



## Plug Your Brain in This Summer: READ!



### Action-Packed Adventures

**As easy as falling off the face of the earth** By Perkins, Lynne Rae.

A teenage boy encounters one comedic calamity after another when his train strands him in the middle of nowhere, and everything comes down to luck.

**The call** By Grant, Michael.

Mack MacAvoy, a seriously average 12-year-old boy, is faced with a difficult decision when a three-thousand-year-old man appears in the boys' bathroom and informs him that he is one of the Magnificent Twelve and is needed to find his eleven teammates and save the world.

**A conspiracy of kings** By Turner, Megan Whalen.

Kidnapped and sold into slavery, Sophos, an unwilling prince, tries to save his country from being destroyed by rebellion and exploited by the conniving Mede empire.

**The dark game: true spy stories** By Janeczko, Paul. (Non-fiction)

A collection of true spy stories from throughout the history of the United States, discussing personalities, missions, traitors, technological advances, and more.

**Reckless** By Funke, Cornelia Caroline.

Jacob and Will Reckless have looked out for each other since their father disappeared, but when Jacob discovers a magical mirror that transports him to a warring world populated by witches, giants, and ogres, he keeps it to himself until Will follows him one day, with dire consequences.

**The red pyramid** By Riordan, Rick.

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

**Trapped** By Northrop, Michael.

Seven high school students are stranded at their New England high school during a week-long blizzard that shuts down the power and heat, freezes the pipes, and leaves them wondering if they will survive.

### Fantastic Fantasies

**Ancient, strange, and lovely** By Fletcher, Susan.

14-year-old Bryn must try to find a way to save a baby dragon from a dangerous modern world that seems to have no place for something so ancient.

**Beautiful darkness** By Garcia, Kami. (Sequel to **Beautiful Creatures**)

In a small southern town with a secret world hidden in plain sight, sixteen-year-old Lena, who possesses supernatural powers and faces a life-altering decision, draws away from her true love, Ethan, a mortal with frightening visions.

**Incarceron** By Fisher, Catherine.

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape. (Sequel: **Sapphique**)

**The lost hero** By Riordan, Rick.

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

**Matched** By Condie, Allyson Braithwaite.

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.

**Mortal Instruments** series By Clare, Cassandra.

City of Bones (Book 1), City of Ashes (Book 2), City of Glass (Book 3), and City of Fallen Angels (Book 4).

**The Ring of Solomon** By Stroud, Jonathan.

In this prequel to the popular Bartimaeus trilogy we meet a wise-cracking genie who finds himself in the 10th century at the court of King Solomon with an unpleasant master and a sinister servant, who gets into trouble with King Solomon's magic ring.

**Small persons with wings** By Booraem, Ellen.

Mellie Turpin learns her family's legacy when her grandfather wills her his run-down inn and bar and embarks on a magical quest when fairies demand that Mellie find and return a magical ring that is missing.

**Tyger tyger : a goblin wars book** By Hamilton, K. R.

Soon after the mysterious and alluring Finn arrives at her family's home, 16-year-old Teagan Wyltson and her disabled brother are drawn into the battle Finn's family has fought since the thirteenth century, when Fionn MacCumhaill angered the goblin king.

## Great Graphic Novels

**The amulet of Samarkand : a Bartimaeus graphic novel** By Stroud, Jonathan.

A graphic novel adaptation of the book in which Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, becomes caught in a web of magical espionage, murder, and rebellion, after he summons the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Loveland.

**The little prince** By Sfar, Joann.

A graphic novel adaptation of the classic story of an aviator whose plane is forced down in the desert, where he encounters a man from a small planet, who describes his adventures in the universe, seeking the secret of what is really important in life.

**The odyssey** By Hinds, Gareth.

Retells, in graphic novel format, Homer's epic tale of Odysseus, the ancient Greek hero who encounters witches and other obstacles on his journey home after fighting in the Trojan War.

**Papercutz slices. 1, Harry Potty and the deathly boring** By Petrucha, Stefan.

A graphic novel that parodies the Harry Potter story in which Harry Potty, Don Measley, and Whiny Stranger work together to defeat Lord Value-Mart and his followers, the Odor Eaters, in order to restore balance in the world of magic.

**Percy Jackson & the Olympians. Book one, The lightning thief : the graphic novel**

By Venditti, Robert.

A graphic novel adaptation of "The Lightning Thief" in which Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood, a special camp to prepare him to stop a war among the gods.

**Trickster : Native American tales : a graphic collection**

Collects over 20 trickster stories, in graphic novel format, from various Native American traditions, including tales about coyotes, rabbits, ravens, and other crafty creatures and their mischievous activities.

**The unsinkable Walker Bean** By Renier, Aaron.

Walker Bean is happiest when he gets to spend time tinkering on his inventions in his grandfather's workshop, but when his grandfather acquires a curse, Walter must embark on dangerous quest to return a pearl skull to the witches who made it.

**Yummy : the last days of a Southside shorty** By Neri, Greg.

A brief biography, in graphic novel format, of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year old African American gang member from Chicago who went on the run after shooting a young girl and was later found dead, shot by members of his own gang.

### **Historical Fact and Fiction**

**Annexed** By Dogar, Sharon.

A fictional account of life with Anne Frank hidden in the secret annex from Peter's point-of-view, following as he becomes closer with Anne, begins to question his own religion, and is forced to suppress his own desires to join the fight.

**The crossing: how George Washington saved the Am. Revolution** By Murphy, Jim. (Non-fiction)

A narrative prose that details George Washington's transformation from a farmer to a military general and describes how he led the Americans against the British.

**Death cloud** By Lane, Andy.

In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain.

**Lafayette and the American Revolution** By Freedman, Russell. (Non-fiction)

Examines the role of the Marquis de Lafayette in the American Revolution, discussing how the nineteen-year-old defied the king of France to join the fight for liberty in the United States.

**Prisoners in the palace : how Victoria became queen with the help of her maid, a reporter, and a scoundrel : a novel of intrigue and romance** By MacColl, Michaela.

16-year-old Liza becomes a maid to Princess Victoria and finds that the gossipy world of the palace servants gives her the chance to determine her own fate and help Victoria become queen.

**Three rivers rising : a novel of the Johnstown flood** By Richards, Jame.

16-year-old Celestia is a wealthy member of the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, where she meets and falls in love with Peter, a hired hand who lives in the valley below, and by the time of the torrential rains that lead to the disastrous Johnstown flood of 1889, she has been disowned by her family and is staying with him in Johnstown. Told in free verse.

**The war to end all wars : World War I** By Freedman, Russell. (Non-fiction)

A narrative history of World War I for young readers that features archival photographs, and describes how advanced military weaponry impacted the course of the war.

### **Horrendous Horror**

**The back door of midnight** By Chandler, Elizabeth.

Anna struggles to maintain a sense of normalcy while staying with her eccentric aunt for the summer, but when her uncle's charred body is discovered and her aunt's grief exaggerates her psychic abilities, Anna wonders who she can trust and if her family's supernatural abilities might help her find her uncle's killer.

**Birth of a killer** By Shan, Darren.

When his cousin is murdered at the factory where they both work as child laborers, young Larten Crepsley commits a horrific act and must live on the run until he meets a vampire named Seba Nile who offers Larten protection and training as a vampire's assistant.

**The dead boys** By Buckingham, Royce.

Timid 12-year-old Teddy Mathews and his mother move to a small, remote desert town in eastern Washington, where the tree next door, mutated by nuclear waste, eats children and the friends Teddy makes turn out to be dead.

**Havoc** By Wooding, Chris. (Sequel to **Malice**)

Seth, having managed to escape from Malice, a world that exists within a frightening comic book, is desperate to save Kady, who remains trapped, but cannot figure out the best way to mount a rescue attempt; while Kady searches for Havoc, a rebel group of kids who want to fight Malice's cruel overlord, Tall Jake, and stop his influence from spreading beyond the comic book world.

**Thirteen days to midnight** By Carman, Patrick.

After surviving the accident that killed his father, high school student Jacob Fielding discovers he is indestructible, a burden that soon weighs heavy on Jacob's shoulders.

**13 to Life** By Delany, Shannon.

Everything in Jessica's life has changed since her mother died. Now mysterious dark things are happening in her hometown. All Jessica wants is to void more change. But while showing the hot new guy around Junction High, she discovers a whole new type of change. Pieter is more than good looks and a fascinating accent – he's a guy with a dangerous secret.

## Mysteries to Solve

### **Blood on my hands** By Strasser, Todd.

Callie becomes a suspect in the murder of her best friend, Katherine, when Callie is the first to find Katherine's body lying in the woods and, assuming the scenario is part of a Halloween prank, picks up a bloody knife only to discover it is real.

### **The danger box** By Balliett, Blue.

In small-town Michigan, 12-year-old Zoomy and his new friend Lorrol investigate the journal found inside a mysterious box and find family secrets and a more valuable treasure, while a dangerous stranger watches and waits.

### **The secret fiend** By Peacock, Shane.

In case #4 in the young Sherlock Holmes series, the boy detective is approached by the beautiful Beatrice to help locate her friend who was abducted by the evil Spring Heeled Jack on Westminster Bridge.

### **The smoky corridor** By Grabenstein, Chris.

With the help of his stepmother, his dog Zipper, and new friend Malik, Zack Jennings faces ghosts and zombies at his new middle school, which is said to house a lost Confederate treasure.

### **13 Treasures** By Harrison, Michelle.

Bedeveloped by evil fairies that only she can see, thirteen-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elveden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.

### **Trash** By Mulligan, Andy.

A group of fourteen-year-old boys, who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city, finds something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences.

### **Virals** By Reichs, Kathy.

Tory Brennan and her friends are exposed to a canine parvovirus when they rescue a dog from a medical testing facility and soon realize they have heightened senses, which they use to solve a cold case murder.

## Strange Science Fiction

### **Angel : a Maximum Ride novel** By Patterson, James. (Sequel to **Fang**)

Heartbroken after her best friend and soul mate, Fang, leaves her flock, Maximum Ride begins to believe the evil scientists trying to convince her she needs to save the world, and that Dylan, the newest member of her flock, is her perfect mate.

### **Behemoth** By Scott Westerfeld. (Sequel to **Leviathan**)

Continues the story of Austrian Prince Alek who, in an alternate 1914 Europe, eludes the Germans by traveling in the Leviathan to Constantinople, where he faces a whole new kind of genetically-engineered warships.

**Brain Jack** By Falkner, Brian.

In a near-future New York City, 14-year-old computer genius Sam Wilson manages to hack into the AT&T network and sets off a chain of events that have a profound effect on human activity throughout the world.

**The search for WondLa** By DiTerlizzi, Tony.

Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a 12-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features "augmented reality" pages, in which readers with a webcam can access additional information about Eva Nine's world.

**Ship breaker** By Bacigalupi, Paolo.

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

**Stuck on Earth** By Klass, David.

On a secret mission to evaluate whether the human race should be annihilated, a space alien inhabits the body of a bullied 14-year-old boy.

## **Sports Action**

**The 25 greatest baseball players of all time** By Berman, Len. (Non-fiction)

Profiles twenty-five individuals chosen by the author and his panel of experts as the greatest baseball players of all-time, and includes statistics, significant moments, and photographs.

**The greatest moments in sports** By Berman, Len. (Non-fiction)

Provides accounts of twenty-five of the greatest moments in sports, each with photographs and statistics, and includes an audio CD that features some of the actual broadcasts of the games.

**Payback time** By Deuker, Carl.

Overweight, somewhat timid Mitch reluctantly agrees to be the sports reporter for the Lincoln High newspaper because he is determined to be a writer, but he senses a real story in Angel, a talented football player who refuses to stand out on the field--or to discuss his past.

**Pick-up game : a full day of full court**

Short stories by such authors as Walter Dean Myers, Rita Williams-Garcia, and Joseph Bruchac, interspersed with poems and photographs, provides different perspectives on a game of streetball played one steamy July day at the West 4th Street court in New York City known as The Cage.

**Rivals** By Green, Tim.

12-year-old Josh looks forward to facing a true rival in the Baseball Hall of Fame tournament, but first he and his friends Jaden and Benji put themselves at great risk trying to expose the truth about a conspiracy to bribe the head umpire.

**Soccerland** By Choat, Beth.

Flora Dupre has a chance to fulfill a life-long dream and keep the promise she made to her mother before losing her to cancer when Flora receives an invitation to try out for the Under-15 US Girls' National Soccer Team but a family tragedy forces Flora to reexamine her priorities.

## Teen Life/Troubled Times

**Accomplice** By Corrigan, Eireann.

High school juniors and best friends Finn and Chloe hatch a daring plot to fake Chloe's disappearance from their rural New Jersey town in order to have something compelling to put on their college applications, but unforeseen events complicate matters.

**Blank confession** By Hautman, Pete.

A new and enigmatic student named Shayne appears at high school one day, befriends the smallest boy in the school, and takes on a notorious drug dealer before turning himself in to the police for killing someone.

**Confessions of the Sullivan sisters** By Standiford, Natalie.

When the Sullivan sisters' grandmother gathers the entire family on Christmas to announce that she is removing them all from her will unless whoever it is that has offended her confesses in writing by New Year's Day, everybody begins to consider what they may have done.

**Dear George Clooney, please marry my mom** By Nielsen-Fernlund, Susin.

Violet, dealing with her father's new wife and her mother's bad dating decisions, decides to take control of the situation and schemes to get movie star George Clooney to marry her mom.

**The defense of Thaddeus A. Ledbetter : a novel** By Gosselink, John.

12-year-old Thaddeus, who considers it a duty to share his knowledge and talent with others, refutes each of the charges which have sent him to "In-School Suspension" for the remainder of seventh grade.

**I, Emma Freke** By Atkinson, E. J.

Growing up near Boston with her free-spirited mother and old-world grandfather, twelve-year-old Emma has always felt out of place but when she attends the family reunion her father's family holds annually in Wisconsin, she is in for some surprises.

**Kick** By Myers, Walter Dean.

Told in their separate voices, 13-year-old soccer star Kevin and police sergeant Brown, who knew his father, try to keep Kevin out of juvenile hall after he is arrested on very serious charges.

**The last best days of summer** By Hobbs, Valerie.

During a summer visit, 12-year-old Lucy must come to terms with both her grandmother's failing memory and how her mentally-challenged neighbor will impact her popularity when both enter the same middle school in the fall.

**Mindblind** By Roy, Jennifer.

14-year-old Nathaniel Clark, who has Asperger's Syndrome, tries to prove that he is a genius by writing songs for his rock band so that he can become a member of the prestigious Aldus Institute, the premier organization for the profoundly gifted.

**The things a brother knows** By Reinhardt, Dana.

Although they have never gotten along well, 17-year-old Levi follows his older brother Boaz, an ex-Marine, on a walking trip from Boston to Washington, D.C. in hopes of learning why Boaz is completely withdrawn after returning home from the military.

## Biographies of Bold and Brilliant People

**Amelia lost: the life and disappearance of Amelia Earhart** By Fleming, Candace.

Traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight, discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane, and includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.

**Frederick Douglass : a noble life** By Adler, David A

Chronicles the life of Frederick Douglass, discussing his years as a slave, escape to freedom, acclaim as a famous orator, journalist, and presidential advisor, work as an abolitionist, and other related topics.

**The great and only Barnum : the tremendous, stupendous life of P.T. Barnum** By Fleming, Candace.

Chronicles the life of showman P. T. Barnum, how he created his legendary circus, the people and events that shaped his life, and the impact Barnum had on the entertainment industry.

**The Notorious Benedict Arnold : a True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery**

By Sheinkin, Steve.

An introduction to the life of Benedict Arnold that highlights not only the traitorous actions that made him legendary, but also his heroic involvement in the American Revolution.

**Sir Charlie Chaplin : the funniest man in the world** By Fleischman, Sid.

Chronicles the life and accomplishments of Charlie Chaplin, describing the silent film star and director's impoverished childhood in London and his rise to fame in Hollywood and within the film industry.

### 2011-2012 Iowa Teen Award Nominees

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything But Typical*

Burg, Ann E. *All the Broken Pieces*

Dessen, Sarah. *Along for the Ride*

Flinn, Alex. *Beastly*

Holmes, Sara *Operation Yes*

Klavan, Andrew. *The Last Thing I Remember*

Korman, Gordon. *Pop*

Lupica, Mike. *The Batboy*

Mackel, Kathy. *Boost*

McCormick, Patricia. *Purple Heart*

Myers, Walter Dean. *Sunrise Over Fallujah*

Paulsen, Gary. *Woods Runner*

Resau, Laura. *Red Glass*

Shusterman, Neal. *Unwind*

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *After Ever After*

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