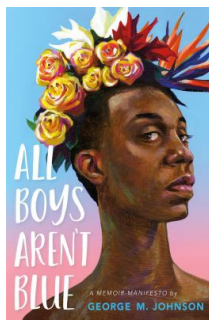


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Title: All Boys Aren't Blue

Author: Johnson, George M. (George Matthew), 1985-,

ISBN: 9780374312718

Summary: A first book by the prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist shares personal essays that chronicle his childhood, adolescence and college years as a Black queer youth, exploring subjects ranging from gender identity and toxic masculinity to structural marginalization and Black joy.

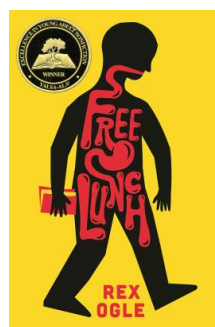


Title: Blank Canvas :

Author: Higashimura, Akiko, McKeon, Jenny MacFarlane, Ysabet Reinhardt,

ISBN: 9781642750690

Summary: "The award-winning autobiographical manga by Akiko Higashimura, the creator of Princess Jellyfish, about her high school dream to become a comic book creator! High schooler Akiko has big plans to become a popular mangaka before she even graduates, but she needs to get much better at drawing if she ever wants to reach her goal. Looking for an easy fix, she signs up for an art class, thinking all her problems will soon be solved. She's in for a surprise: her new instructor is a bamboo sword-wielding taskmaster who doesn't care about manga one bit. But maybe this unconventional art teacher is just what she needs to realize her dreams!"--ONIX annotation.



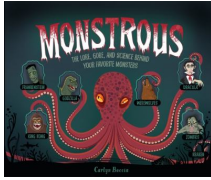
Title: Free Lunch

Author: Ogle, Rex,

ISBN: 9781324003601

Summary: "A distinctive new voice: Rex Ogle's story of starting middle school on the free lunch program is timely, heartbreaking, and true. Free Lunch is the story of Rex Ogle's first semester in sixth grade. Rex and his baby brother often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and were short of school supplies, and Rex was on his school's free lunch program. Grounded in the immediacy of physical hunger and the humiliation of having to announce it every day in the school lunch line, Rex's is a compelling story of a more profound hunger -- that of a child for his parents' love and care. Compulsively readable, beautifully crafted, and authentically told with the voice and point of view of a 6th-grade kid, Free Lunch is a remarkable debut by a gifted storyteller"-- Provided by publisher.

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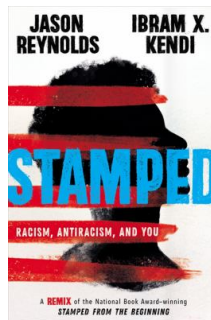


Title: Monstrous :

Author: Beccia, Carlyn,

ISBN: 9781512449167

Summary: "This fascinating encyclopedia of monsters delves into the history and science behind eight legendary creatures, from Bigfoot and the kraken to zombies and more. Find out each monster's origin story and the real-world history that informed it, and then explore the science of each creature in fun and surprising ways. Tips and infographics—including monster anatomy, how to survive a vampire attack, and real-life giant creatures of the deep sea—make this a highly visual and fun-to-browse book." -Amazon.

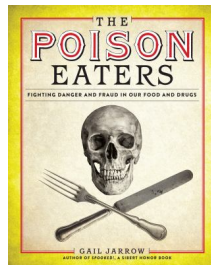


Title: Stamped :

Author: Reynolds, Jason, Kendi, Ibram X.,

ISBN: 9780316453691

Summary: "A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner Stamped from the Beginning"-- Provided by publisher.

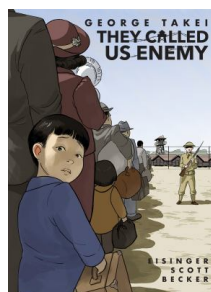


Title: The Poison Eaters :

Author: Jarrow, Gail,

ISBN: 9781629794389

Summary: Discusses the achievements of chemist Harvey Washington Wiley, who recognized the dangers of using harmful chemicals, including formaldehyde, borax, and salicylic acid, in food and medicine and fought for safe products for consumers.



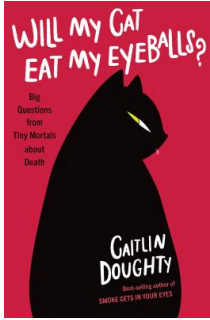
Title: They Called Us Enemy

Author: Takei, George, 1937-, Eisinger, Justin, Scott, Steve (Steven M.), Becker, Harmony,

ISBN: 9781603094702

Summary: Presents a graphic memoir detailing the author's experiences as a child prisoner in the Japanese-American internment camps of World War II, reflecting on the choices his family made in the face of institutionalized racism.

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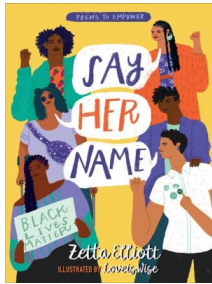


Title: Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs? :

Author: Doughty, Caitlin, Ruz, Dianne,

ISBN: 9780393652703

Summary: "Best-selling author and licensed mortician Caitlin Doughty answers real questions from kids about death, dead bodies, and decomposition. Every day, funeral director Caitlin Doughty receives dozens of questions about death. What would happen to an astronaut's body if it were pushed out of a space shuttle? Do people poop when they die? Can Grandma have a Viking funeral? In the tradition of Randall Munroe's *What If?*, Doughty's new book, *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?*, blends her scientific understanding of the body and the intriguing history behind common misconceptions about corpses to offer factual, hilarious, and candid answers to thirty-five urgent questions posed by her youngest fans. Readers will learn what happens if you die on an airplane, the best soil for mummifying your dog, and whether or not you can preserve your friend's skull as a keepsake. Featuring illustrations from Dianne Ruz, *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?* will delight anyone interested in the fascinating truth about what will happen (to our bodies) after we die"-- Provided by publisher.

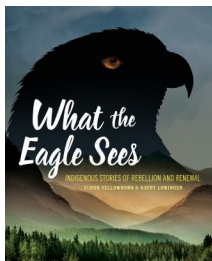


Title: Say Her Name

Author: Elliott, Zetta, Wise, Loveis,

ISBN: 9781368045247

Summary: "Inspired by the #SayHerName campaign launched by the African American Policy Forum, these poems pay tribute to victims of police brutality as well as the activists insisting that Black Lives Matter. Elliott engages poets from the past two centuries to create a chorus of voices celebrating the creativity, resilience, and courage of Black women and girls. This collection features forty-nine powerful poems, four of which are tribute poems inspired by the works of Lucille Clifton, Audre Lorde, Nikki Giovanni, and Phillis Wheatley. This provocative collection will move every reader to reflect, respond-and act." - Amazon



Title: What the Eagle Sees :

Author: Yellowhorn, Eldon, 1956- Lowinger, Kathy,

ISBN: 9781773213293

Summary: Traces the history of the indigenous populations of the Americas after the arrival of Europeans, discussing how different civilizations faced disease, war, broken promises, and forced assimilation to keep their cultures alive.

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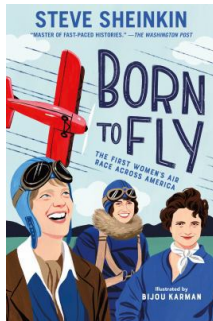


Title: Guts

Author: Telgemeier, Raina, Lamb, Braden,

ISBN: 9780545852517, 9780545852500, 9781338598599, 9781725426139,
9780780458383, 9781338598551

Summary: "Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on?"--Provided by publisher.

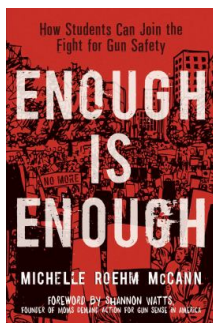


Title: Born to Fly :

Author: Sheinkin, Steve, Karman, Bijou,

ISBN: 9781626721302

Summary: "National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin tells the story of the 1929 Women's Air Derby, the first official all-female air race in the U.S."-- Provided by publisher.

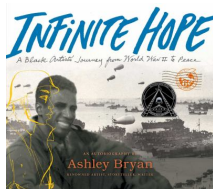


Title: Enough is enough :

Author: McCann, Michelle Roehm, 1968-

ISBN: 9781582707006

Summary: Told in three parts, *Enough Is Enough* also explores how America got to this point and the obstacles we must overcome, including historical information about the Second Amendment, the history of guns in America, and an overview of the NRA. Informative chapters include interviews with teens who have survived gun violence and student activists who are launching their own movements across the country. Additionally, the book includes a Q&A with gun owners who support increased gun safety laws. - Amazon.



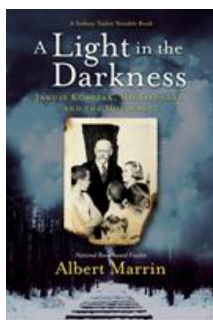
Title: Infinite Hope :

Author: Bryan, Ashley,

ISBN: 9781534404908

Summary: "Artist Ashley Bryan's experience as a black soldier in the segregated army of WWII"--Provided by publisher.

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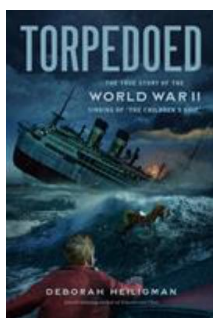


Title: A Light in the Darkness :

Author: Marrin, Albert,

ISBN: 9781524701208

Summary: Tells the story of Janusz Korczak, a Polish Jewish doctor who ran an orphanage for Jewish children in Poland and was eventually executed by the Nazis along with his staff and wards.

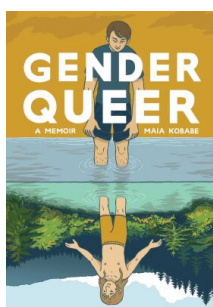


Title: Torpedoed :

Author: Heiligman, Deborah,

ISBN: 9781627795548

Summary: "A true account of the attack and sinking of the passenger ship SS City of Benares, which was evacuating children from England during WWII."--Provided by publisher.



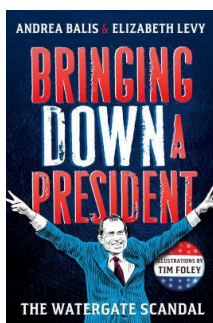
Title: Gender Queer

Author: Kobabe, Maia,

ISBN: 9781549304002

Summary: In 2014, Maia Kobabe, who uses e/em/eir pronouns, thought that a comic of reading statistics would be the last autobiographical comic e would ever write. At the time, it was the only thing e felt comfortable with strangers knowing about em. *Now, Gender Queer* is here. Maia's intensely cathartic autobiography charts eir journey of self-identity, which includes the mortification and confusion of adolescent

crushes, grappling with how to come out to family and society, bonding with friends over erotic gay fanfiction, and facing the trauma and fundamental violation of pap smears. Started as a way to explain to eir family what it means to be nonbinary and asexual, *Gender Queer* is more than a personal story: it is a useful and touching guide on gender identity—what it means and how to think about it—for advocates, friends, and humans everywhere. - Amazon.



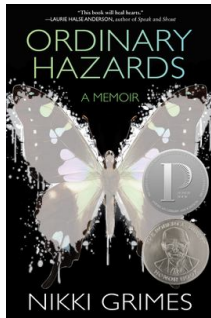
Title: Bringing Down a President :

Author: Balis, Andrea, Levy, Elizabeth, 1942-, Foley, Tim, 1962-

ISBN: 9781250176790

Summary: Describes the events, personalities, and issues involved in the Watergate Affair, featuring quotes from primary source materials.

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Title: Ordinary Hazards :

Author: Grimes, Nikki,

ISBN: 9781629798813

Summary: "Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki Grimes found herself terrorized by babysitters, shunted from foster family to foster family, and preyed upon by those she trusted. At the age of six, she poured her pain onto a piece of paper late one night - and discovered the magic and impact of writing. For many years, Nikki's notebooks were her most enduring companions. In this accessible and inspiring memoir that will resonate with young readers and adults alike, Nikki shows how the power of those words helped her conquer the hazards - ordinary and extraordinary - of her life"--Amazon.