

## FICTION

### **Alexander, Kwame. “Black Star” 2024**

The riveting second book in the “Door of No Return” trilogy stars Kofi’s granddaughter, Charley, who’s set on becoming the first female pitcher to play professional ball but who soon has to contend with the tensions about to boil over in her segregated town. *\*Coretta Scott King Honors\**

**J Fic Alexander, J Fic Pop Now Alexander, e-book, e-audiobook**

### **Becker, Erin. “Crushing It” 2024**

On the soccer field, Magic Mel is in her element. She's ready to lead her team to victory at the city championship in her new role as captain. Off the field, however, is a totally different story. Mel can't get a handle on her class presentation, her friend group has completely dissolved, and her ex-friend-current-teammate, Tory, is being the worst. The only place she feels like herself is in her text conversations where she shares her secret poetry with BTtoYouPlease. Tory McNally, on the other hand, is keeping everything together, thank you very much. So, what if her mom is more preoccupied with her craft projects and new husband than her, or that she's down to one IRL friend because of annoying, overly peppy “Magic” Mel? She's perfectly fine, and even when she maybe isn't, she's got NotEmilyD to text with. As the championships loom closer, everything around Mel and Tory starts to get more and more complicated: the dynamics on the field, the rift between their friend group, and, as they connect anonymously online, maybe even their feelings for each other.

**J Fic Becker, J Fic Pop Now Becker, e-book**

### **Behar, Ruth. “Across So Many Seas” 2024**

Though many years and many seas separate four girls, they are united by a love of music and poetry, a desire to belong and to matter, a passion for learning, and their longing for a home where all are welcome. And each is lucky to stand on the shoulders of their courageous ancestors. *\*Newbery Honor\* \*Sydney Taylor Award Silver Medal Winner\**

**J Fic Behar, J Fic Pop Now Behar, e-book, e-audiobook**

### **Choldenko, Gennifer. “The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman” 2024**

When 11-year-old Hank’s mom doesn’t come home, he takes care of his toddler sister, Boo, like he always does. But it’s been a week now. They are out of food and mom has never stayed away this long. Hank knows he needs help, so he and Boo seek out the stranger listed as their emergency contact. But asking for help has consequences. It means social workers, and a new school, and having to answer questions about his mom that he's been trying to keep secret. And if they can't find his mom soon, Hank and Boo may end up in different foster homes.

**J Fic Choldenko, J Fic Pop Now Choldenko, e-book, e-audiobook**

**Clark, Zack Loran. “Tinker Bell and the Lost City” 2024**

Tinker Bell loves nothing more than solving a problem. For her, red buttons demand to be pushed, treasure maps need to be followed, and lost things ought to be found. So, when a strange fairy crash lands in Pixie Hollow and leaves Tinker Bell two clues to find a mysterious necklace on the Mainland, she really doesn't have a choice but to help. However, her journey takes an unexpected turn when she discovers a hidden city of fairies living below the streets of London.

**J Fic Disney Fairies, J Fic Pop Now Disney Fairies, e-book**

**Cline-Ransome, Lesa. “One Big Open Sky” 2024**

In 1879, three women — Lettie, her mother, Sylvia, and young teacher Philomena — who are free from slavery but bound by poverty, access to opportunity and patriarchal social structures, head westward on a perilous wagon journey that could cost them everything they have — including their lives. *\*Newbery Honors\** *\*Coretta Scott King Honors\**

**J Fic Cline-Ransome, e-book**

**Cobell, K.A. “Looking for Smoke” 2024**

When local girl Loren includes Mara in a traditional Blackfeet Giveaway to honor Loren's missing sister, Mara thinks she'll finally make some friends on the Blackfeet reservation. Instead, a girl from the Giveaway, Samantha White Tail, is found murdered. Because the four members of the Giveaway group were the last to see Samantha alive, each becomes a person of interest in the investigation. And all of them—Mara, Loren, Brody, and Eli—have a complicated history with Samantha. Despite deep mistrust, the four must now take matters into their own hands and clear their names. Even though one of them may be the murderer.

**YA Fic Cobell, YA Fic Pop Now Cobell, e-book, e-book- Hoopla**

**Dempsey, Sheena. “Pablo & Splash” 2024**

Besties for life despite being as different as they come, Antarctic penguins Pablo and Splash accidentally find themselves in a scientist's time machine while on a beach vacation, sent back to the age of the dinosaurs where they must quickly get out of this prehistoric pickle.

**J GN Dempsey, J GN Pop Now Dempsey, e-book**

**Doucet, Rashad. “Art Club” 2024**

Drawn from the author's own childhood like “New Kid,” this contemporary graphic novel paints a picture of an aspiring young artist on a mission to prove that the arts are worth fighting for.

**J GN Doucet**

**Farmer, Craig Kofi. “Kwame Crashes the Underworld” 2024**

When he is sucked into a magical whirlpool that leads him straight to the Ghanaian underworld, 12-year-old Kwame Powell, with his best friend, and a mischievous monkey by his side, finds himself in a fight to save humanity along with his late grandmother who is somehow alive – and still a kid. *\*Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award\**

**J Fic Farmer, J Fic Pop Now Farmer, J Playaway Farmer, e-book**

**Follmuth, Alexene Farol. “Twelfth Knight” 2024**

Viola Reyes is annoyed. Her painstakingly crafted tabletop game campaign was shot down, her best friend is suggesting she try being more “likable,” and school running back Jack Orsino is the most lackadaisical Student Body President she’s ever seen, which makes her job as VP that much harder. Vi’s favorite escape from the world is the MMORPG Twelfth Knight, but online spaces aren’t exactly kind to girls like her — girls who are extremely competent and have the swagger to prove it. So, Vi creates a masculine alter ego, choosing to play as a knight named Cesario to create a safe haven for herself. But when a football injury leads Jack Orsino to the world of Twelfth Knight, Vi is alarmed to discover their online alter egos — Cesario and Duke Orsino — are surprisingly well-matched. As the long nights of gameplay turn into discussions about life and love, Vi and Jack soon realize they’ve become more than just weapon-wielding characters in an online game. But Vi has been concealing her true identity from Jack, and Jack might just be falling for her offline.

**YA Fic Follmuth, YA Fic Pop Now Follmuth, e-book, e-audiobook**

**Gidwitz, Adam. “Max in the House of Spies” 2024**

Max Bretzfeld doesn’t want to move to London. Leaving home is hard and Max is alone for the first time in his life. But not for long. Max is surprised to discover that he’s been joined by two unexpected traveling companions, one on each shoulder, a kobold and a dybbuk named Berg and Stein. Germany is becoming more and more dangerous for Jewish families, but Max is determined to find a way back home, and back to his parents. He has a plan to return to Berlin. It merely involves accomplishing the impossible — becoming a British spy.

**J Fic Gidwitz, J Fic Pop Now Gidwitz, J Playaway Gidwitz, e-book, e-audiobook**

**Gow, Robin. “Gooseberry” 2024**

B has lived with so many different foster families and youth programs that they have to invent nicknames for them to keep track. Their parents died in a car accident when they were four, and they’ve been moved around ever since. And even though some foster families don’t really get B, B tries their best to stay positive. They try to keep a list of names that might fit, and they dream of being able to live in a home where they could adopt a dog and teach him all sorts of tricks. So, when they meet Gooseberry, they know they have to adopt him and give him a loving home. But training a dog isn’t as easy as B first suspected. Gooseberry is anxious and barely even wants to let B pet him. But the queer couple B is staying with, Eri and Jodie, help them to adopt Gooseberry and start training him. Even when Gooseberry snaps and growls, B doesn’t give up. But is this new home enough to change things for good for B and Gooseberry?

**J Fic Gow, e-book**

**Harrell, Rob. “Popcorn” 2024**

Andrew’s just trying to make it through Picture Day, which is easier said than done when it seems like the whole world is out to get him — from a bully to a science experiment gone wrong to a someone else’s juice snot (don’t ask). But as Andrew goes through the school day, and as one thing after another goes wrong, that little kernel of worry in his stomach is getting hotter and hotter, until it threatens to pop and turn into a public panic attack, his worst fear. He tries to keep his anxiety at bay, but the news that his grandmother with Alzheimer’s is missing is

too much. Interspersed with humorous spot art and “anxiety file” panels that depict the real, difficult feelings of anxiety and OCD and real tips for coping, this is a poignant, personal, and laugh-out-loud funny story about letting go of control and accepting help — all while trying to get the perfect school picture. *\*Schneider Middle Grade Award Winner\**

**J Fic Harrell, J Fic Pop Now Harrell, e-book**

**Hautman, Pete. “Answers to Dog” 2024**

Evan doesn’t seem to fit in at school or at home. He goes out of his way to avoid attention. He sits at the back of the bus, keeps his head down in class, and keeps to himself. But when a burr-covered border collie — a survivor with a gut instinct about the Boy — starts following him around and joining him on his runs, Evan’s simple duck-and-dodge existence becomes a lot more complicated. Evolving from wary companions to steadfast friends, Evan and the dog run fast and far together, thwart an abusive dog breeder and the school bully, and find the courage to stand up for themselves and to open up to those who matter most.

**J Fic Hautman, J Fic Pop Now Hautman, e-book**

**Kelly, Erin Entrada. “The First State of Being” 2024**

It's August 1999. For 12-year-old Michael Rosario, life at Fox Run Apartments in Red Knot, Delaware, is as ordinary as ever — except for the looming Y2K crisis and his overwhelming crush on his 15-year-old babysitter, Gibby. But when a disoriented teenage boy named Ridge appears out of nowhere, Michael discovers there is more to life than stockpiling supplies and pining over Gibby. When Ridge reveals that he’s the world’s first time-traveler, Michael and Gibby are stunned but curious. As Ridge immerses himself in 1999 — fascinated by microwaves, basketballs, and malls — Michael discovers that his new friend has a book that outlines the events of the next 20 years, and his curiosity morphs into something else: focused determination. Michael wants — no, needs — to get his hands on that book. How else can he prepare for the future? But how far is he willing to go to get it? *\*Newbery Medal Winner\**

**J Fic Kelly, J Fic Pop Now Kelly, e-book, e-audiobook**

**Kinney, Jeff. “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess” 2024**

The pressure is building for Greg Heffley, who discovers that when you mix heaps of family, a tiny beach house, and sweltering heat, it’s a recipe for disaster. Speaking of recipes — the secret ingredients behind Gramma’s famous meatballs have been closely guarded for years. Can Greg unpack all of his family’s mysteries before their vacation is over? Or will he just stir the pot?

**J Fic Kinney, J Fic Pop Now Kinney, e-book - Hoopla, e-audiobook**

**Lapera, Anna. “Mani Semilla Finds Her Quetzal Voice” 2024**

Manuela “Mani” Semilla wants two things: to get her period, and to thwart her mom's plan of taking her to Guatemala, a place that has always been more of a mystery than an answer. Mani can’t imagine leaving behind Las Nerdas, her band of misfit friends, for the summer. But after she finds letters written between her mother and her disappeared-journalist aunt, Mani’s idea of what it means to be a woman takes flight. Reading the letters reveals both the beauty of

Guatemala and its history of violence against women and slowly transforms Mani from quiet bystander into budding activist.

**J Fic Lapera, J Fic Pop Now Lapera, e-book**

**Marsh, Katherine. “Medusa” 2024**

Ava Baldwin has always tried to keep her anger in check, just like her mom taught her. But when know-it-all classmate Owen tries to speak over her yet again, Ava explodes ... and Owen freezes, becoming totally unresponsive. Although Owen recovers, Ava's parents whisk her off to her mother's alma mater, the Accademia del Forte, a mysterious international boarding school in Venice. There, Ava and her brother, Jax, discover that the Olympian gods founded the Accademia to teach the descendants of mythological monsters how to control their emotions and their powers and become functioning, well-adjusted members of society. But not everything at the Accademia is as it seems. After her friend Fia is almost expelled for challenging a teacher, Ava realizes the school is hiding a dangerous secret. To uncover the truth, Ava and her new friends embark on an adventure that could change the way they view history, mythology — and themselves — forever.

**J Fic Marsh, J Fic Pop Now Marsh, J Playaway Marsh, e-book**

**Miller, Chanel. “Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All” 2024**

Down at the bottom of the tall buildings of New York City, Magnolia Wu sits inside her parents' laundromat. Magnolia has pinned every lost sock from the laundromat onto a bulletin board, in hopes that customers will return to retrieve them. But no one seems to have noticed. In fact, barely anyone has noticed Magnolia at all. When Iris, a new friend from California arrives, they set off across the city to solve the mystery of each missing sock, asking questions in subways and delis and plant stores and pizzerias, meeting people and uncovering the unimaginable. With each new encounter, Magnolia learns that when you're bold enough to head into the unknown, things start falling into place. *\*Newbery Honors\**

**J Fic Miller, J Fic Pop Now Miller, e-book**

**Morrison, Laurie. “Keeping Pace” 2024**

Grace has been working for years to beat her former friend Jonah Perkins's GPA so she can be named top scholar of the eighth grade. But when Jonah beats her for the title, it feels like none of Grace's academic accomplishments have really mattered. They weren't enough to win — or to impress her dad. And then the wide, empty summer looms. Eager for something to occupy her days, Grace signs up for a half-marathon race that she and Jonah used to talk about running together. Jonah's running it, too. Maybe if she can beat Jonah on race day, she'll feel OK again. But as she begins training with Jonah and checking off a new list of summer goals, she starts to question what — and who — really matters to her. Is winning at all costs really worth it?

**J Fic Morrison, J Fic Pop Now Morrison, e-book**

**O'Shaughnessy, Kate. “The Wrong Way Home” 2024**

Fern has lived at the Ranch, an off-the-grid, sustainable community in upstate New York, since she was six. The work is hard, but Fern admires the Ranch's leader, Dr. Ben. So, when Fern's mother sneaks them away in the middle of the night and says Dr. Ben is dangerous, Fern

doesn't believe it. She wants desperately to go back, but her mom just keeps driving. Suddenly Fern is thrust into the treacherous, toxic, outside world. At first, she thinks only about how to get home. She has a plan, but it will take time. As that time goes by, though, Fern realizes there are things she will miss from this place — the library, a friend from school, the ocean — and there are things she learned at the Ranch that are just not true. Now Fern will have to decide. *\*Newbery Honors\**

**J Fic O'Shaughnessy, J Fic Pop Now O'Shaughnessy, e-book, e-audiobook**

**Reintgen, Scott. "The Last Dragon on Mars" 2024**

For Lunar and his crew of fellow orphans, every day on Mars is a fight for survival. They scavenge for scraps in a wasteland ravaged by wars and storms, hoping they'll have enough to eat. Like most kids, Lunar knows the legends about dragons. How there's one for every planet, every moon and every star. But no dragon is coming to rescue them. Until one day, a scavenging mission goes dangerously wrong, forcing Lunar to hide underground. There, he finds the only hope left for a dying planet: the last dragon.

**J Fic Reintgen, J Fic Pop Now Reintgen, e-book, e-audiobook**

**Safadi, Shifa Saltagi. "Kareem Between" 2024**

Seventh grade begins and Kareem's fall should be off to a great start, but he's already fumbled it. His best friend moved away, he bungled his tryout for the football team, and because of his heritage, he was voluntold to show the new kid – a Syrian refugee with a thick and embarrassing accent – around school. Just when Kareem thinks his middle school life has imploded, the hot-shot QB promises to get Kareem another tryout for the squad. But to secure that chance, Kareem must do something he knows is wrong. Then like a surprise blitz, Kareem's mom returns to Syria to bring her aging parents out of a war zone and to the United States. But a new executive order prevents her from coming home. If Kareem could throw a penalty flag on the fouls of his school and home life, it would be for Unnecessary Roughness. Kareem is stuck between. Between countries. Between friends, between football, between parents — and between right and wrong. It's up to him to step up, find his confidence, and navigate the beauty and hope found somewhere in the middle. *\*National Book Award for Young People's Literature\**

**J Fic Safadi, J Fic Pop Now Safadi, e-book**

**Teer, Samuel. "Brownstone" 2024**

When her white mom gets the opportunity to tour as the star of an international dance show, Almudena must spend the summer in the city with Xavier, the father she's never met. Further exacerbating her woes, Almudena doesn't speak Spanish, and Xavier speaks very little English. Xavier nonetheless expects her to help him renovate a dilapidated brownstone and turn it into housing for folks in the community who need an affordable rental. As father and daughter rehabilitate the house, floor by floor, she learns more about her father, including his beliefs, challenges, and life. Navigating the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood as an outsider, Almudena slowly discovers how she fits into her new community and pieces together a makeshift familia that's imperfect but feels right. *\*Printz Award Winner\**

**YA GN Teer, YA GN Pop Now Teer, e-book**

**Tracy, Taylor. “Murray Out of Water” 2024**

Twelve-year-old Murray feels a deep connection to the ocean, which manifests as the ability to control small amounts of water. After a hurricane hits her New Jersey town, badly damaging her beachfront home, Murray and her older sister go to live with their aunt and uncle in upstate New York. There, Murray feels her “ocean magic” slip away. On the bright side, she bonds with Blake, her cousin who uses they/them pronouns; Patrick, her formerly estranged older brother; and Dylan, a new friend who’s bullied at school for being gay. Through books, roller skating, and drag, Murray starts to realize that she might like girls and be nonbinary and that family can be chosen, all while trying to get her magic back. *\*Stonewall Award Honors\**

**J Fic Tracy, J Fic Pop Now Tracy, e-book**

**Warga, Jasmine. “A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall” 2024**

A painting has been stole! When Rami sees a floating girl in the museum, he knows he has seen her somewhere before. Then he realizes: She looks just like the girl in the painting that has gone missing. But how does her appearance connect to the theft? Agatha the turtle knows — she has been watching from the garden. But she can’t exactly tell anyone. Will Rami, with the help of his classmate, Veda, be able to solve the mystery? The clues are all around them, but they’ll have to be brave enough to really look.

**J Fic Warga, J Fic Pop Now Warga, J Playaway Warga, e-book**

**Watkins, Steve. “Wolves at the Door” 2024**

Asta and her younger sister, Pieta, have watched in terror as Hitler's invasion spreads across Europe. Eventually, the war arrives in their city, bringing with it destruction and death. As the Nazis clash with Stalin's Red Army and relentless bombing rains from above, the girls flee to their grandparents' farm in the countryside. But no place is safe. Surrounded by enemies, Asta and Pieta are presented with one chance to escape: a transport ship leaving from the Baltic Sea. Getting from the farm to the coast is an impossible trip through a brutal war in the dead of winter. With food scarce, warm clothing lacking, and few resources, the sisters have little chance of making it. And Asta and Pieta are not alone in their plans — everyone is headed to the harbor with the same desperate hope. Securing a place on the ship will require nothing short of a miracle. Their dangerous journey is only just the beginning, though, and the sisters can't begin to imagine what they'll have to sacrifice to survive.

**J Fic Watkins, J Fic Pop Now Watkins, e-book**

**Wibowo, Jacinta and Wibowo, Jessica. “Lunar Boy” 2024**

Indu, a boy from the moon, feels like he doesn’t belong. He hasn’t since he and his adoptive mom disembarked from their spaceship — their home — to live on Earth with their new blended family. The kids at school think he’s weird, he has a crush on his pen pal who might not like him back, and his stepfamily doesn’t seem to know what to do with him. Worst of all, Indu can’t even talk to his mom about how he’s feeling because she’s so busy. In a moment of loneliness, Indu calls out to the moon, begging them to take him back. And against all odds, the moon hears him and agrees to bring him home on the first day of the New Year. But as the promised day draws nearer, Indu finds friendship in unlikely places and discovers that home is

more than where you come from. And when the moon calls again, Indu must decide: Is he willing to give up what he's just found? *\*Stonewall Book Award for Children's Literature Winner\**

**J GN Wibowo, J GN Pop Now Wibowo, e-book**

**Winston, Sherri. "Shark Teeth" 2024**

Sharkita "Kita" Hayes is always waiting. Waiting for her mama to mess up. Waiting for social services to be called again. Waiting for her and her siblings to be separated. Waiting for her worst fear to come true. But Mama promises things are different now. She's got a good job, she's stopped drinking, stopped going out every night – it's almost enough to make Kita believe her this time. But even as Kita's life is going well, she can't shake the feeling that everything could go up in flames at any moment. When her assistant principal and trusted dance coach starts asking questions about her home life, Kita is more determined than ever to keep up appearances and make sure her family stays together – even if it means falling apart herself. As the threat of her family being separated again circles like a shark in the water, the pressure starts to get to Kita. But could it be that Kita's worst fear is actually the best thing that could happen to her family? *\*Schneider Middle Grade Award Honors\**

**J Fic Winston, J Fic Pop Now Winston, e-book**

## **NONFICTION**

**Alexander, Lori. "Seeds of Discovery: How Barbara McClintock Used Corn and Curiosity to Solve a Science Mystery and Win a Nobel Prize" 2025**

As a rare female botanist in early 20th-century America, Barbara McClintock never let other people's notions of what was proper slow her down. When she faced doubting colleagues and unsupportive institutions, she drove across the United States, climbed through windows, and even slept in her laboratory to conduct her research. In so doing, she helped pave the way for future scientific discoveries that can cure diseases and save lives — and won a Nobel Prize in the process!

**J 576.5092 Alexander, J 576.5092 Pop Now Alexander**

**Blackburn, Sarah-SoonLing. "Exclusion and the Chinese American Story" 2024**

Until now, you've only heard one side of the story, but Chinese American history extends far beyond the railroads. Here's the true story of America, from the Chinese American perspective.

**J 975.0495 Blackburn, J 975.0495 Pop Now Blackburn**

**Chan, Ruth. "Uprooted: A Memoir About What Happens When Your Family Moves Back" 2024**

Ruth Chan loves her hometown in Toronto, hanging out with her best friends, and snacking on ketchup flavored potato chips, which are the best. What Ruth doesn't love is having to move to Hong Kong after her dad gets a new job there. Her mom is excited to reunite with her family, but it's not the same for Ruth. In Hong Kong, her classes are harder, her Cantonese isn't good enough, and her parents are never around. Ruth feels lonely and completely uprooted. But as



Ruth's dad tells stories about her family, about how they relied on their strength, courage, and each other to survive the most difficult times, Ruth realizes that she too can be strong. Gradually, she puts down roots, knowing that home will always be where her heart is.

**J GN Chan, J GN Pop Now Chan, e-book**

**Fleming, Candace. "Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II" 2024**

"You are to report to Station X at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, in four days' time.... That is all you need to know." This was the terse telegram hundreds of young women throughout the British Isles received in the spring of 1941, as World War II raged. During WWII, Bletchley Park, operating under the code name Station X, was run by teenaged girls who helped turn the tide of the war for the Allies with their hard work, their determination and, most importantly, their ability to keep a secret. *\*Sibert Medal Honor\**

**J 940.5487 Fleming, J 940.5487 Pop Now Fleming, e-book**

**Balis, Andrea and Levy, Elizabeth. "Witch Hunt: The Cold War, Joe McCarthy, and the Red Scare" 2024**

At the cusp of the Cold War, Americans were so afraid of communists living among them that they began to hunt them like witches. As Senator Joe McCarthy took up this mantle to hunt down "communists" in the U.S., citizens grew terrified of being accused, so they turned on each other – pointing fingers at neighbors, friends and even family.

**J 973.9 Balis, J 973.9 Pop Now Balis**

**MacLeod, Kathy. "Continental Drifter" 2024**

With a Thai mother and an American father, Kathy lives in two different worlds. She spends most of the year in Bangkok, where she's secretly counting the days till summer vacation. That's when her family travels for 24 hours straight to finally arrive in a tiny seaside town in Maine. Kathy loves Maine's idyllic beauty and all the exotic delicacies she can't get back home, like clam chowder and blueberry pie. But no matter how hard she tries, she struggles to fit in. She doesn't look like the other kids in this rural New England town. Kathy just wants to find a place where she truly belongs, but she's not sure if it's in America, Thailand ... or anywhere.

*\*Asian/Pacific American Award for Children's Literature Winner\**

**J GN MacLeod, J GN Pop Now MacLeod, e-book**

**Nadel, Estelle and Strout, Bethany. "The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival" 2024**

Born to a Jewish family in a small Polish village, Estelle Nadel — then known as Enia Feld — was just 7 years old when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939. Once a vibrant child with a song for every occasion, Estelle would eventually lose her voice as, over the next five years, she would survive the deaths of their mother, father, their eldest brother and sister, and countless others. A child at the mercy of her neighbors during a terrifying time in history, Estelle's story is an enthralling first-hand account of her fight for survival during World War II. She would weather loss, betrayal, near-execution, and spend two years away from the warmth of the sun — all before the age of 11. And once the war was over, Estelle would walk barefoot across European

borders and find remnants of home in an Austrian displaced person's camp before finally crossing the Atlantic to arrive in New York City — a young woman carrying the unseen scars of war. *\*Sibert Medal Honor\** *\*Sydney Taylor Award Gold Medal Winner\**

**YA GN Nadel, YA GN Pop Now Nadel, e-book**

**Pew, Kailei. “Kid-ventors: 35 Real Kids and their Amazing Inventions” 2024**

Read the profiles of 35 kid inventors, whose ingenuity and determination created inventions to solve daily problems, protect the environment and help others. From Popsicles and swim fins to robots and glitter shooting prosthetics, this must-have book proves that even the youngest people can change the world.

**J 609.2 Pew, J 609.2 Pop Now Pew**

**Rusch, Elizabeth. “A Greater Goal: The Epic Battle for Equal Pay in Women’s Soccer – and Beyond” 2024**

With the passage of Title IX in 1972, the doors opened for young women to play sports at a higher level. But for the women on the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, being able to compete at an international level didn't mean fair treatment and fair compensation. From economy-class airplane seats and inadequate lodging to minimal marketing and slashed wages, the women representing the United States at the Olympics, the World Cup, and other tournaments had reason to be fed up. They were expected to — and did — win, but they weren't compensated for their talent and dedication. With the help of their union and in collaboration with the men's team, they secured an equitable contract in 2022 that ultimately benefited both national teams as well as athletes of the future. *\*YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Honors\**

**YA 796.334 Rusch, YA 796.334 Pop Now Rusch**

**Sabic-El-Rayess, Amra and Sullivan, Laura L. “Three Summers: A Memoir of Sisterhood, Summer Crushes, and Growing Up on the Eve of War” 2024**

This is the story of five young cousins who grow closer than sisters as ethnic tensions escalate over three summers in 1980s Bosnia. They navigate the joys and pitfalls of adolescence on their family's little island in the middle of the Una River. When finally confronted with the harsh truths of the adult world around them, their bond gives them the resilience to discover and hold fast to their true selves.

**J 92 Sabic-El-Rayess, J 92 Pop Now Sabic-El-Rayess**

**Soontornvat, Christina. “The Squad” 2024**

It's eighth grade and Christina and her besties, Megan and Leanne, are once again going through the brutal trials of cheerleading tryouts. This year, Christina feels more confident: She dresses in her own style and has amazing friends, even her first crush. But what if the girls don't all make the squad? Worse than that, Christina learns her parents' marriage is collapsing. Suddenly, her family, her future, and her identity seem in total freefall. Can she keep it together and still make her cheerleading dreams come true?

**J GN Soontornvat, J GN Pop Now Soontornvat, e-book**

**Virnig, Christine. “Waist-Deep in Dung: A Stomach-Churning Look at the Grossest Jobs Throughout History” 2024**

From the ancient Egyptian mummy makers who removed brains by shoving iron hooks up peoples’ noses, to the 19th century Toshers who hunted for treasure deep in the London sewers, to modern day forensic entomologists who study the fly eggs, maggots, and other creepy crawlies that live on — and crawl through — human corpses, learn about jobs that deal with poop, pee, blood, medicine, and dead bodies.

**J 331 Virnig, J 331 Pop Now Virnig**

**Watson, Renee. “Black Girl You Are Atlas” 2024**

In this semi-autobiographical collection of poems, Renée Watson writes about her experience growing up as a young Black girl at the intersections of race, class, and gender. Using a variety of poetic forms, from haiku to free verse, Watson shares recollections of her childhood in Portland, tender odes to the Black women in her life, and urgent calls for Black girls to step into their power. *\*Coretta Scott King Honors\* \*Odyssey Award Honors\**

**YA 811.6 Watson**

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On April 29, 1992, following the acquittal of four police officers charged with the beating and arrest of Rodney King and the earlier killing of teenager Latasha Harlins, the city of Los Angeles erupted in violence. Many of these events were centered on the city’s Koreatown, where tensions between the Black and Korean American communities had simmered for years, fueled by economic challenges and redlining and enflamed by sensationalized and racist media. Based on more than 100 personal interviews, “Rising from the Ashes” follows these events through the eyes and experiences of the families of King, Harlins, shooting victim Edward Jae Song Lee, and dozens of business owners, journalists, police officers, firefighters, activists, and other community members. *\*YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction Winner\**

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