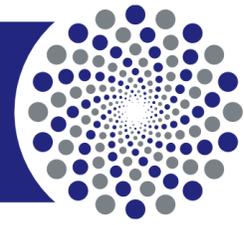


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Best Books of 2023



We aim to provide high quality lists featuring books of different genres, interests, maturity levels, and content for children & teens. You and your parents/guardians are the best judge of what's appropriate for you.

Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

**Additional formats available from other libraries and/or downloadable from Libby.*

Anderson, M. T. – *Elf Dog & Owl Head*

+Anderson, Fiction*

Quarantined with his family as a global plague ravages the world, Clay retreats to the woods where he meets a special little dog who leads him on adventures where choosing the wrong path could cause them both to lose their way forever.

Annable, Graham – *Eerie Tales from the School of Screams*

+Annable, Graphic Novels

Davis and Emily are not scared of school because of tough tests or merciless vice-principals. No, they are scared because their teacher wants her students to present the class with the spookiest, most chilling stories they can think of.

Applegate, Katherine – *Dogtown (Series)*

+Applegate, Fiction

In Dogtown, a shelter for unwanted canine and robot dogs, an extraordinary bond develops between Chance, a longing three-legged dog, Metalhead, an empathetic robot, and Mouse, their friendly ally, as they strive to find forever homes.

Arbuthnott, Gill – *From Shore to Ocean Floor*

+551.46 Arb, Non-Fiction

Marvel at incredible scientific discoveries, be dazzled by some of the most exciting new species, and admire the incredible people who took the very first steps below the surface.

Bow, Erin – *Simon Sort of Says*

+Bow, Fiction*

Simon is the only survivor of a school shooting. That story has followed him everywhere — everywhere except his new home in the National Quiet Zone, where the internet is banned so radio astronomers can listen for signs of life in space.

Castle, Jennifer – *When We Had Summer*

YA Castle, Fiction

When Summer Sisters, Daniella, Alaina, and Penelope are about to be separated for the summer after the death of their friend Carly, they vow to complete the bucket list she wrote before she passed.

Chantler, Scott – *Squire & Knight*

+Chantler, Graphic Novels

Staying behind to catch up on some reading while his inept boss, Sir Kelton, rides off to slay a demonic dragon, Squire soon notices something isn't quite right about this cursed village and seeks to uncover its secrets.

Clark, P. Djèli – *Abeni's Song (Series)*

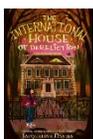
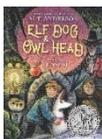
+Clark, Fiction

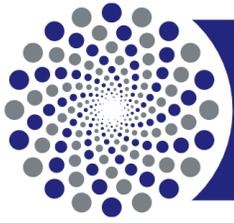
Abeni, a reluctant magical apprentice, and a team of spirit kids set out to save their village from the evil Witch Priest who captured and marched off everyone toward ghost ships bound for distant lands.

Davies, Jacqueline – *The International House of Dereliction*

+Davies, Fiction

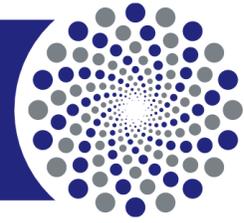
Quirky, tool-wielding Alice Cannoli-Potchnik begins to repair the dilapidated mansion next door—only to discover the old house is home to ghosts, and they need mending, too.





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Everett, Sarah – *The Probability of Everything*

+Everett, Fiction*

When an asteroid has an 84.7% chance of colliding with the Earth in four days, Kemi, who loves scientific facts and probability, assembles a time capsule to capture her family's truth as she tries to come to terms with goodbye.

Harrold, A. F. – *The Worlds We Leave Behind*

+Harrold, Fiction

After an accident in the woods involving a young girl, eleven-year-old Hex meets a mysterious woman who offers him a deal to change his world, which sets off a ripple effect that Hex's best friend Tommo must rectify.

Healy, Christopher – *No One Leaves the Castle*

+Healy, Fiction

Dungeons & Dragons meets Clue in this stand-alone murder mystery set in the Hero's Guide world. Lilac has set her goals on becoming a bounty hunter when a priceless artifact goes missing from the home of famed monster hunter.

Higuera, Donna Barba – *Alebrijes*

+Higuera, Fiction

Leandro and his sister, Gabi, brave the harsh reality of a segregated settlement in post-apocalyptic California. This heartfelt adventure signals hope for humanity, even in the aftermath of darkness.

Kawamura, Taku – *My Clueless First Friend (Series)*

+Kawamura, Graphic Novels

A lonely girl is the target of her classmates' bullying, until a new kid arrives on the scene. Friendly Takada is as clueless as he is well-meaning, but somehow he possesses the magic ability to start drawing Nishimura out of her gloomy shell.

Lam, Michelle – *Meesh the Bad Demon (Series)*

+Lam, Graphic Novels

Bullied by other demons, Meesh is likely to be found reading fairy realm magazines and fangirling about fairy princesses. But when disaster strikes and all of demon-kind is threatened, Meesh must journey to other worlds in search of help.

Maunakea, Malia – *Lei and the Fire Goddess*

+Maunakea, Fiction*

Anna must dig deep into her Hawaiian roots in order to save her best friend and her island from an angry fire goddess.

McMann, Matt – *Monsterious: Escape from Grimstone Manor (Series)*

+McMann, Fiction

When a ride breaks down before closing, friends Mateo, Taylor, and Zari find themselves stuck inside the haunted house for the night and discover a hidden staircase leading to a dark crypt.

Mitsuboshi, Tama – *Call the Name of the Night (Series)*

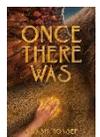
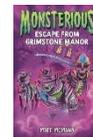
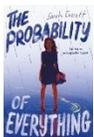
YA Mitsuboshi, Graphic Novels

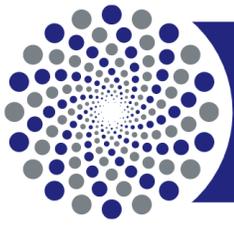
Mira suffers from an illness which causes her world to be drowned in night whenever she is feeling anxious or depressed. Mira lives with a magical teacher who protects her and is looking for a way to combat her affliction.

Monsef, Kiyash – *Once There Was*

+Monsef, Fiction*

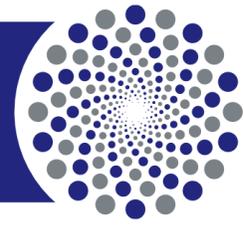
When Iranian American Marjan discovers her murdered father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures, she realizes she must take up his mantle, despite the many dangers.





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Nayeri, Daniel – *The Many Assassinations of Samir, Seller of Dreams*

+Nayeri, Picture Books*

A servant boy attempts to win his freedom by repeatedly saving his master as they travel the Silk Road. An enticing taste of a rich historical world.

Nott, Dan – *Hidden Systems*

YA GN 509 Not, Non-Fiction

This graphic novel provides a guided tour through the science of the past, and how the decisions people made while inventing and constructing early technology still affect the way people use it today.

Oh, Ellen – *Haru, Zombie Dog Hero*

+Oh, Fiction

A spooky novel about the friendship between a Korean American boy and his dog, Haru—who becomes a zombie! Fans of Frankenweenie will enjoy this scary yet heartwarming read.

Perkins, Mitali – *Hope in the Valley*

+Perkins, Fiction

Pandita, a budding poet, reluctantly attends summer drama camp, meets a talented new boy, reconciles with her former best friend, and struggles with family changes.

Ralphs, Matt – *Transported: 50 Vehicles That Changed the World*

+629 Ral, Non-Fiction

From ancient chariots and Viking longships to racing cars, rockets, and solar-powered airplanes, our world has been changed by the pioneering development of many incredible vehicles.

Rivera, Lilliam – *Barely Floating*

+Rivera, Fiction*

Natalia's dream of becoming a synchronized swimmer is in jeopardy when her parents decide they are against a sport that emphasizes looks, but Nat is determined to change their minds.

Royce, Eden – *Conjure Island*

+Royce, Fiction

A family emergency sends a tween to live with a relative she didn't know existed and who holds the secret to her beloved grandmother's past. A rich window into a unique cultural community.

Santat, Dan – *A First Time for Everything*

+305.23 San, Graphic Novels*

A 1989 summer trip to Europe changes Caldecott Medal winner Santat's life in this graphic memoir. Full of laughter and sentiment, this is a nudge for readers to dare to try new things.

Selznick, Brian – *Big Tree*

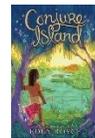
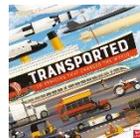
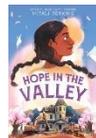
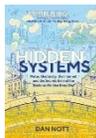
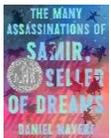
+Selznick, Fiction

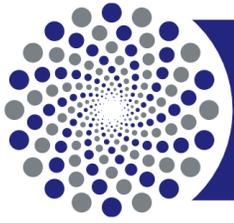
Sycamore seed siblings must use their wits and imaginations to navigate a mysterious and often dangerous world, filled with monsters, meteors, and the fear of never finding the right conditions to set down roots and become big trees.

Shearer, Wendy – *Spooky Stories of the World*

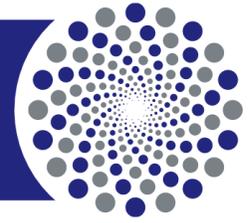
+398.25 She, Non-Fiction

This spook-tacular collection features more than 20 fright-filled stories from around the globe. Retold with ghoulish relish, these hair-raising tales are sure to send shivers down your spine.





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Shusterman, Neal – *N.O.A.H. Files – I Am the Walrus (Series)*

+Shusterman, Fiction

A middle schooler must outrun a cadre of strange individuals while puzzling out the truth of what he is in this science-fiction offering. A fun, if messy, thriller that's not afraid to go straight over the top.

Smith, Mac – *Scurry*

+Smith, Graphic Novels

The humans are gone, the sun is rarely seen, and a cold, dark rain befools everything it touches. The mice, long dependent on humans for food, cling to their old ways, looting the nearby abandoned houses for any scraps they find.

Wilgus, Benjamin A. – *Grace Needs Space!*

+Wilgus, Graphic Novels

Grace's excitement to accompany her mom on Titan turns to frustration when her mom is too preoccupied with her mission to spend time together, yet when their ship stops working on their return home it is up to Grace to save the day.

