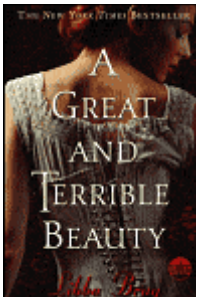


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Illinois High School Book Award Master Reading List

Brashares, Ann. Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants. **YA FIC BRA / YA PPB B / YA AUDIO BOOK BRA**

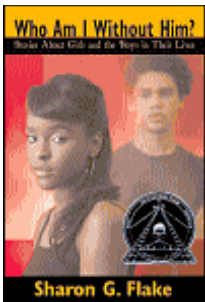


Bray, Libba. Great and Terrible Beauty. After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world. **YA FIC BRA / YA CD BOOK FIC BRA**

Cabot, Meg. All-American Girl. A sophomore girl stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed Teen Ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son. **YA FIC CAB**

Chibbaro, Julie. Redemption. Chronicles the arduous journey of a twelve-year-old English girl and her mother as they flee with other religious protesters to the New World in the early 1500's, and the heartbreak and hope they find when they arrive.

Deuker, Carl. High Heat. When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart. **JH DEU / YA PPB D**



Flake, Sharon. Who Am I Without Him?: Short Stories about Girls and the Boys in Their Lives. Short stories about teenage love and angst. **YA FIC FLA**

Gantos, Jack. Hole in My Life. The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer. **YA 813.54 GAN**

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Giles, Gail. Shattering Glass. When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence. **YA FIC GIL / Y PPB G**



Grant, K. M. Blood Red Horse. You only need three things to become a brave and noble knight: a warhorse, a fair maiden and a just cause. Will has a horse. Ellie is a fair maiden. King Richard is calling for a Crusade: the Knights of England must go to the Holy Land to fight. Will and his brother Gavin will go. The journey is fraught with peril and struggle, but through it all, they have two constants--Ellie and a blood red horse named Hosanna. **YA FIC GRA / YA CD BOOK FIC GRA**

Gregory, Julie. Sickened: the Memoir of a Munchausen by Proxy Childhood. From early childhood, Julie Gregory was continually X-rayed, medicated, and operated on - in the vain pursuit of an illness that was created in her mother's mind. Munchausen by proxy (MBP) is the world's most hidden and dangerous form of child abuse, in which the caretaker - almost always the mother - invents or induces symptoms in her child because she craves the attention of medical professionals. Many MBP children die, but Julie Gregory not only survived, she escaped the powerful orbit of her mother's madness and rebuilt her identity as a vibrant, healthy young woman. **616.85 GRE**

Halpin, Bredon. Donorboy. Rosalind had two mommies. Now, thanks to a tragic accident involving foodstuffs, she has none. And Sean, the sperm donor responsible for half her DNA (and nothing else), is taking custody. Rosalind finds herself adjusting to a new life that seems both hateful and surreal-she's an orphan with a new father, surrounded by friends she is beginning to despise and well-meaning adults who succeed only in annoying her. **YA FIC HAL**

Hautman, Pete. Godless. When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own. **YA FIC HAU**



Hearn, Lian. Across the Nightingale Floor. Set in a long-ago world resembling medieval Japan, where warring clans brutally battle it out while the nobility plots political marriages, the action starts almost immediately. Bodies are piling up by the third page, as teenage Takeo witnesses a massacre in his previously peaceful village. He seems to be writing his own ticket to the grave when he knocks an evil warlord from his horse. The boy is saved, though, by Lord Otori, who introduces Takeo to his clan -- hence the subtitle, *Tales of the Otori*. **FIC HEARN, L**

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Lindsay, Jeff. Darkly Dreaming Dexter. Dexter Morgan is a blood-spatter expert for the Miami Police with an uncanny knack for criminal profiling. Is he tormented by some dark affinity with the evil that men do? Not a bit. He's a very accomplished serial killer himself. Dexter's pragmatic foster dad recognized the boy's homicidal tendencies and channeled them toward a cautious and constructive vigilantism. Helping solve crimes by day and tidily filleting the worst kind of predators by moonlight, our friendly neighborhood sociopath is doing well until a new killer, who has perfected Dexter's modus operandi, surfaces. Dexter finds his carefully balanced double life rocked by strange new feelings of rivalry and kinship. **FIC LINDSAY, J / CD BOOK LINDSAY**



McNamee, Graham. Acceleration. Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him. **YA FIC MCN**

Morgan, Nicola. Fleshmarket. In nineteenth-century Scotland, following the death of his mother during surgery, Robbie decides to take revenge on the surgeon who performed the operation, Dr. Robert Knox, and in the process, makes a gruesome discovery about the lengths the medical profession will go to advance its knowledge of anatomy. **YA FIC MOR**

Morgenroth, Kate. Jude. Still reeling from his drug-dealing father's murder, moving in with the wealthy mother he never knew, and transferring to a private school, fifteen-year-old Jude is tricked into pleading guilty to a crime he did not commit. **YA FIC MOR**

Paulsen, Gary. Guts. The author relates incidents in his life and how they inspired parts of his books about the character, Brian Robeson. **J B PAU**

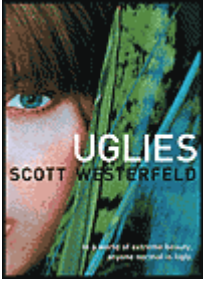


Pratchett, Terry. Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents. A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king. **YA FIC PRA**

Ralston, Aron. Between a Rock and a Hard Place. One of the most extraordinary survival stories ever told -- Aron Ralston's searing account of his six days trapped in one of the most remote spots in America, and how one inspired act of bravery brought him home. **796.522 RALSTON**

Runyon, Brent. Burn Journals. After a bad day at school, eighth grader Brent Runyon comes home, plays a little basketball with his brother, then goes inside, soaks his bathrobe in gasoline, and set himself on fire. Thus begins the real-life odyssey of a 14-year-old boy struggling first to survive and then to retrieve a place in the universe. **YA 362.28 RUN**

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Westerfeld, Scott. Uglies. Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to be pretty. She'd rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world -- and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally the worst choice she can imagine: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. The choice Tally makes changes her world forever. **YA FIC WES**