

What's New in Young Adult Literature?

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Reviews

Books for Adolescents

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The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic

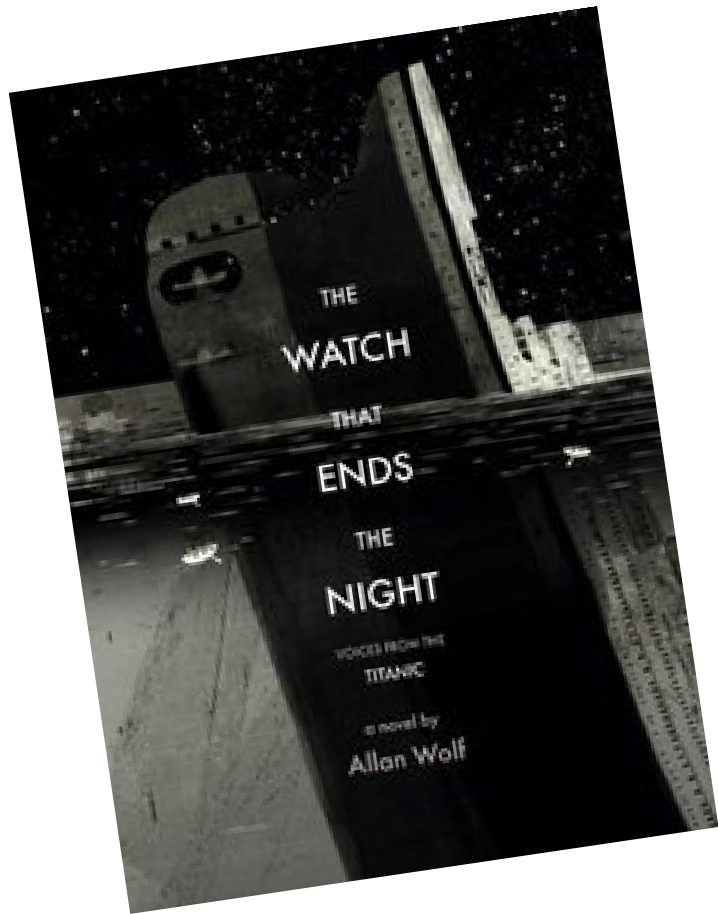
Allan Wolf. 2011. Somerville, MA: Candlewick.

Although Allan Wolf has had notable success as a performance poet, visiting issues both silly and serene, his poetry has also served his readers well in historical fiction. *New Found Land* (Candlewick, 2007) followed Lewis and Clark across the Louisiana Purchase, narrated in verse by 14 members of the expedition. *The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic* unfolds in similar fashion, as 22 voices, including the iceberg and one of the ship's rats, tell the story of the first and final voyage of the *Titanic*.

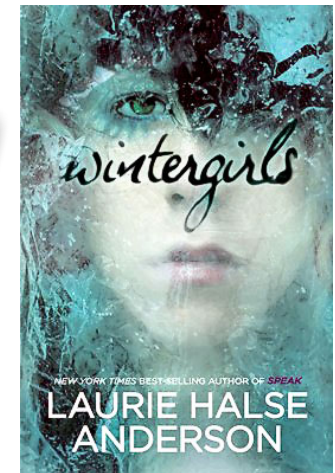
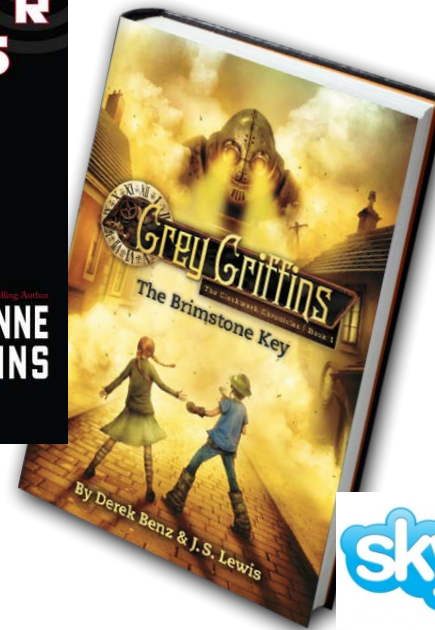
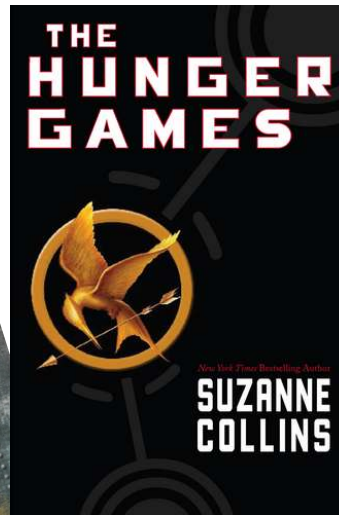
The *Titanic* is a veritable ark of human beings, including people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Social rank among the 2207 passengers is delineated along socio-economic lines deck by deck from first to third class, a social order strictly enforced by ship's rules:

FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER

The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic, by Allan Wolf



High Interest and Easy Tech: Bringing Easy-to-Use Technology to the Teaching of Young Adult Literature



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Who Are We?



Arizona State University's
Tech-YA Lit Consortium



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What Do We Do?

- We are a group of educators from all over the planet committed to integrating new technologies into the teaching of YA lit
- We share classroom strategies and offer professional support to one another



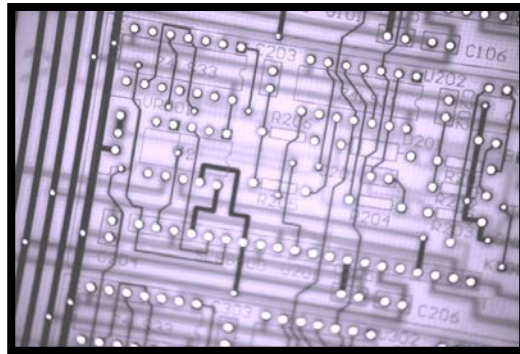
Why Use Tech to Teach YA Lit?

- Technology is *changing* the way students read and write.
- We want to *recognize* and *appreciate* the ways students engage in literacy on the Internet



Why Use Tech to Teach YA Lit?

- We want to make students' *at-home literacies* a part of the classroom
- We want to use tech to *affirm* our advanced learners and *support* our struggling learners



I ♥ EdTech

Using Skype to Teach YA Lit

- ASU Preparatory Academy, 8th grade, Phoenix
- Teachers use Skype, a free video-teleconferencing tool, to chat with YA author, PJ Haarsma
- <http://www.skype.com/>
 - You need: the Internet, the program, and a webcam

ASU Tech-YA Skype Central

YA Author: **Alan Sitomer**

Email: AlanSitomer@gmail.com

Skype fee: \$300

YA Author: **Jewell Rhodes**

Email: jewellparkerrhodes@gmail.com

Skype fee: **No fee**

YA Author and Editor: **Ann Angel**

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YA Author: **M.T. Anderson**

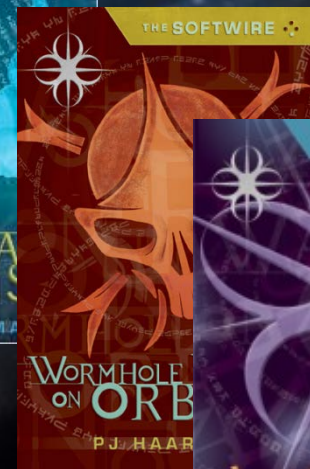
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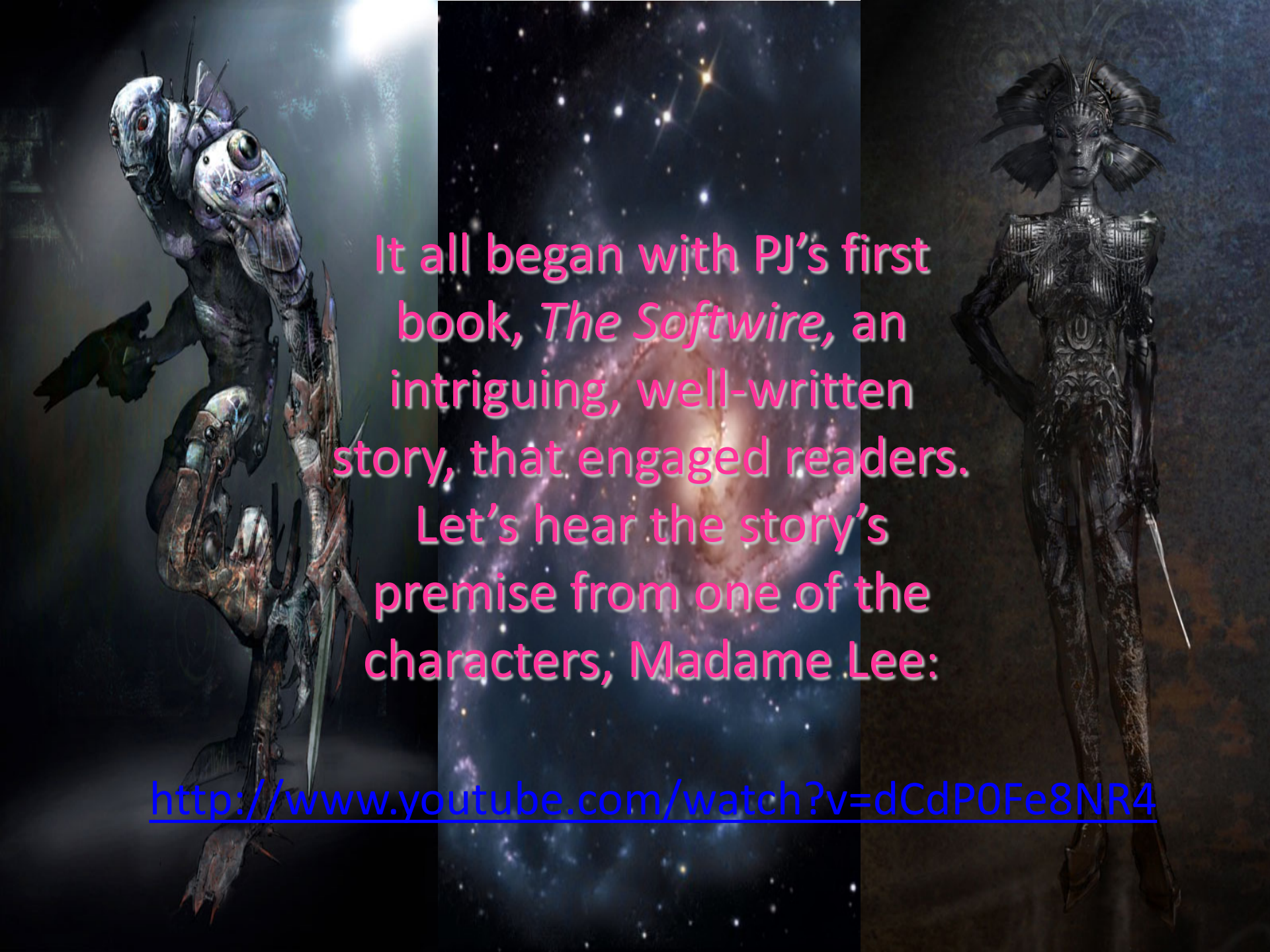
Skype fee: TBD



50 additional authors have joined Skype Central and more continue to join!

PJ Haarsma and the Softwire series





It all began with PJ's first book, *The Software*, an intriguing, well-written story, that engaged readers. Let's hear the story's premise from one of the characters, Madame Lee:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCdP0Fe8NR4>



But PJ didn't think the website alone was enough. What were readers to do when

they finished each book but wanted to continue their experience with the world their imaginations had created. How could they continue to experience the Rings of Orbis?



And so he created
The Rings of Orbis Game.

<http://www.ringsoforbis.com/docs/preview/preview.php>

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	Great Britain	gb	21303	26316	86.10 MB
	Australia	au	644	2297	14.52 MB
	Singapore	sg	317	635	8.94 MB
	China	cn	183	658	6.71 MB
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Option 1: Very likely.

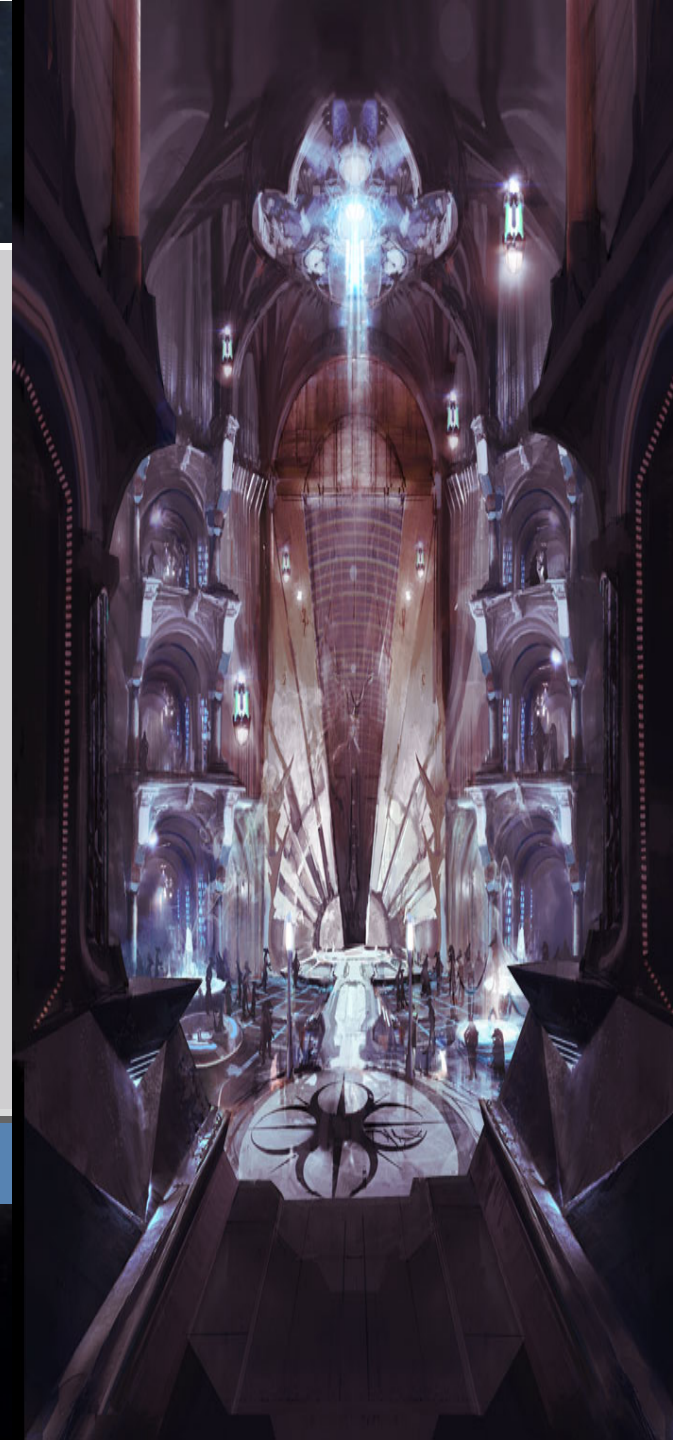
- votes: **264** (84.08%)

Option 2: Somewhat likely

- votes: **39** (12.42%)

Option 3: Not likely.

- votes: **11** (3.50%)



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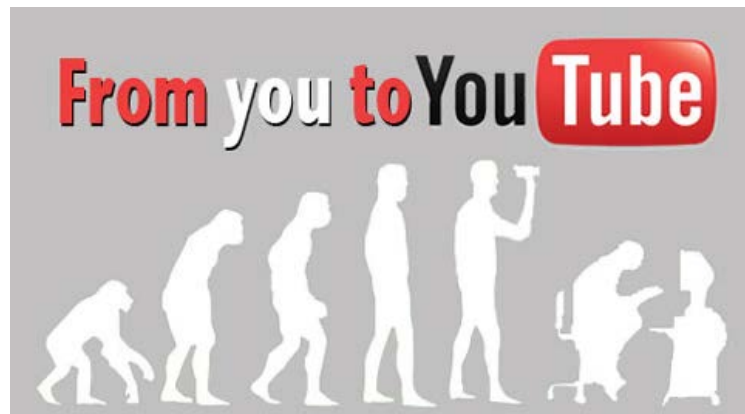


A Final Thought...

“I think we’re in the midst of a literacy revolution the likes of which we haven’t seen since Greek civilization.”

– Andrea Lunsford, Stanford University

What role will you and your students play in this *revolution*?



Our Website

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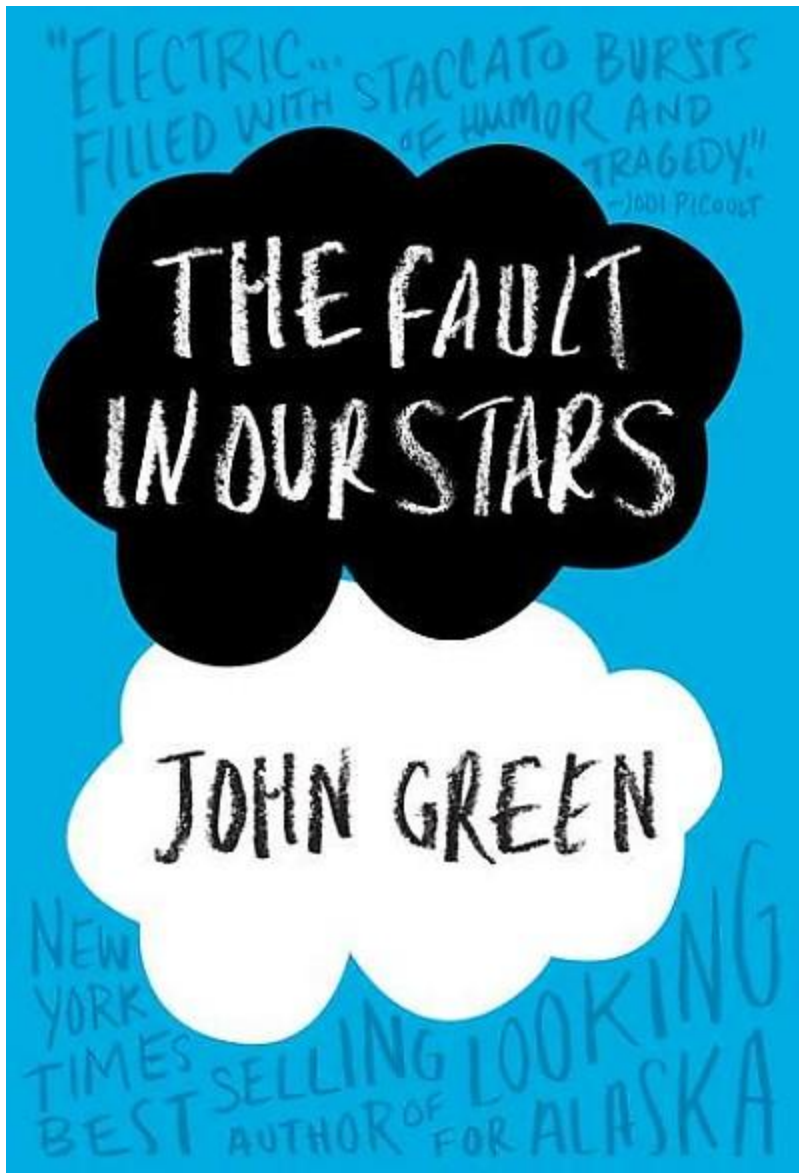
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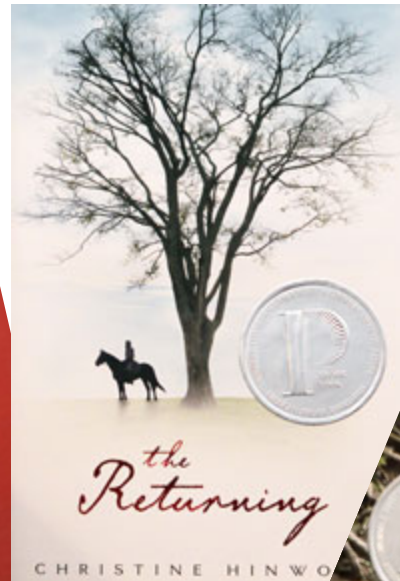
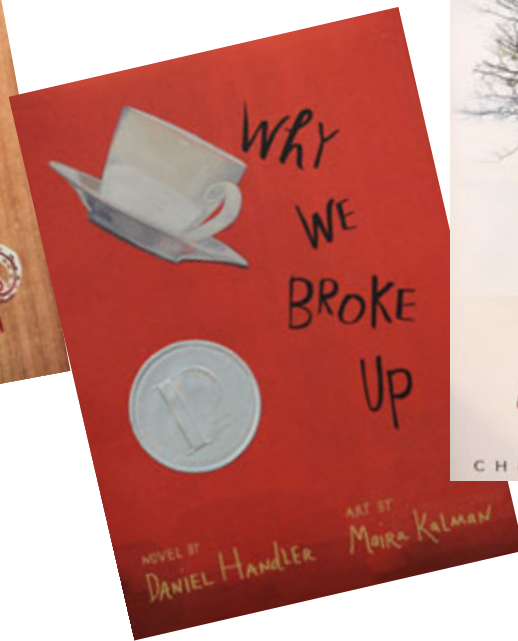


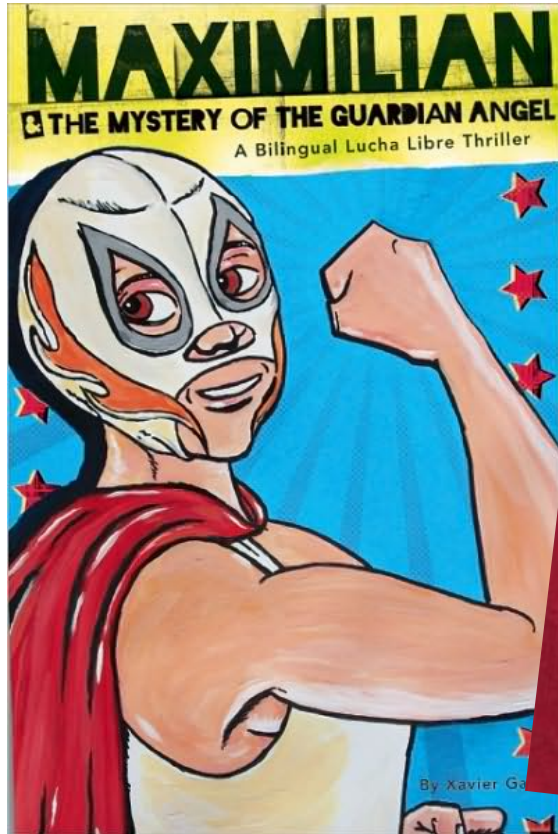
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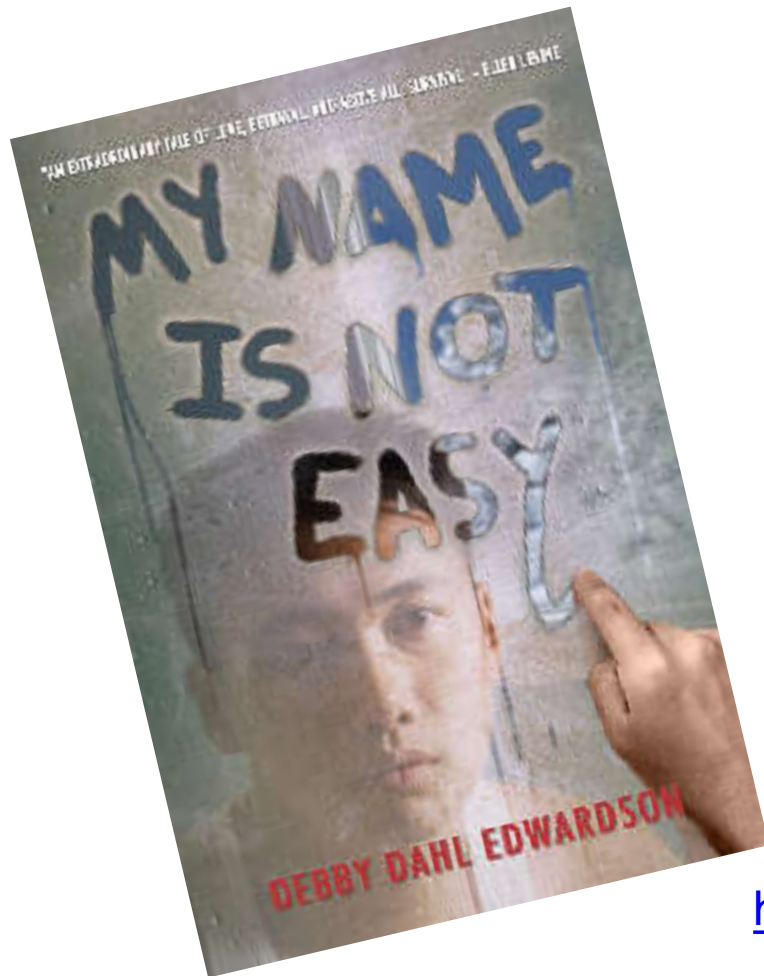
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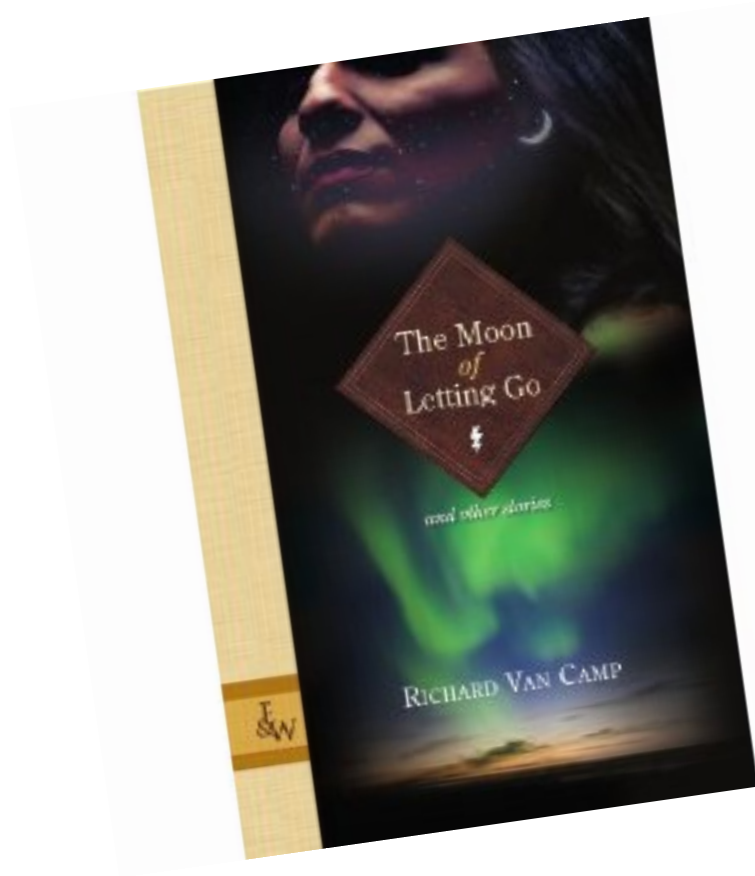
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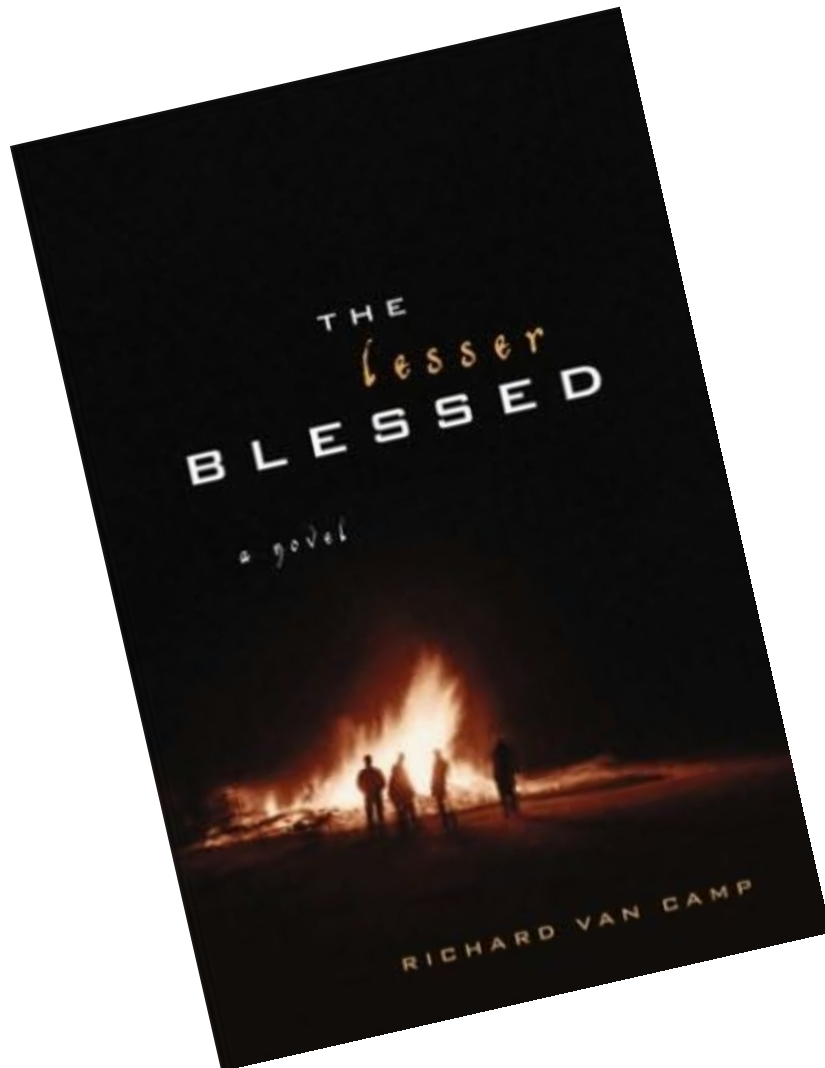
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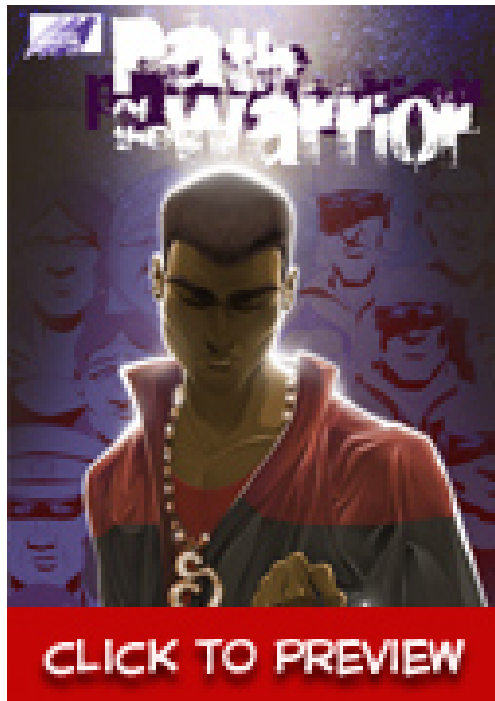
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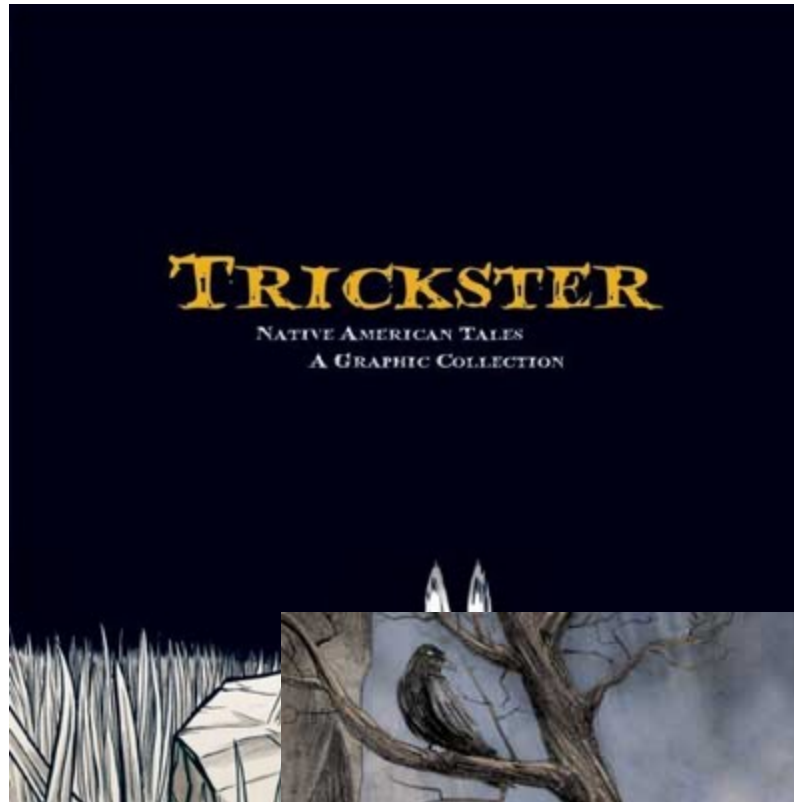
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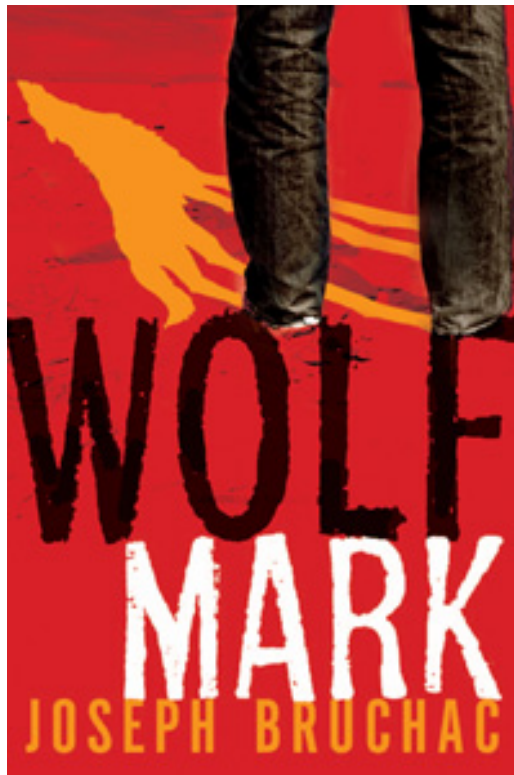
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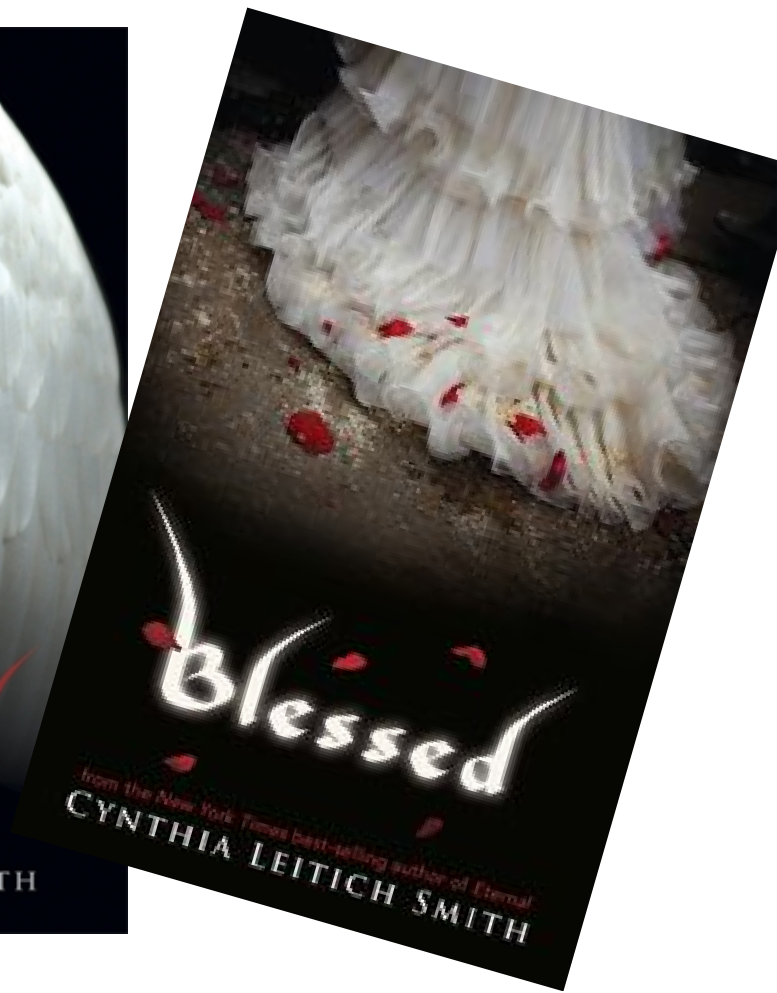
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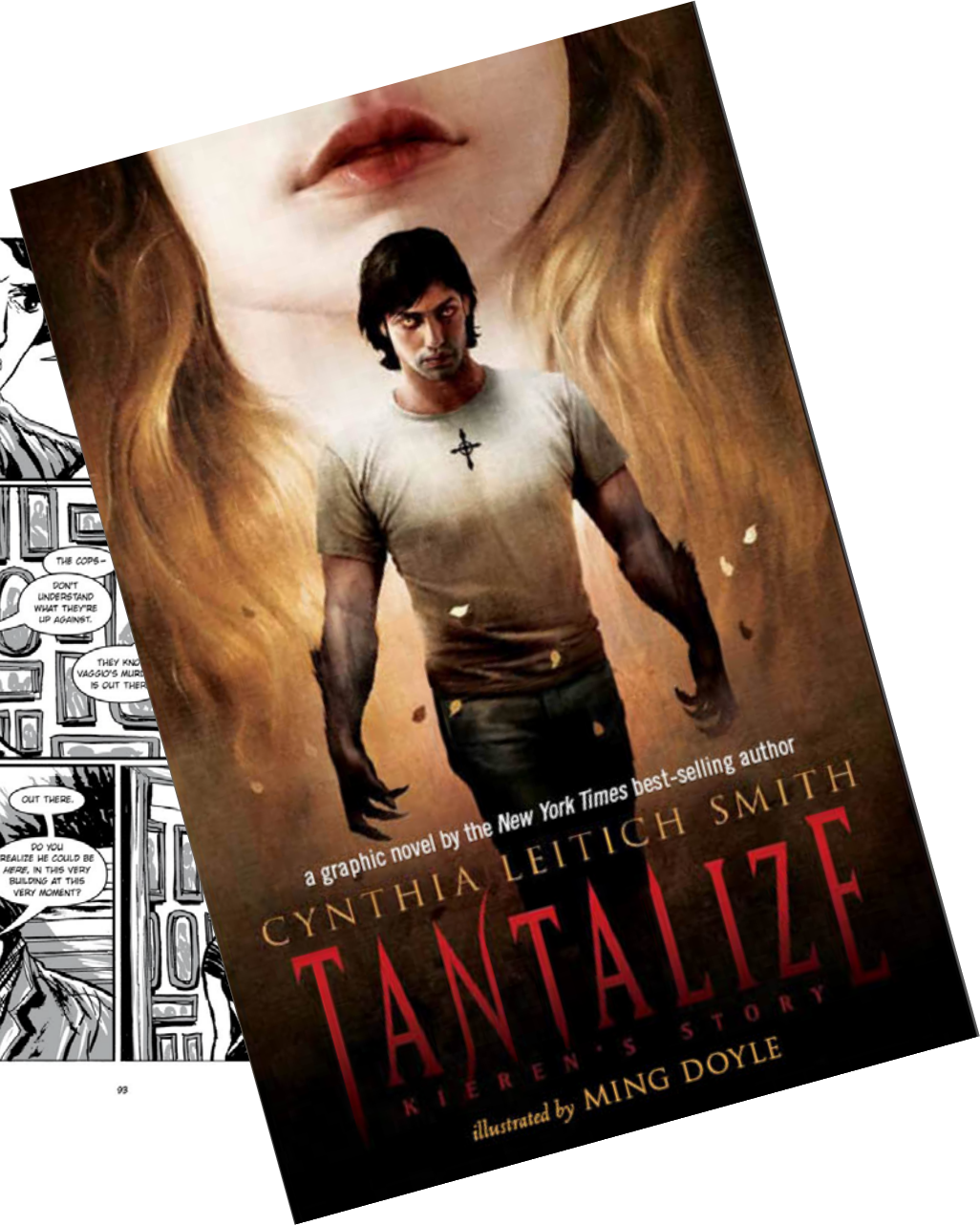


- Trickster tales told by Native American storytellers.

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Debbie Reese

I am tribally enrolled at Nambe Pueblo in northern New Mexico. I'm from the Upper Village (Yates family).

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(Last update to "About AICL" was on April 5, 2011.)

1. History and Purpose

I launched AICL in May of 2006. By then, I had become an avid reader of a new form of expression--weblogs (blog for short)--and was keenly aware of their potential for impacting change.

As a relatively new assistant professor at a "Research I" university (the height of the "publish or perish" institution), I knew it was important that I publish my research in academic journals and books, but ***as a Native parent and former schoolteacher, I knew that those academic journals are not easily accessible or available to people who work with children on a daily basis...***

I was raised at Nambe Owingeh (a federally recognized tribe) and I am tribally enrolled

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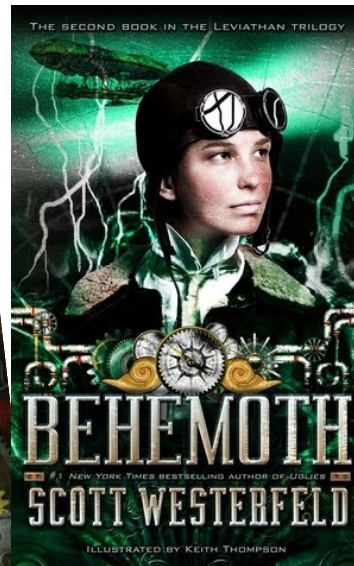
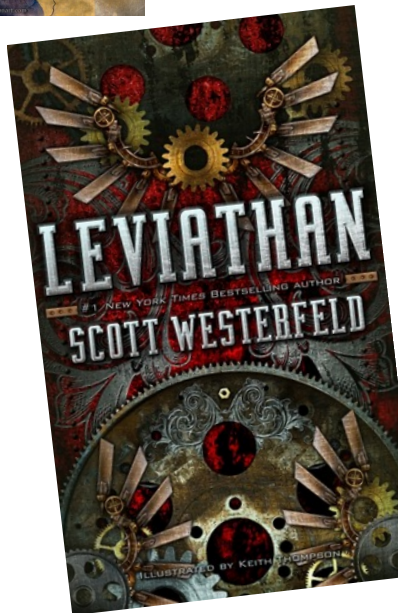
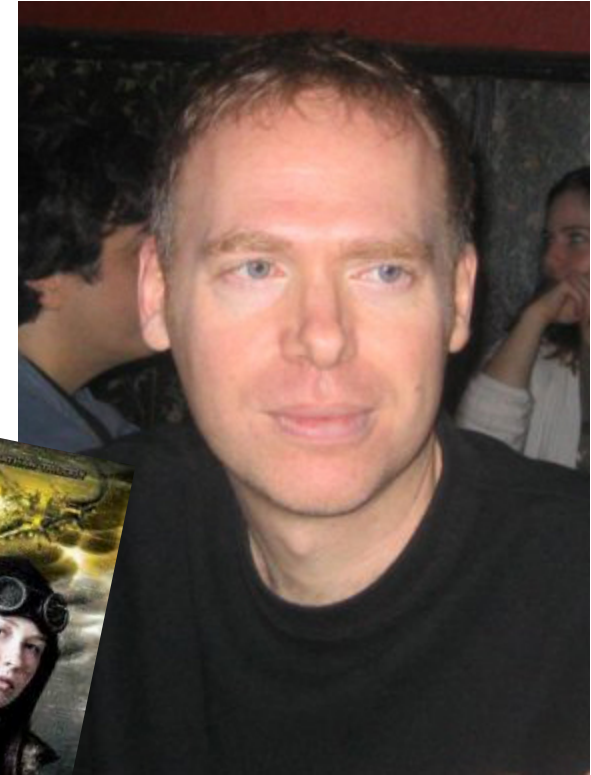
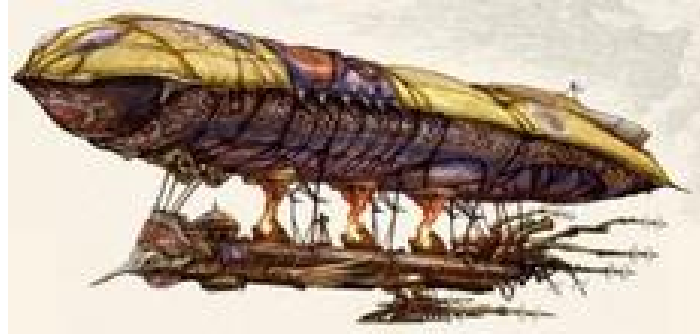
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- Please visit my website for a PowerPoint presentation on the best in Native American young adult literature and a list of recommended books.



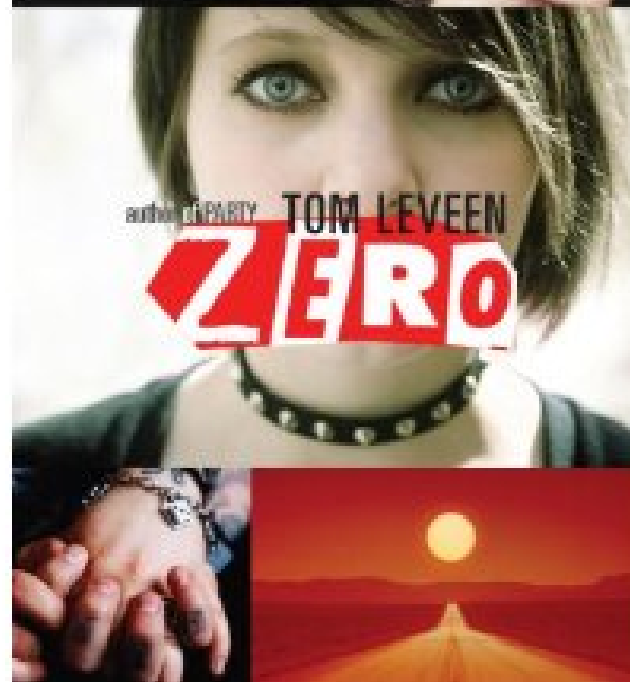
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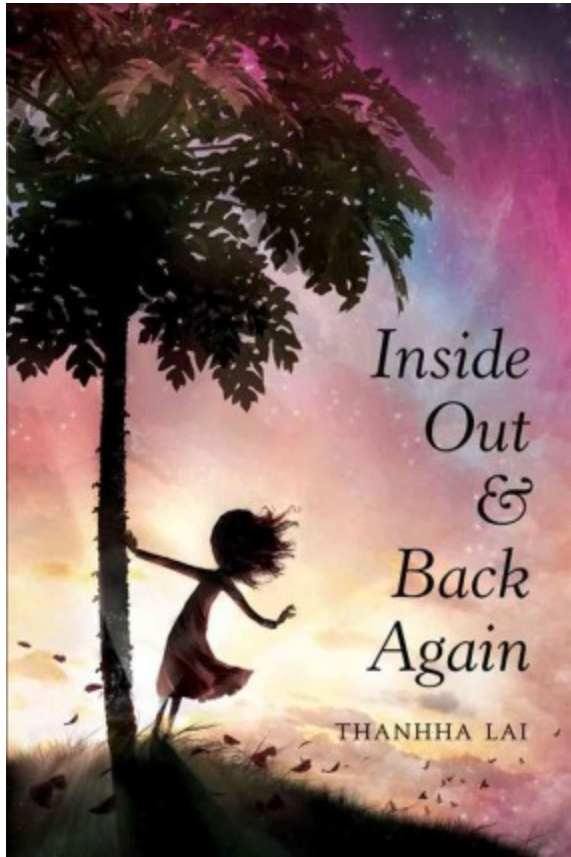


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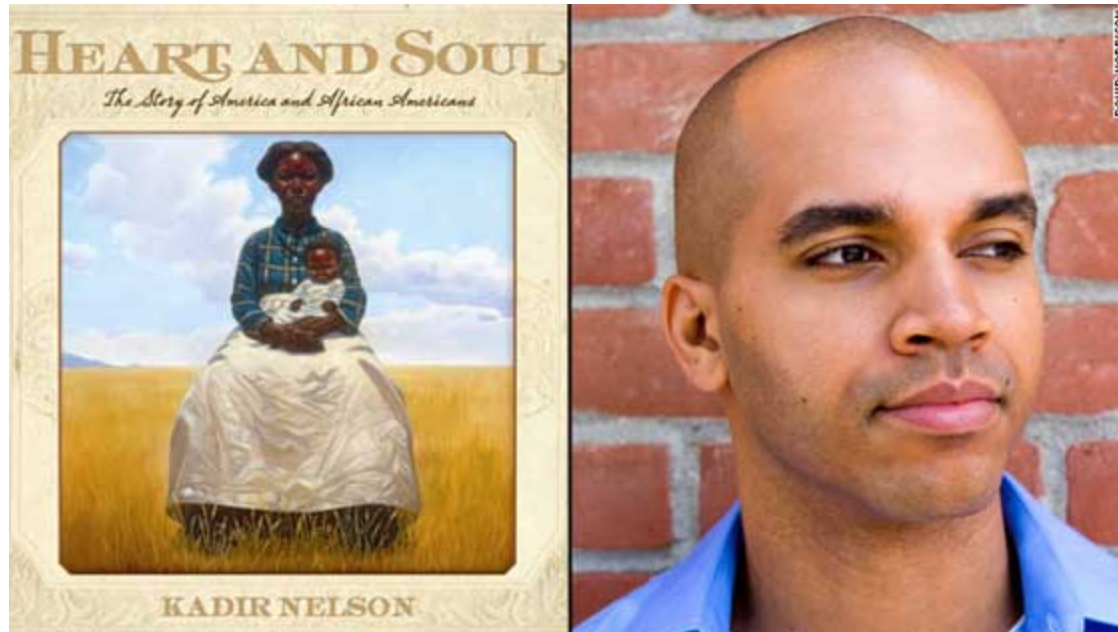


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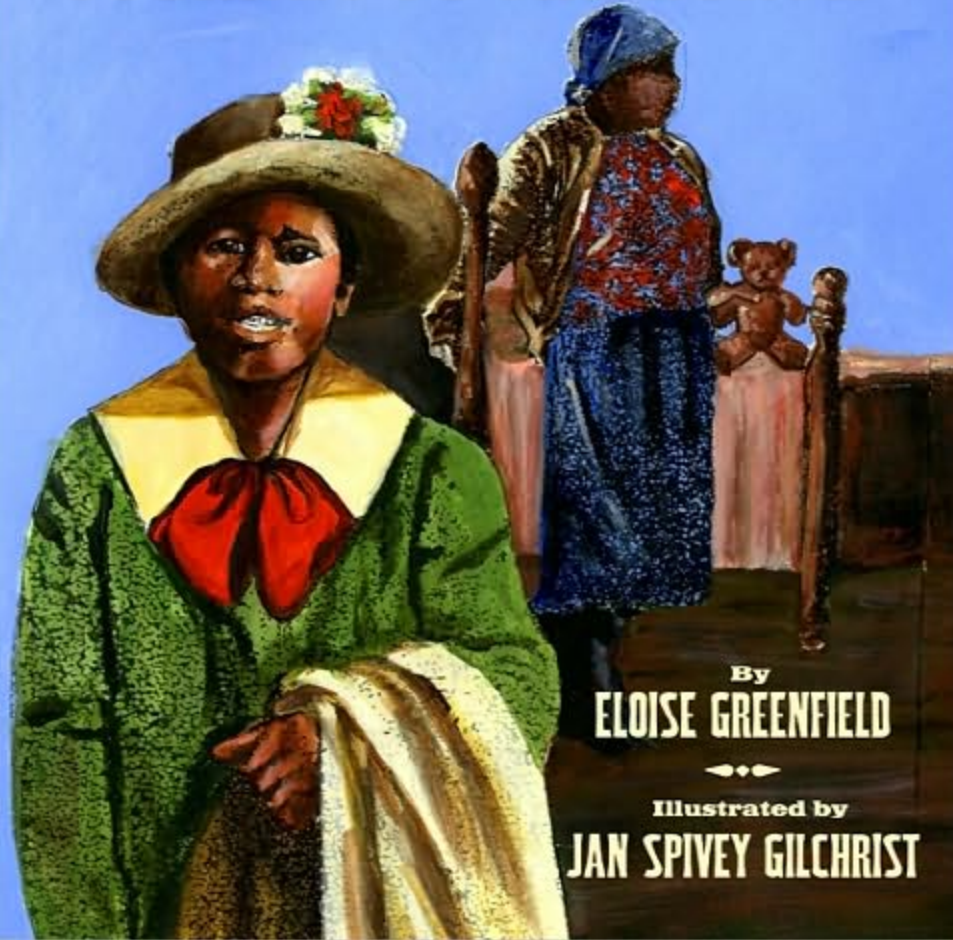


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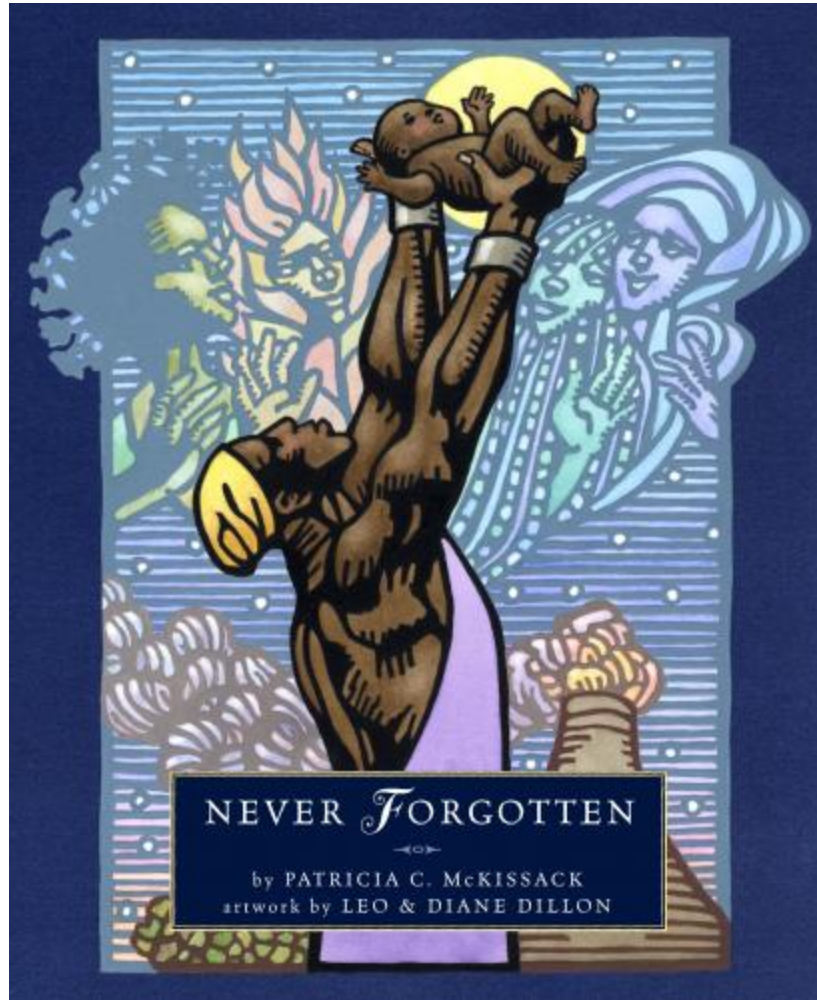
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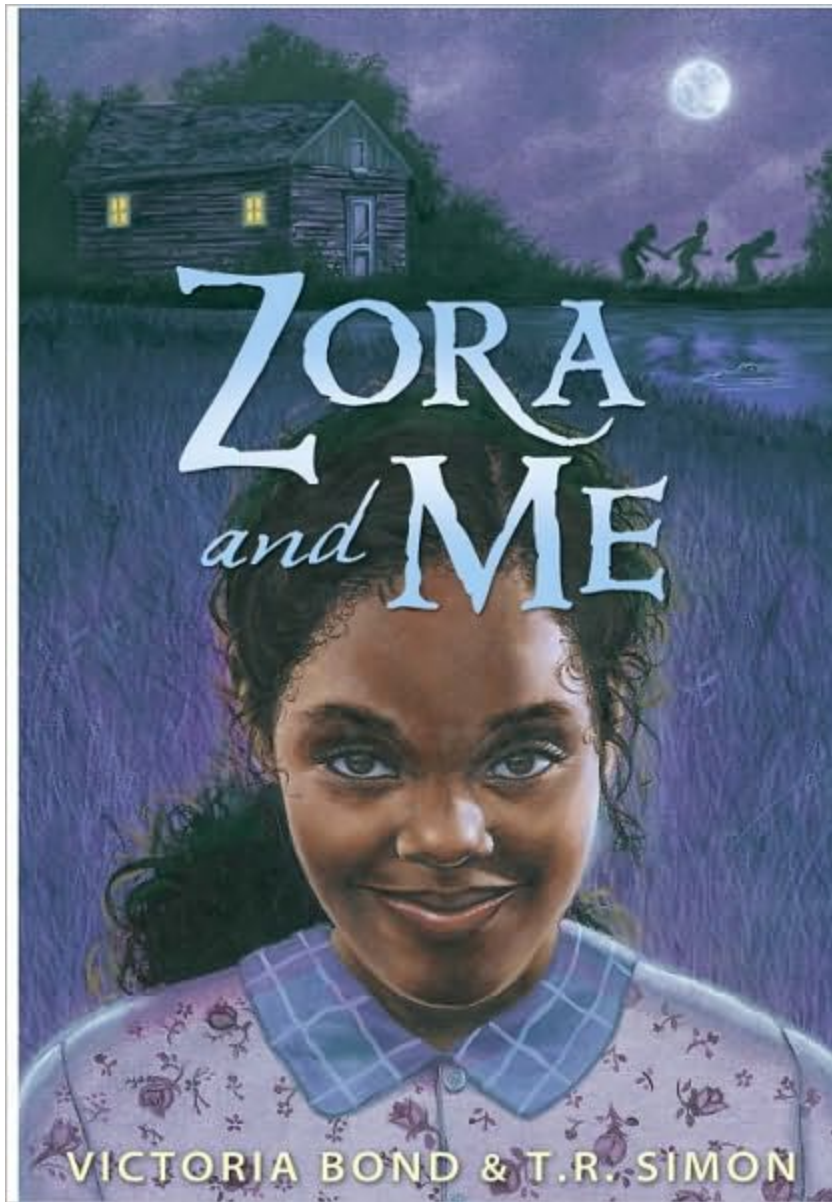
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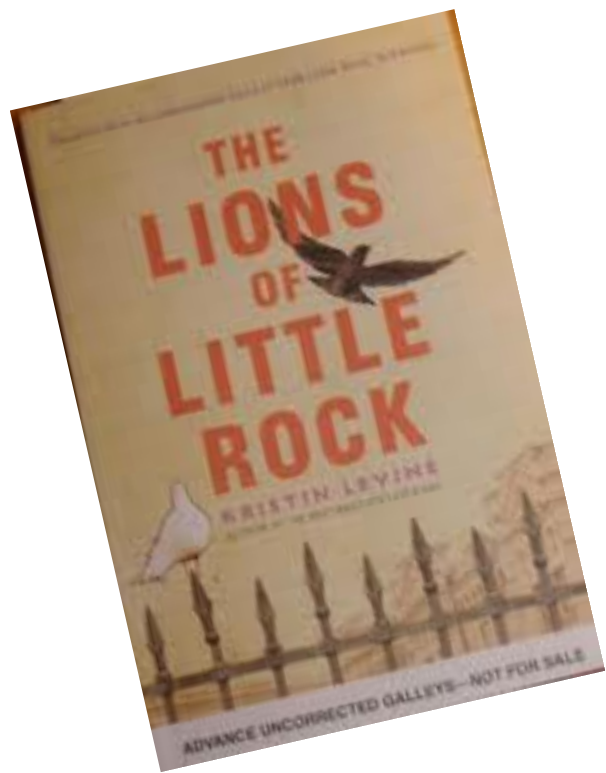
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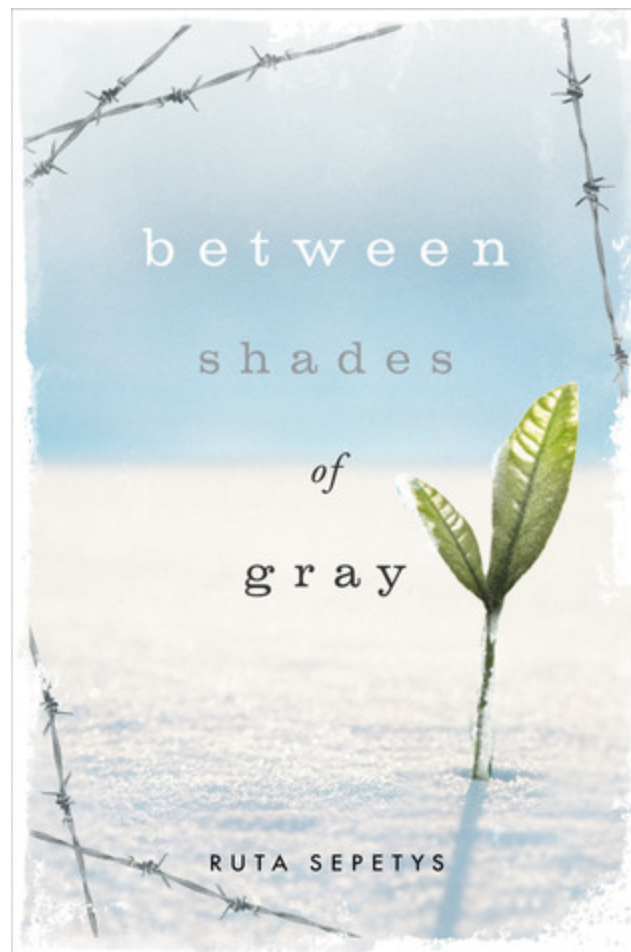


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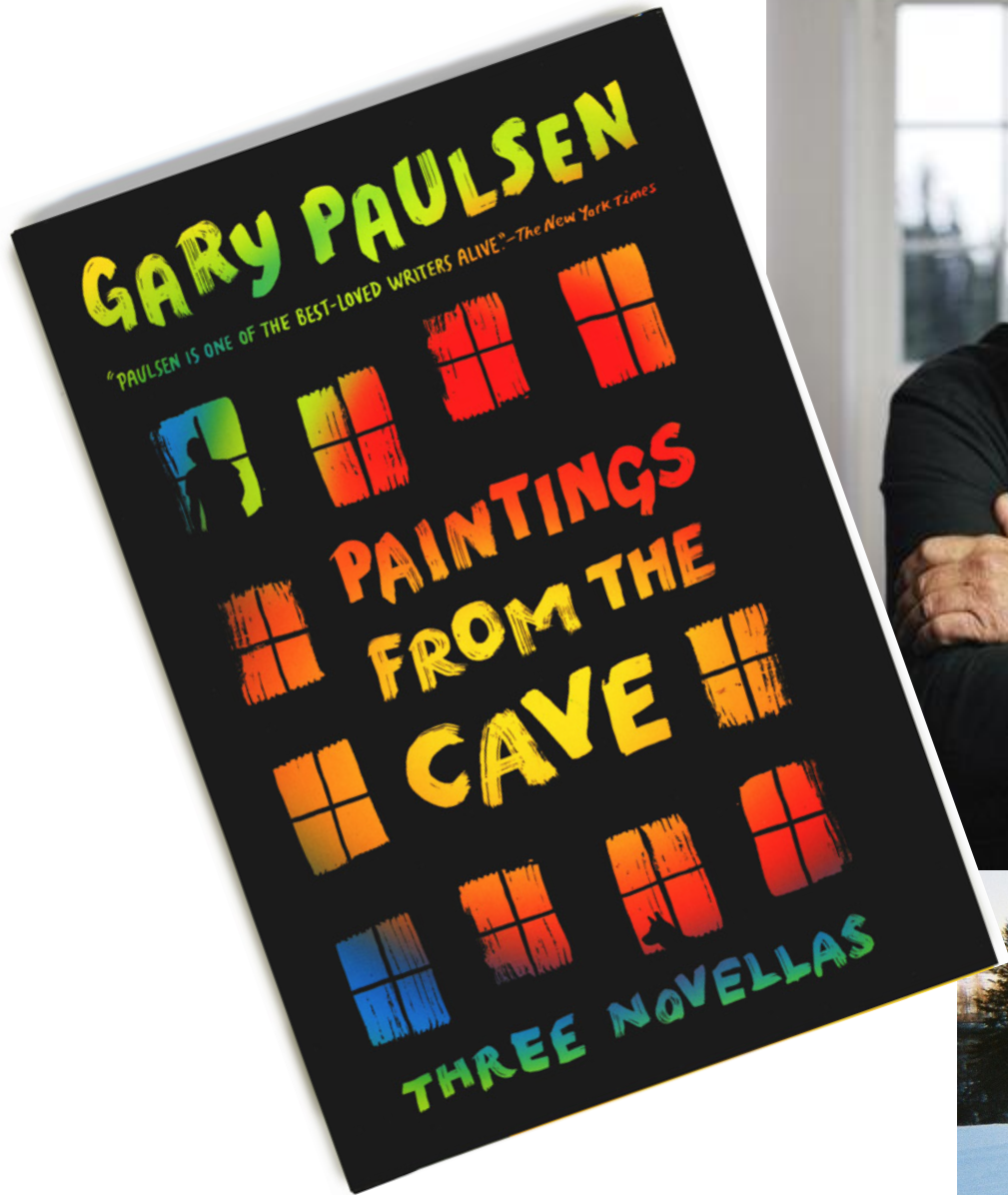
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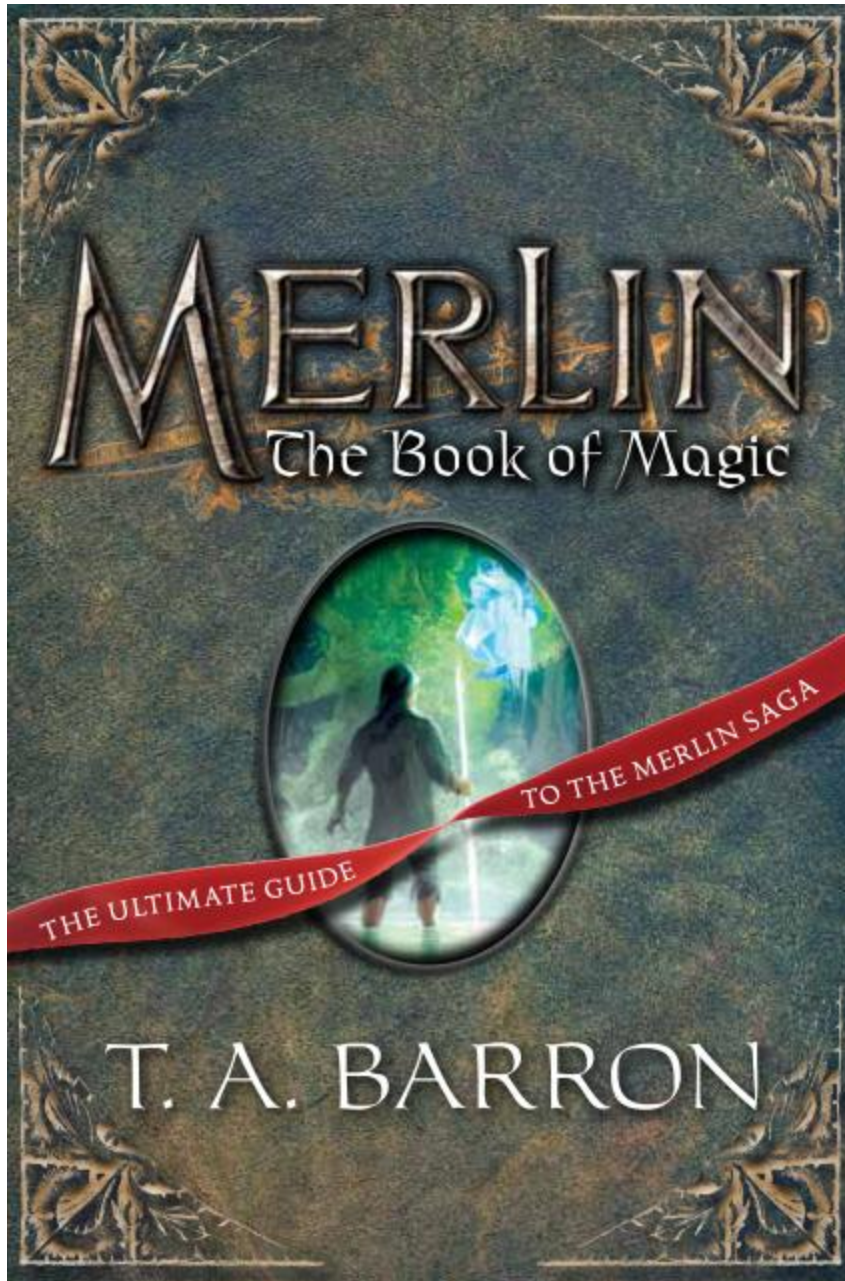
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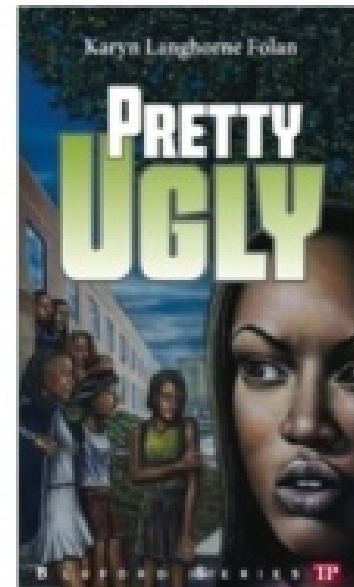
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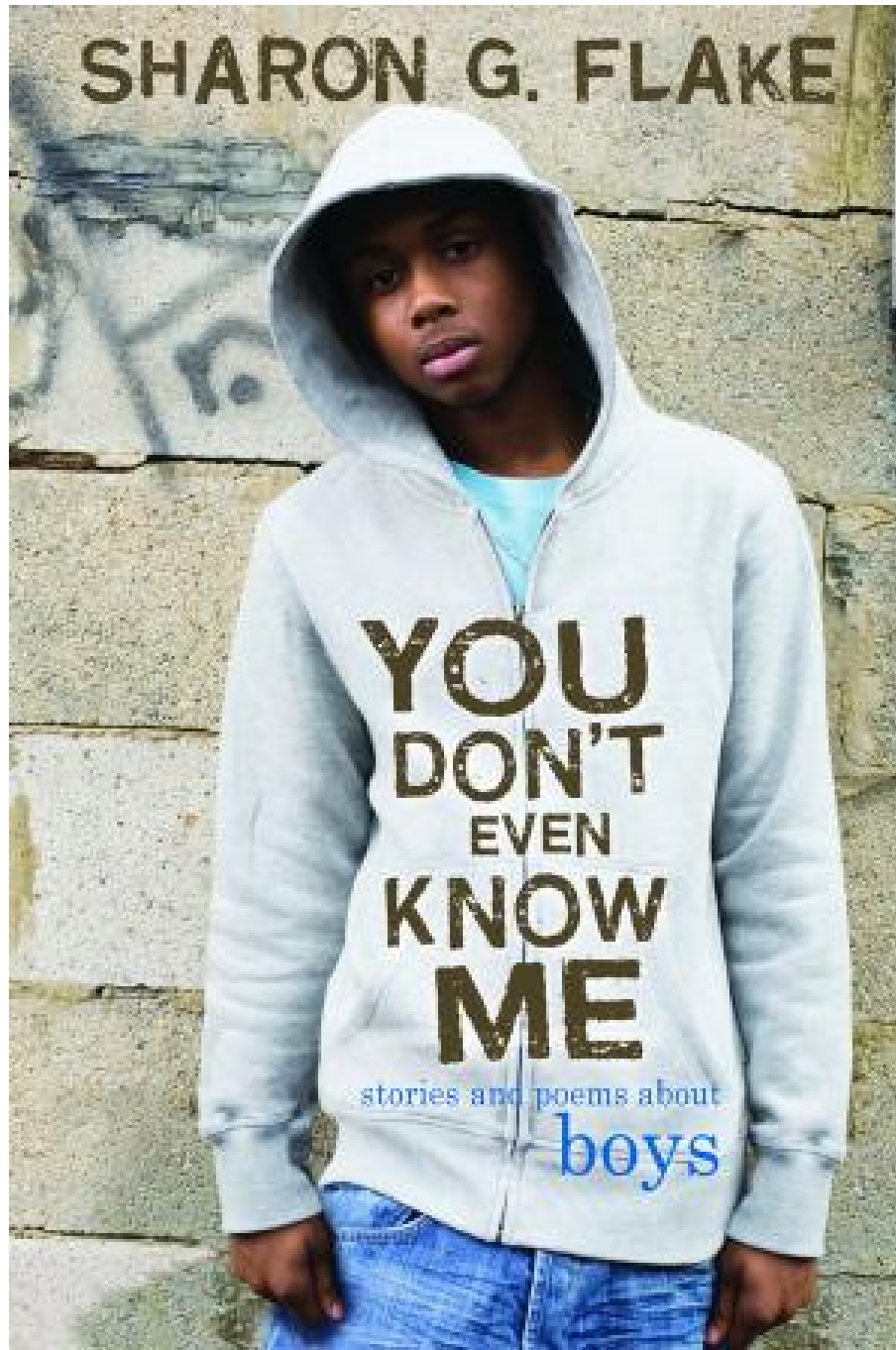


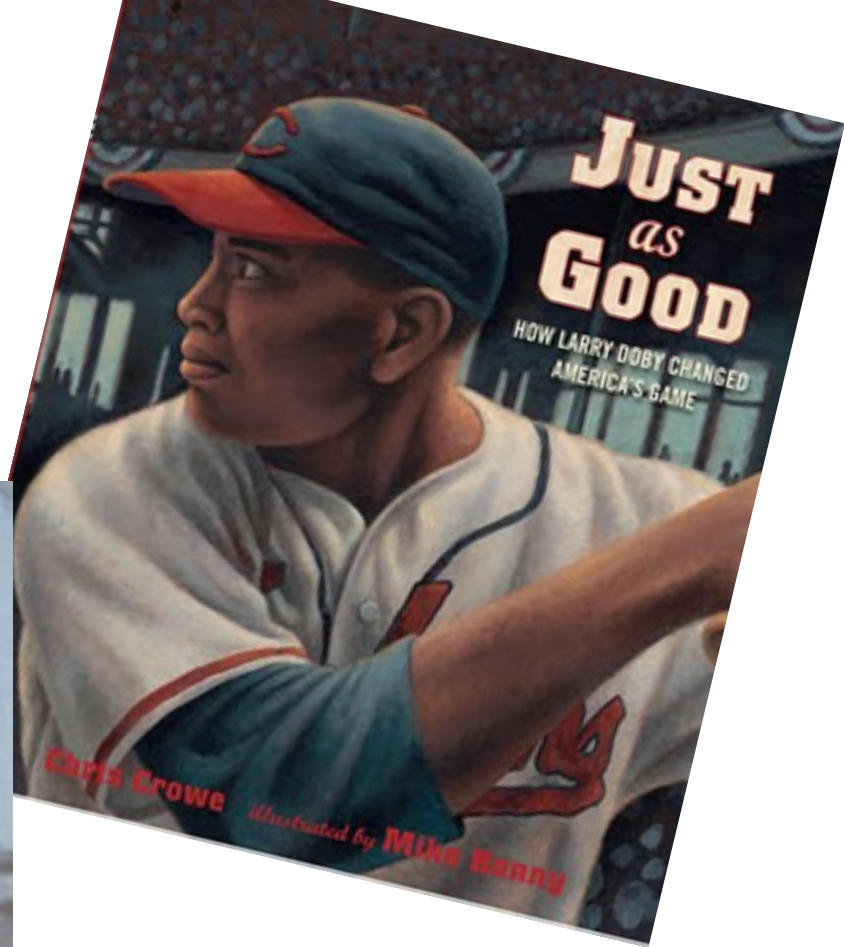


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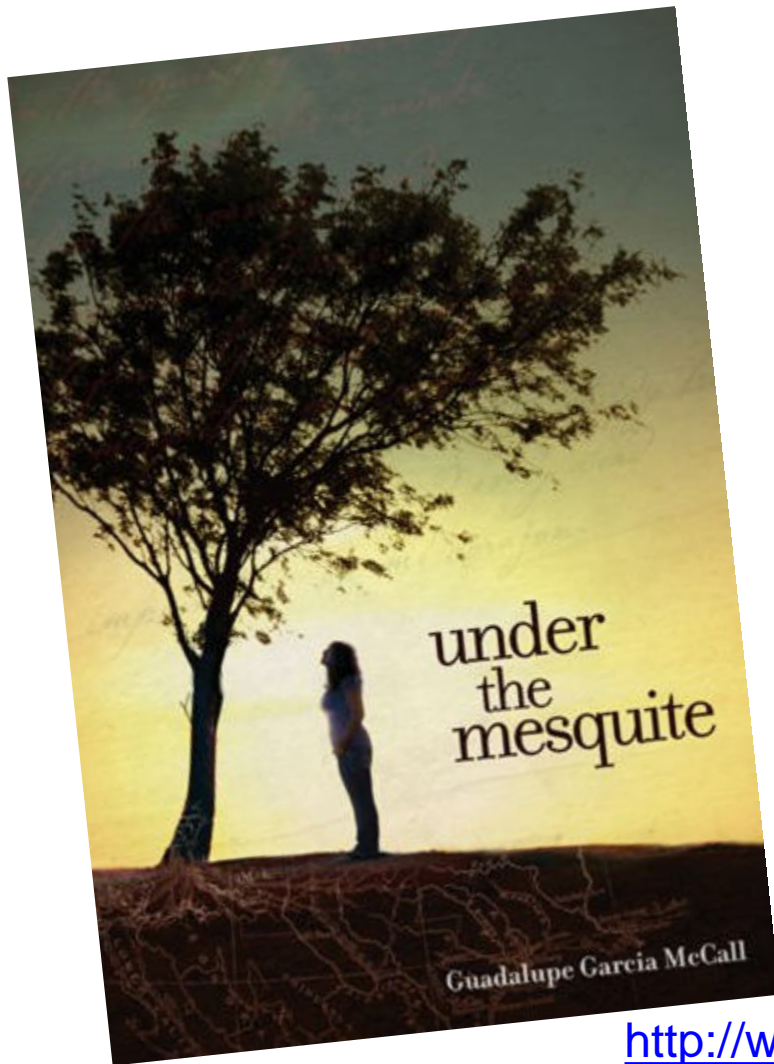
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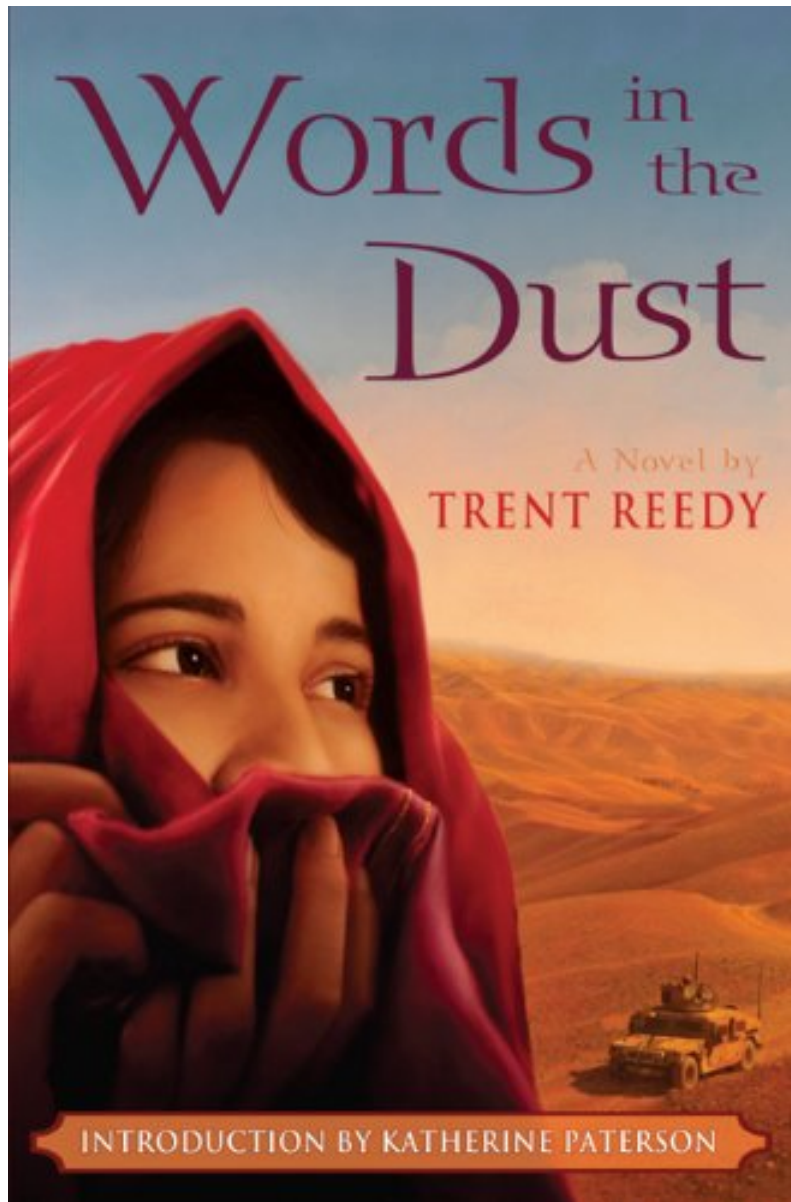


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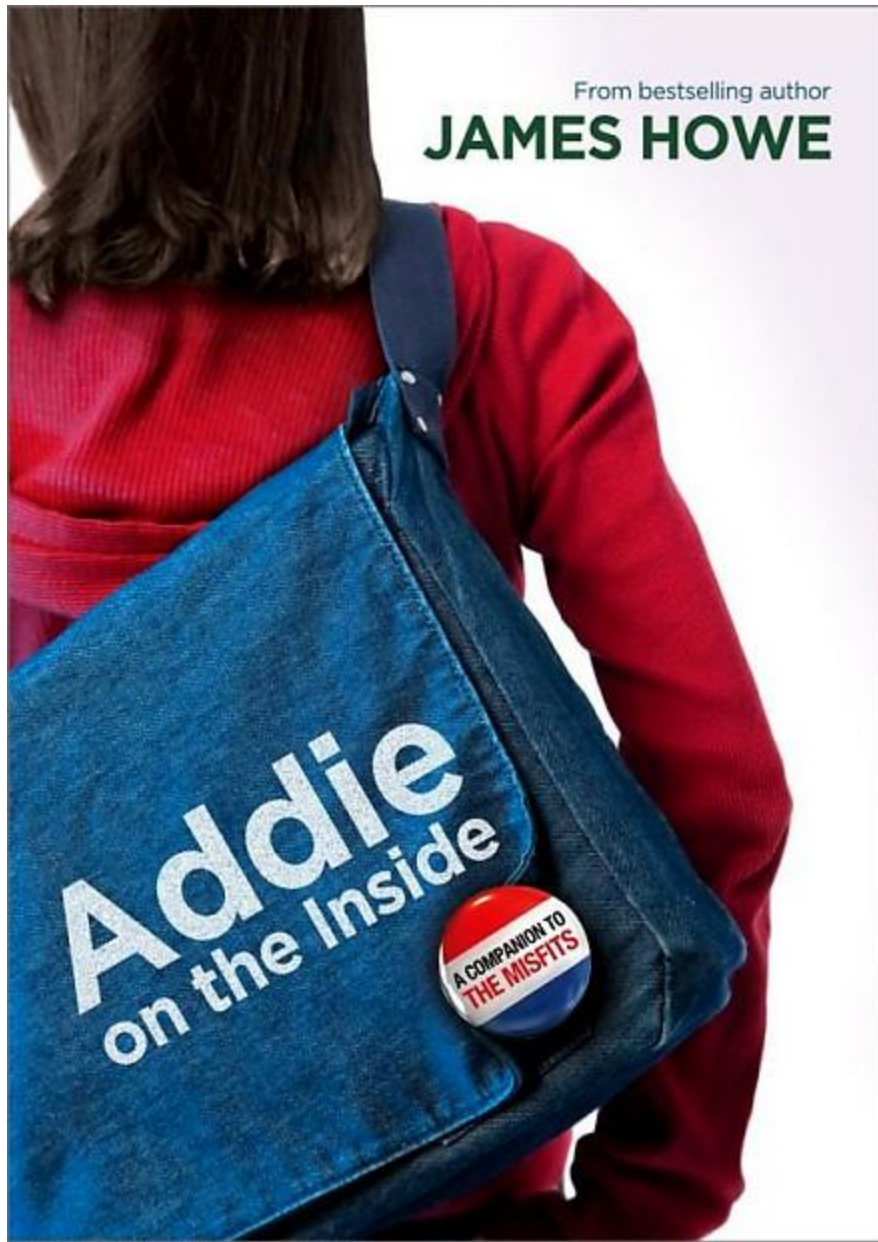
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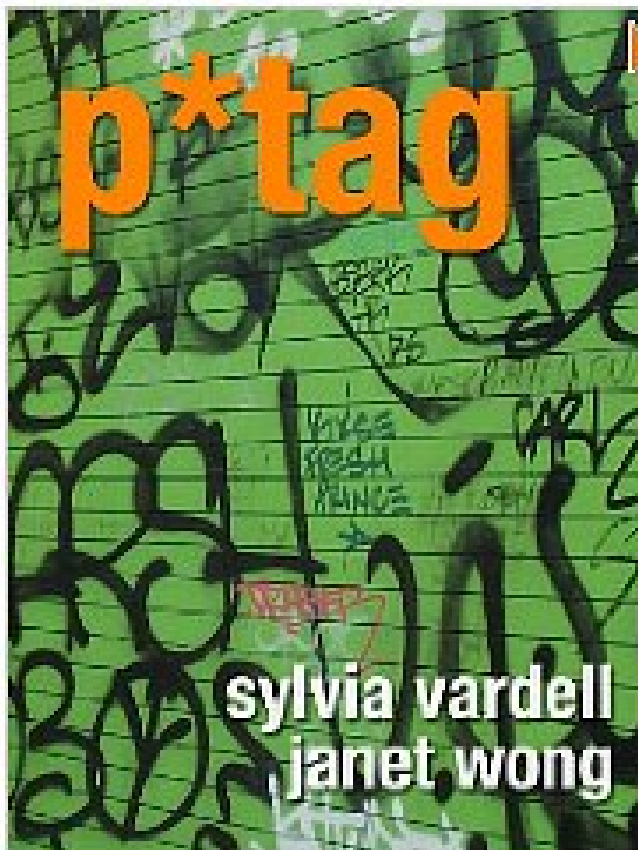
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- Private Matt Duffy receives the Purple Heart, but he cannot remember the incident that left him with a traumatic brain injury and an image of an Iraqi boy's death.





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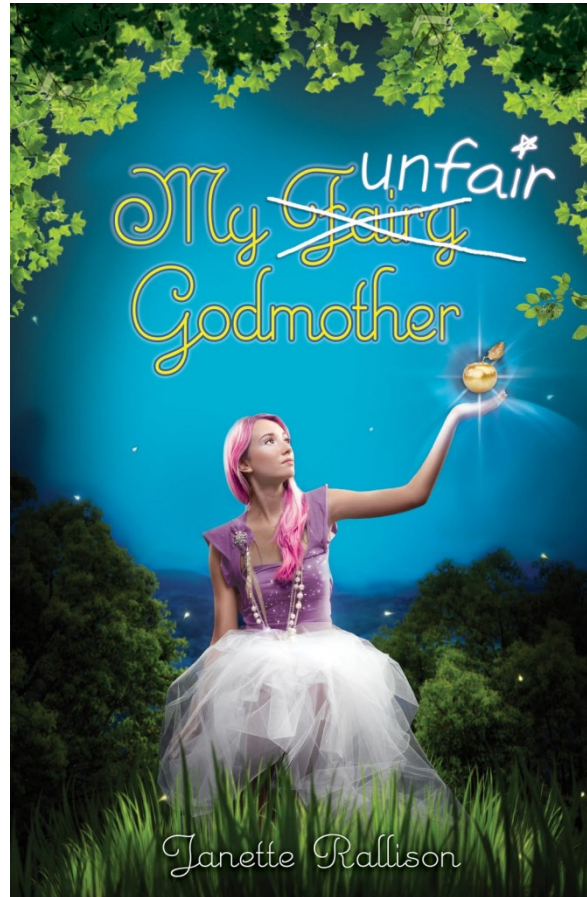
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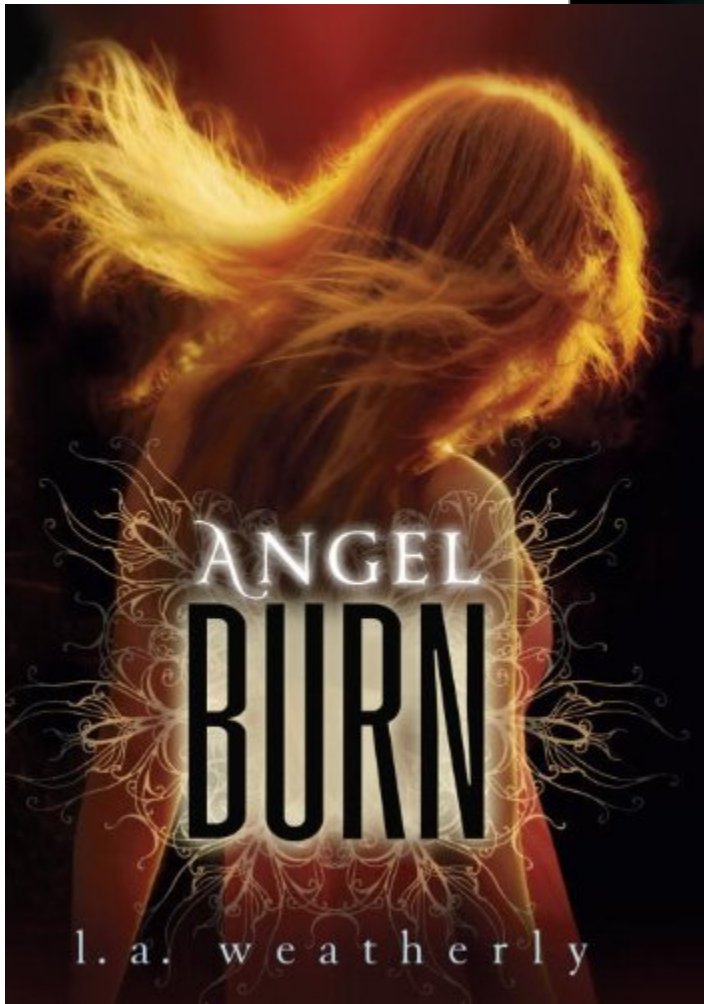


Janette Rallison Continues the Saga of an Inept Fairy Godmother

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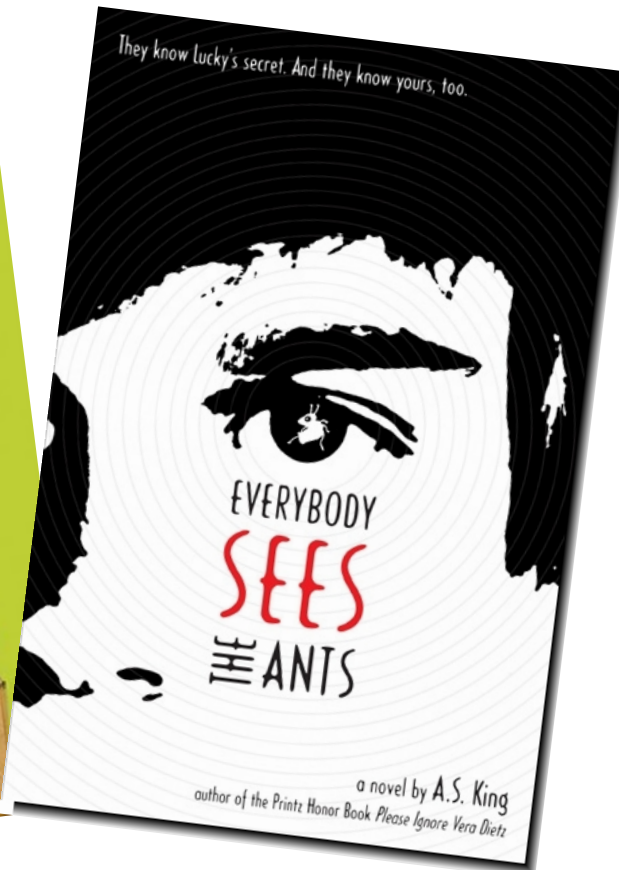




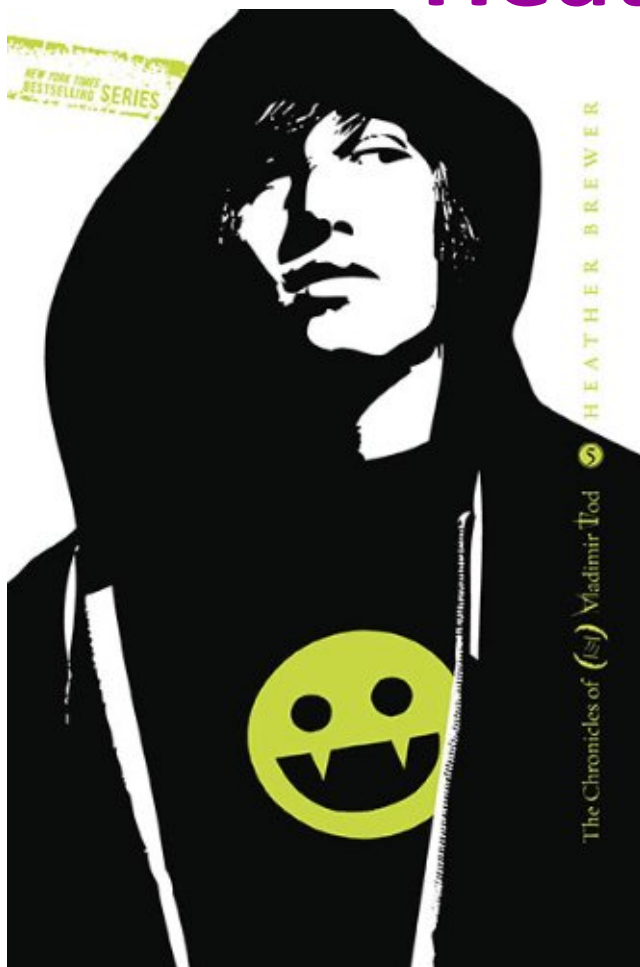


Two by A.S. King

- Vera Dietz reflects on events leading to the death of her best friend, Charlie.
- Before the summer is over, Lucky Linderman will stand up to his bully, straighten out his parents, befriend an amazing young woman, and rescue his MIA POW grandfather.



Twelfth Grade Kills #5: The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod, by Heather Brewer



- Vladimir Tod is just like every other teenage boy in America. He has a best friend who would do anything for him and vice versa; he has someone at home who loves him and makes special sandwiches for his lunch; he loves a girl but their relationship is a little tricky; and he is desperately awaiting the end of senior year. Of course, there are some small qualifications or disclaimers that should be listed here. His best friend is actually his drudge, a human being who is Vlad's vampiric psychic slave. His aunt makes very nice peanut butter sandwiches for him but she adds capsules of human blood instead of jelly. He is love with a lovely young woman but he dreams of sucking her blood and knows a relationship with him would doom her to a life not of her choosing. And while the end of senior year will be nice, if he doesn't find a way to save the human race by the end of Christmas break, he and everyone he knows will die. Other than that, Vlad is a perfectly normal, half-human, half-vampire teenager.

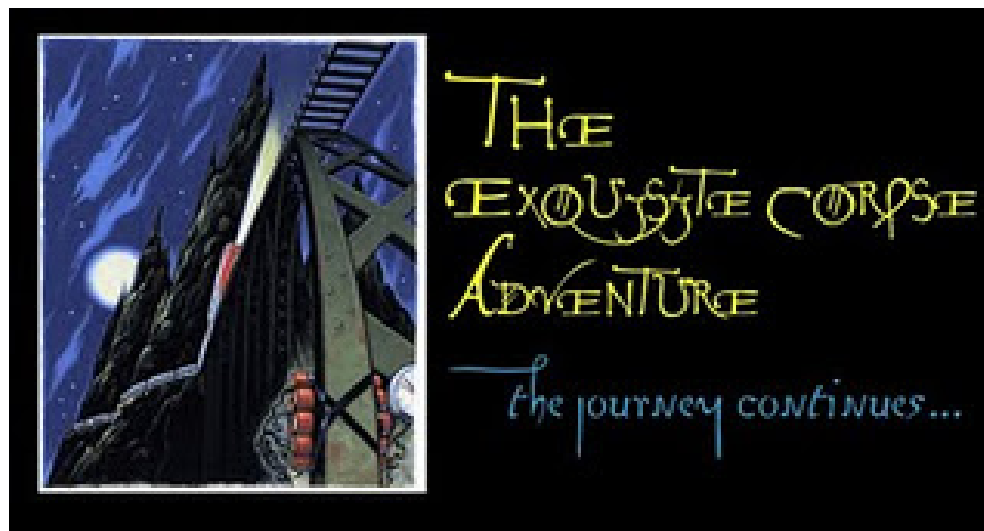
Based on a Real Group of Women from WWII

Ida Mae Jones may very well be the best female pilot in the United States, and he country needs her.

But.

Does it want her?





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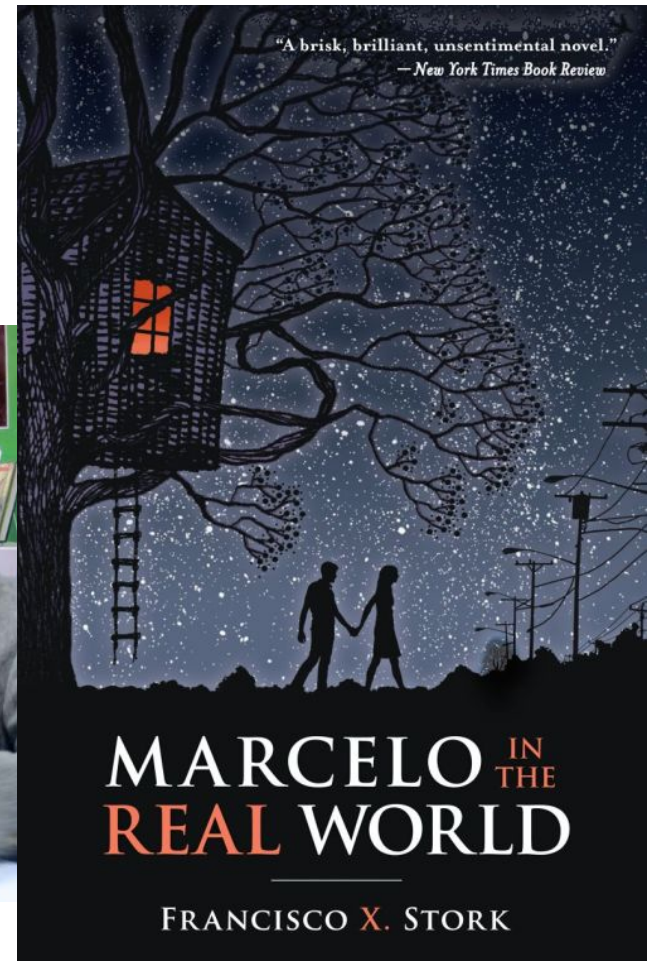
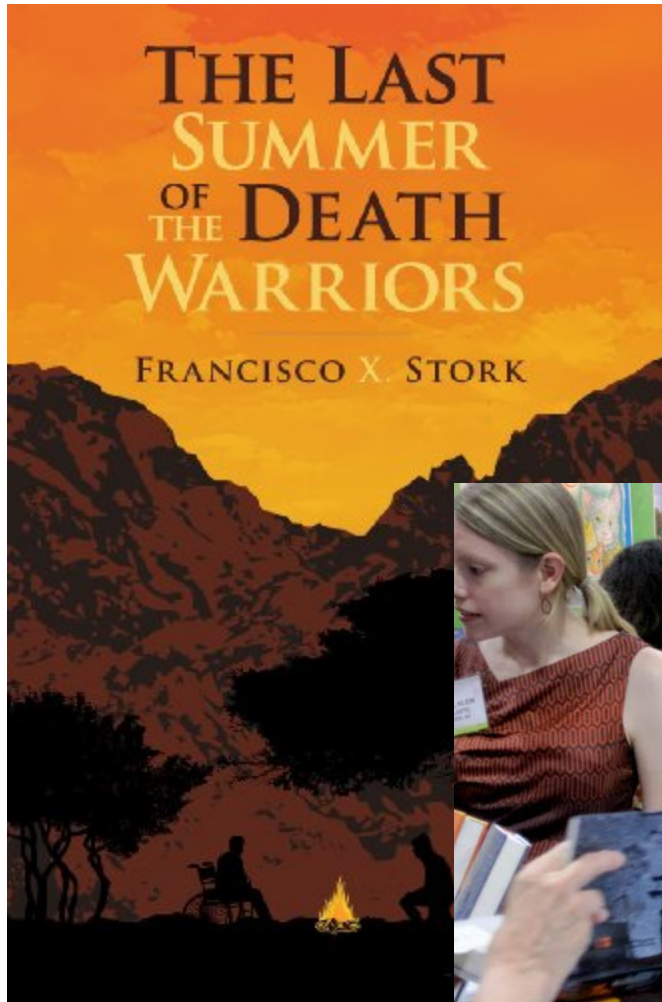
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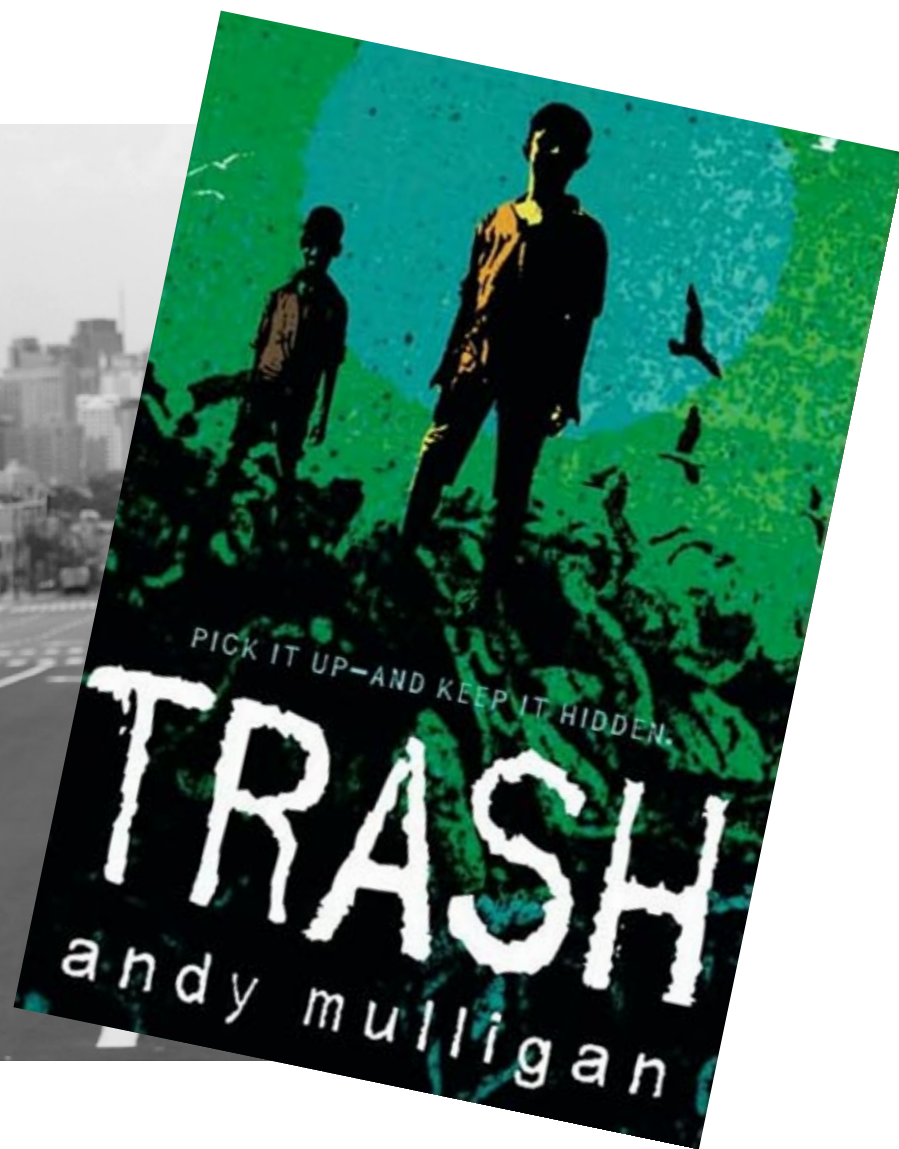
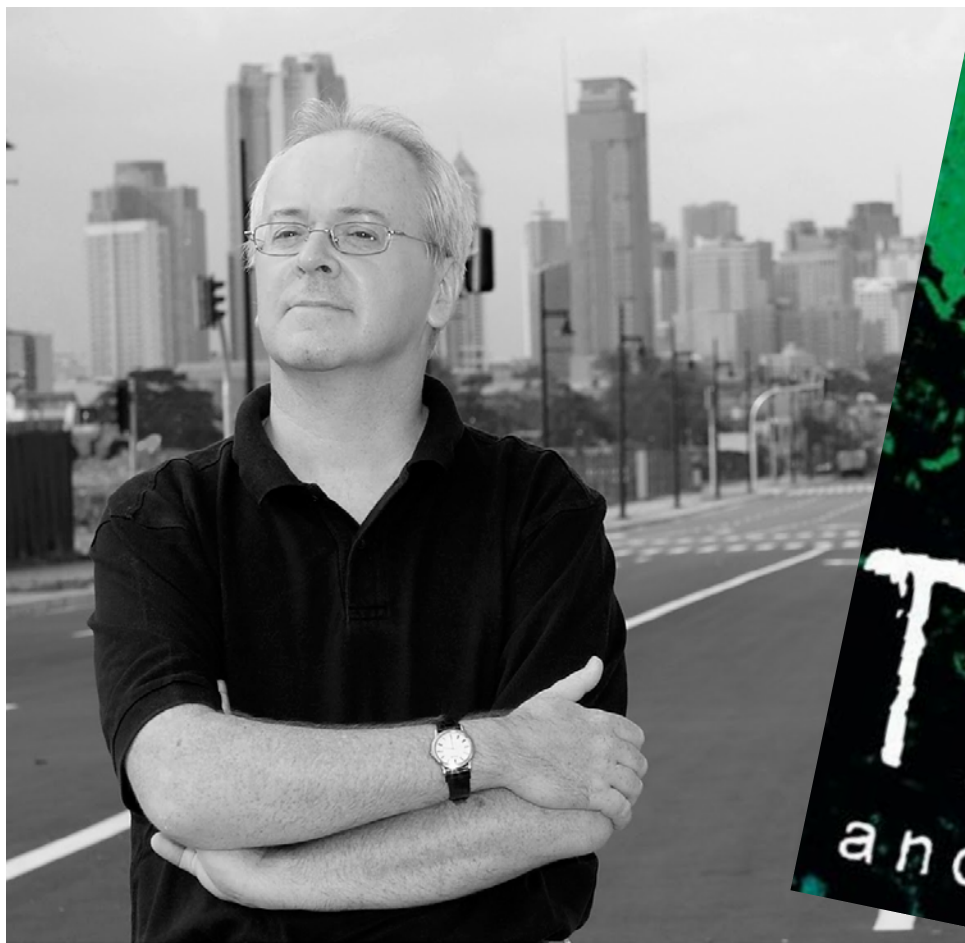
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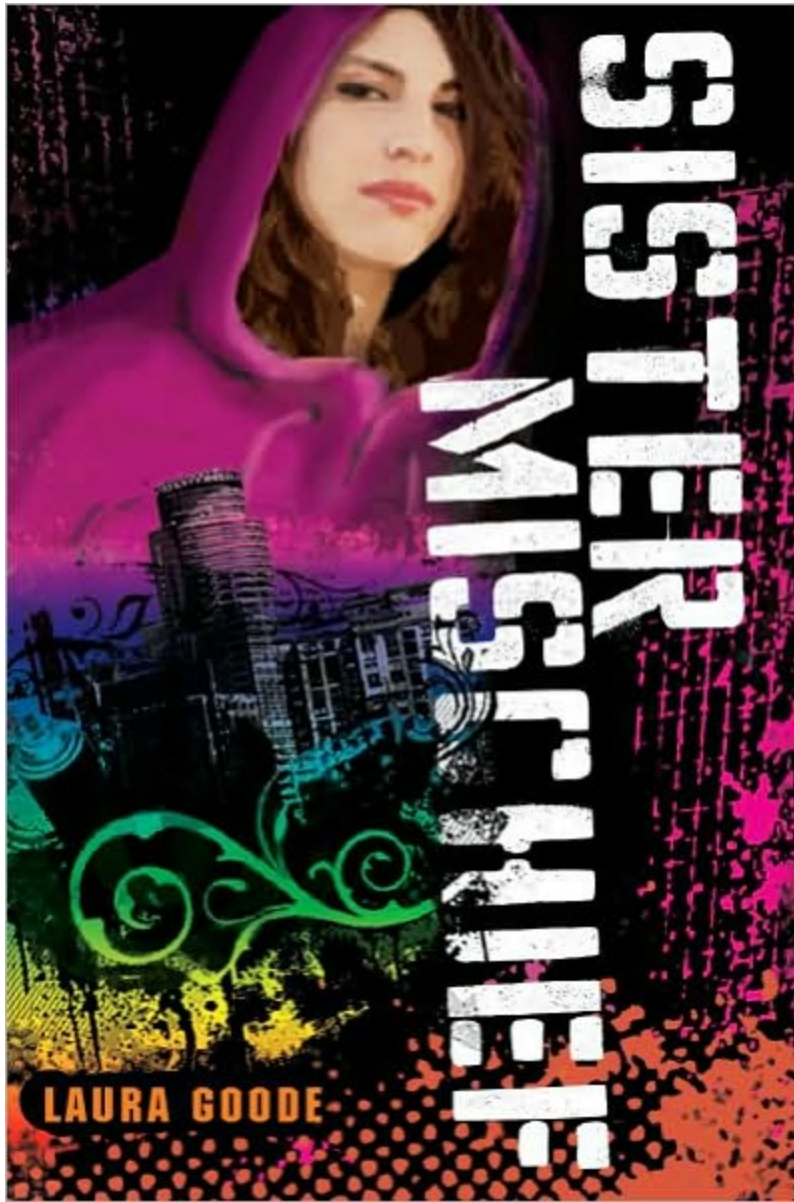


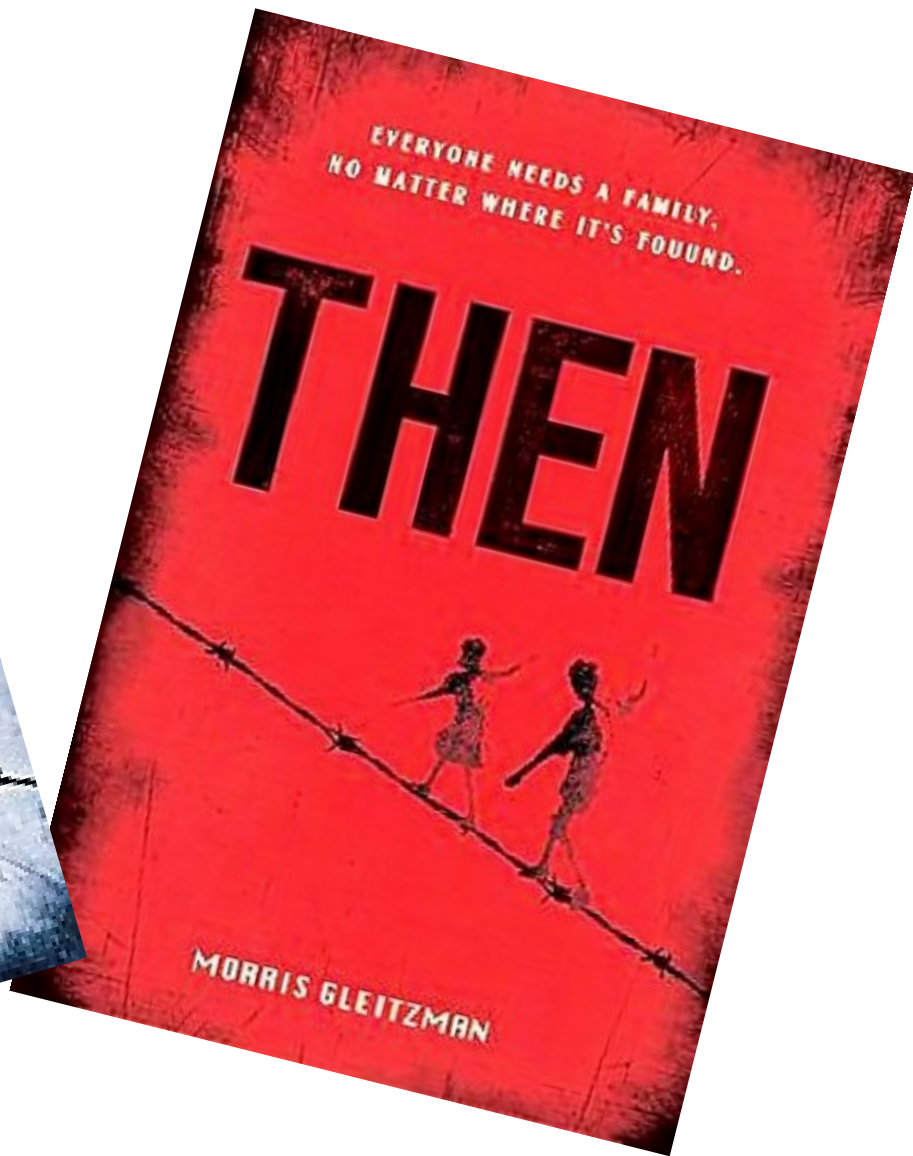
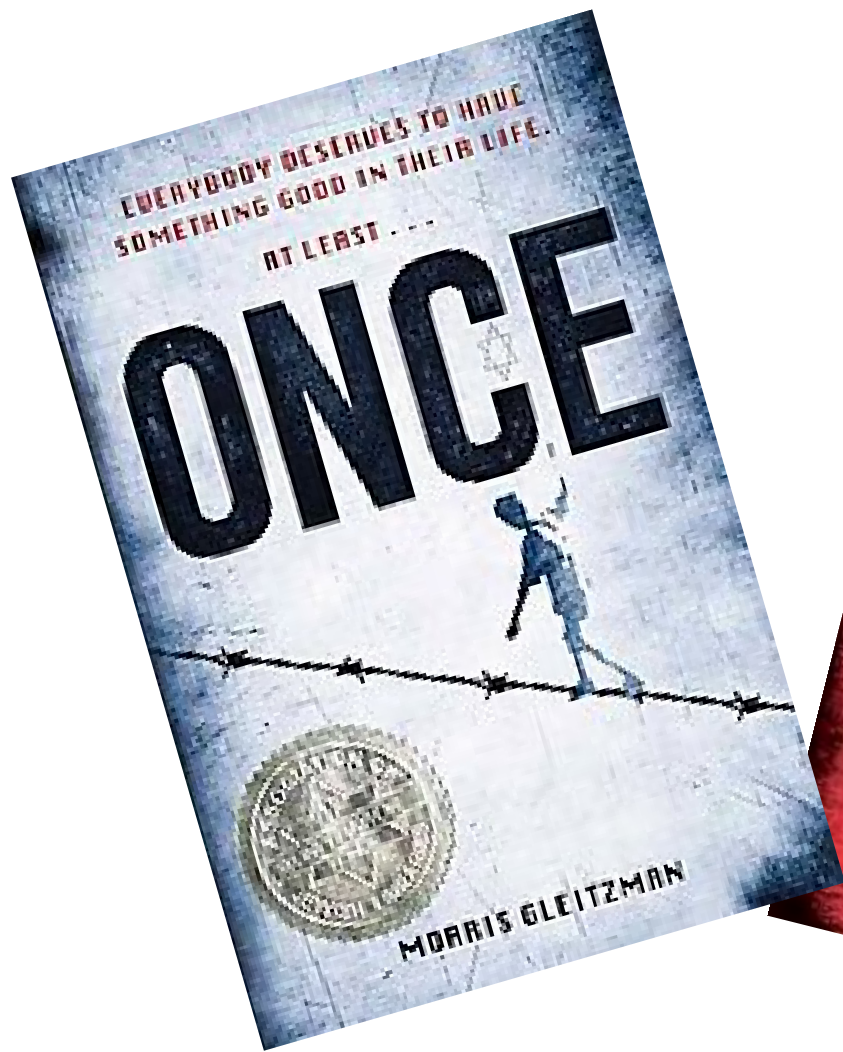
Fire is a human monster, so beautiful that she has to hide her hair for fear of attack by both raptor monsters and human men. She is able to enter other people's minds and exert power over them.

- *\$5000 donated to her sister's charity to donate the money I'm receiving today to Camp Healing Powers.*

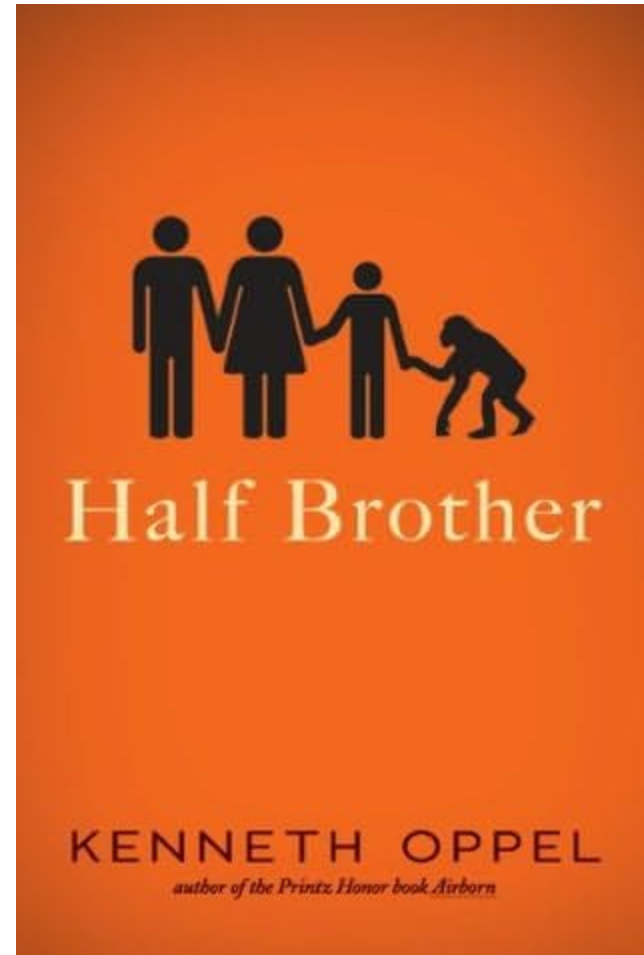




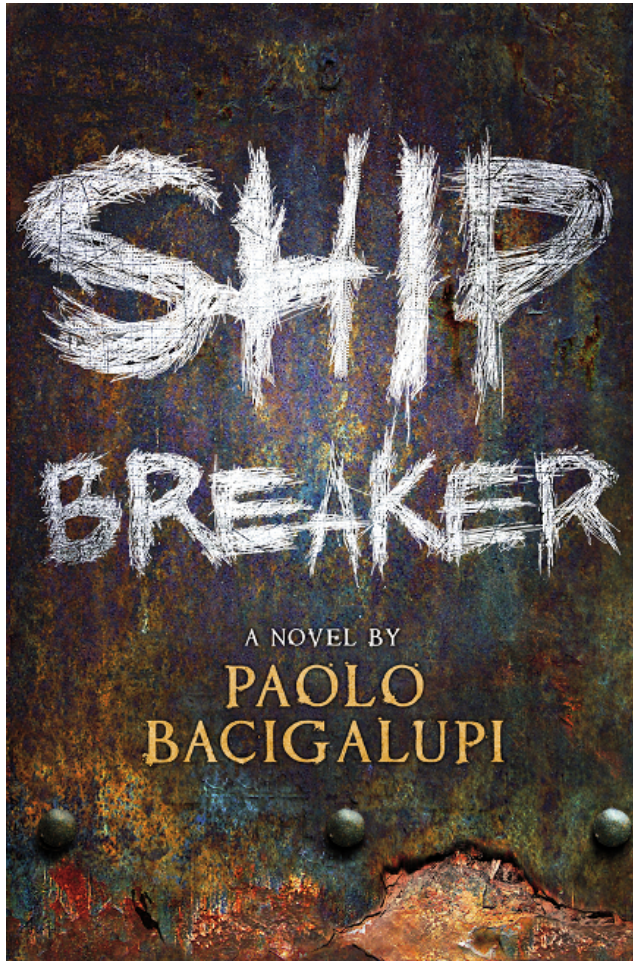




- Ben begins to see the chimpanzee his father is using to study language acquisition as more than a test subject which leads to problems when funding runs low.

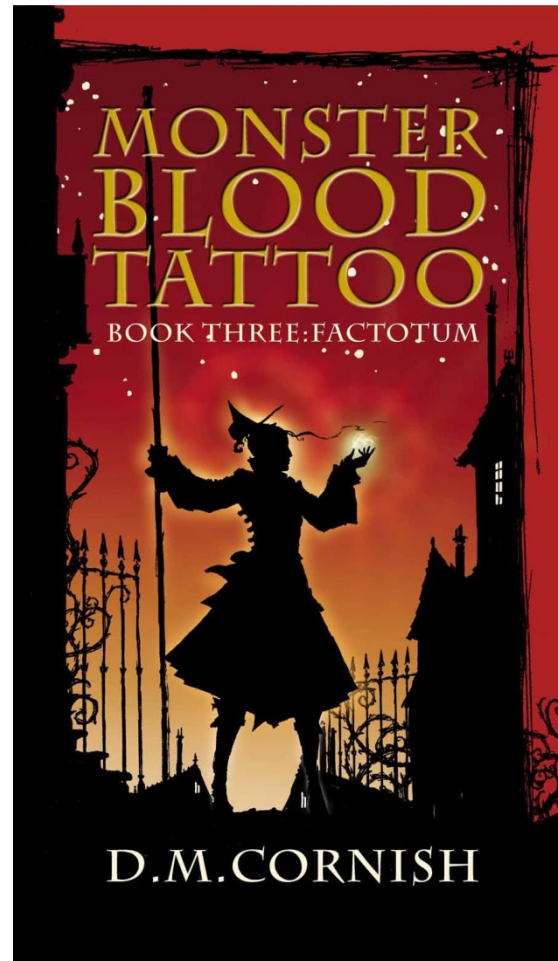


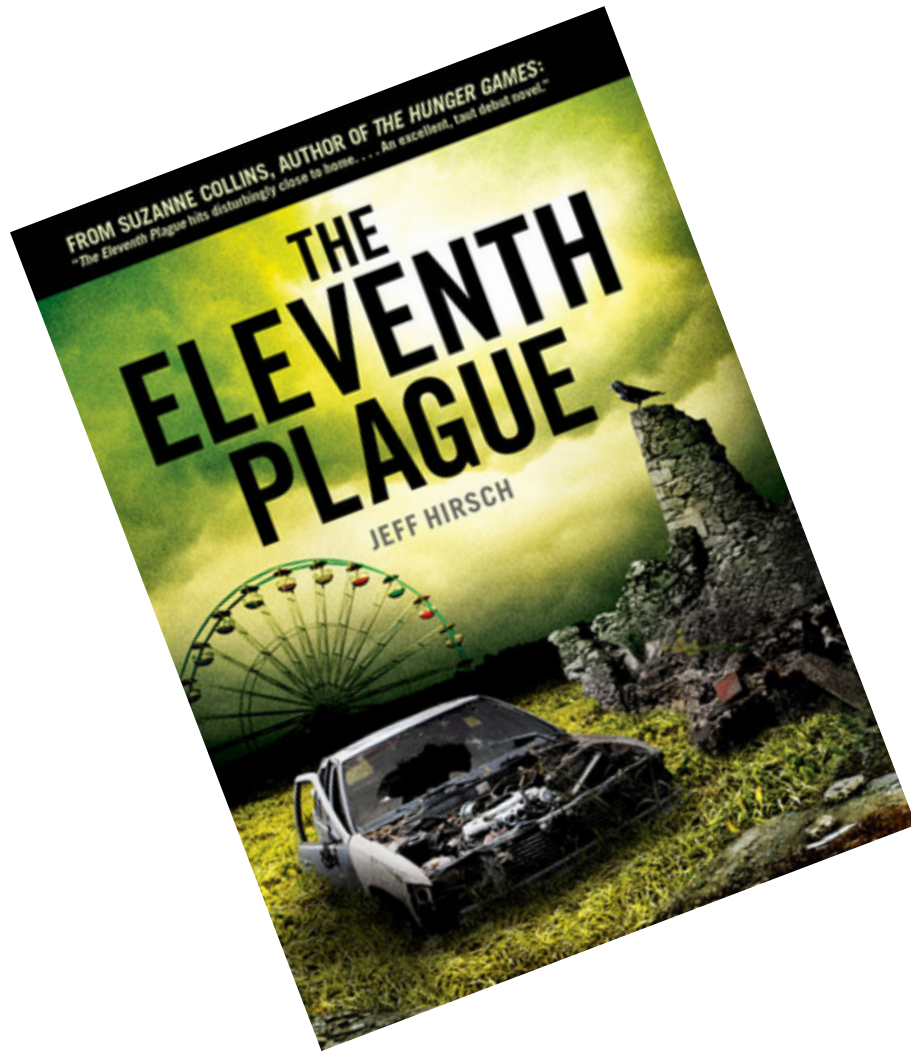
2011 Michael L. Printz Award Winner and Honor Books Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

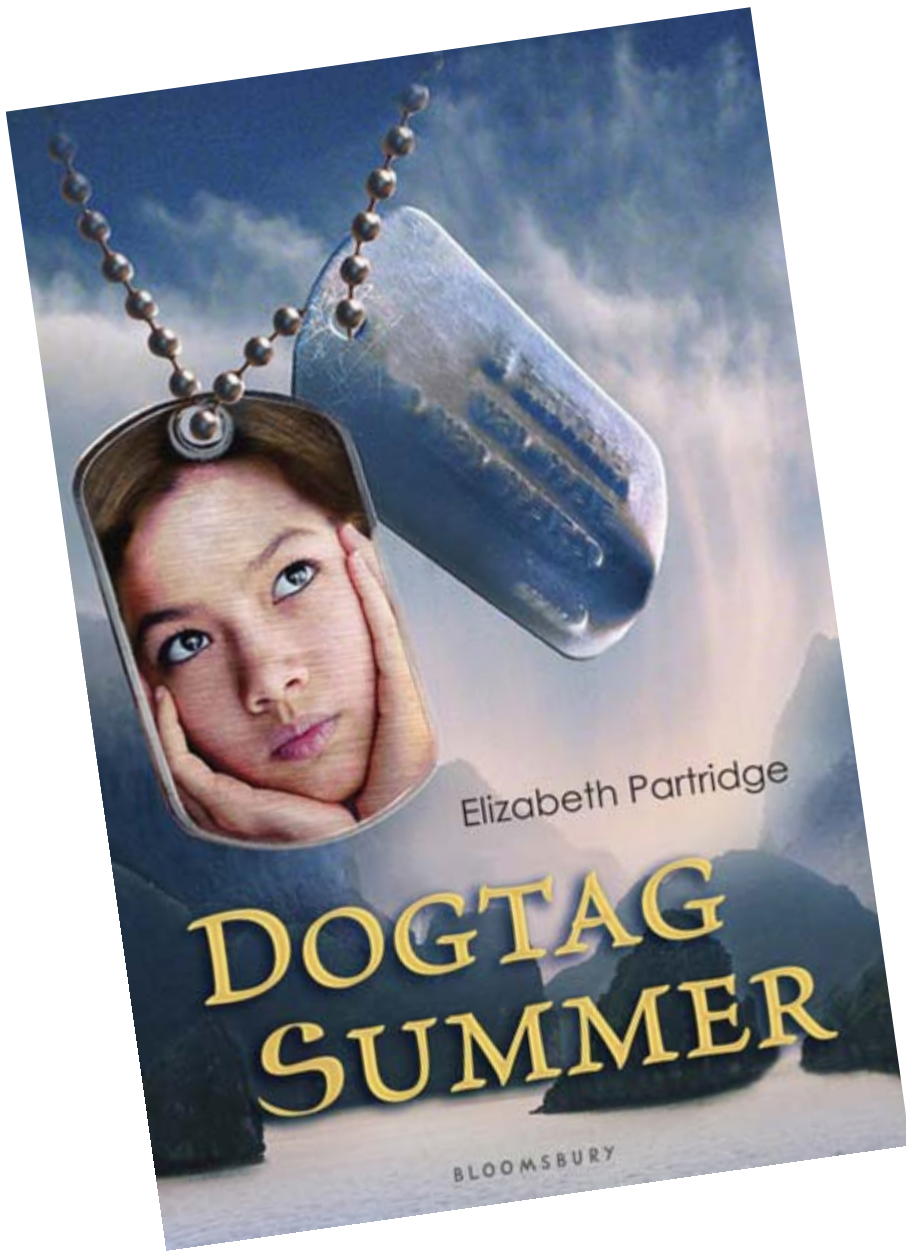


- Dystopian future in which Nailer works to strip copper off derelict ships on the gulf coast.

The Final Adventures of Rossamund Bookchild







2011 Newbery Medal Winner

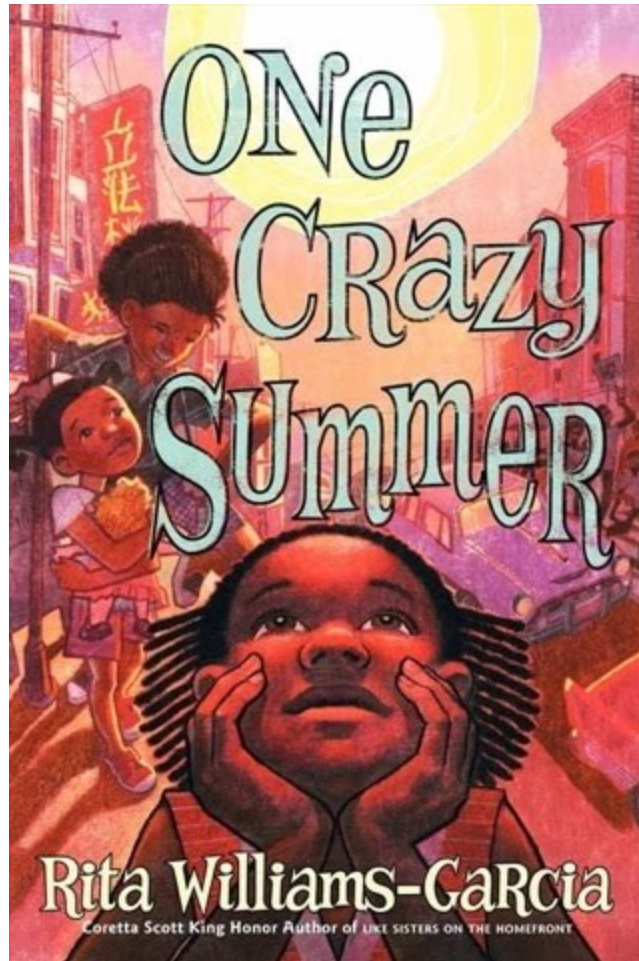
- Manifest based on Frontenac, Kansas., Clare Vanderpool's maternal grandparents home.
- (1937) 12 year old Abilene Tucker arrives from Iowa to live with her father's friend, Shady Howard, while her father works on the railroads.
- Another story told in letters from 1917 unfolds.





- Gatlin, South Carolina, is the quintessential southern town. Its citizens participate in a caste system according to how far back their families go in the history of the town (preferably before the Revolutionary War but surely the Civil War), the town revolves around its annual cultural events (such as the pie baking contest at the local fair and the annual Civil War battle reenactment), and few people move in or out as years go by. As described in Garcia and Stohl's previous tale of Gatlin, however, there are things about also things about the town that would give anyone nightmares, including a society of witches (aka Casters) and related vampires and demons, who operate on the fringe of society, usually.

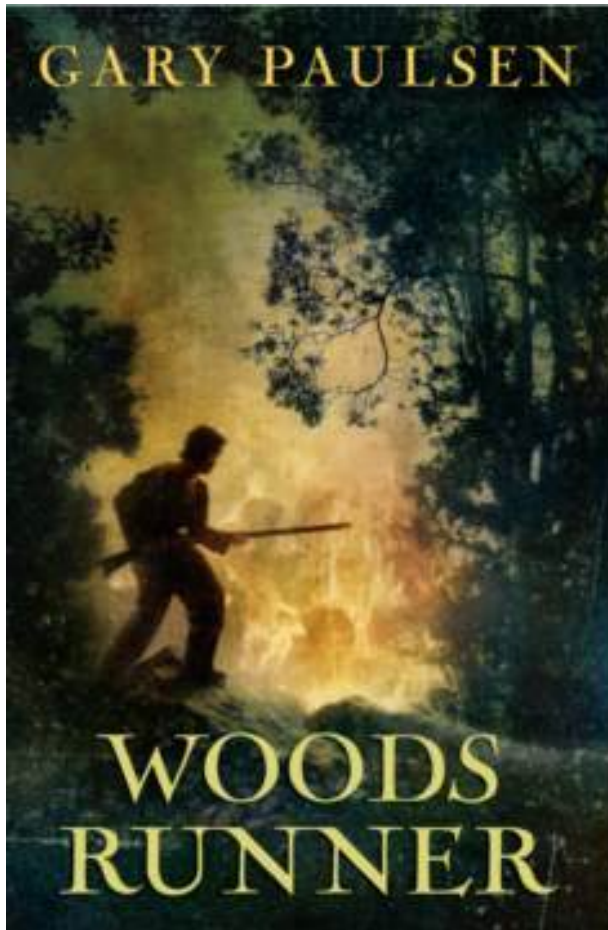
2011 Newbery Honor Book



Three sisters, Delphine, Vonetta and Fern, spend the summer of 1968, in Oakland, California, where they get together with their estranged poet-mother, Cecile, who prints flyers for the Black Panthers.

Alex Award winners

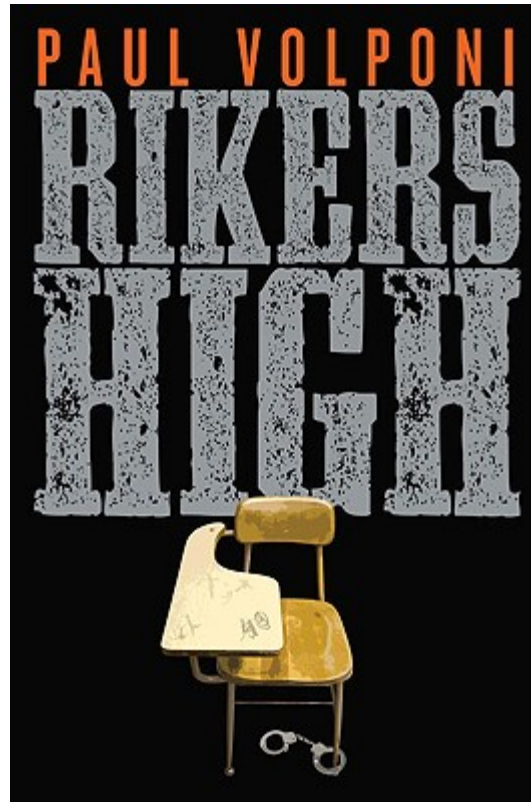




- In 1776, 13-year-old Samuel returns home from hunting in the woods to find the settlement burned and most of the settlers murdered.

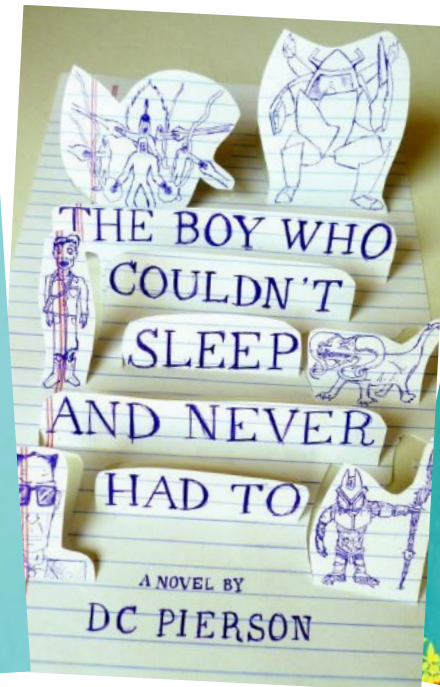
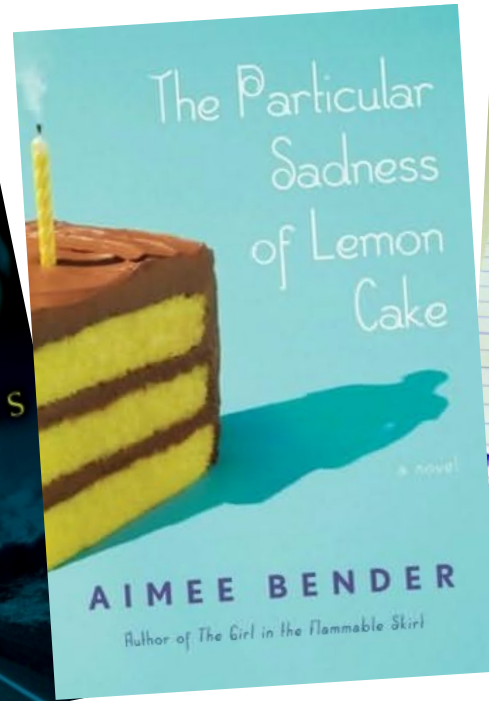
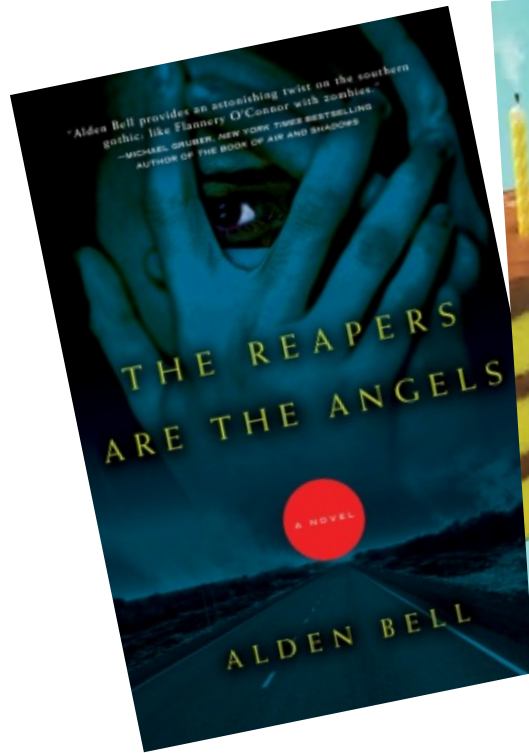


Katniss Everdeen continues.

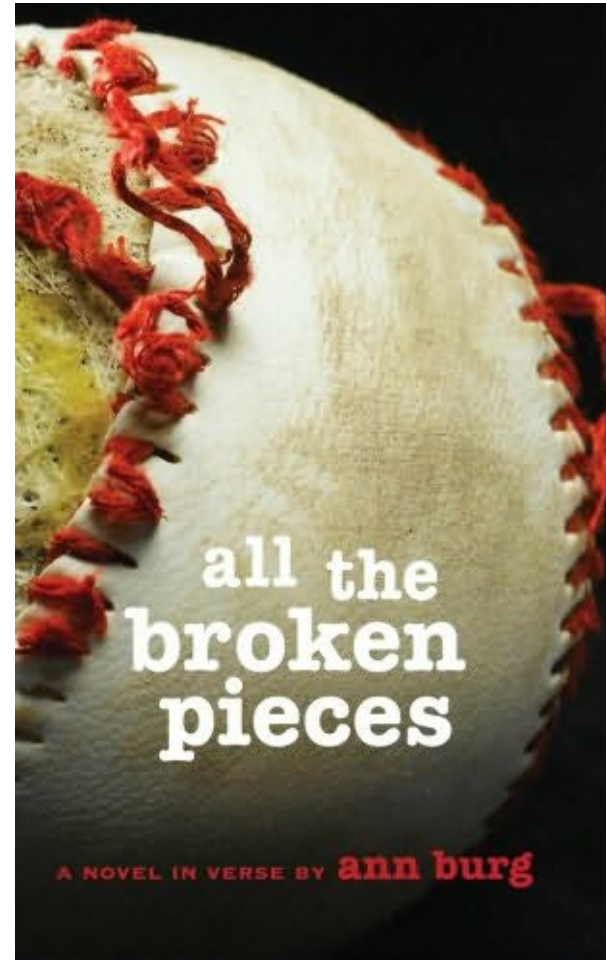


Martin Stokes attends school in prison.

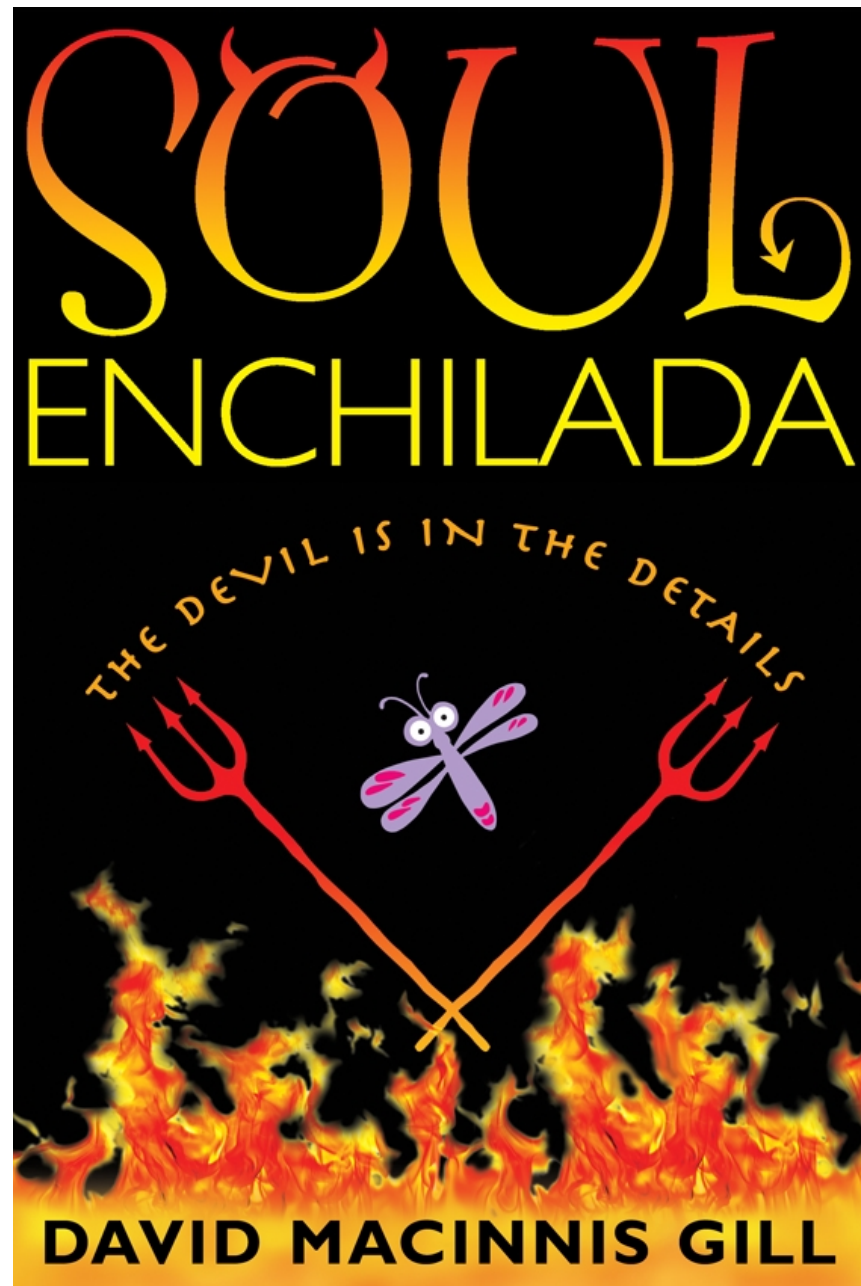
2011 YALSA ALEX AWARD WINNERS



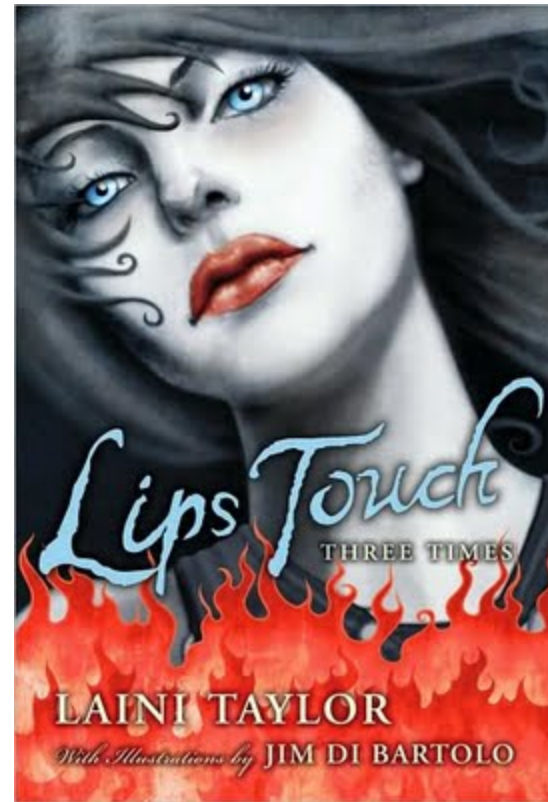
- 12-year-old Matt struggles to cope with his memories of family left behind in war-torn Vietnam with the help of his adoptive parents, his music teacher, and his baseball coach.



- When a repo demon comes for her Cadillac, Bug Smoot finds that her deceased grandfather pledged both her soul and her car as collateral on a deal.



- Kisses pulls humans and demons together in a lusty embrace.

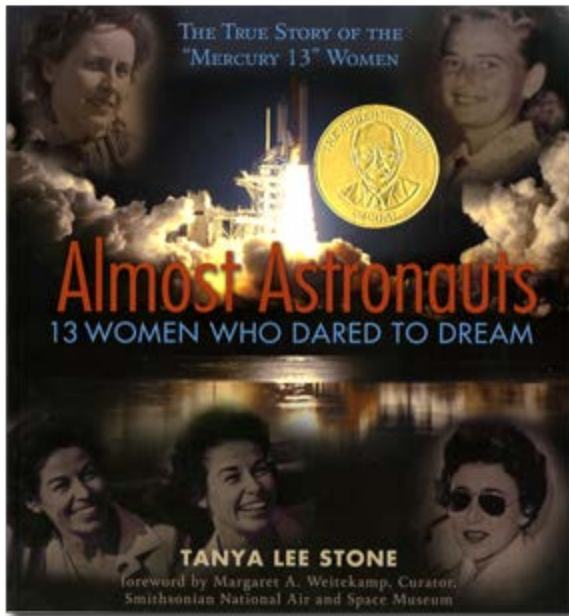


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NEW REVELATIONS OF THE AMERICAS
BEFORE COLUMBUS



CHARLES C. MANN



- The story of the “Mercury 13” women who paved the way for females in space and aeronautics by challenging the political and social culture behind NASA’s unwritten rule that astronauts must be male.



DASH & LILY'S

BOOK OF DARES

← Rachel Cohn & David Levithan

by the best-selling authors of *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*

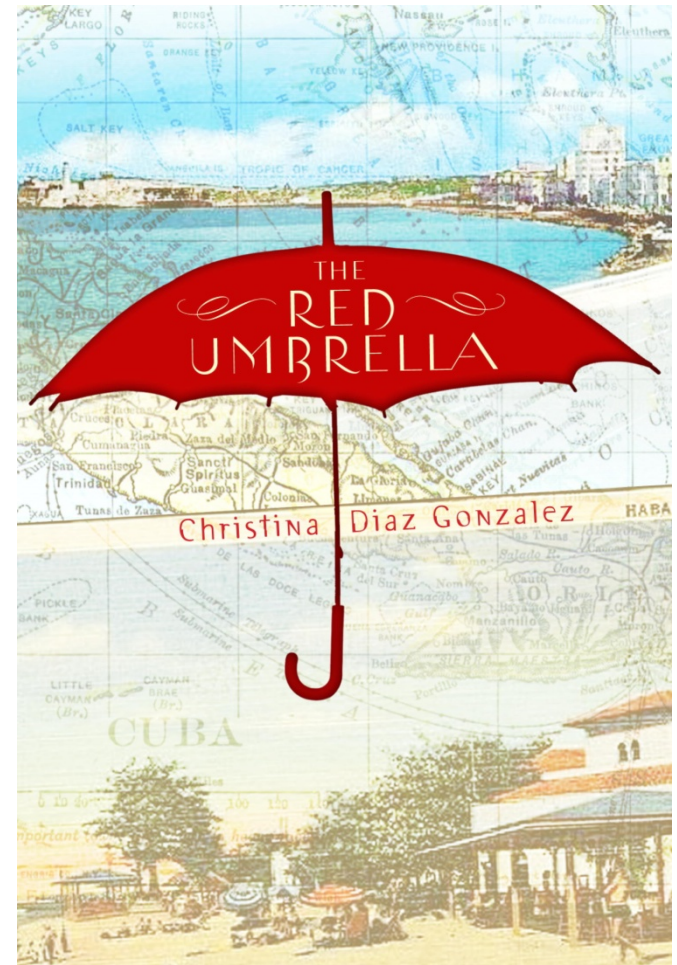
- Cassia and Xander are Matched by the Society that plans all aspects of one's life, making everything perfect for her, until Ky's face flashes across her screen and everything changes.



- Thomas' memories don't serve him well when he wakes on an elevator, only to find himself in the Glade, trapped by monsters and a maze that changes daily

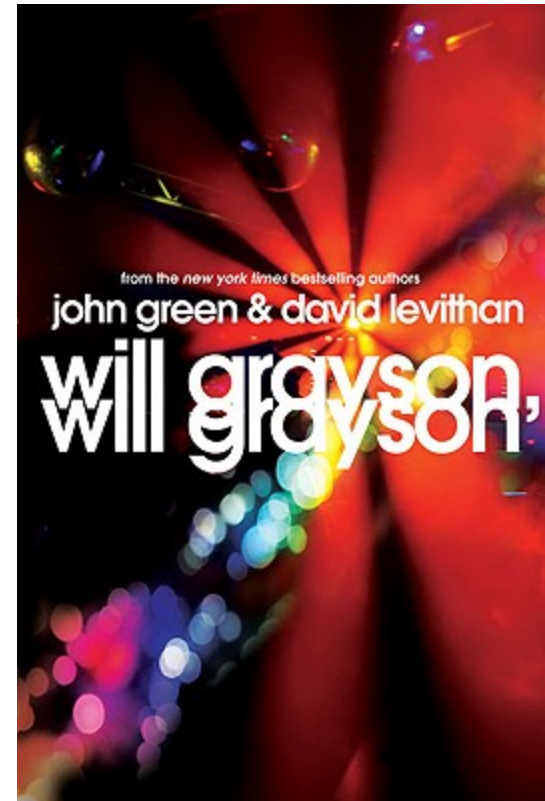


- Lucia and her brother live an idyllic life in Cuba in 1961 until the revolution when they are sent to live with strangers in Nebraska until their parents can escape

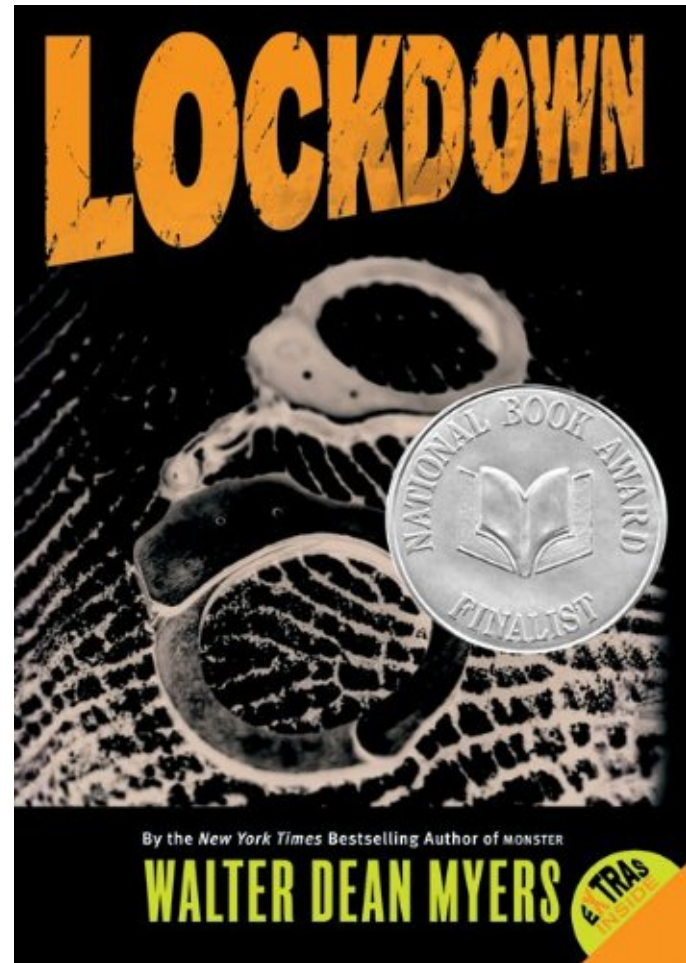


John Green and David Levithan Team Up

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Two very different teenage guys named Will Grayson meet by chance in Chicago.



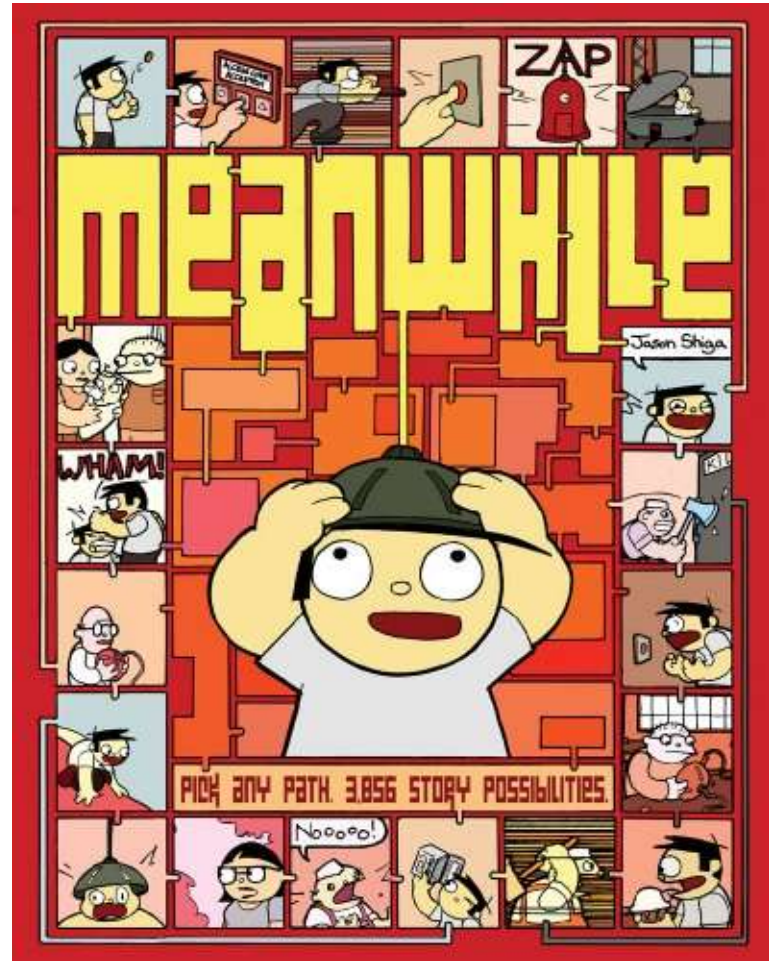
- With a few months remaining on his sentence in a juvenile detention facility, Reese struggles to overcome racism, prejudice and his volatile personality to cope with life on the outside.



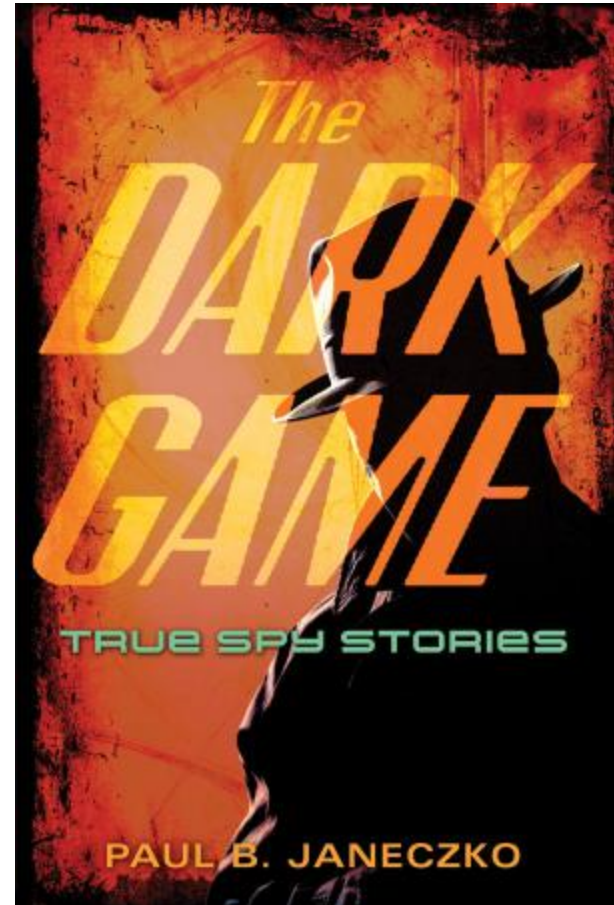
- While on a service trip in Mexico, Georgia gains perspective on her life that enables her to challenge the things not discussed in her relationship with her best friend Riley.



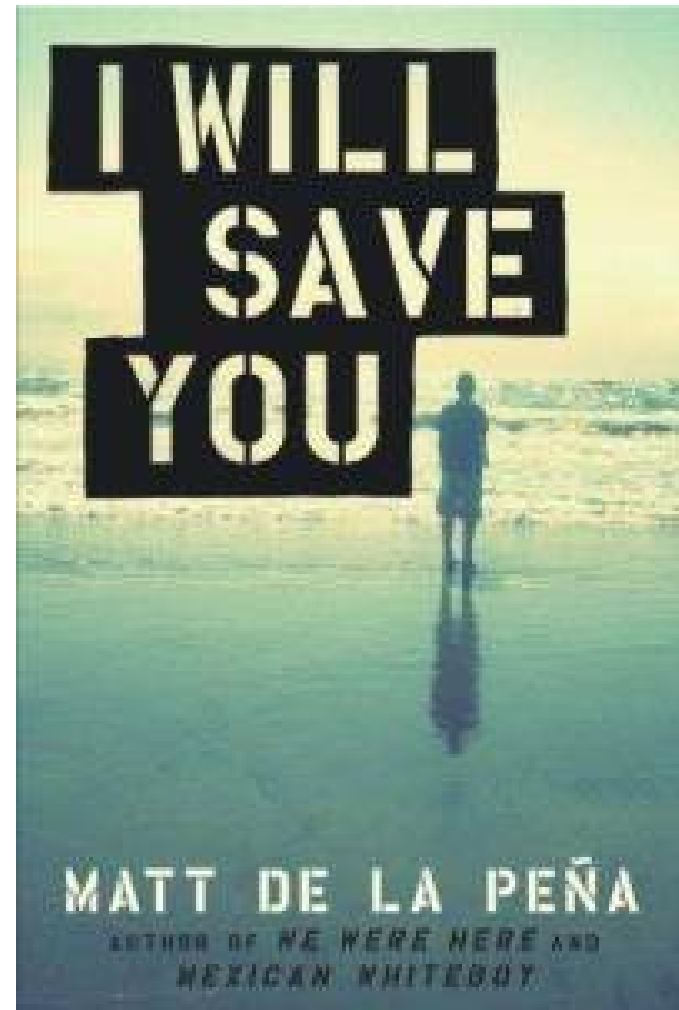
- **Shiga, Jason.**
Have you played any
comics lately?
Choose your own
adventure.



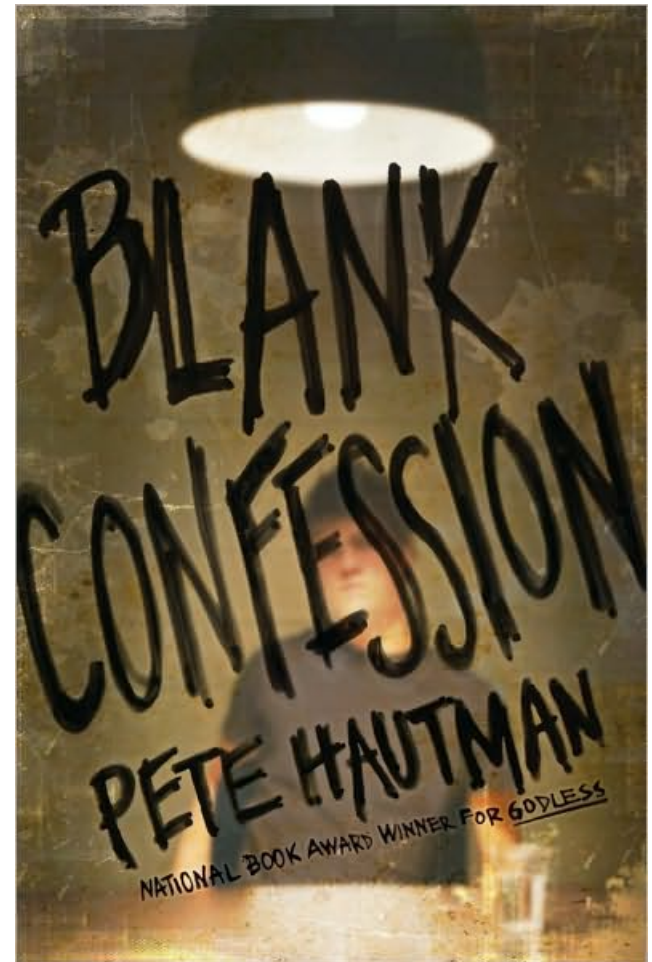
- This compilation of different spies carries readers from the Revolutionary War through the infamous Cold War era. Delve into stories about the Choctaw Code Talkers of WWI, Soviet moles, Mata Hari and more as you uncover just how they changed the course of history.



- 17 year old Kidd Ellison escapes a group home to find a new life on the beach, for awhile,

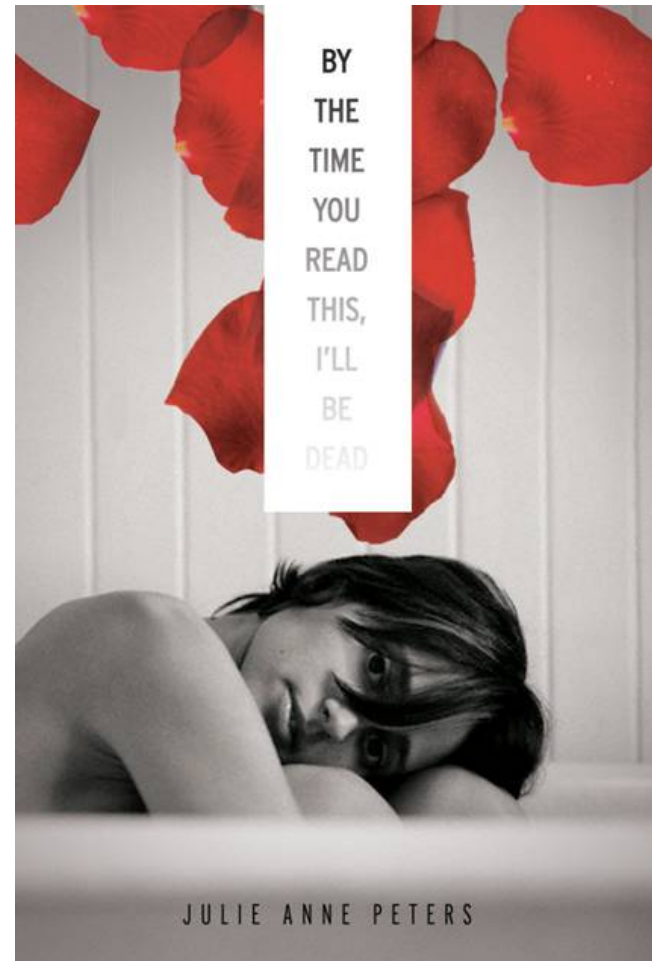


- Shayne Blank defends nerdy Mikey Martin committing murder along the way.





Daelyn is determined to die. Santana is determined to change her mind.



- Anke watches her siblings and mother suffer at the hands of her abusive father until she finds enough strength, through involvement in volleyball, to demonstrate her needs.

