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What can I submit?

Reader's Cafe: Submit a book title and author along with 2-3 sentences about why you liked the book.

Sparks: Submit ideas and instructions for crafts, experiments, games or activities.

Poetry/Creative Writing: Submit a poem or short story. It can be about anything or try writing about what you did this summer.

Build your own story adventure: Continue the story starting with this sentence: "I heard a knock at the door, and when I opened it I saw..." Write up to 5 more sentences in the story.

Famous Artists: Submit a picture of a drawing or piece of art you made.

YO Funny! Draw a comic or send in your favourite joke.

Make-It challenge: Send us a picture of what you did using any items/supplies you have + your creativity + your imagination.

Questions? Contact us at:

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Poetry

crash into the crisis,
pick yourself-up off the blood smeared floor,
walk forward.

face plant into failure,
claw yourself out of the suffocating pit,
jump into the air.

tumble into turmoil
knowing someday, someway,
you will learn to fly.

Clara, 18



Yo Funny!

Jokes to tickle your funny bone

Where did the cat go for a field trip?
To the mewseum!



Cold Water

A boy visited his grandpa to help around the house and yard. They had worked hard when his grandpa called him in for lunch. Grandpa served up a delicious burger and home fries, but the grandson noticed that the plate looked dingy and there were old food flecks on it. "Gramps, are you sure this plate is clean?" "It's as clean as cold water can get em!", replied Gramps. Feeling satisfied that at least they were washed, the grandson ate every last bite.

At dinner, steak and rice smelled delicious, but this time the grandson was sure he saw an old mustard stain on the plate. "Grandpa, are you really sure this plate is clean?" "It's as clean as cold water can get em!". The grandson thought it smelled too delicious to worry about, so he ate every last morsel.

The same thing happened with dessert, but it was grandson's favourite- cheesecake, so he ate and this time decided to lick the plate clean- grandpa didn't seem to mind. Grandson had just exited the front door and embarked down the steps when they heard growling followed by a snarl. Grandpa's new dog had come back from the pond and was not liking grandson's presence at the house. "Cold Water!" Grandpa replied, "Stop all the bark'n, this here is my guest!"

- Zac





Sparks!

**Ideas for experiments,
activities, crafts & games**



I have been sewing masks lately. I know three patterns. I found these patterns on Google and copies of templates, and YouTube for instructional. Although having a sewing machine would be easier, I have hand sewn these and they work out great.

Tip: use colorful fabric to make people smile! I love using yellow fabric the best! Have fun sewing!

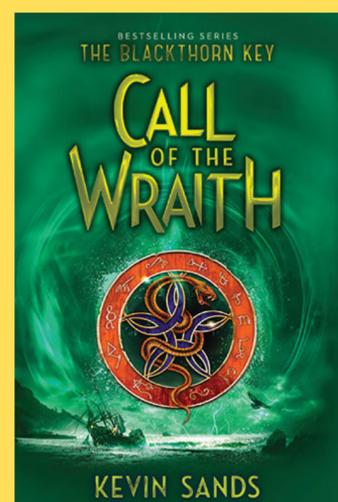
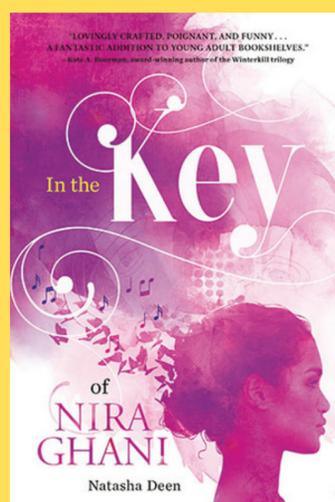
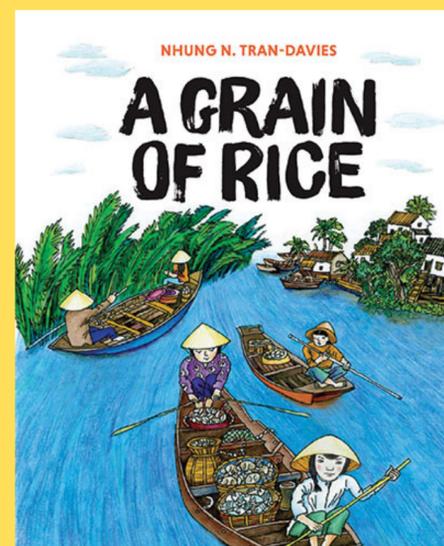
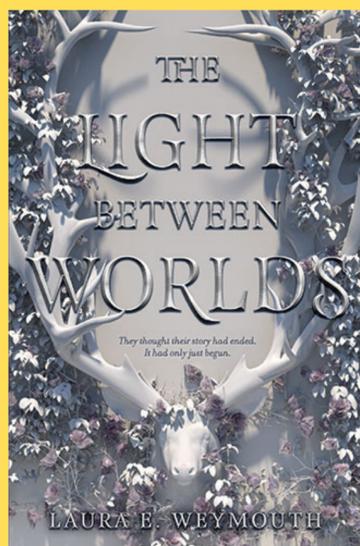
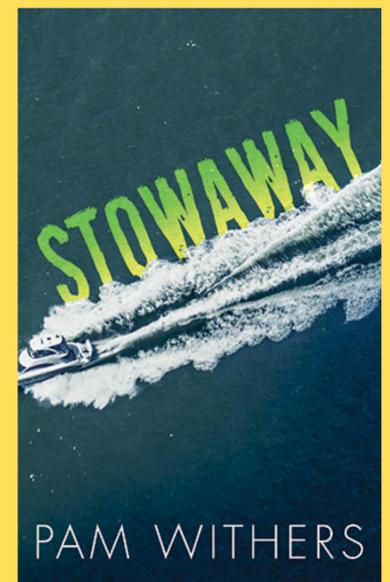
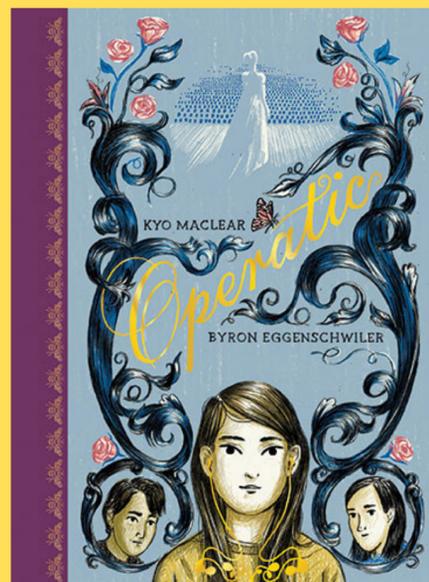
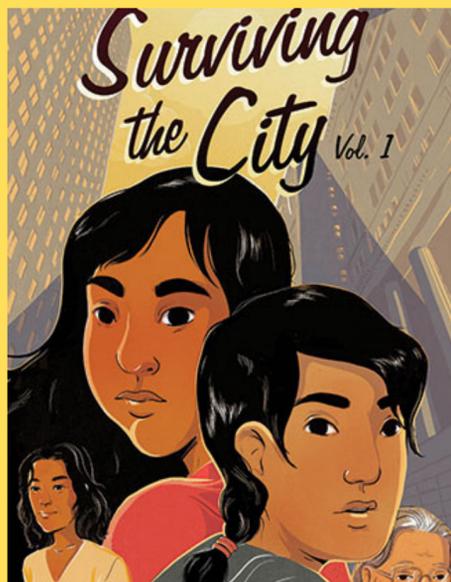
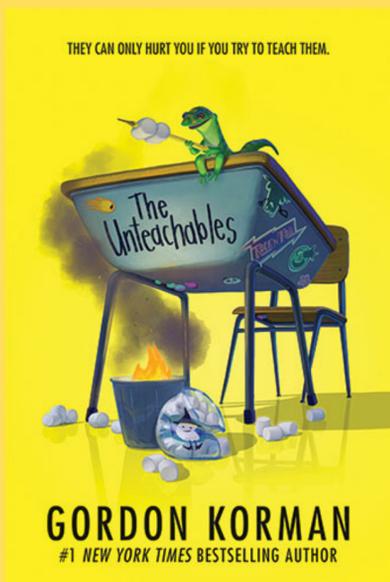
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Booklists

2020 Red Maple Nominees

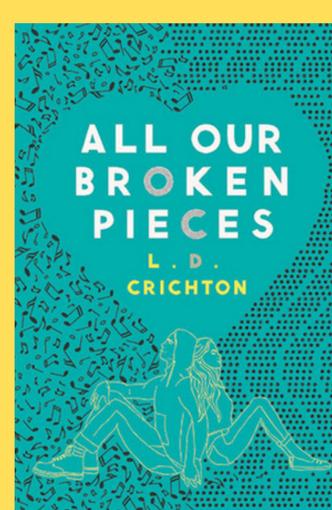
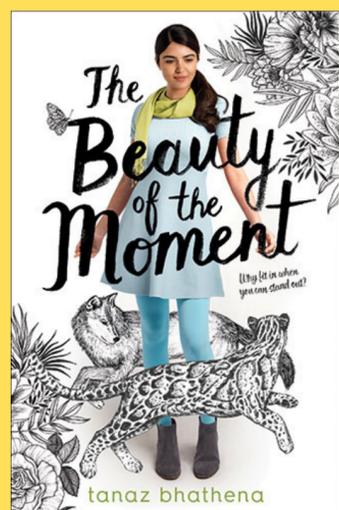
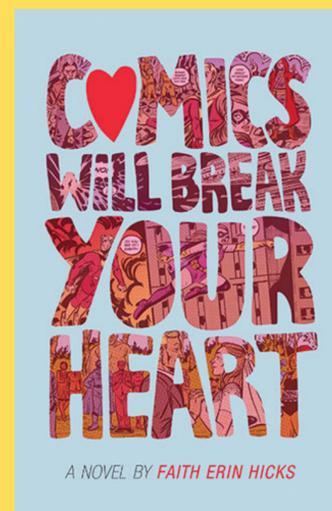
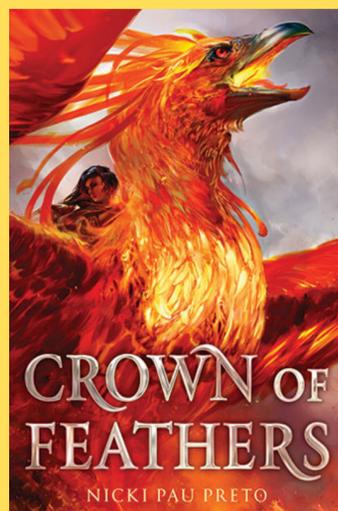
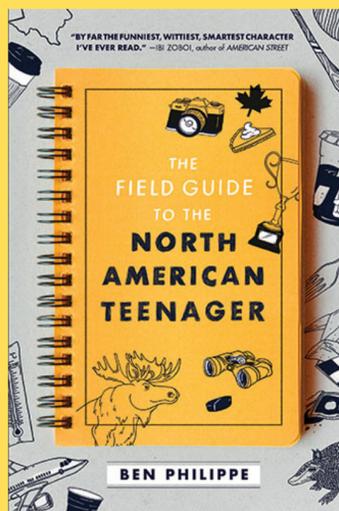
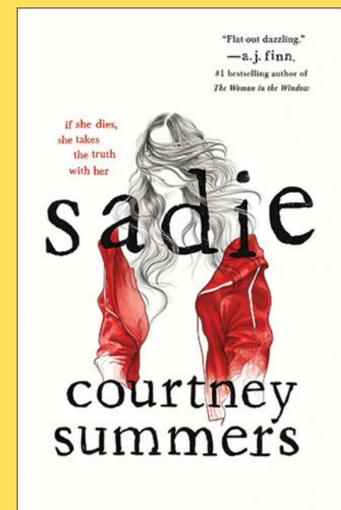
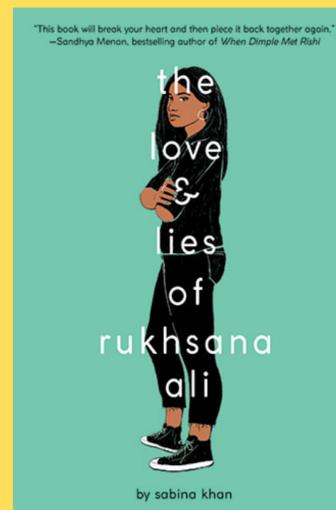
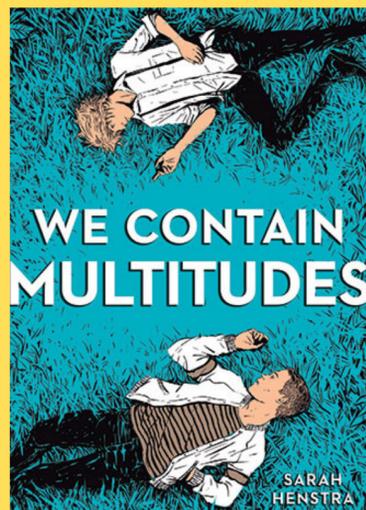
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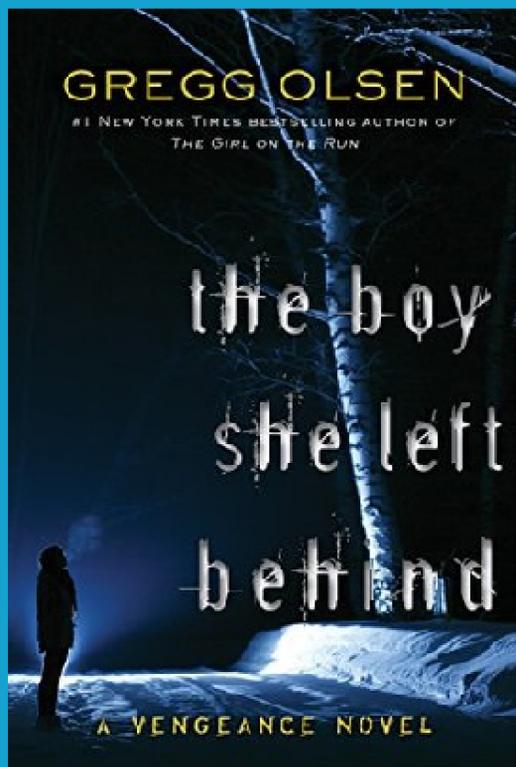
Booklists

2020 White Pine Nominees

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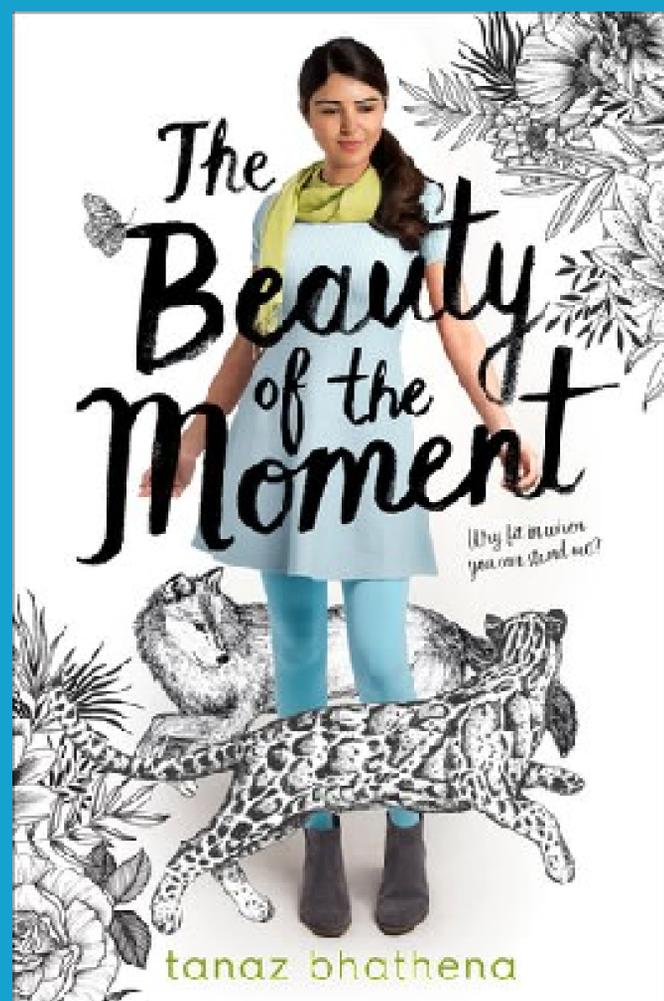
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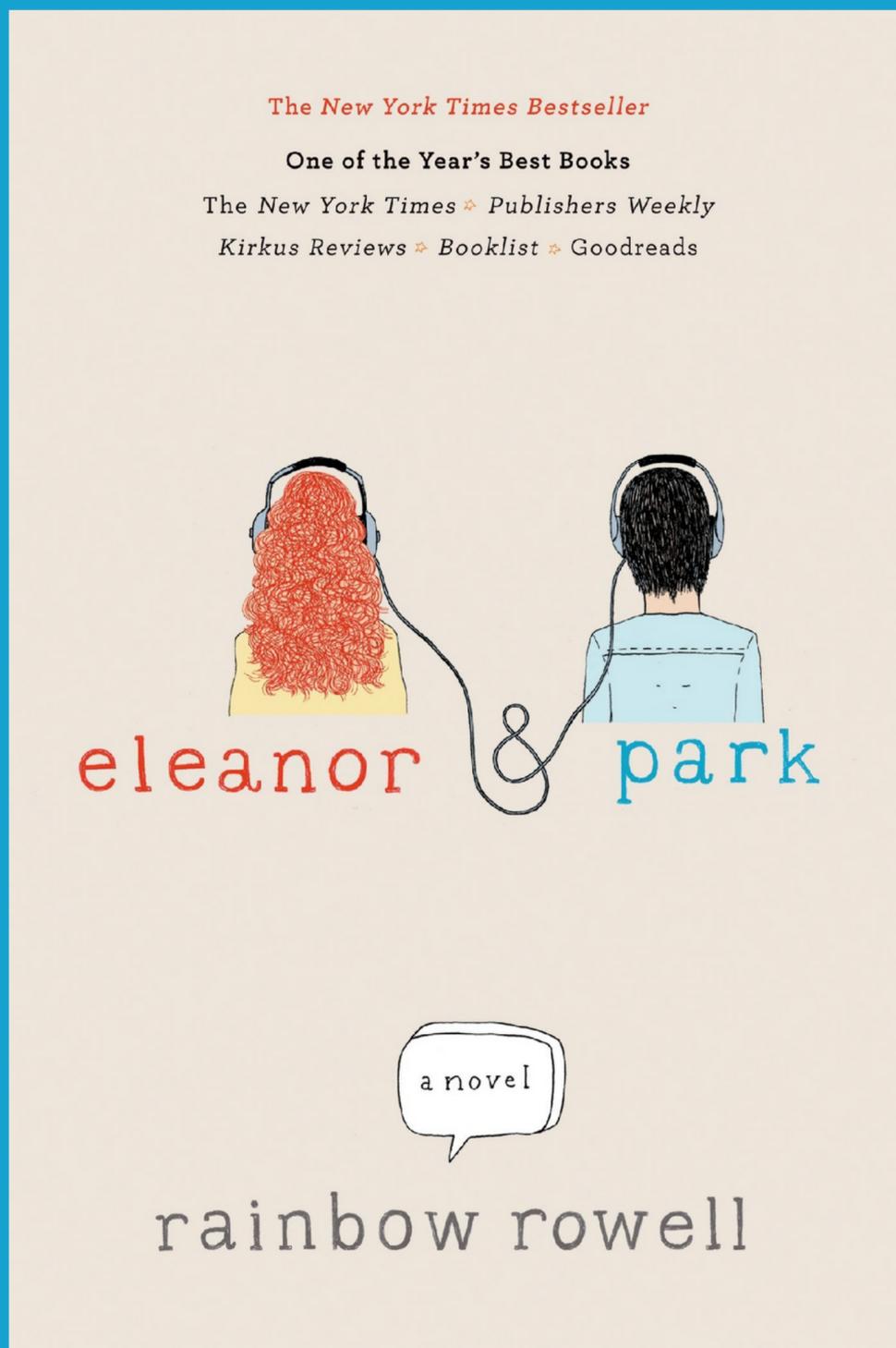
This book is a brilliant nail-biting teen thriller, with a driving pace that makes it a read-in-one-sitting book. Rylee Cassidey is a classic crime hero, who just happens to be a sixteen year old girl. With plenty of devious twists... and driven by strong characters we can care about. Rylee's search for a killer could change her life or end. Highly recommended.

-- Dianne

Why fit in when you can stand out? This book does a terrific job of addressing this question and portraying life in the GTA for two very different teenagers, both of whom are from minority groups. Convincingly we walk the school hallways and navigate the demands and expectations of home life along with them. Careful though - you might get blisters from being in their shoes! A thoroughly believable and engaging read that increases your insight into the lives of immigrants and minorities. But don't take my word for it, be your own judge. -- Shelly



Reader's Cafe



I sat down to read *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell one snowy afternoon 7 years ago (thank you Goodreads for tracking my reading history) and I don't think I moved until I was finished (there might have been one or two snack breaks).

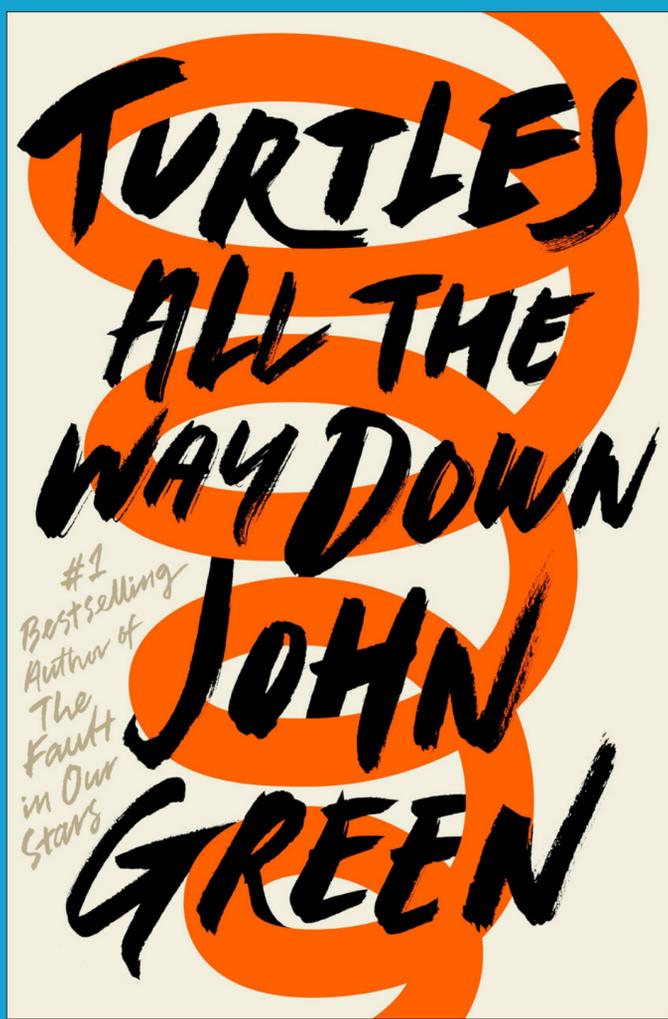
I was completely enthralled in this book from the jump. I've also not forgotten the way it made me feel all these years later. I felt both seen and understood in a way that I have never felt while reading a YA book before or since. This novel is set in the 1980s and follows the love story between two high school misfits as they connect through a shared love of music. The novel is sweet and tender (if you like that kind of thing) but it's also not afraid to confront some really dark issues like abuse and poverty. Rainbow Rowell is a beautiful YA author that wraps you up in her story. It truly feels like you've dropped into the world she has created. If you are a fan of YA (particularly anything written by John Green or Jenny Han) and you have not had a chance to read *Eleanor & Park* don't wait another day! Get this book now! I promise you won't regret it. It is hands down my favourite YA book I have ever

read.

-- Sarah



Reader's Cafe



"You're a we. You're a you. You're a she, an it, a they. My kingdom for an I."

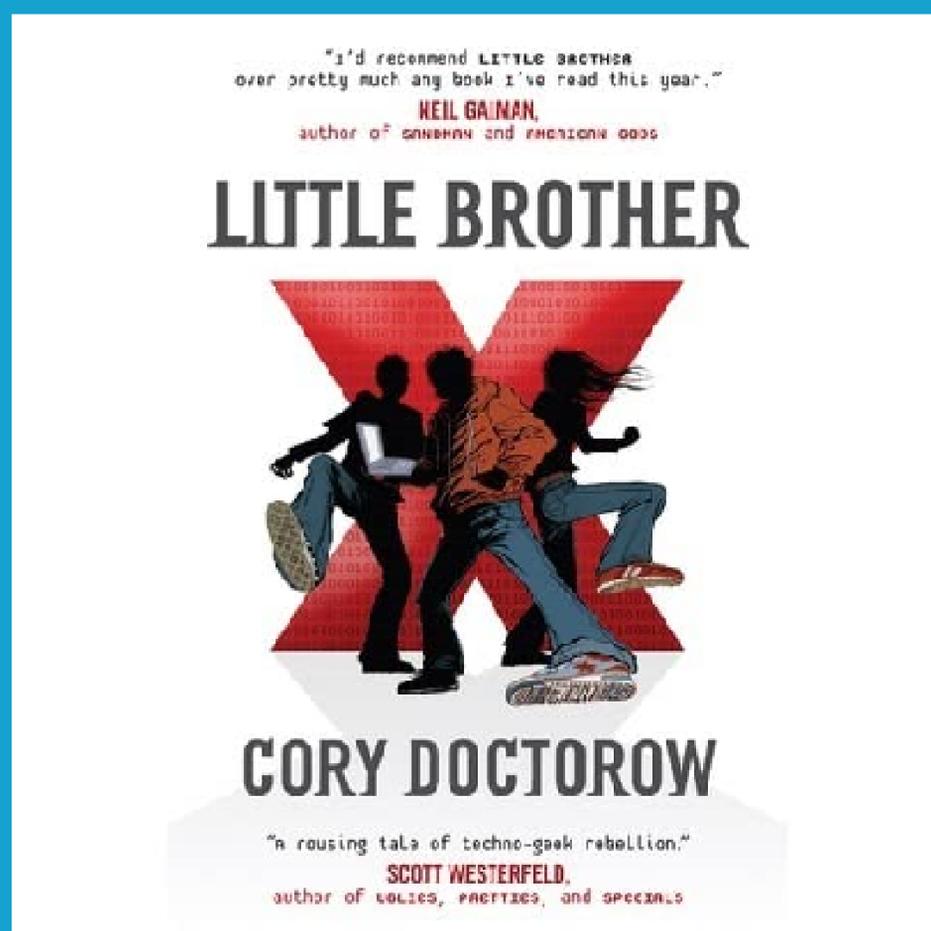
This book is a classic John Green. You have two teenagers from well to do families who contemplate the meaning of the universe while dealing with mental health, a missing persons cases and familial issues with the knowledge and wisdom beyond their years. Get ready for some deep philosophical ideas that explore how the world keeps turning in the midst of personal crises and that sometimes good things happen and sometimes bad things happen. This novel was absolutely excellent and also gave me an existential crisis so thanks for that, Mr. Green. Everyone should read this book.

-- Stefany



What would you do if you were accused of a crime you didn't commit? In *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow, seventeen-year-old Marcus and his friends are detained by the government under suspicion of terrorism after a day of skipping school to play an alternate reality computer game. What ensues is the quest for justice and truth, and a discussion around the importance of civil liberties. Although it was written in 2008, the themes in *Little Brother* are universal and as relevant today as they were then—perhaps even more so.

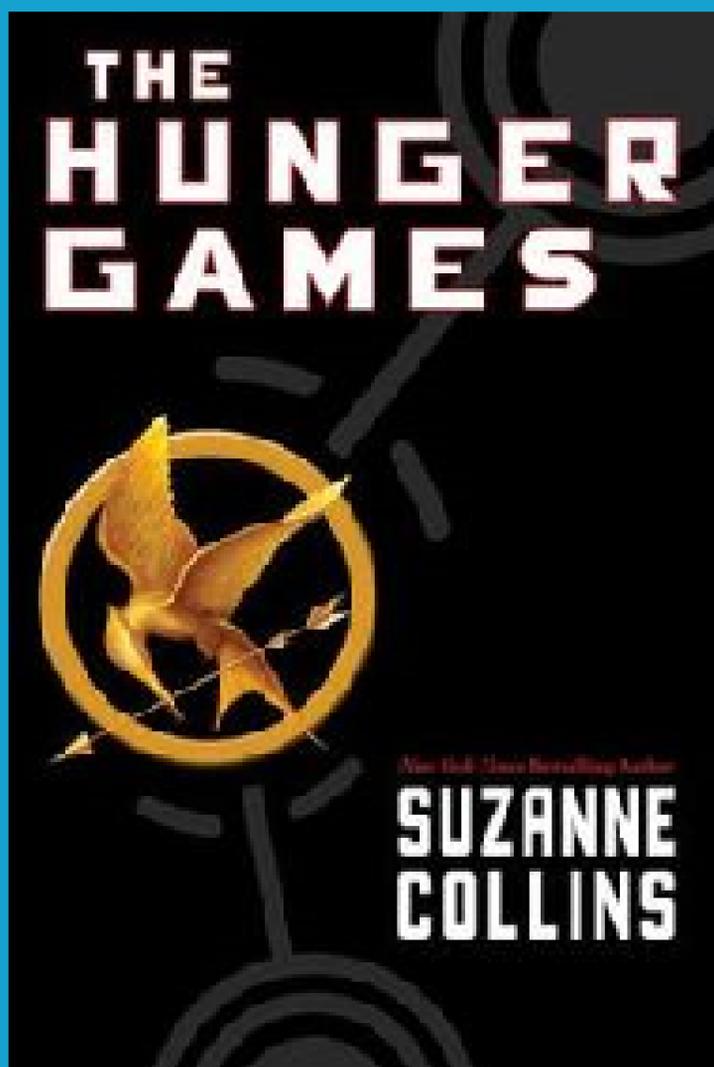
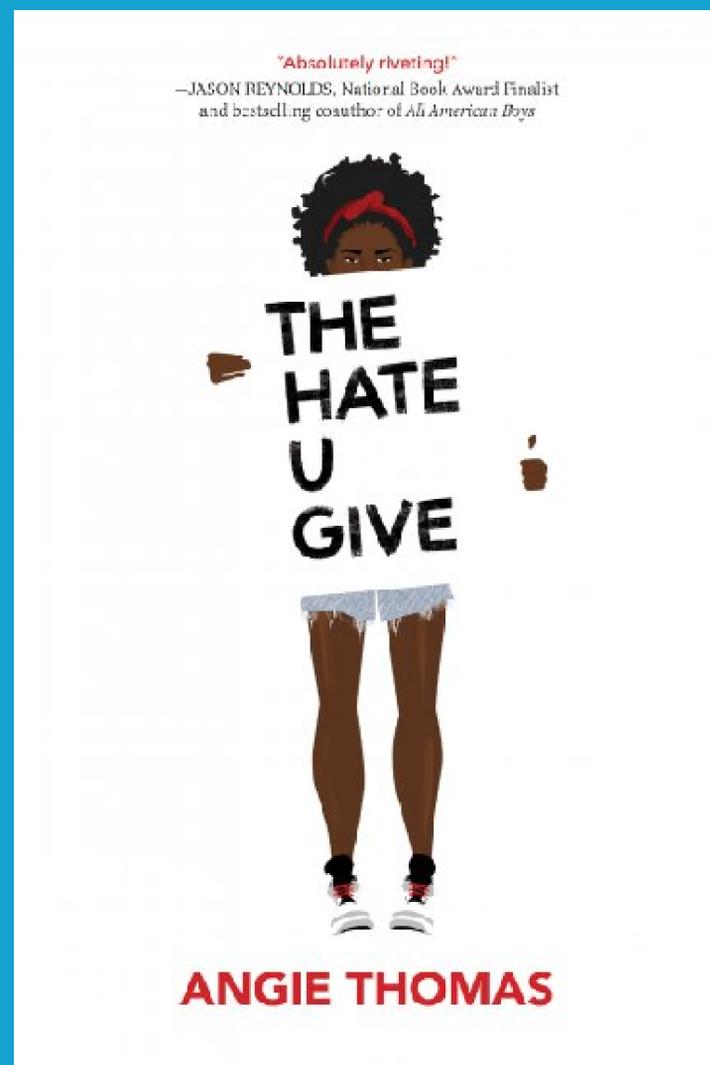
-- Sydnie



Reader's Cafe

The Hate U Give speaks to the present moment and what teens - along with everyone else - are seeing on their phones and social media feeds daily, if not in their own communities. The book engages with gun violence, race, and police brutality, but also wrestles with the everyday complexity of being a high school student. It delivers insight, heart, and a powerful message.

-- Luke



The Hunger Games is an empowering YA novel that encompasses many themes. It is a story that shows how important it is to stand up to government injustices to ensure equality for all people, as well as of bravery and sacrifice. I believe all teens should read this trilogy because of the connections from the book to the world we live in today.

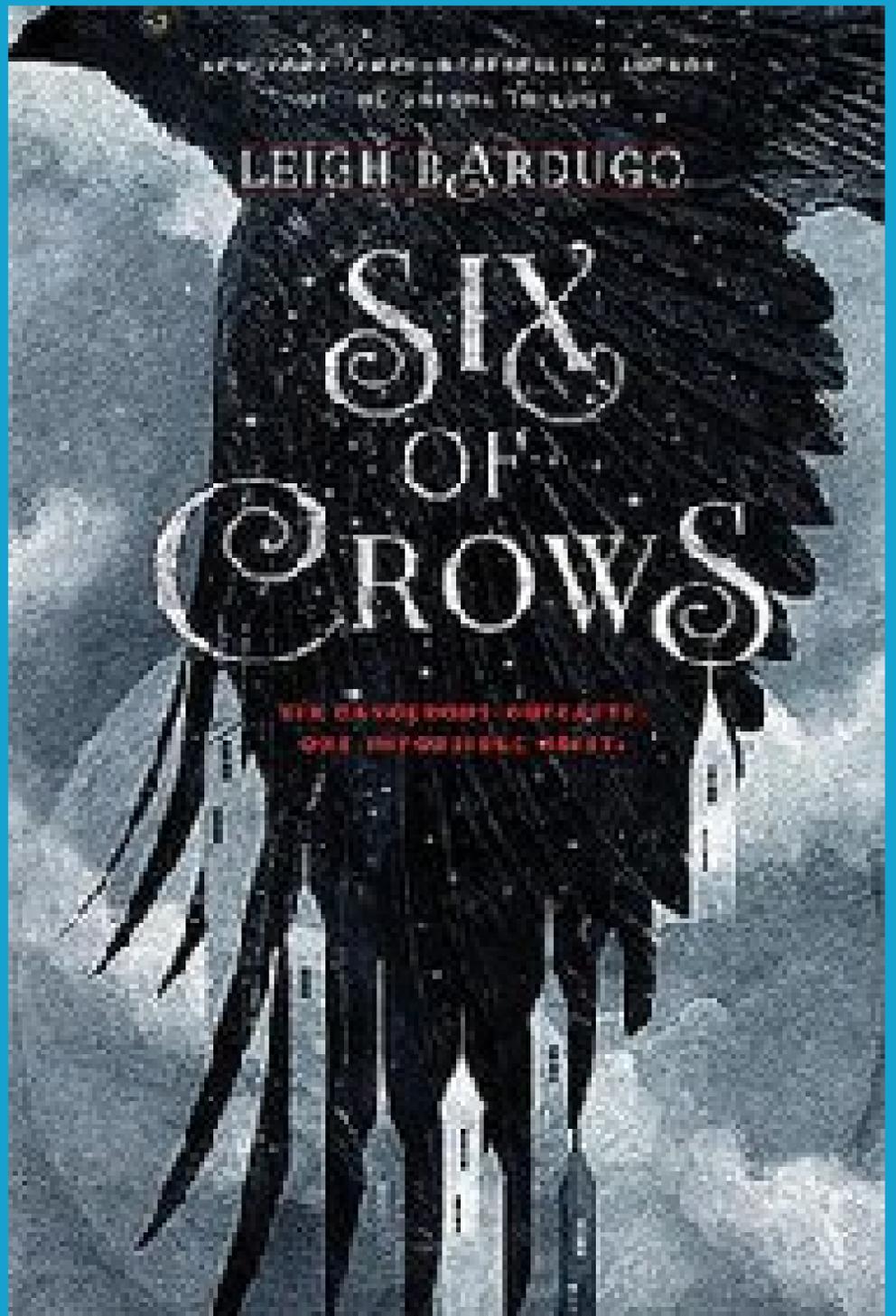
-- Crystal

Reader's Cafe

This was a book that I had heard lots of buzz about and once I started it I could understand why. *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo is a wonderfully imagined tale that pulls you in from the beginning with a twisting suspense filled story with small splashes of romance . A criminal prodigy gathers together a team of underdogs and outcasts to take on an impossible heist which, if successful, would offer freedom to some, right old wrongs and upend powerful people throughout the world.

Everyone has something dark and troubled in their past which makes it all the more exciting to read because you never know how or if they will pull through together. The world of *Six of Crows* is rich in complexity and detail which unfolds in exciting and surprising ways. The fantasy element adds another layer of tension in a world where magical abilities are embraced by some while hated by others. The second book in the series is called *Crooked Kingdom* and it is as full of intrigue and energy as the first. If you want to know more of what happens to this crew of underdogs you won't want to stop with *Six of Crows*.

-- Merley

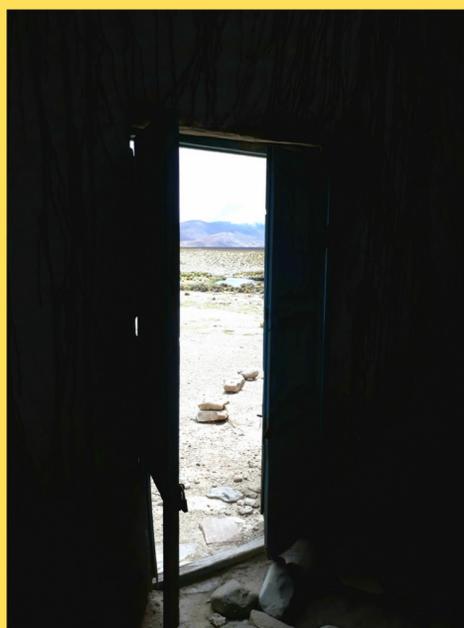


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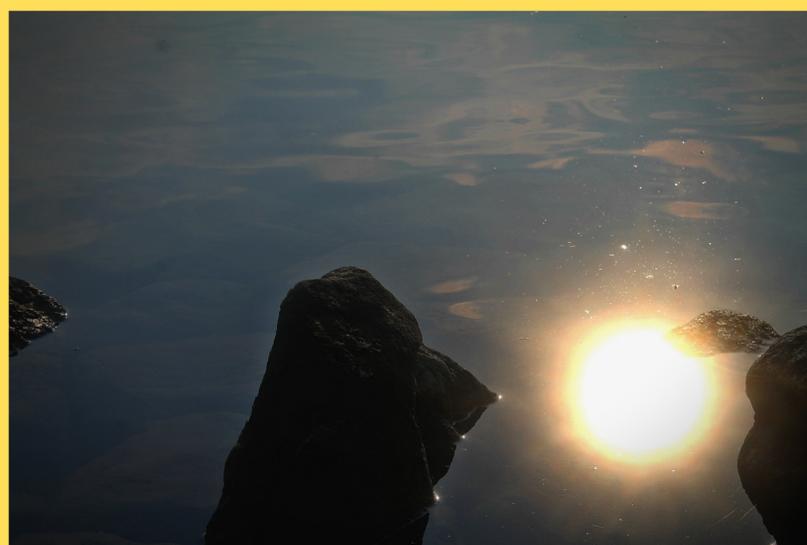
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By Hope M.



By John H.



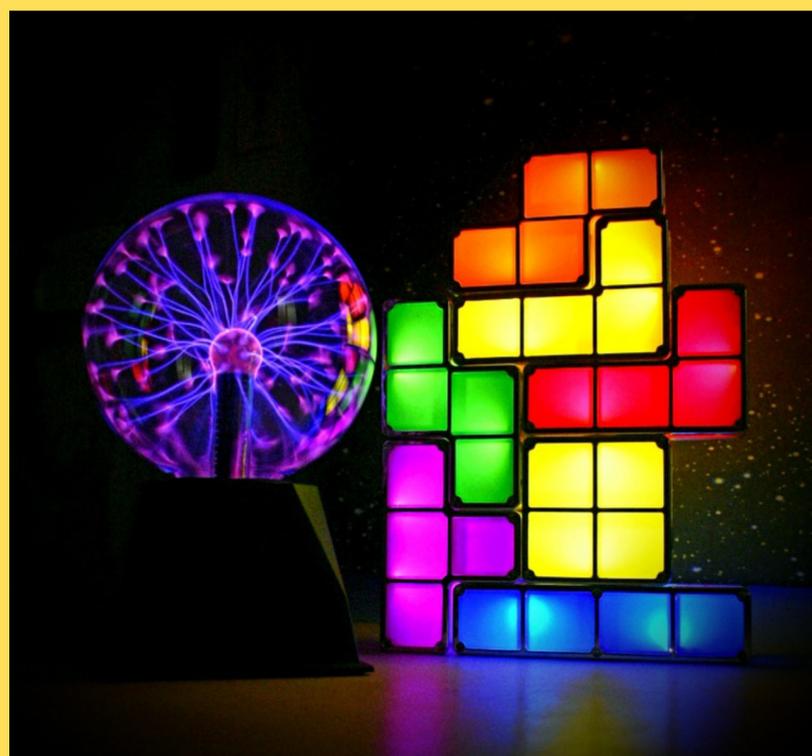
By Adia W.

2020 Teen Photography Contest Entries

Category: Game on!



By Parker H.



By Hope M.



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Category: My Diverse Community



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2020 Teen Photography Contest Entries

Category: Wellness



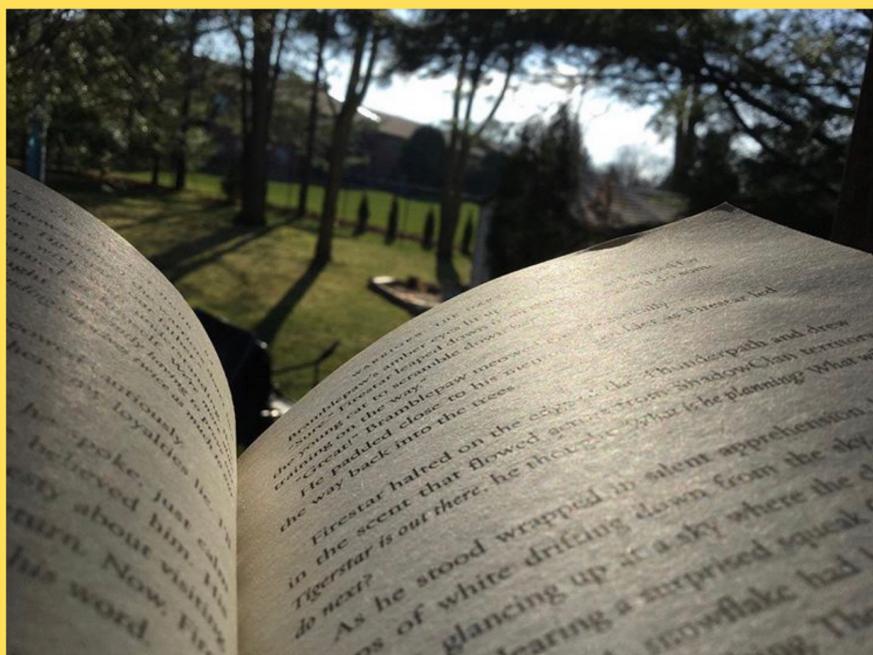
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By Adia W.

2020 Teen Photography Contest Entries

Category: #MyFavouriteRead



By Leila H.



By John H.



By Adia W.

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