

2011/2012 Not to be Missed

FICTION

Anderson, R. J. **Ultraviolet** 2011 *Science Fiction* 10th and up

Alison, 16, is convinced she's killed a popular classmate – by disintegrating her with her mind. Is Alison crazy, or is something else going on?

Andrews, Jesse **Me & Earl & the Dying Girl** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 9th and up

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia.

Armstrong, Kelley **The Calling** 2012 *Paranormal* 8th and up

Maya and her friends--all of whom have supernatural powers--have been kidnapped after fleeing from a forest fire they suspect was deliberately set, and after a terrifying helicopter crash they find themselves pursued by evil-doers in the Vancouver Island wilderness.

Asher, Jay **The Future of Us** 2011 *Fiction* 7th and up

Set in 1996, Emma and her best friend Josh upload an America Online CD and discover themselves on Facebook, 15 years into the future. Every time Emma or Josh make a change, it drastically changes their Facebook pages in the future. A thought provoking, time travel adventure that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

Bardugo, Leigh **Shadow and Bone** 2012 *Fantasy* 7th and up

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

Bray, Libba **The Diviners** 2012 *Supernatural/Mystery* 10th and up

Evie is sent to New York City to live with her uncle in order to lay low after she becomes involved in a scandal. She is thrilled, because this means she has access to speakeasies, the night life, and can start her own path to becoming famous. When a girl is found murdered with strange symbols on her body, Evie's uncle, an expert in the occult, is called in to help with the investigation. Evie tags along to the crime scene and discovers she may be able to help with the investigation also. A dense story that is impeccably researched with many story-lines that keeps you quite engaged. First book in a series.

Brennan, Sarah Rees **Unspoken** 2012 *Horror* 7th and up

Kami Glass is in love with someone she's never met--a boy she's talked to in her head since she was born. This has made her an outsider in the sleepy English town of Sorry-in-the-Vale, but she has learned ways to turn that to her advantage. Her life seems to be in order, until disturbing events begin to occur. There has been screaming in the woods and the manor overlooking the town has lit up for the first time in 10 years. The Lynburn family, who ruled the town a generation ago and who all left without warning, have returned. Now Kami can see that the town she has known and loved all her life is hiding a multitude of secrets--and a murderer. The key to it all just might be the boy in her head. The boy she thought was imaginary is real, and definitely and deliciously dangerous.

Carson, Rae **Crown of Embers** 2012 *Fantasy* 8th and up

Hero. Foreigner. Queen. Elisa, at the age of seventeen, is all three. And all three draw enemies. Faced with assassins, court politics, and the threat of civil war, Elisa despairs of being the ruler her people need. Her only hope is the Godstone. She must master its power once and for all. She finds clues hidden in a long forgotten--and forbidden--scripture. Accompanied by a one-eyed warrior, an enemy defector, and the man she is falling in love with, Elisa takes a leap of faith and crosses an ocean in search of the ultimate source of the Godstone's power. But her faith has always had a price, and doing the right thing might mean giving up the power she desperately needs. And it might mean giving up the man she desperately loves. Rae Carson continues the epic story begun in *The Girl of Fire and Thorns* with a novel that is remarkable, adventurous, and even more romantic than the first

Cashore, Kristin **Bitterblue** 2012 *Fantasy* 8th and up

Bitterblue, queen of Monsea, realizes her responsibility and the futility of relying on advisors who surround her with lies as she tries to help her people to heal from the thirty-five-year spell cast by her father.

Chandler, Kristen **Girls Don't Fly** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 7th and up

Myra faces a variety of teenage issues and angst. Along with losing her boyfriend, and maintaining the role of "the responsible one," in her large, but dysfunctional family, which includes an unwed older sister who is pregnant, Myra takes her resilience to a whole new level, and surprises herself. She explores new possibilities she never would have thought of a few months ago, such as applying for a weighty scholarship to study in the Galapagos Islands. This requires her to take a mandatory series of complicated classes, which lead her to a new, and more fulfilling part-time job, a passion for environmental issues, an undiscovered but healthy competitive streak, and a new understanding of her core values.

Cross, Kady **The Girl in the Steel Corset** 2011 *Steampunk* 9th and up

Finley, who has a beastly alter ego inside of her, joins Duke Griffin's army of misfits to help stop the Machinist, the criminal behind a series of automaton crimes, from carrying out a plan to kill Queen Victoria during the Jubilee.

Doty, M **Surviving High School** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 7th and up

In this fast-paced intense read, Emily is hard-driven by her controlling coach/father to become a champion swimmer, but she is traumatized by the death of her super-athlete sister. Her best friend Kami implores her to enjoy high school life, but she is confused and doesn't know which way to turn.

Dunn, Patricia **Rebels by Accident** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 5th and up

When 15-year-old Mariam and her best friend, Deanna, are shipped to Cairo after a party gets out of control, the last thing the teens expect is to be caught in a revolution.

Fforde, Jasper **The Last Dragonslayer** 2012 *Fantasy* 6th and up

Jennifer Strange runs Kazam, an employment agency for magicians; although jobs are hard to find in a world where magical energy is fading. Once great wizards are reduced to performing menial jobs like hardwiring houses and clearing drains, if even that. Magical energy then seems to become stronger and wizards then find themselves performing tasks they once found too difficult. Jennifer begins to hear whispers of something called Big Magic, but no one will explain to her what it is. A prophecy that the last dragon will be killed by the unnamed last Dragonslayer also soon flies around the kingdom of Hereford. Jennifer sets out to discover more about the prophecy and Big Magic by searching for the last Dragonslayer; she quickly discovers much more than she ever bargained for. A wonderfully humorous, quick read that had me hooked from the first page. The first book I've enjoyed as thoroughly as I enjoyed Harry Potter.

Fisher, Catherine **Darkwater** 2012 *Paranormal* 9th and up

Sixteen-year-old Sarah sells her soul to reclaim her family's estate and is given 100 years to atone for their sins, but as the bargain nears its end, modern-day Tom, yearning to attend the private school that Darkwater Hall has become, gets caught up in the bargain.

Fleming, Candace **On the Day I Died: Stories from the Grave** 2012 *Supernatural* 6th and up

Mike, driving home, comes across a girl standing in the road dripping wet. He is past his curfew, but he can't just leave this girl, who clearly needs help. So he offers her a ride home and is shocked to find that home is the cemetery. The girl is dead and simply wants to share the story of how she died, along with several other teen residents of the cemetery, who lost their lives. Each chapter reveals a new teen's story of how they died. Filled with humor, this read is unlikely to scare, yet will still be an engaging read.

Gidwitz, Adam **In a Glass Grimly** 2012 *Fantasy/Fairy Tales* 4th and up

Join Jack and Jill as they search for the Seeing Glass, a supposedly magical treasure of immense worth, that a king could trade his whole kingdom for it and be considered wise. On the journey, they will encounter fierce giants, tricky mermaids, manipulative goblins, and a very simple minded, yet scary salamander. Will Jack and Jill succeed in finding the Seeing Glass when it is their very lives that depend on it? Another humorous retelling of classic fairy tales and nursery rhymes that you won't want to put down.

Gill, David MacInnis **Invisible Sun** 2012 *Science Fiction* 9th and up

Sixteen-year-old Durango and his lieutenant--and girlfriend--continue their adventures as mercenaries on Mars.

Green, John **The Fault in Our Stars** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 9th and up

Despite the medical miracle that has bought her a few more years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, but when Augustus Waters suddenly appears at the Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be rewritten.

Harstad, Johan **172 Hours on the Moon** 2012 *Science Fiction/Thriller* 10th and up

In 2019, teens Mia, Antoine, and Midori are selected by lottery to join experienced astronauts on a NASA mission to the once top-secret moon base, DARLAH 2, while in a Florida nursing home, a former astronaut struggles to warn someone of the terrible danger there.

Hartman, Brett **Cadillac Chronicles** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 10th and up

An angry young (white) man and an "ornery old black man" form a much needed, and mutually beneficial, friendship when they go on a road trip together -- a road trip that was completely unauthorized by both of their guardians. This book offered humor and insight and moved at just the right pace.

Hartman, Rachel **Seraphina** 2012 *Fantasy/Dragons* 7th and up

Seraphina lives in the kingdom of Goredd, a place where dragons and humans live together under a decade's-old peace treaty. Dragons transform into humans and interact as scholars, ambassadors, advisors, and much more. However, some humans and dragons still mistrust each other and as the treaty's anniversary draws near, tensions increase, and both rumors and events seem to point to a plot to destroy peace. Secrets, lies, and hidden truths abound in Goredd, including one kept by main heroine Seraphina, out of necessity, for discovering them would put lives at risk. Rich and complex, Hartman creates a whole new world that is both fascinating and believable. A note: this reader found Hartman's world confusing at times with new terms and a plethora of characters. It was not until I

reached the end that I noticed there is both a glossary and a list of characters at the end of the book.

Jackson, Corrine **If I Lie** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 9th and up

Seventeen-year-old Sophie Quinn becomes an outcast in her small military town when she chooses to keep a secret for her Marine boyfriend who is missing in action in Afghanistan.

James, Brian **Life is But a Dream** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 7th and up

When fifteen-year-old Sabrina meets Alec at the Wellness Center where she is being treated for schizophrenia, he tries to persuade her that it is the world that is crazy, not them, and she should defy her doctors rather than lose what makes her creative and special.

Kramer, Stacey **From What I Remember** 2012 *Fiction* 8th and up

With less than 24 hours before high school graduation, class valedictorian Kylie Flores ends up on an unexpected road trip to Mexico with fellow classmate Max Langston after her laptop containing her valedictorian speech is stolen. Along the way, Kylie's best friend Will and Max's girlfriend Lily drive from California across the border to search for a missing Kylie and Max. Readers won't be able to put this one down.

LaFever, Robin **Grave Mercy** 2012 *Fantasy* 8th and up

Ismae is a young Breton peasant girl who has been marked by St. Mortain, the patron Saint of Death, as one of his own. Abhorred by all in her village, she escapes to the safety of the saint's convent, where she is taught the deadly arts. She is sent to the Breton court, where political intrigue runs rampant, to make sure Mother Superior's plans are carried out.

Laybourne, Emmy **Monument 14** 2012 *Dystopian* 8th and up

On a day a few years from now, natural disasters strike a lot of the United States. Teens and little kids try to stay safe in a big box store, bringing out the best and worst of human nature.

Levithan, David **Every Day** 2012 *Fiction* 7th and up

"A" wakes up every day a new person-literally. Each night "A's" soul, or whatever you want to say is his being, his memories, moves to another person's body. This has been happening as long as "A" can remember, and he has accepted that this is his life. He even enjoys the simplicity that he really only needs to focus on the present. This all changes when he meets Rhiannon. An enjoyable read that hooks you and certainly makes you think.

Lyga, Barry **I Hunt Killers** 2012 *Mystery* 9th and up

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious "Dear Old Dad," but believes he has a conscience that will help fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, so he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist."

Magoon, Kekla **37 Things I Love (in no particular order)** 2012 *Realistic Fiction* 9th and up

Ellis has four days left until summer vacation when she can forget about school. Although she is not going to have to worry about school, she is far from having a care free summer. Her father has been in a coma for several years, and Ellis and her mother are struggling to come to an agreement on whether or not to remove life support. To say the least Ellis needs the support of her friends, but her best friend, Abby, is oblivious of the idea that anything is wrong. Will Ellis find the support she needs? This hit home, as I am all too familiar with the death of parents at a young age. A quick read with a difficult overlaying subject, which is tamed with humor and strong characters.

Mafi, Tahereh. **Shatter Me** 2011 *Science Fiction* 9th and up

Ostracized or incarcerated her whole life, seventeen-year-old Juliette is freed on the condition that she use her horrific abilities in support of The Reestablishment, a postapocalyptic dictatorship, but Adam, the only person ever to show her affection, offers hope of a better future.

Marchetta, Melina **Froi of the Exiles** 2012 *Fantasy* 9th and up

Three years after the curse on Lumatere was lifted, Froi has found his home . . . or so he believes. Fiercely loyal to the Queen and Finnikin, Froi has been taken roughly and lovingly in hand by the Guard sworn to protect the royal family, and has learned to control his quick temper with a warrior's discipline. But when he is sent on a secretive mission to the kingdom of Charyn, nothing could have prepared him for what he finds in its surreal royal court. Soon he must unravel both the dark bonds of kinship and the mysteries of a half-mad princess in this barren and mysterious place. It is in Charyn that he will discover there is a song sleeping in his blood . . . and though Froi would rather not, the time has come to listen.

McBride, Lish **Necromancing the Stone** 2012 *Supernatural* 7th and up

Sam LaCroix is finding it tough to get used to his new life: he not long ago became aware he is a necromancer (someone who can raise the dead); he has extreme guilt over killing the evil necromancer Douglas; and feels responsible for his friend Ramon becoming a were-bear. To top it all off he is being trained to fight and defend himself by a pack of werewolves, which basically means he is being beat up multiple times a day. But the

pack also protects him, so it's not all bad. When someone ends up being killed, Sam is asked to help find the murderer. The only thing is, there are not a lot of clues to follow, or at least any that make sense. For example, how can the murderer have left no scent at the scene? Another quick read, with both humor and supernatural elements that you won't want to put down.

McDonald, Ian **Planesrunner** 2011 *Steampunk/Science Fiction* 7th and up

In this steampunk scifi a boy, Everett Singh, finds himself traveling between different planes in the multiverse, alternate universes, to save his father, the creator of the Infundibulum, a map to all the parallel Earths in the Multiverse. This device is highly valuable and the other Earths from the Multiverse will go to any lengths to acquire it, something Everett must prevent at all costs.

Mellom, Robin **Ditched a Love Story** 2012 *Fiction* 7th and up

The perfect prom night goes astray when Justina's date and best friend Ian ditches her leading her on an adventure to piece together what went wrong with the help of some opinionated ladies at the 7-Eleven. A laugh out aloud and fun story to read.

Meyer, Marissa **Cinder** 2012 *Science Fiction* 7th and up

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

Morel, Alex **Survive** 2012 *Adventure/Survival* 7th and up

Jane is on leave for Christmas from Life House, the mental hospital, where she has spent the last year. And although she is excited, it is not because she is going home. In fact, Christmas only serves to remind her of her father's suicide and her family history of suicide. She is excited about the plane ride and the "plan"- she intends to kill herself in the plane's bathroom by taking a lethal concoction of pills. She may get her wish to die, but it is certainly not going to be planned. The plane hits a storm and crashes in the mountains during a blizzard; Jane and Paul, a teen adventurer, are the only survivors. A nail-biting wilderness survival story, along the lines of Hatchet, that readers won't want to put down.

Mullin, Mike **Ashen Winter** *Science Fiction* 9th and up

More than six months after the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano, Alex and Darla retrace their steps to Iowa hoping to find Alex's parents and bring them to the tenuous safety of Illinois, but the journey is ever more perilous as the remaining communities fight to the death for food and power.

Myracle, Lauren **Shine** 2011 *Realistic Fiction* 9th and up

This is a haunting, wonderfully well written, story about a girl who must start to tear down the wall she has built around herself ever since she was assaulted so that she can solve the mystery behind her former best friend's violent attack. This is not your typical teen novel and will stay with you for months to follow.

Nix, Garth **A Confusion of Princes** 2012 *Science Fiction* 9th and up

Battling aliens, space pirates, and competitors, Prince Khemri meets a young woman, named Raine, and learns more than he expected about the hidden workings of a vast, intergalactic Empire, and about himself.

Reinhardt, Dana **The Summer I Learned to Fly** 2011 *Realistic Fiction* 7th and up

This charming coming-of-age YA novel is about quirky 13 year old Drew who experiences, for the first time, a real connection with a runaway boy, and must cope with the idea that her widowed mother is dating. Funny and sometimes tragic, this story is warm and sweet and a wonderful discussion book.

Revis, Beth **Across the Universe** 2011 *Science Fiction* 7th and up

Amy is cryogenically frozen along with her scientist parents when the end of the earth is near and is sent on a ship to settle on a new planet...this trip is supposed to take around 300 years and Amy and her parents are to be defrosted upon arrival. Amy is surprised to find that she is defrosted around 50 years early and she must acclimate to the bizarre culture on this ship and come to terms with the fact that someone may have been trying to kill her.

Revis, Beth **A Million Suns** 2012 *Science Fiction* 7th and up

When Elder discovers shocking news about Godspeed, he and Amy race to discover the truth behind life on the space ship. They must work together to unlock a puzzle that was set in motion hundreds of years earlier, unable to fight the romance that's growing between them and the chaos that threatens to tear them apart.

Riordan, Rick **Mark of Athena** 2012 *Fantasy/Series* 4th and up

The Greek and Roman demigods will have to cooperate in order to defeat the giants released by the Earth Mother, Gaea. Then they will have to sail together to the ancient land--Greece itself--to find the Doors of Death

Rosoff, Meg **There is No Dog** 2012 *Humor* 6th and up

Ponder this: what if God was a teenaged boy? Rosoff's, There Is No Dog, takes on this premise with sidesplitting results. Bob is given the job of God after his mother, goddess

Mona, wins the position in a poker game. Bob's credentials are nil, but seeing that there are few other candidates who want the job of ruling earth, he is the chosen one. How will a teenager handle being the King of Kings? Find out in this hilarious, quick paced, and character driven story.

Schmidt, Gary **Okay for Now** 2011 *Realistic Fiction* 6th and up

I LOVED this story about a boy who is struggling to be a good person against all odds in a rural town in 1968.

Schreiber, Joe **Perry's Killer Playlist** 2012 *Adventure* 9th and up

As his rock band tours Italy, eighteen-year-old Perry says a reluctant "bonjour" to Gobi, his former exchange student/Lithuanian assassin, who enlists his help on a justice-dispensing rampage all over Europe.

Shaw, Jennifer Wolf **Breaking Beautiful** 2012 *Mystery* 7th and up

Allie is overwhelmed when her boyfriend, Trip, dies in a car accident, leaving her scarred and unable to recall what happened that night, but she feels she must uncover the truth, even if it could hurt the people who tried to save her from Trip's abuse.

Stephens, John **The Fire Chronicle** 2012 *Fantasy* 4th and up

In the second book in the Books of Beginning Trilogy, Michael and Emma must track down the Chronicle of Life, while Kate must find a way back to present day from the year 1899.

Strauss, Victoria **Passion Blue** 2012 *Historical Fiction* 9th and up

In renaissance Milan, 17-year-old Giulia is sent to a convent when her father dies. To her surprise, she discovers that some of the nuns are artists, and the Maestra wants to teach her. Giulia loves drawing and color – but she has always dreamed of marriage, and a home of her own. Can she escape the convent? And, if she can, should she? Vivid and beautifully written.

Taylor, Laini **Daughter of Smoke and Bone** 2011 *Paranormal* 9th and up

Seventeen-year-old Karou, a lovely, enigmatic art student in a Prague boarding school, carries a sketchbook of hideous, frightening monsters--the chimaerae who form the only family she has ever known.

Taylor, Laini **Days of Blood and Starlight** 2012 *Paranormal* 9th and up

The otherworldly Karou struggles to come to terms with who and what she is, and how far she'll go to avenge her people

Weber, David **A Beautiful Friendship** 2011 *Science Fiction/Adventure* 7th and up

An action-packed suspenseful sci-fi adventure where the teenage protagonist is the new kid on the planet and she is able to communicate with the sentient indigenous species, something no one else can do. This is the start of a prequel series that follows the adventures of Stephanie Harrington, grandmother of Honor Harrington (Weber's adult Honor Harrington series).

Wein, Elizabeth **Code Name Verity** 2012 *Historical Fiction* 9th and up

An intense WWII adventure about a couple of young women pilots – one of whom has to endure a brutal interrogation by the Nazis when she's captured.

Wendelin, Van Draanen **The Running Dream** 2011 *Realistic Fiction* 6th and up

Jessica is passionate about her running and when she loses her leg in a traffic accident she feels her life is over. Her supportive parents and friends help her to make it back onto the track and although there is no surprise about this book's happy ending it is a thoroughly enjoyable ride to get there.

Westerfeld, Scott **Goliath** 2011 *Steampunk* 6th and up

Alek and Deryn encounter obstacles on the last leg of their round-the-world quest to end World War I, reclaim Alek's throne as prince of Austria, and finally fall in love.

NONFICTION

Ash, Caroline **Top 10 of Everything** 2012 All Ages

The bestselling Top 10 annual is back, with more than 700 updated lists and brand-new feature spreads revealing exactly who or what is the best, worst, richest, deadliest, biggest, or baddest of almost everything under the sun! Featuring over 7,000 of the most intriguing facts about history, science, sports, music, movies, nature, people, and places, this fascinating full-color resource will astonish, inform, entertain, and educate.

Barcella, Laura **The End: 50 Apocalyptic Visions From Pop Culture That You Should Know About...Before It's Too Late** 2012 9th and up

This is a compilation of doom & gloom. Barcella gives a synopsis, background info, memorable moments and the impact of movies, music, art, books, theater & TV shows about the end of days.

Bowers, Rick **Superman Versus the Ku Klux Klan: The True Story of how the Iconic Superhero Battled the Men of Hate** 2012 7th and up

This book tells a group of intertwining stories that culminate in the historic 1947 collision of the Superman Radio Show and the Ku Klux Klan.

Bragg, Georgia and O'Malley, Kevin **How They Croaked: the Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous** 2012 5th and up

This book gives an interesting insight into how nineteen famous men and women died throughout different periods of history. Some endings are quite gruesome and could have been easily solved with modern medicine. On an interesting note apparently Caesar would have survived twenty-two of his stab wounds; it was the one in his chest that was fatal.

Deem, James M. **Faces from the Past: Forgotten People of North America** 2012 5th and up
How do we know what long-dead people actually looked like? Using actual cases such as the reconstruction of Spirit Man, Mr. Deem shows young teens how faces are reconstructed.

Eamer, Claire **The World in Your Lunchbox: the Wacky History and Weird Science of Everyday Foods.** 2012 4th and up
A fun, breezy and informative look at foods we eat every day.

Greitens, Eric **The Warrior's Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage** 2012 7th and up
Eric Greitens, a Navy Seal, speaks to teen readers in a way that connects them to his experiences as an across the globe humanitarian, as well as detailing his training and active duty as a Navy Seal. An inspiring and motivating biography.

Moon, Sarah ed. and Lecesne, James ed. **The Letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to their Younger Selves** 2012 6th and up
Imagine what it would be like to get a letter from your future self; being able to know that you survived the difficult task of growing up. "The Letter Q" is a collection of letters from well-known authors to their younger selves telling them what they would have liked to know when they were young lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered people. Some are funny, and some are quite serious, but all offer hope and the message that it will get better so don't give up.

Sandler, Martin W. **The Impossible Rescue** 2012 7th and up
Reads like an adventure, with brief but sharply sketched portraits of the major players. It all started with a ship stuck in Artic ice and one person leaves to try and find help. Its desperate, agonizing and unbelievably thrilling. This book makes nonfiction a delight to read. Lots of pictures to punctuate the story.

Sheinkin, Steve **Bomb: the race to build – and steal – the world's most dangerous weapon** 2012 5th and up
Nazi and allied scientists race to build the atom bomb during WWII.

Wasdin, Howard **I Am a SEAL Team Six Warrior: Memoirs of an American Soldier** 10th and up 2012

Former Navy SEAL sniper, Howard Wasdin describes the training and trials he went through to become a SEAL and gives details into some of his missions, the good and the bad. A real life Call Of Duty.

Wein, White, Mel **National Geographic's Angry Birds: 50 True Stories of the Fed Up, Feathered, and Furious** 2012 6th and up

This hilariously eye-popping book showcases real-world angry birds and 50 fantastic stories peppered with tips to avoid them, as well as fascinating facts about angry bird behavior.

Wilkinson, Philip **Titanic Disaster at Sea** 2011 4th and up

Filled with quick and interesting overviews of all angles of the disaster this fascinating book lends itself to browsing. This book stands out with its inclusion of not only interesting factoids and timelines, but many photographs of everything from actual passengers on board to inspection cards to actual tickets to artifacts found all those years later.

MANGA

Motomi, Kyouzuke **Dengeki Daisy Shoyo Romance** 8th and up

This shoyo manga series follows orphaned high school student Teru Kurebayashi and her relationship with the mysterious Daisy. Before her beloved older brother died he gave Teru a cellphone with Daisy's contact information and promised that Daisy would always be there to protect and take care of her. Who Daisy is is unknown to Teru, although he could be closer than she suspects. This is a wonderful manga with beautiful illustrations, great character development, humor, action, and of course a budding love story.

Toboso, Yana **Black Butler** 2012 9th and up

Toboso-San's story of the Phantomhive household and its demonic butler continues to entertain.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Hicks, Faith Erin **Friends with Boys** 2012 6th and up

Maggie McKay has been homeschooled her entire life by her mother, but now that her mother left, Maggie must go to public high school. Her three older brothers, whom are her only friends, already attend the public high school, but are too busy with their own lives to help their baby sister fit in. Not only does Maggie have to deal with starting a new school that is unlike anything she has ever known, she also has a ghost haunting her. Maggie wishes the ghost would go away, and seeks to help figure out its unfinished business. While Maggie is a well-drawn character, who is also easy to relate to, the story

packs a lot of small plots that ultimately don't get resolved. Given this shortcoming, I still found the graphic novel very enjoyable. Perhaps there will be a sequel?

Kashyap, Keshni **Tina's Mouth: An Existential Comic Diary** 2012 9th and up

Tina, an intelligent and observant high school sophomore, receives an assignment for her honors English class on Existentialism: she must keep an existential diary. As she explores the bigger questions of life-like what does it mean to be, what is death, and so on- she also has to grapple with the more meaningless issues that every teenager deals with as they come of age- like does the boy I have a crush on like me, how could my best friend leave me for a boy, and so on. The coming of age theme is by no means new; however, this graphic novel presents it in a brilliantly new format that will resonate with readers of all ages.

Telgemeier, Raina **Drama** 2012 5th and up

Seventh grader, Callie, loves the theater, and she would try out to be in the school's production of *Moon Over Mississippi*, but she can't sing. Instead she is set designer, and is absolutely determined to make sure the musical has effects worthy of Broadway. The only thing is how will she accomplish this with a middle school budget, not to mention the drama that is being a teenager. Another quick and fun read by the author of bestseller graphic novel *Smile* that lightly touches on the turmoil of growing up-especially when it comes to relationships.

APPS

123D Catch-Apple

Turn your iPhone into a 3D camera.

Subtext-Apple

An eReader app that allows you to view and share comments with other readers.

Vevo-Apple

Find music videos from you favorite artists. Easier to search & better quality than Youtube.

VIDEO GAMES

Call of Duty: Black Ops II *First Person Shooter* Mature 2012

FIFA Soccer 13 *Sports* Everyone 2012

Great graphics, more realistic player skills & Ultimate Team mode makes this soccer game stand above the rest.

Final Fantasy XIII-2 *RPG* Teen 2012

Continuing the epic story from FF XIII Serah takes center stage and must travel throughout time and space to find out what happened to her sister Lightning. Serah must also figure out why she is the only one to remember changes in the time line. The graphics and battle system are very similar to FF XIII with the biggest change being that there are only two members on your team, but Serah can capture monsters who will act as third party members. The ending is a little rough but there is a third game coming out to finish the story line.

Halo 4 *First Person Shooter/Sci-fi* Mature 2012

LEGO Lord of the Rings *Action/Adventure* Everyone 10+ 2012

A fantastic edition to the Lego games with more advanced features and enhanced graphics. Lego Lord of the Rings is the first Lego game where they use real movie sound clips and actors' dialog, giving the game more depth and a higher entertainment value. With 84 playable characters gamers can play as their favorite Lord of the Rings character from Frodo to the evil Lord Sauron. With plenty of action to keep you busy this game also offers quite a few puzzles and goals that really extend the play time.

Minecraft *Puzzle* Everyone 2011

Create your own world by harvesting resources to build tools, shelters and weapons to protect yourself with. Almost limitless options on what you can build but no in-game tutorials.

Pokémon White *Action/Adventure* Everyone 2011

Similar to the many handheld Pokémon games, Pokémon White takes gamers to the new Unova region with 649 different Pokémon to collect. Capture wild Pokémon train them and battle other trainers to increase your skills. This game is all about leveling up your different Pokémon and capturing the Legendary Pokémon Zekrom. With enhanced graphics and game play from the previous Pokémon games, this series doesn't change the basics but they do make improvements.

DVDs

Chasing Ice *Documentary* PG-13 2012

National Geographic photographer James Balog uses time-lapse cameras to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers, hoping to spur action on Climate Change. Balog and his team go by helicopter, canoe and dog sled in dangerous conditions to do this Extreme Ice Survey.

MUSIC

Dethalbum III by Dethklok *Metal* Explicit Lyrics 2012

If you love the TV show Metalocalypse then of course the music should be right up your alley. Many of the tracks of this album come straight from season three of the show. With

brutal, but funny lyrics, amazing guitar solos, and extremely fast and heavy drumming, great riffs, this album is perfect for fans of metal and the TV show.

TELEVISION

The Walking Dead

In this uncertain world, Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) and his band of survivors must not only fight the dead, but also face a whole new fear: the living.

Vampire Diaries

The sexy, sinister beings of The Vampire Diaries are back in a thrilling Season 3. As Stefan succumbs to Klaus, Damon and Elena join forces to try to save him, rekindling their long-repressed emotions. Meanwhile the door to the other side opens wide, allowing spirits to invade and come between Jeremy and Bonnie. Caroline and Tyler grow closer, pushing their families farther apart.

Doctor Who

Adventure Time