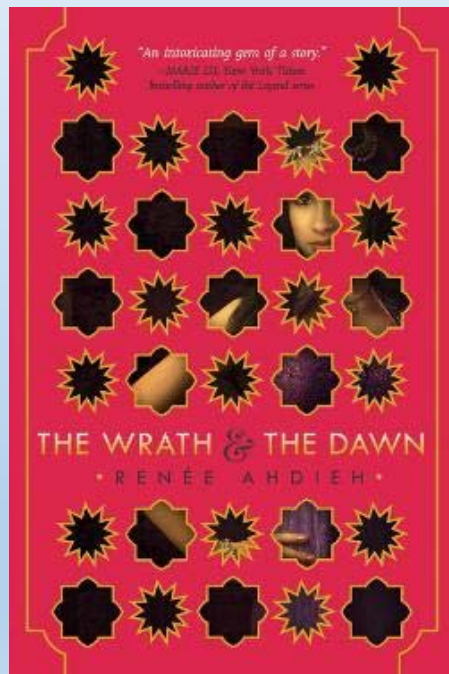


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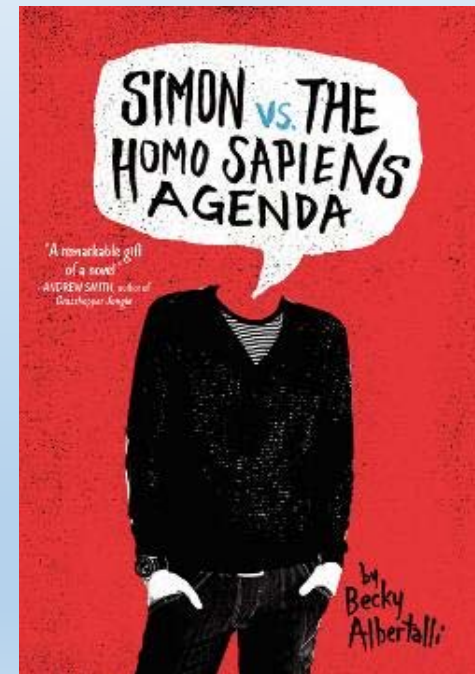
The Wrath and the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh



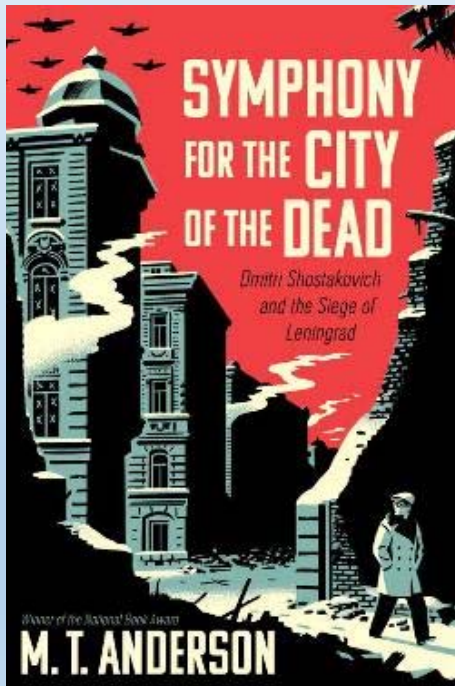
- In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but she soon discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

- Not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. When an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret and that of his online friend are at risk of being thrust into the spotlight.



Symphony for the City of the Dead by M.T. Anderson



- This book delivers a brilliant and riveting account of the Siege of Leningrad during WW II and the role played by composer Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony to publicize the plights of those people trapped inside the city.

The Red Queen

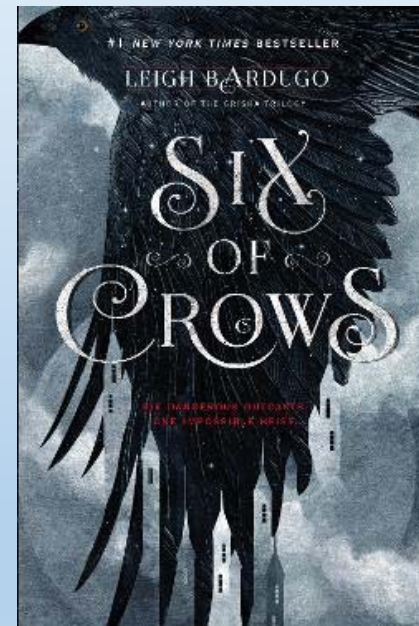
by Victoria Aveyard

- In a world where those with red blood serve the silver-blooded elite who possess superhuman abilities, Mare discovers she has superpowers of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction.

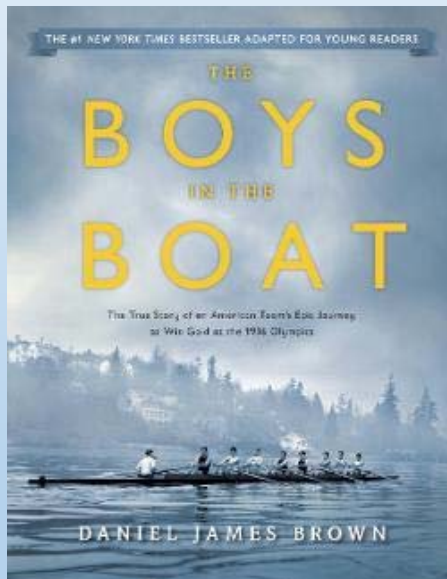


Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

- Ketterdam is a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price. No one knows that better than criminal mastermind Kaz Brekker. When is offered a chance at a deadly heist, he decides to lead a team of talented misfits into enemy territory.

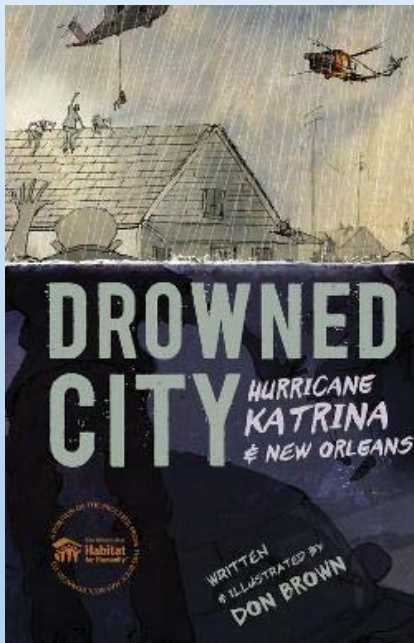


Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown



- In 1936, nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did. They went on to shock the world by challenging the crew from Nazi Germany in Berlin Olympics.

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans by Don Brown

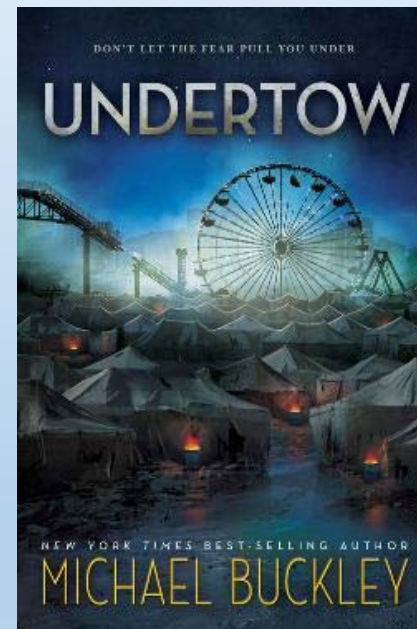


- The graphic non-fiction title captures both the tragedy and triumph of one of the worst natural disasters in American history.

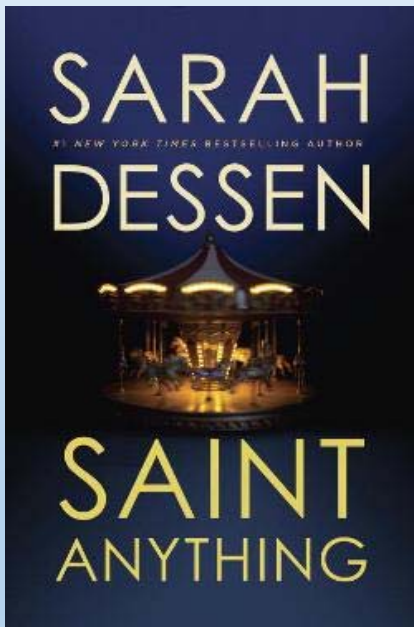
Undertow

by Michael Buckley

- Lyric's life is forever changed when she witnesses the arrival of the Alpha, a five-nation race of ocean-dwelling warriors, on her beach in Coney Island. The world's initial wonder and awe over the Alpha quickly turns ugly, paranoid and violent. Her small town transforms into a military zone with humans on one side and Alpha on the other, and she caught in the middle.



Saint Anything by Sarah Dessen



- Sydney's charismatic older brother has always been the center of attention in her family. When he is sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and the world until she meets Mac, who makes her feel seen for the first time.

Not If I See You First by Eric Lindstrom

- Blind sixteen-year-old Parker Grant navigates friendships and romances, including a run-in with a boy who had previously broke her heart, while she copes with her father's recent death.



Dumplin'

by Julie Murphy



- Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl. While grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the town's beauty pageant.

The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly by Stephanie Oakes

- Minnow escapes from a dangerous cult, only to find herself in juvenile detention. The police suspect she knows who murdered the leader of the cult and burned its compound. Will she talk or remain silent?



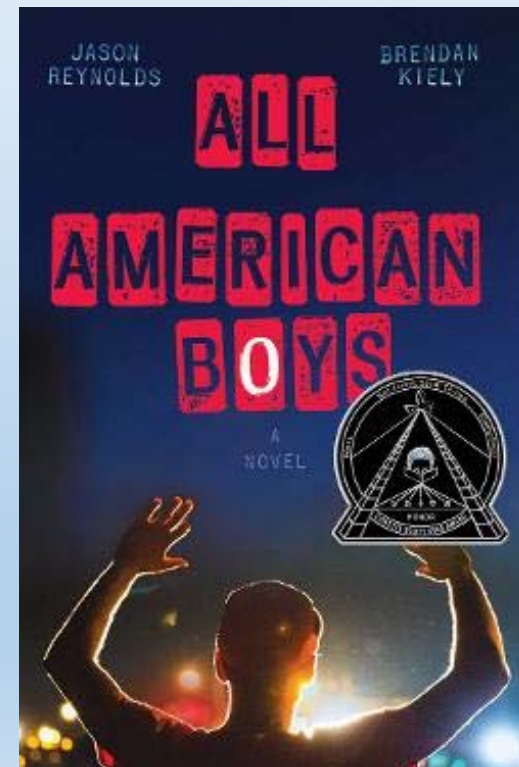
Gabi, a Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero



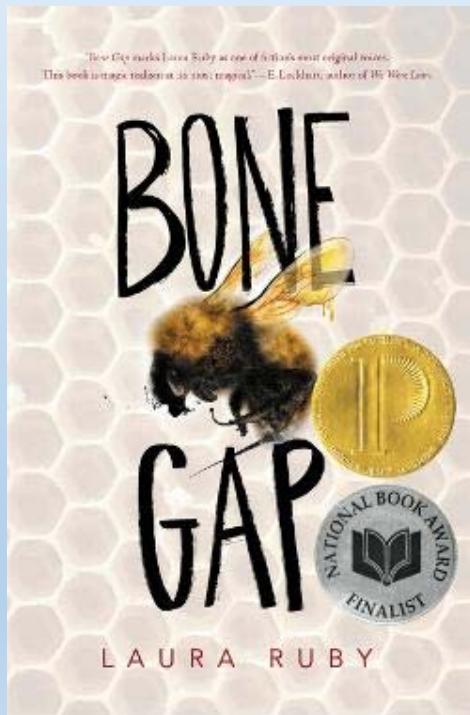
- Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy's pregnancy, her friend Sebastian's coming out, her father's meth habit, her cravings for food, and the poetry that helps to forge her identity.

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brenden

- When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, his classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend.



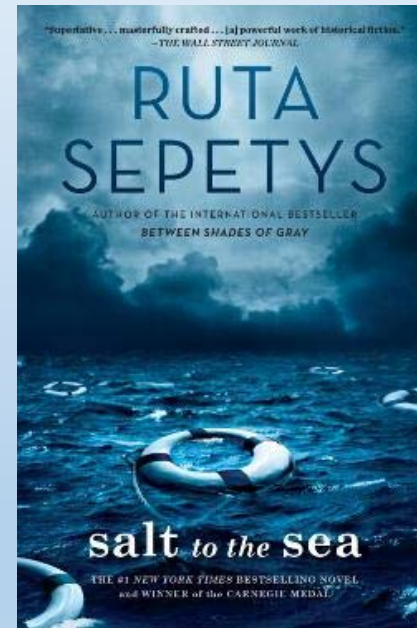
Bone Gap by Laura Ruby



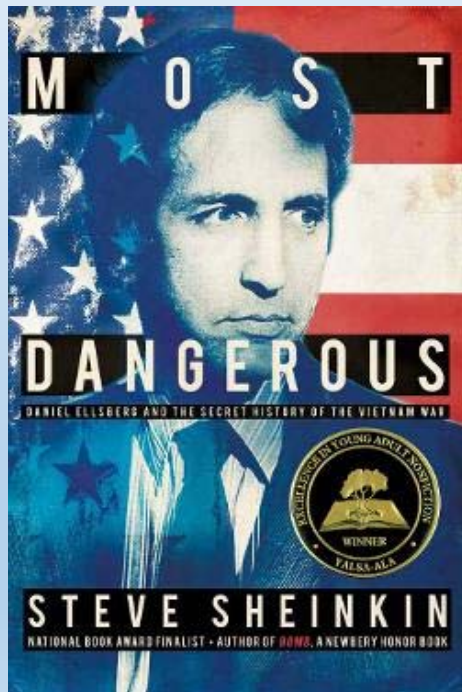
- Finn is the only witness to the abduction of a beautiful young woman, but his inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help the police with the investigation. When he decides to look for Roza himself, he puts his own in danger.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

- Set in Eastern Europe at the end of WWII, this novel tells the story of four refugees as they try to escape the advancing Soviet Army. They find passage aboard the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, a German ship targeted by Soviet submarines. Will they all survive the greatest maritime disaster in history?



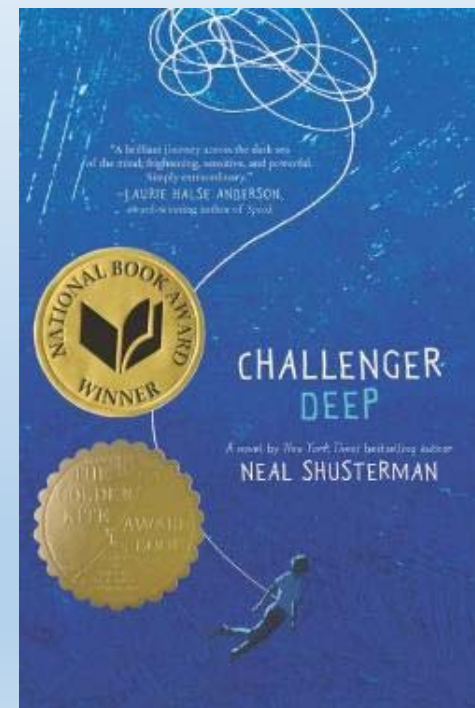
Most Dangerous by Steve Sheinkin



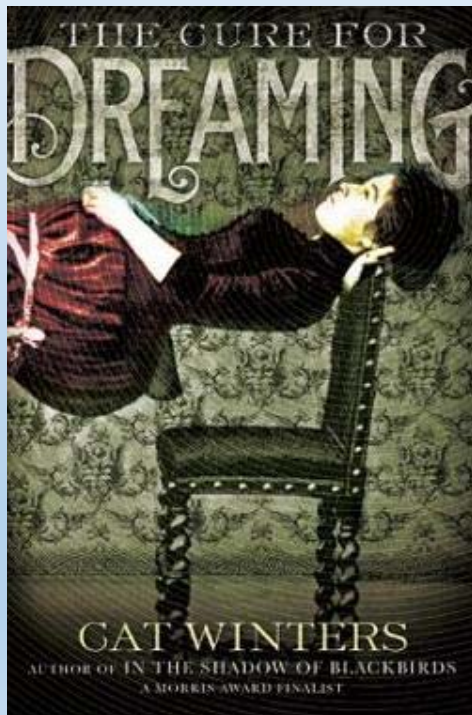
- This work of narrative non-fiction describes how analyst Daniel Ellsberg reached his decision to steal and publish secret government documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman

- Caden struggles to control his worsening schizophrenia as he begins to lose contact with reality. He drifts away from friends and family and deeper into the recesses of his mind until his parents admit him to a mental hospital for further evaluation and treatment.



The Cure for Dreaming by Cat Winters



- Olivia Mead is a headstrong, independent girl--a suffragist--in an age that prefers its girls to be docile. It's 1900 in Oregon, and her father, concerned that she's headed for trouble, convinces a mesmerist to hypnotize the rebellion out of her. Instead, he gives her the ability to see people's real intentions.

Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

- Maddie is literally allergic to the outside world and lives within the confines of her home. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known about herself.

