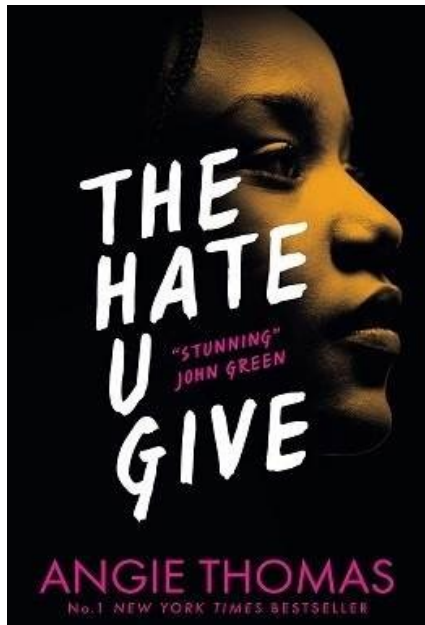


## Book Suggestions for Year 10-11

The book blurbs below are from BookTrust and Goodreads. Reading for pleasure is extremely important, not only for improving vocabulary and reading speed for exams, but also because it has been shown to have a positive affect on mental health and empathy. These titles are aimed at ages 14-18+ so some titles contain mature content. For additional recommendations ask Miss Kindregan.

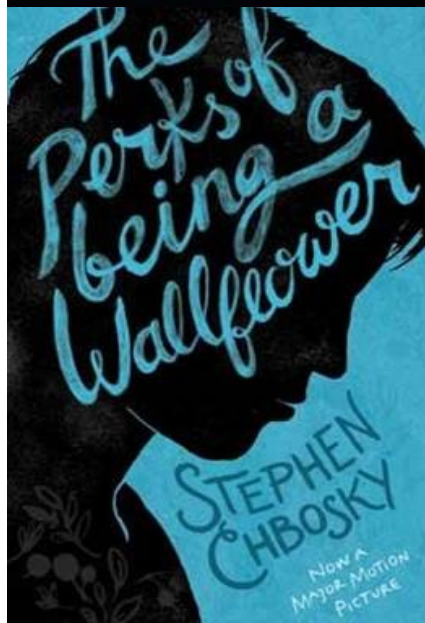
### Realistic Fiction



#### **The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas**

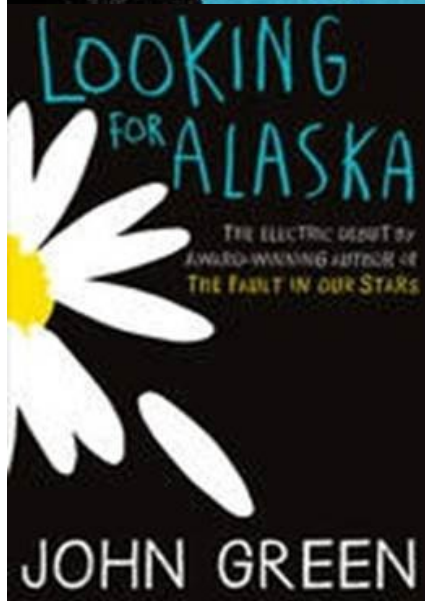
One night, Starr and her childhood friend Khalil get pulled over by police. They end up shooting and killing Khalil after apparently mistaking the boy's hairbrush for a gun. Starr is the only witness and has to decide whether to use her voice to try and fight for justice. What follows is a brilliant and fantastically told exploration of race in America - and of growing up, too.

*The Hate U Give* is rightly named by many critics as one of the most important books of 2017. It's a profound, deeply compelling modern-day classic that won't be forgotten.



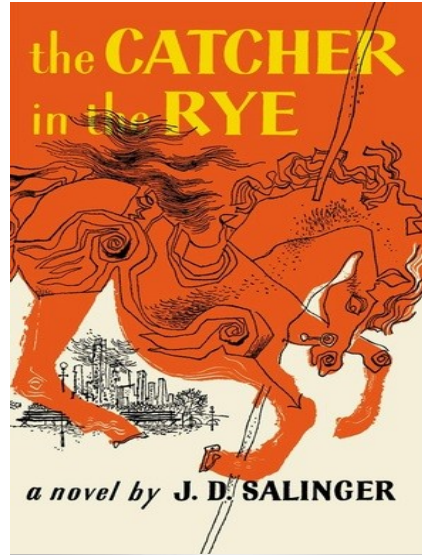
#### **Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky**

Charlie is a shy, introspective teenager, who prefers to look on from the sidelines, and has his own unique perspective on the high school world he sees around him. But Charlie can't remain a 'wallflower' on the fringes of things forever, and through a distinctive narrative voice, he documents his experiences as he begins to encounter all the challenges of growing up. Taking in everything from first dates to family dramas, new friends to experimenting with sex and drugs, Charlie's journey of self-discovery is both funny and deeply moving. This wistful, sensitive novel perfectly captures the uncertainty and excitement of adolescence, and has become a deserving modern classic.



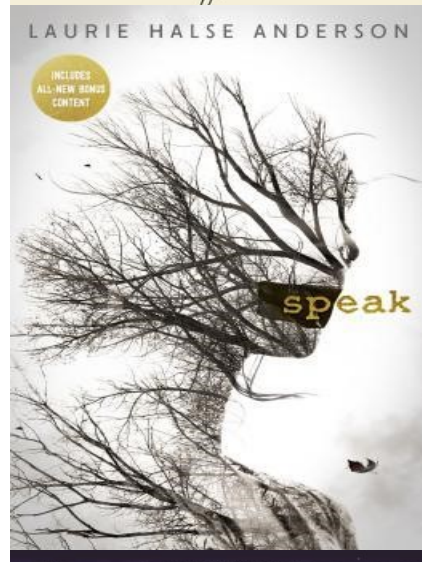
#### **Looking for Alaska by John Green**

'If people were rain, I was drizzle and she was a hurricane.' Miles Halter's whole life has been one big non-event, until he meets Alaska Young. Gorgeous, clever and undoubtedly screwed-up, Alaska draws Miles into her reckless world and irrevocably steals his heart. For Miles, nothing can ever be the same again.



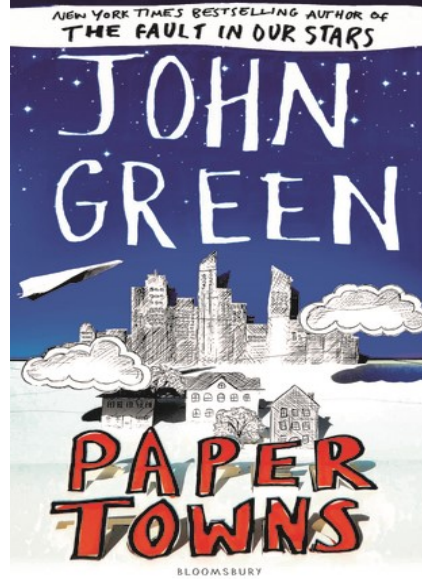
## The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

The hero-narrator of *The Catcher in the Rye* is an ancient child of sixteen, a native New Yorker named Holden Caulfield. Through circumstances that tend to preclude adult, second-hand description, he leaves his prep school in Pennsylvania and goes underground in New York City for three days. J.D. Salinger's classic novel of teenage angst and rebellion was first published in 1951. The novel was included on *Time's* 2005 list of the 100 best English-language novels written since 1923. It was named by Modern Library and its readers as one of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century. It has been frequently challenged in the court for its liberal use of profanity and portrayal of sexuality and in the 1950's and 60's it was the novel that every teenage boy wants to read.



## Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

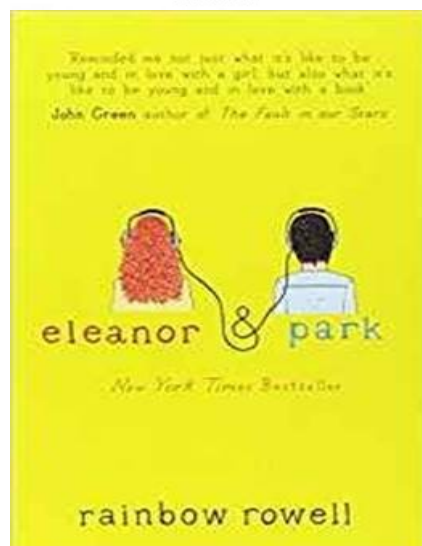
From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication.



## Paper Towns by John Green

Quentin has always loved Margo Roth Spiegelman, for Margo (and her adventures) are the stuff of legend at their high school. So when she one day climbs through his window and summons him on an all-night road trip of revenge he cannot help but follow.

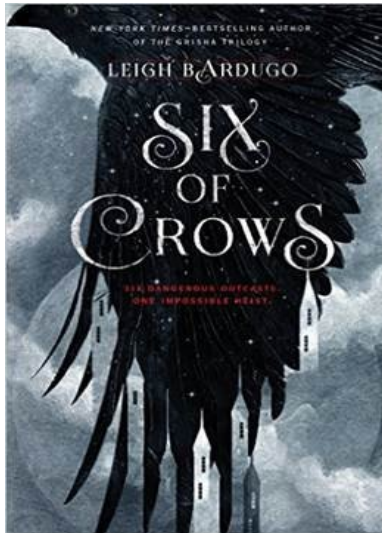
But the next day Margo doesn't come to school and a week later she is still missing. Q soon learns that there are clues in her disappearance . . . and they are for him. But as he gets deeper into the mystery – culminating in another awesome road trip across America – he becomes less sure of who and what he is looking for.



## Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

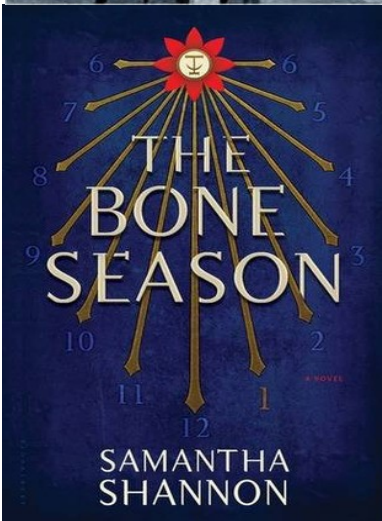
Eleanor is the new girl at school: with her chaotic family life, mismatched clothes and wild red hair, she immediately stands out. Meanwhile, Park is the boy at the back of the bus, with his headphones on, staying out of the limelight and making himself invisible. But he isn't invisible to Eleanor, and although they come from different worlds, the two soon find themselves embarking on an unlikely friendship, sharing comic books, mix-tapes and late night conversations. Before long, Eleanor and Park fall in love - but with so many obstacles in their way, can their relationship survive?

## Fantasy



### Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

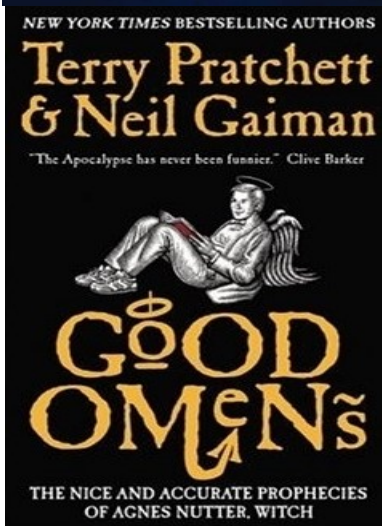
Set in the Grisha universe that Leigh Bardugo first introduced readers to in her bestselling Grisha trilogy, *Six of Crows* is a new epic fantasy that will both delight her old fans and thrill new ones. Set in Ketterdam, a bustling hub of international trade, criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone, and he brings together a crew of dangerous outcasts to help him.



### The Bone Season by Samantha Shannon

The year is 2059. Nineteen-year-old Paige Mahoney is working in the criminal underworld of Scion London, based at Seven Dials, employed by a man named Jaxon Hall. Her job: to scout for information by breaking into people's minds. For Paige is a dreamwalker, a clairvoyant and, in the world of Scion, she commits treason simply by breathing.

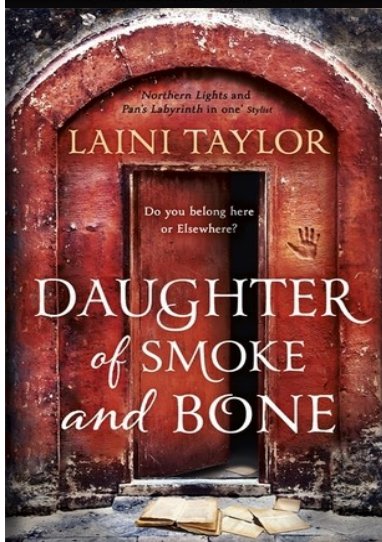
It is raining the day her life changes for ever. Attacked, drugged and kidnapped, Paige is transported to Oxford – a city kept secret for two hundred years, controlled by a powerful, otherworldly race. Paige is assigned to Warden, a Rephaite with mysterious motives. He is her master. Her trainer. Her natural enemy. But if Paige wants to regain her freedom she must allow herself to be nurtured in this prison where she is meant to die.



### Good Omens by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman

According to *The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch* (the world's only *completely* accurate book of prophecies, written in 1655, before she exploded), the world will end on a Saturday. Next Saturday, in fact. Just before dinner. So the armies of Good and Evil are amassing, Atlantis is rising, frogs are falling, tempers are flaring. Everything appears to be going according to Divine Plan. Except a somewhat fussy angel and a fast-living demon—both of whom have lived amongst Earth's mortals since The Beginning and have grown rather fond of the lifestyle—are not actually looking forward to the coming Rapture.

And someone seems to have misplaced the Antichrist . . .

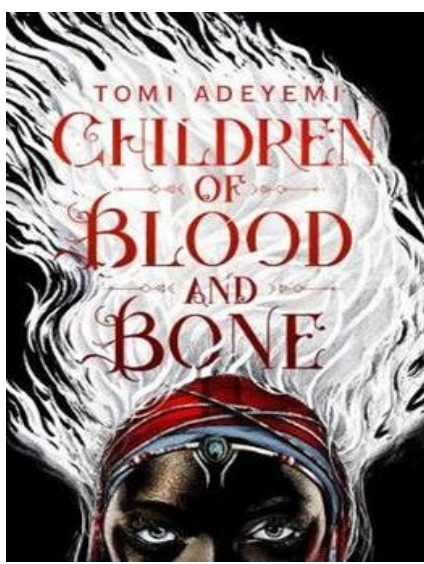


### Daughter of Smoke and Bone by Laini Taylor

Around the world, black hand prints are appearing on doorways, scorched there by winged strangers who have crept through a slit in the sky.

In a dark and dusty shop, a devil's supply of human teeth grows dangerously low. And in the tangled lanes of Prague, a young art student is about to be caught up in a brutal otherworldly war.

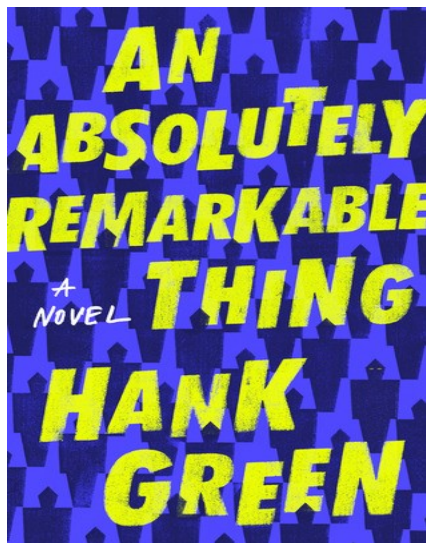
Meet Karou. She fills her sketchbooks with monsters that may or may not be real, she's prone to disappearing on mysterious "errands", she speaks many languages - not all of them human - and her bright blue hair *actually* grows out of her head that color. Who is she? That is the question that haunts her, and she's about to find out.



## Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Magic has gone from the world, vanished when Zelig's mother was violently murdered by the King's men. Now the Maji clans, marked out by their silver hair, live in constant fear. Zelig longs to rebel, but her chance doesn't come until she finds herself having to protect a runaway princess, Amari, who is carrying a scroll that can bring magic back to the world. The girls should be on opposite sides of this bitter war, driven by Amari's father and brother, but instead they join forces in a desperate race to get the scroll to its rightful place, and restore magic to the world.

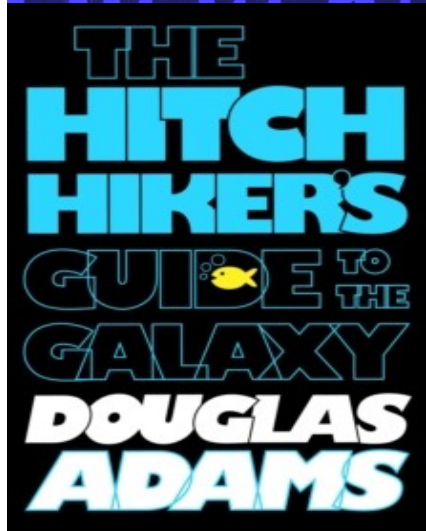
### Science Fiction



## An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green

The Carls just appeared.

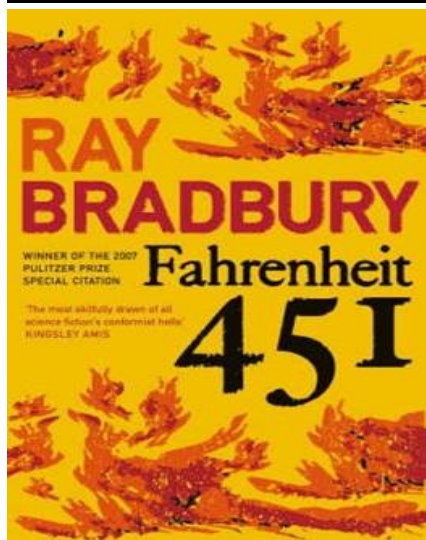
Roaming through New York City at three a.m., twenty-three-year-old April May stumbles across a giant sculpture. Delighted by its appearance and craftsmanship—like a ten-foot-tall Transformer wearing a suit of samurai armour—April and her friend, Andy, make a video with it, which Andy uploads to YouTube. The next day, April wakes up to a viral video and a new life. News quickly spreads that there are Carls in dozens of cities around the world—from Beijing to Buenos Aires—and April, as their first documentarian, finds herself at the centre of an intense international media spotlight.



## The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

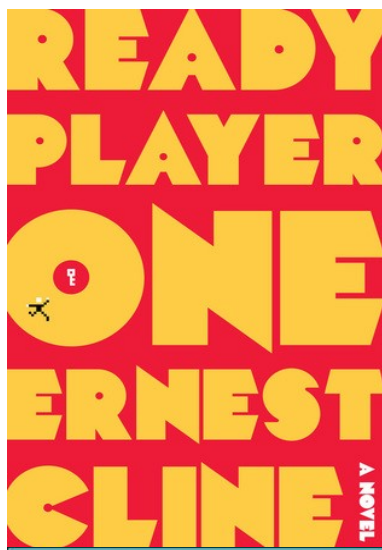
It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace bypass and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed with the big, friendly words: DON'T PANIC.

And that's just the first twenty or so pages. What follows is the ultimate adventure, spanning space, time and improbability as Arthur and his friend Ford are subjected to Vogon poetry, steal an intergalactic ship that relies on the unlikeliest of statistics to drive it, meet the man who designed the fjords of Norway and get shot out of an



## Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

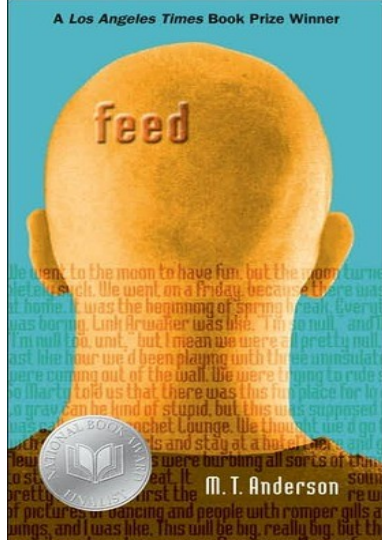
The hauntingly prophetic classic novel set in a not-too-distant future where books are burned by a special task force of firemen. Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Even so, Montag is unhappy; there is discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house? The Mechanical Hound of the Fire Department, armed with a lethal hypodermic, escorted by helicopters, is ready to track down those dissidents who defy society to preserve and read books.



## Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

IN THE YEAR 2044, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines, puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them.

But when Wade stumbles upon the first clue, he finds himself beset by players willing to kill to take this ultimate prize. The race is on, and if Wade's going to survive, he'll have to win—and confront the real world he's always been so desperate to escape.



## Feed by M.T. Anderson

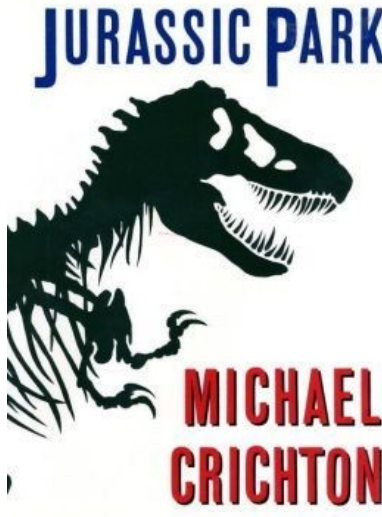
For Titus and his friends, it started out like any ordinary trip to the moon - a chance to party during spring break and play with some stupid low-grav at the Ricochet Lounge. But that was before the crazy hacker caused all their feeds to malfunction, sending them to the hospital to lie around with nothing inside their heads for days. And it was before Titus met Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl who has decided to fight the feed and its omnipresent ability to categorize human thoughts and desires. Following in the footsteps of George Orwell, Anthony Burgess, and Kurt Vonnegut Jr., M. T. Anderson has created a not-so-brave new world — and a smart, savage satire that has captivated readers with its view of an imagined future that veers unnervingly close to the here and now.

## Thrillers



## There's Someone Inside Your House by Stephanie Perkins

Makani Young thought she'd left her dark past behind her in Hawaii, settling in with her grandmother in landlocked Nebraska. She's found new friends and has even started to fall for mysterious outsider Ollie Larsson. But her past isn't far behind. Then, one by one, the students of Osborne Hugh begin to die in a series of gruesome murders, each with increasingly grotesque flair. As the terror grows closer and her feelings for Ollie intensify, Makani is forced to confront her own dark secrets.

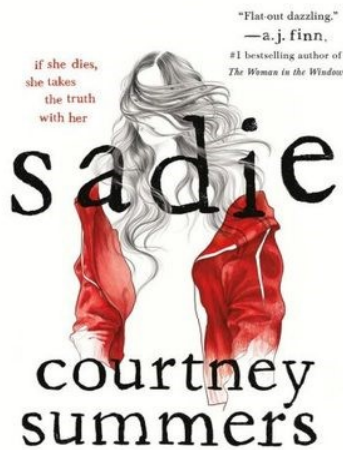


## Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

An astonishing technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered. Now humankind's most thrilling fantasies have come true. Creatures extinct for eons roam Jurassic Park with their awesome presence and profound mystery, and all the world can visit them—for a price.

Until something goes wrong. . . .

new york times bestseller

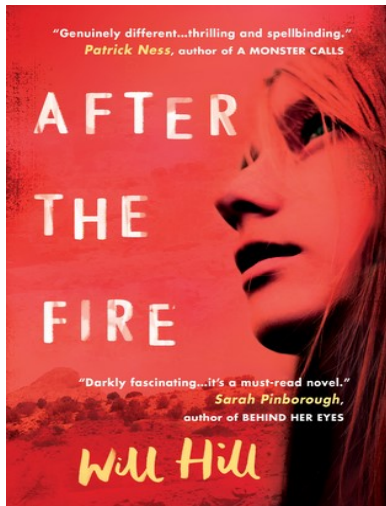


## Sadie by Courtney Summers

A missing girl on a journey of revenge. A *Serial*—like podcast following the clues she's left behind. And an ending you won't be able to stop talking about.

Sadie hasn't had an easy life. Growing up on her own, she's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated small town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water.

But when Mattie is found dead, Sadie's entire world crumbles. After a somewhat botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice and hits the road following a few meager clues to find him.



## After the Fire by Will Hill

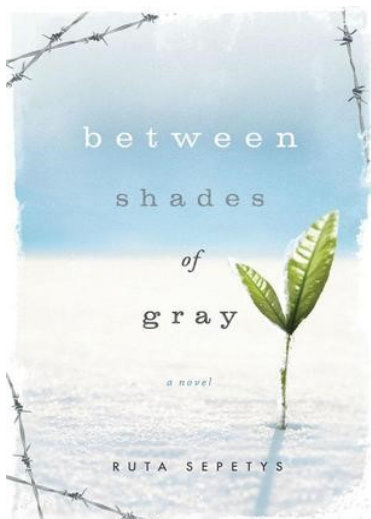
*The things I've seen are burned into me, like scars that refuse to fade.*

Father John controls everything inside The Fence. And Father John likes rules. Especially about never talking to Outsiders. Because Father John knows the truth. He knows what is right, and what is wrong. He knows what is coming.

Moonbeam is starting to doubt, though. She's starting to see the lies behind Father John's words. She wants him to be found out.

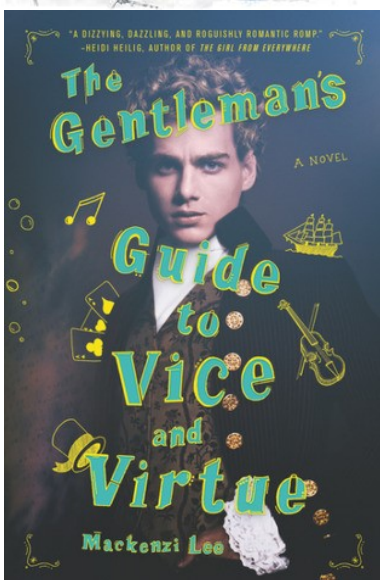
What if the only way out of the darkness is to light a fire?

## Historical Fiction



## Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother slowly make their way north, crossing the Arctic Circle, to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. Here they are forced, under Stalin's orders, to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the cruellest of conditions.



## The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee

Henry "Monty" Montague doesn't care that his roguish passions are far from suitable for the gentleman he was born to be. But as Monty embarks on his grand tour of Europe, his quests for pleasure and vice are in danger of coming to an end. Not only does his father expect him to take over the family's estate upon his return, but Monty is also nursing an impossible crush on his best friend and traveling companion, Percy.

So Monty vows to make this yearlong escapade one last hedonistic hurrah and flirt with Percy from Paris to Rome. But when one of Monty's reckless decisions turns their trip abroad into a harrowing manhunt, it calls into question everything he knows, including his relationship with the boy he adores.