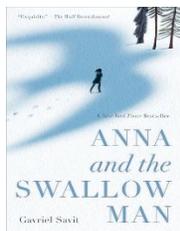


BEST READS FOR TEENS

Top Choices

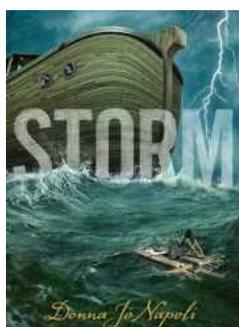
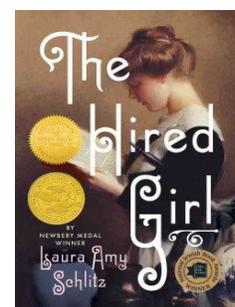


***Anna and the Swallow Man* / Laura Amy Schlitz -- YA FIC SAVIT**

Anna Łania is just seven years old when the Germans take her father, a linguistics professor, during their 1938 purge of intellectuals in Poland. Lost and alone, Anne befriends a strange linguist she calls the Swallow Man, and follows him into the forest. Together, they dodge bombs, tame soldiers, and even, despite their better judgment, make a friend. But in a world gone mad, everything can prove dangerous. Even the Swallow Man.

***The Hired Girl* / Laura Amy Schlitz -- YA FIC SCHLITZ**

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself--because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of--a woman with a future.



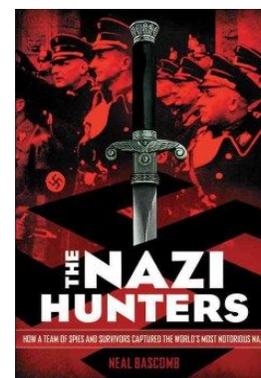
***Storm* / Donna Jo Napoli – YA FIC NAPOLI**

“A sixteen-year-old stowaway discovers her destiny on Noah’s ark in this riveting reimagining from award-winning author and “master storyteller” (SLJ) Donna Jo Napoli.”

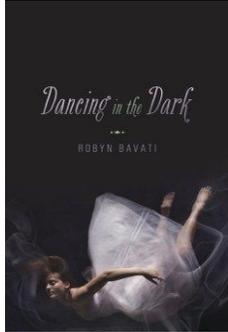
“Themes of family, loss, and ultimately, survival and love make for a timeless story. Donna Jo Napoli has imagined a new protagonist to tell the story of Noah and his ark. As rain batters the earth, Noah, his family, and hordes of animals wait out the storm, ready to carry out their duty of repopulating the planet. Hidden belowdecks...is Sebah.” – Amazon

***The Nazi Hunters* / Neal Bascomb – YA 736.3 BAS**

“*The Nazi Hunters* is the thrilling and fascinating story of what happened between these two events. Survivor Simon Wiesenthal opened Eichmann's case; a blind Argentinean and his teenage daughter provided crucial information. Finally, the Israeli spies -- many of whom lost family in the Holocaust -- embarked on their daring mission, recounted here in full. Based on the adult bestseller HUNTING EICHMANN, which is now in development as a major film, and illustrated with powerful photos throughout, *The Nazi Hunters* is a can't-miss work of narrative nonfiction for middle-grade and YA readers.” -- Amazon



Enjoyable Reads

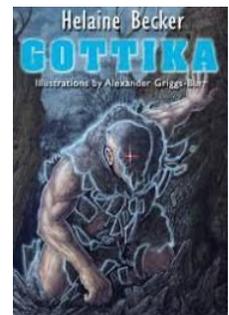


***Dancing in the Dark* / Robyn Bavati – YA FIC BATVATI**

“When her life’s passion is forbidden, how much will Ditty risk to follow her dream? When Ditty Cohen first sees a ballet on TV, the beautiful, gravity-defying dancing captivates her. She’s instantly connected to the graceful performers, and realizes that her passion is to be a dancer. There is just one problem: Ditty is from an ultra-orthodox Jewish family and her parents forbid her to take dance lessons. Refusing to give up on her newfound love, Ditty starts dancing in secret... How long can she keep her two worlds apart? And at what cost?” – Amazon

***Gottika* / Helaine Becker – YA FIC BECKER**

“What is the most dangerous secret of all? For fifteen-year-old Dany, is it the shame that his once-vital mother now suffers mutely from “the staring sickness?” Or is it that Count Pol, the corrupt absolute ruler of Western Gottika, may be scouting the city clandestinely for teenage girls to kidnap? Could the worst secret be the mystery behind why all the kids in the Estat are only-children? Or could it be that Dany’s father possesses the secret knowledge of how to bring clay to life, and transform it into a terrifying weapon - an all-powerful Gollum?”--

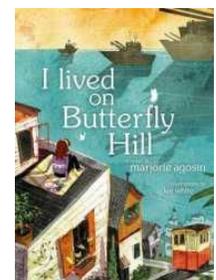


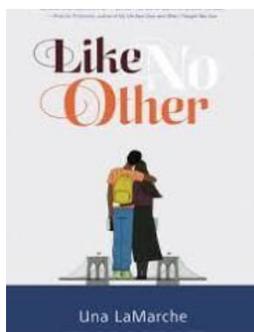
***Isabel's War* / Lila Perl – YA FIC PERL**

“In a stunning new novel completed just before her death in 2013, award-winning author Lila Perl introduces us to Isabel Brandt, a French-phrase-dropping twelve-year-old New Yorker who's more interested in boys and bobbing her nose than the distant war across the Pacific—the one her parents keep reminding her to care more about. Things change when Helga, the beautiful niece of her parent's best friends, comes to live with Isabel and her family. Helga is everything Isabel's not—cool, blonde, and vaguely aloof. She's also a German war refugee, with a past that gives a growing Isabel something more important to think about than boys and her own looks.” -- Amazon

***I Lived on Butterfly Hill* / Marjorie Agosin – YA FIC AGOSIN**

“Celeste Marconi is a dreamer. She lives peacefully among friends and neighbors and family in the idyllic town of Valparaiso, Chile—until the time comes when even Celeste, with her head in the clouds, can't deny the political unrest that is sweeping through the country. Warships are spotted in the harbor and schoolmates disappear from class without a word. Celeste doesn't quite know what is happening, but one thing is clear: no one is safe, not anymore.” --Amazon





***Like No Other* / Una LaMarche – YA FIC LaMARCHE**

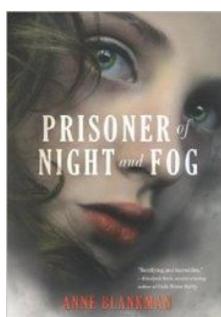
Though their relationship is strictly forbidden, Devorah and Jax arrange secret meetings and risk everything to be together. But how far can they possibly go? Just how much are they willing to give up?

“Fitting seamlessly alongside current bestsellers like Rainbow Rowell’s *Eleanor & Park*, and John Green’s *Paper Towns*, *LIKE NO OTHER* provides a thoroughly modern take on romance that will inspire laughter, tears, and the belief that love can happen when you least expect it.” -- Amazon

***Playing for the Commandant* / Suzy Zail – YA FIC ZAIL**

“A young Jewish pianist at Auschwitz, desperate to save her family, is chosen to play at the camp commandant’s house. How could she know she would fall in love with the wrong boy?”-- Amazon

“Look after each other...and get home safe. And when you do, tell everyone what you saw and what they did to us.” --Book



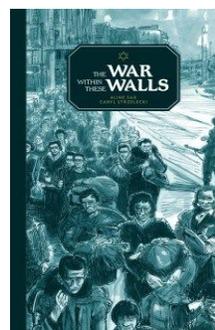
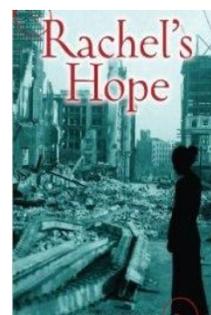
***Prisoner of Night and Fog* / Anne Blankman – YA FIC BLANKMAN**

A gripping historical thriller set in 1930s Munich, *Prisoner of Night and Fog* is the evocative story of an ordinary girl faced with an extraordinary choice in Hitler’s Germany. Fans of *Code Name Verity* will love this novel full of romance, danger, and intrigue!

“This is a fantastic book and it does an amazing thing-- just when I think I’ve had my fill of the WWII period, something like this comes along to prove me wrong and I fall head over heels in love with it.”--

***Rachel’s Hope* / Shelly Sanders – YA FIC SANDERS**

“Rachel, a young Jewish woman from a small town in Russia, has made an incredible journey. Forced to leave her homeland because of the anti-Semitic violence that killed her father, she has made her way across land and sea to find refuge in Shanghai, China. Separated from her sweetheart, Sergei—a Christian who stayed behind to make his way in revolutionary Russia—Rachel finally gets to America—to California—where she won’t let anything stop her from achieving her goal of starting a new life—not poverty, not the great California earthquake.” – Amazon



***The War within These Walls* / Aline Sax – YA FIC SAX**

“It’s World War II, and Misha’s family, like the rest of the Jews living in Warsaw, has been moved by the Nazis into a single crowded ghetto. Conditions are appalling: every day more people die from disease, starvation, and deportations. Misha does his best to help his family survive, even crawling through the sewers to smuggle food. When conditions worsen, Misha joins a handful of other Jews who decide to make a final, desperate stand against the Nazis.” – Amazon