

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume I: The Pox Party

by Anderson, M.T.

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

Young Adult Fiction Anderson

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

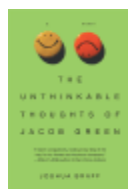
by Beah, Ishmael
In a heart-wrenching, candid autobiography, a human rights activist offers a firsthand account of war from the perspective of a former child soldier, detailing the violent civil war that wracked his native Sierra Leone and the government forces that transformed a gentle young boy into a killer as a member of the army.

Biography Beah

The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green

by Braff, Joshua
Jacob Green, a young Jewish boy growing up in 1970s suburban New Jersey, struggles to deal with his fear of disappointing and yearning to escape the demands and expectations of his tyrannical and narcissistic father, Abram.

Young Adult Fiction Braff



Columbine by Cullen, Dave
Ten years in the making and a masterpiece of reportage, "Columbine" is an award-winning journalist's definitive account of one of the most shocking massacres in American history.

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A Swift Pure Cry

by Dowd, Siobhan
Coolbar, Ireland, is a village of secrets and Shell, caretaker to her younger brother and sister after the death of their mother and with the absence of their father, is not about to reveal hers until suspicion falls on the wrong person.

Young Adult Fiction Dowd

I Love You, Beth Cooper

by Doyle, Larry
Denis Cooverman didn't want to give a typical graduation speech, cherishing memories and embracing challenges and crap. So, instead, he stood up in front of his 512 classmates and their 3,000 relatives and said something really important: "I love you, Beth Cooper." It would have been such a sweet, romantic moment. Except that: Beth, the head cheerleader, has only the vaguest idea who Denis is.

Fiction Doyle



Never Let Me Go

by Ishiguro, Kazuo
A reunion with two childhood friends- Ruth and Tommy- draws Kath and her companions on a nostalgic odyssey into the supposedly idyllic years of their lives at Hailsham, an isolated private school in the serene English countryside, and a dramatic confrontation with the truth about their childhoods and about their lives in the present.

Fiction Ishiguro

Your Own Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath

by Hemphill, Stephanie
The author interprets the people, events, influences and art that made up the brief life of Sylvia Plath.

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Boy Toy

by Lyga, Barry
After five years of fighting his way past flickers of memory about the teacher who molested him and the incident that brought the crime to light, eighteen-year-old Josh gets help in coping with his molestor's release from prison when he finally tells his best friends the whole truth.

Young Adult Fiction Lyga



Nineteen Minutes

by Picoult, Jodi
Sterling is a small, ordinary New Hampshire town where nothing ever happens - until the its complacency is shattered by a shocking act of violence. In the aftermath, the town's residents must not only seek justice in order to begin healing but also come to terms with the role they played in the tragedy.

Fiction Picoult

American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: an Odyssey in the New China

by Polly, Matthew

Describes the childhood dream that led the author to study martial arts at China's famed Shaolin Temple, his initial disenchantment that turned into respect for the instructors, and the training that eventually led him to represent the Temple in international competitions.

Nonfiction 796.8155 Pol



Spanking Shakespeare

by Wizner, Jake
Shakespeare Shapiro navigates a senior year fraught with feelings of insecurity while writing the memoir of his embarrassing life, worrying about his younger brother being cooler than he is, and having no prospects of ever getting a girlfriend.

Young Adult Fiction Wizner



Lenape High School
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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Alexie, Sherman

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