmother's frequent warnings about the devil and wonders if River is evil." [Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/811426842>

**Keywords:** good vs. evil, love

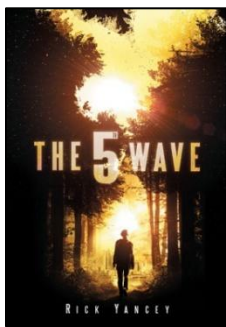


### ***Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein**

“When young American pilot Rose Justice is captured by Nazis and sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious women's concentration camp, she finds hope in the impossible through the loyalty, bravery, and friendship of her fellow prisoners.”  
[Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/828486709>

**Keywords:** World War II, air pilots, prisoners of war, alternate history



### ***The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave* by Rick Yancey**

"Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them."  
[Source: WorldCat.org]

<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/823014068>

**Keywords:** science fiction, aliens, war



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