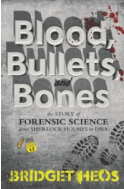




Child soldier: when boys and girls are used in war

Jessica Dee Humphreys & Michel Chikwanine

[In graphic novel format looks at] Michel Chikwanine's account of his time in a rebel militia, his escape and his efforts to make a new life for himself and his family in Canada.



Blood, bullets, bones: the story of forensic science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA

Bridget Heos

A history of modern forensic science from the first test for arsenic poisoning in the 1700s to criminal profiling, fingerprinting, blood splatter analysis, DNA evidence, and all the milestones in between.



Feathers

Jorge Corona

Born covered in black feathers, abandoned as a baby in the slums of the Maze, Poe has lived his entire eleven-year-old life hidden away under the protection of his adoptive father, Gabriel. He spends his days secretly helping the Mice, bands of orphans who roam the slums, but there is a whisper of an altogether more sinister figure in the shadows, making street children disappear. When Bianca, an over-protected girl from the wealthy City beyond the Wall, escapes into the Maze in search of adventure, their worlds collide. As danger looms on all sides, a friendship grows between the city girl and the boy covered in feathers...a friendship that may just be enough to bring Bianca home, and lead Poe to his destiny.



Mighty Jack

Ben Hatke

Jack might be the only kid in the world who is dreading the summer. But he's got a good reason: summer is when his single mom takes a second job and leaves him at home to watch his autistic kid sister, Maddy. It's a lot of responsibility, and it's boring, too, because Maddy doesn't talk. Ever. But then, one day at the flea market, Maddy does talk--and tells Jack to trade their mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds. It's the best mistake Jack has ever made. What starts as a normal garden behind the house quickly grows up into a wild, magical jungle with tiny onion babies running amok, huge, pink pumpkins that bite, and, on one moonlit night that changes everything...a dragon.



Compass South

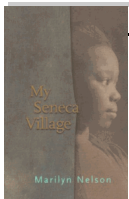
Hope Larson

After escaping the Black Hook Gang in 1860 New York City, twelve-year-old twins Alexander and Cleopatra flee to New Orleans, become separated, and try to find each other in San Francisco, while being followed by pirates who think they hold the key to treasure.



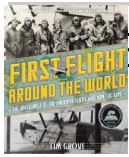
Camp Midnight
Steven T. Seagle

Not wanting to please her 'step-monster,' reluctant camper Skye is dead set on not fitting in when she's sent away to summer camp. Luckily, that won't be a problem as Skye accidentally boarded the wrong bus, and everyone at Camp Midnight--with the exception of fellow camper and fast-friend, Mia--is a full-fledged monster! Can Skye keep her secret identity as a human hidden until she catches her bus for home? And if Skye and Mia fear monsters, what exactly is it that monsters are afraid of?



My Seneca village
Marilyn Nelson

A collection of poems revives the long lost community of Seneca Village.



First flight around the world: the adventures of the American fliers who won the race
Chandler Baker

Documents the efforts of four American planes to be the first to circumnavigate the globe by flight in 1924.



All better now
Emily Wing Smith

Author Emily Wing Smith chronicles her childhood struggles with mental and learning disabilities and the car accident when she was twelve that led to the discovery of a brain tumor at the base of her skull.



The serpent's curse
Tony Abbott

As Wade, Darrell, Lily, and Becca continue their search for an ancient relic, Wade's mother is kidnapped by Galina Krause, leader of the present-day Teutonic Knights.



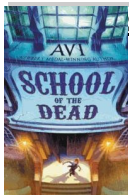
Flawed
Cecelia Ahern

In a future society where 'flawed' people who have committed crimes are branded with an F, a young girl takes a stand.



Not as we know it
Tom Avery

Can a mysterious sea creature save eleven-year-old Jamie's very sick twin brother?



School of the dead
Avi

For most of Tony Gilbert's life, he has thought of his uncle as "Weird Uncle Charlie." That is, until Uncle Charlie moves in with Tony and his family. Uncle Charlie is still odd, of course--talking about spirits and other supernatural stuff--but he and Tony become fast friends, and Tony ends up having a lot of fun with Uncle Charlie. When Uncle Charlie dies suddenly, Tony is devastated. Then he starts seeing Uncle Charlie everywhere! It doesn't help that Tony switched schools--it was Uncle Charlie's dying wish that Tony attend the Penda School, where Uncle Charlie himself went as a kid. The Penda School is eerie enough without his uncle's ghost making it worse. On top of that, rumors have been circulating about a student who went missing shortly before Tony arrived. Could that somehow be related to Uncle Charlie's ghost?



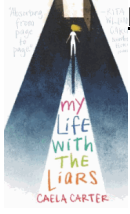
Passenger
Alexandra Bracken

Nicholas Carter helps Etta Spencer, whose been sent back in time, to find a powerful object in order to help her get back home, while being chased by the Ironwoods family who want it for themselves.



Rook
Sharon Cameron

In the Sunken City that was once Paris the guillotine rules again, while Sophia Bellamy from the Commonwealth across the Channel Sea tries to rescue as many of the revolution's victims as she can smuggle out, and some prisoners disappear from their cells, with a red-tipped rook feather left in their place--but who is the mysterious Red Rook and where does Sophia's wealthy fiancé, René Hasard, fit in?



My life with the liars

Caela Carter

Behind the white-washed walls of the compound, life was simple. Follow the rules, 'live in the light,' and all would be well. But on the outside, things are different. There are colors and toys and food. There are liars and darkness. And twelve-year-old Zyllynn now faces a difficult decision--to stay here with the enemy or find her way back to the light. And neither may be what it seems.



The Classy Crooks Club

Alison Cherry

Twelve-year-old AJ is dreading spending the summer with her uber-strict grandmother--that is, until she's recruited to join Grandma Jo's madcap band of thieves.



Summerlost

Ally Condie

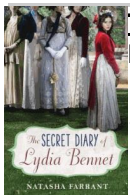
Following the sudden deaths of her father and autistic younger brother, Cedar Lee spends the summer working at a Shakespearean theater festival, making a new friend, and coming to terms with her grief.



One

Sarah Crossan

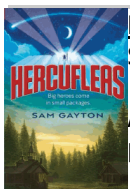
Despite problems at home, sixteen-year-old conjoined twins Tippi and Grace are loving going to school for the first time and making real friends when they learn that a cardiac problem will force them to have separation surgery, which they have never before considered.



The secret diary of Lydia Bennet

Natasha Farrant

Jane Austen's story of the Bennet sisters, as told from the perspective of Lydia, the wild child, who pursues the handsome, but irresponsible Lieutenant George Wickham, and finally catches him.



Hercufleas

Sam Gayton

A flea becomes a giant-slayer, proving that mighty heroes can come in small packages.



Spare and found parts

Sarah Maria Griffin

In a city devastated by an epidemic, where survivors are all missing parts—an arm, a leg, an eye—Nell has always been an outsider. Her father is the famed scientist who created the biomechanical limbs that everyone now uses. But she's the only one with her machinery on the inside: her heart. Since the childhood operation, she has ticked. Like a clock, like a bomb. And as her community rebuilds, everyone is expected to contribute to the society's good ... but how can Nell live up to her father's revolutionary ideas when she has none of her own? Then she finds a lost mannequin's hand while salvaging on the beach, and inspiration strikes. Can Nell build her own companion in a world that fears advanced technology?



The rains

Gregg Hurwitz

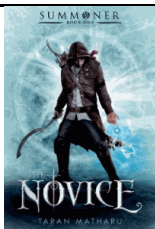
In one terrifying night, the peaceful community of Creek's Cause turns into a war zone. No one under the age of eighteen is safe. Chance Rain and his older brother, Patrick, have already fended off multiple attacks from infected adults by the time they arrive at the school where other young survivors are hiding. Most of the kids they know have been dragged away by once-trusted adults who are now ferocious, inhuman beings. The parasite that transformed them takes hold after people turn eighteen--and Patrick's birthday is only a few days away.



Frost

M.P. Kozlowsky

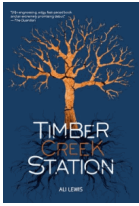
Sixteen-year-old Frost lives in a bombed out apartment in a post-apocalyptic world, with only her pet broot, Romes, and a robot named Bunt, who has her father's memories, for company--but now Romes is dying and her need to find help is forcing her to leave the apartment for the first time in her life, and face the streets which are a hunting ground for rogue robots and the dreaded Eaters.



The novice

Taran Matharu

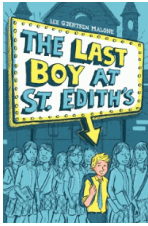
When blacksmith apprentice Fletcher discovers that he has the ability to summon demons from another world, he travels to Adept Military Academy where must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands.



Timber Station

Ali Lewis

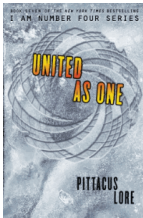
Thirteen-year-old Danny Dawson lives on a cattle station in the Australian outback, where his family struggles to cope with the accidental death of his older brother a year earlier and his sister's pregnancy by an Aboriginal.



The last boy at St. Edith's

Lee Gjersten Malone

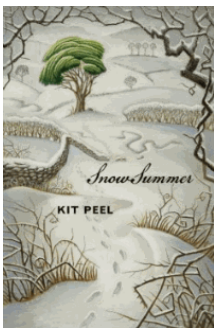
Seventh-grader Jeremy Miner, the only boy in a school of 475 girls, unleashes a series of pranks in hopes of getting expelled.



United as one

Pittacus Lore

The Mogadorian invasion has come to Earth, and they have all but won the battle for our planet. Their warships loom over our most populous cities--like New York City, Tokyo, Moscow, Beijing, and New Delhi--and no army will risk making a move against them. The Garde are all that stand in their way . . . but they are no longer alone in this fight. Human teens from across the globe, like John Smith's best friend, Sam Goode, have begun to develop Legacies of their own. The Garde have always known there is power in numbers. If they can find these new allies and join forces with them, they just might be able to win this war. The time has come for the Garde to make their final stand.



Snow summer

Kit Peel

When Wyn, an orphan in a sleepy British town, encounters mysterious strangers in her village who insist she has the power to restore order to the natural world, she is forced to confront her past that she has kept hidden in this allegorical novel about climate change and global warming.