

:: NONFICTION ::

- ***Beyond They/Them: 20 Influential Nonbinary and Gender-Diverse People You Should Know*** by Em Dickson (11-12)
- ***Chappel Roan: A Vibrant Journey Through the Career and Influence of the Indie-Pop Superstar*** by Harbert Day (7-8)
- ***Fight AIDS! How Activism, Art, and Protest Changed the Course of a Deadly Epidemic and Reshaped a Nation*** by Michael G. Long (9-10)
- ***How To Create Manga: The Ultimate Bible For Beginning Artists*** by Sideranch (7-8)
- ***Let Me Be Honest: 28 Young Artists on Surviving in an Uncertain World*** by Michaela Allen (11-12)
- ***Malcolm Lives!*** by Ibram X. Kendi (9-10)
- ***Messi Mania*** by Luis Miguel Echegaray (7-8)
- ***Rebellious: The Story of Keith Haring in 12 Pictures*** by Michael G. Long (11-12)
- ***Smashing Stigma: Dismantling Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination*** by Connie Goldsmith (11-12)
- ***So, I'm Autistic: An Introduction to Autism for Young Adults and Late Teens*** by Sarah O'Brien (11-12)
- ***Stuck on Hard Mode: The AdHd, Autistic, and Audhd Strategy Guide for Real Life*** by Erin Phillips (9-10)
- ***The Pokemon Encyclopedia*** by Arnold Ringstad (7-8)
- ***White House Secrets: Medical Lies and Cover-Ups*** by Gail Jarrow (9-10)

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- **Ambrosia Lee Drops the MIC**
by Patricia Park (9-10)
- **And The Trees Stare Back** by Gigi Griffis
(11-12)
- **An Expanse of Blue**
by Kauakanilehua Mahoe Adams (7-8)
- **A Stage Set For Villains**
by Shannon J. Spann (11-12)
- **Behind Five Willows** by June Hur (11-12)
- **Breakout** by Dhonielle Clayton (9-10)
- **Calypso's Odyssey** by Anna Ellison (9-10)
- **Change of Plans** by Sarah Dessen (7-8)
- **Cope Field** by T.L. Simpson (9-10)
- **Dear Manny** by Nic Stone (9-10)
- **Devious Prey** by Scott Reintgen (11-12)
- **Every Exquisite Thing** by Laura Steven (11-12)
- **Few Blue Skies** by Carolina Ixta (9-10)
- **Gingerbread Bones** by Lindsay Lovise (11-12)
- **Her Hidden Fire** by Clíodhna O'Sullivan (7-8)
- **I'm Gonna Get You Back** by Eva Des Lauriers
(7-8)
- **In Between Days** by Camryn Garrett (7-8)
- **In the Blood** by April Henry (11-12)
- **In the Country I Love** by Alaa Al-Barkawi (9-10)
- **King of Nothing** by Nathanael Lessor (7-8)
- **Last to Leave** by Teresa Richards (7-8)
- **Legendary Frybread Drive-In**
by Cynthia Leitch Smith (9-10)
- **Lies We Tell About the Stars**
by Susie Nadler (9-10)
- **Medicine Wheels** by Byron Graves (7-8)
- **Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint** by Singnsong
(9-10)

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- **Meet Me at the Picket Line**
by Jasper Sanchez (11-12)
- **Ramin Abbas Has Major Questions**
by Ahmad Saber (11-12)
- **Rez Ball** by Byron Graves (7-8)
- **Rolls and Rivalry** by Kristy Boyce (7-8)
- **Seconds to Spare** by Rachel Reiss (11-12)
- **Seyoon and Dean, Unscripted**
by Sujin Witherspoon (11-12)
- **Smash or Pass** by Birdie Schae (11-12)
- **Soundtrack: A Novel** by Jason Reynolds (7-8)
- **Storm Breaker** by Nisha J. Tuli (11-12)
- **That Which Feeds Us: A Hawaiian Gothic**
by Keala Kendall (9-10)
- **The Cove** by Claire Rose (7-8)
- **The Electric Life of Lavender Lewis**
by Kara Storti (11-12)
- **The Escape Game** by Marissa Meyer (9-10)
- **The Faraway Inn** by Sarah Beth Durst (7-8)
- **The Game of Oaths** by S.C. Bandreddi (9-10)
- **The Gravewood** by Kelly Andrew (9-10)
- **The Heirs** by Faridah Abike-Iymide (11-12)
- **The Odyssey** by Homer (9-10)
- **These Shattered Spires** by Cassidy Ellis Salter
(11-12)
- **They Want Us Dead** by CL Montblanc (11-12)
- **This Thing of Ours** by Frederick Joseph (9-10)
- **Us Dark Few** by Alexis Patton (11-12)
- **We Are Never Getting Together**
by Janette Rallison (9-10)
- **Where You'll Find Us** by Jen St. Jude (7-8)
- **You, Me, and Infinity** by Deb Caletti (9-10)
- **Young World** by Soman Chainani (9-10)

:: GRAPHIC NOVELS/MANGA ::

- **Aoashi** by Kobayashi Yuugo (9-10)
- **Bad Kid: My Life as a "Troubled Teen"**
by Sofia Szamosi (7-8)
- **Blades of Fury** by Emily Erdos (11-12)
- **Buuzal!, vol. 1: Good Morning, Salwa!**
by Shazleen Khan (11-12)
- **Champion: A Graphic Novel**
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (9-10)
- **Colossal** by Rutile (7-8)
- **Deep** by Mitsuhiro Mizuno (7-8)
- **Encore!** by Miles Toriko Burkes (9-10)
- **Everything Amplified**
by Ziggy Hanaor and Sarah Lippett (9-10)
- **Ultimate Exorcist Kiyoshi** by Shoichi Usui
(9-10)
- **Gizmo Riser** by Roku Souna (11-12)
- **Ichi the Witch** by Osamu Nishi (7-8)
- **Just Between Us** by Adeline Kon (9-10)
- **Keyaki Shopping District's Sakura Bathhouse**
by Yuzu Tsubaki (11-12)
- **Love Bullet** by Inee (11-12)
- **Magical Girl Dandelion** by Kaeru Mizuho (7-8)
- **Our Aimless Nights** by Koumori (9-10)
- **Raven Saga Vol. 1** by Chihiro Howe (11-12)
- **Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow**
by Tom King (11-12)
- **The Makeup Remover** by Lee Yeon (11-12)
- **To All the Boys I've Loved Before: The Graphic Novel** by Jenny Han (9-10)

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(7-8)-Middle School
(9-10)-High School Freshmen & Sophomores
(11-12)-High School Juniors & Seniors