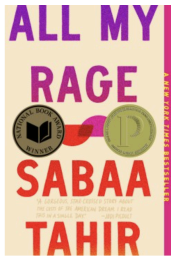




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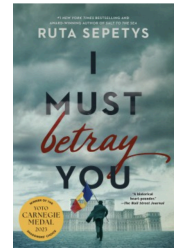


ALL MY RAGE by Sabaa Tahir

What do you do when home doesn't feel like home? Salahudin and Noor, best friends, want nothing more than to get out of Juniper, California. Both have dreams, but battle their own issues that are holding them back. Part love story, part tragedy, *All My Rage* is a beautiful story and a must read.

I MUST BETRAY YOU by Ruta Sepetys

The gripping tale of a teenage boy in 1989 Romania who infiltrates the secret police to find his missing family, navigating a treacherous landscape of deception and loyalty during the country's revolution.

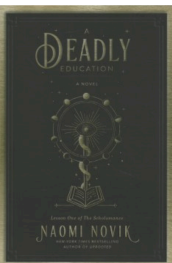


AS LONG AS THE LEMON TREES GROW by Zoulfa Katouh

Salama is living a nightmare. Surviving through the Syrian revolution, she is faced with an agonizing decision: should she stay to help the wounded, or should she leave to take her pregnant sister-in-law, Layla, to a safer place? A tribute to the stories of countless Syrians who must find hope where none can be found.

KNEEL by Candace Buford

A small-town football player in Louisiana fights the system of injustice in his community when his best friend is unfairly arrested and kicked off the team. When is it worth risking your future to take a stand for what is right?

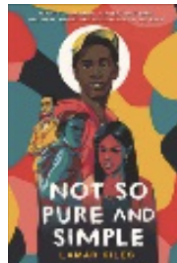


A DEADLY EDUCATION by Naomi Novik

El, a sorceress and outcast, attends Scholomance, a school of magic, where in order to graduate she must survive. Literally. Survive, graduate, or die. Can she control her own magical skills, find alliances, and survive without destroying everyone and everything?

NOT SO PURE AND SIMPLE By Lamar Giles

Del FINALLY gets the chance to hang around with girl-of-his-dreams Kiera...only to learn that there's way more to romance than he thought. Del soon finds that when it comes to love and relationships, nothing is pure and simple....or is it?

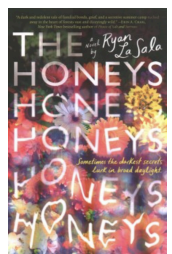
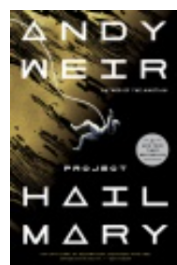


GOLDEN ARM by Carl Deuker

Laz loves baseball and, for him, it may be his only way out of his Seattle trailer park. When his high school team folds and his home is about to be destroyed, Laz gets an offer he can't refuse. But with Laz's brother falling deeper into trouble, can he follow his dreams and play the game he loves? Or will everything come crashing down around him?

PROJECT HAIL MARY By Andy Weir

When the Sun begins to dim, spelling doom for humanity, the Earth's greatest scientific minds band together to attack the problem. But their brilliance pales in comparison to that of a high school science teacher, who finds himself in space with the hopes of humanity on his shoulders and his memories mysteriously missing.



THE HONEYS by Ryan La Sala

Aspen Conservancy Summer Program isn't all sunshine and flowers; there is a dark undercurrent that flows through the camp. Will Mars discover what really happened to their sister following Caroline's summer with the group of girls known as The Honeys?

THE WEIGHT OF BLOOD by Tiffany D. Jackson

When her racial identity is revealed and the star quarterback asks her to prom, Maddy Washington is caught at the center of a town full of people who hate her simply for existing. Inspired by Stephen King's novel *Carrie*, mixed with the brutal reality of racism and a touch of unlikely romance, this is a story you'll never forget.

