

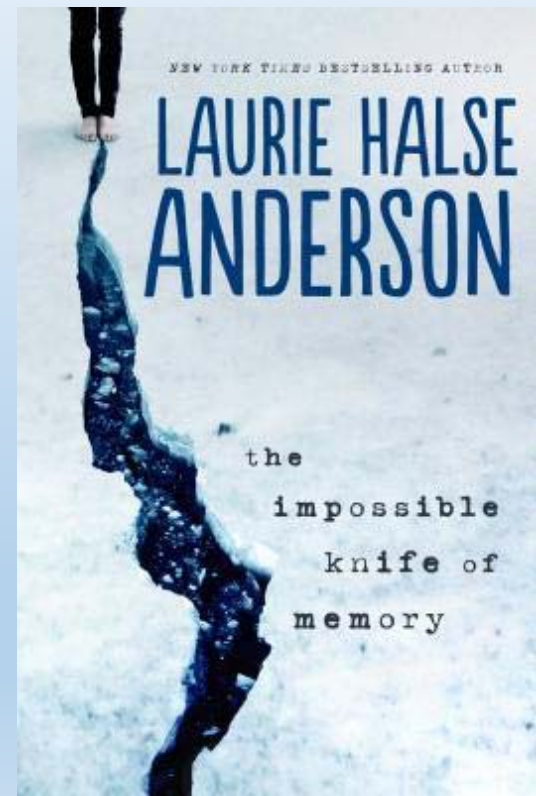
2015-2016 Volunteer State Book Award Nominated Titles

High School Division



The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson

- Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a normal life, but the horrors he saw during the war have given him a severe case of Post-traumatic stress disorder. Can Hayley convince him to get the help he needs before it is too late for both of them?



The Naturals

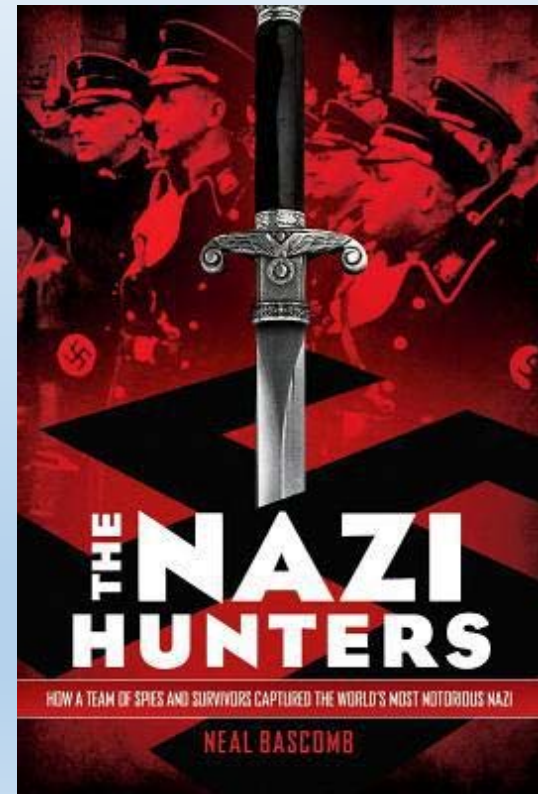
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



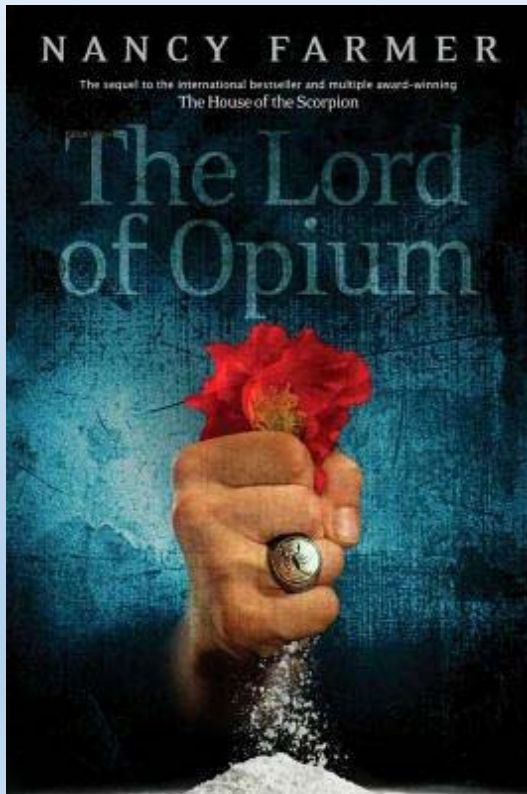
- Cassie, who has a natural ability to read people, joins an elite group of young criminal profilers at the FBI in order to help solve cold cases. When a new serial killer strikes in their neighborhood, Cassie and her team must bond together and use their unique skills before one of them becomes the next victim.

Nazi Hunters by Neal Bascomb

- This book presents the history of the group of spies, Holocaust survivors, and lawyers who pursued Adolf Eichmann, the infamous Nazi war criminal, for fifteen years in order to bring him to justice for his role in the killing of thousands of Jews during World War II.



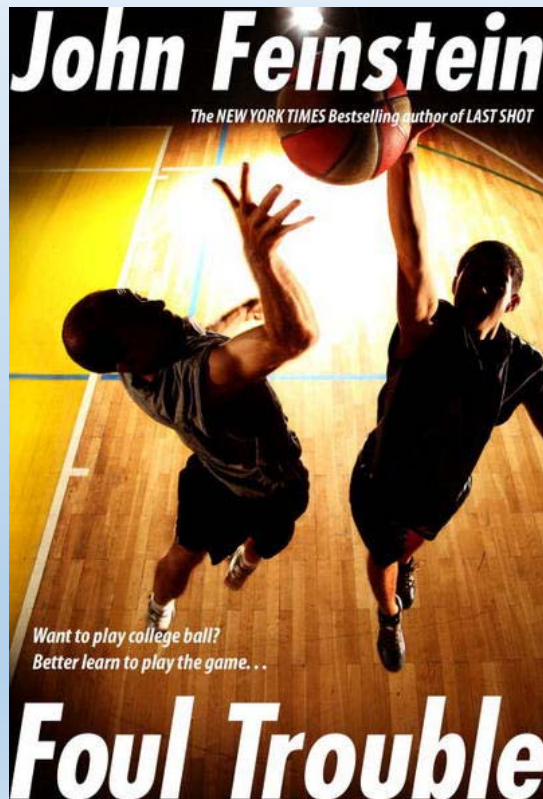
The Lord of Opium by Nancy Farmer



- In this sequel to *The House of the Scorpion*, Matt is stunned to learn that, as the clone of El Patron, he is expected to take over as leader of the corrupt drug empire of Opium. He also discovers that there is a hidden cure for the ecological devastation faced by the rest of the world.

Foul Trouble

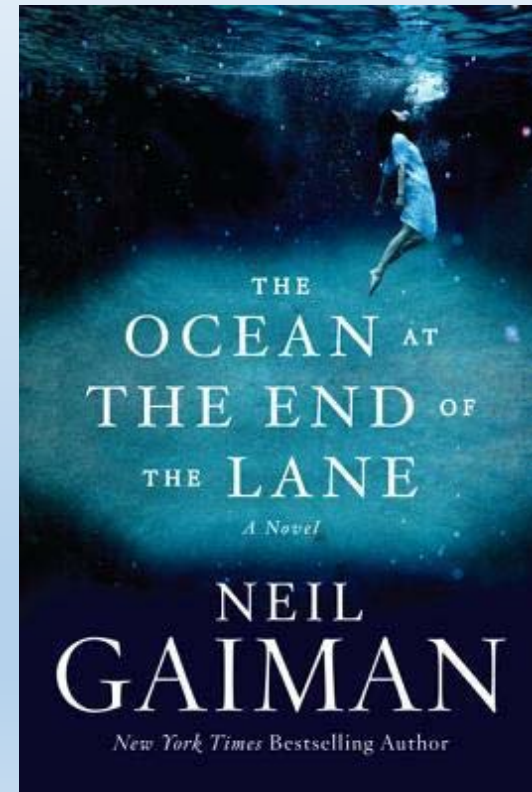
by John Feinstein



- College recruiters are clamoring to sign up Terrell Jamerson, the #1 high school basketball player in the country. Not all of these recruiters are playing fair, and Terrell will have to think fast if he wants to stay in the game.

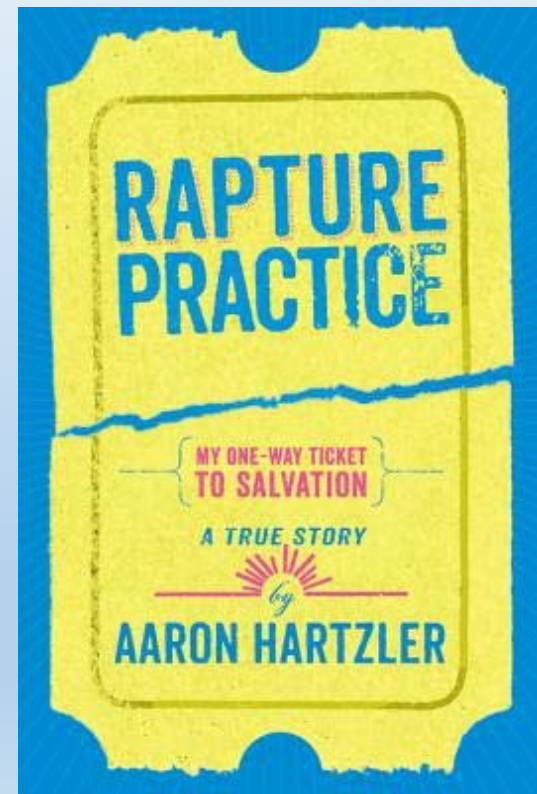
The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman

- When a middle-aged man returns to his childhood home for a funeral, he remembers frightening childhood memories of the young girl who promised to protect him from the darkness unleashed by a suicide at the pond at the end of their street.



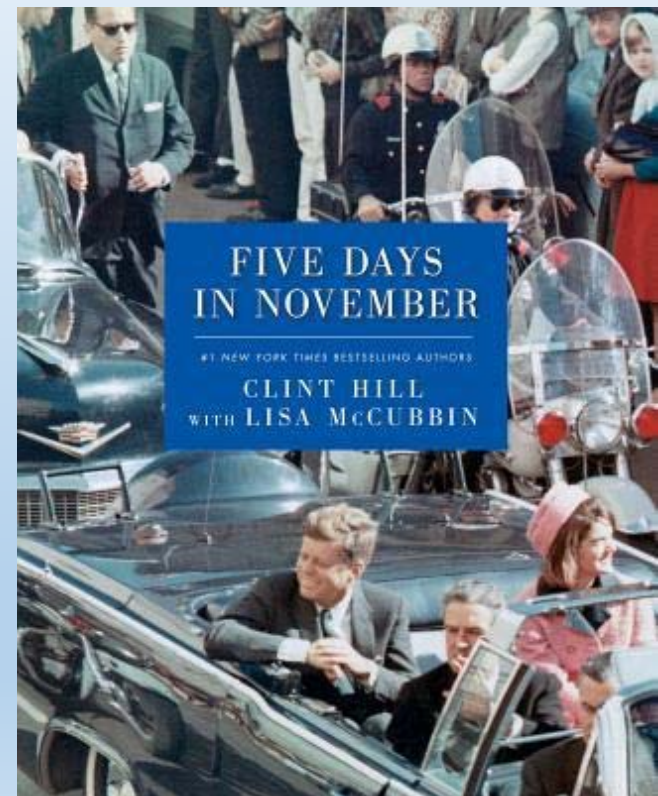
Rapture Practice by Aaron Hartzler

- In this memoir, the author discusses his life as a Christian boy who was always expecting the Rapture and slowly realizing that he had different beliefs than his parents.



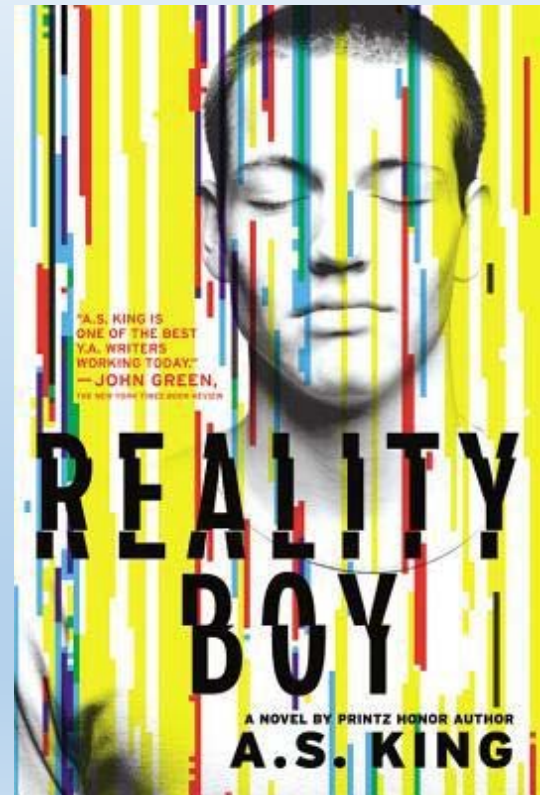
Five Days in November by Clint Hill

- A behind-the-scenes account of the five tragic days surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by former secret service agent Clint Hill, who served as body-guard to Jackie Kennedy.

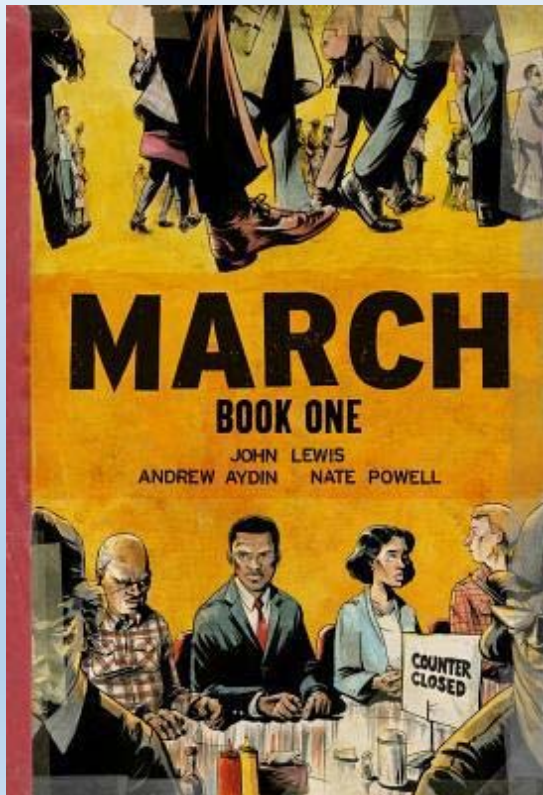


Reality Boy by A.S. King

- As a child, Gerald was an infamous reality television show star. Now he is an emotionally disturbed teenager. When he meets a girl from another dysfunctional family, she helps him out of his angry shell.

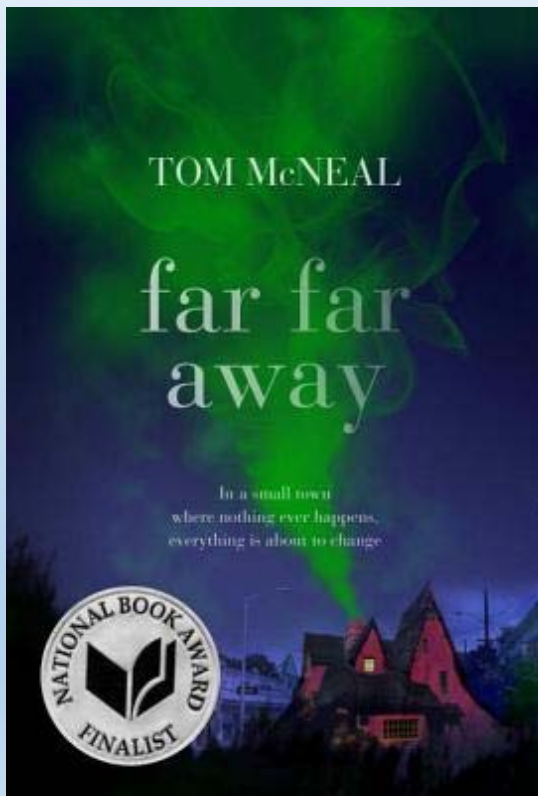


March: Book 1 by John Lewis



- This graphic biography presents events from the life of Georgia congressman John Lewis and focuses on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.

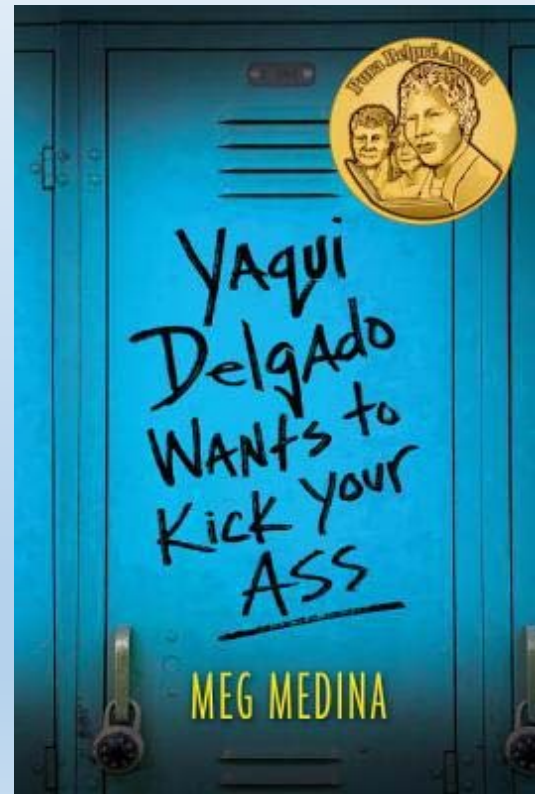
Far Far Away by Tom McNeal



- When Jeremy's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of Ginger, the two friends find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown and the dark secrets of its fabled bakery.

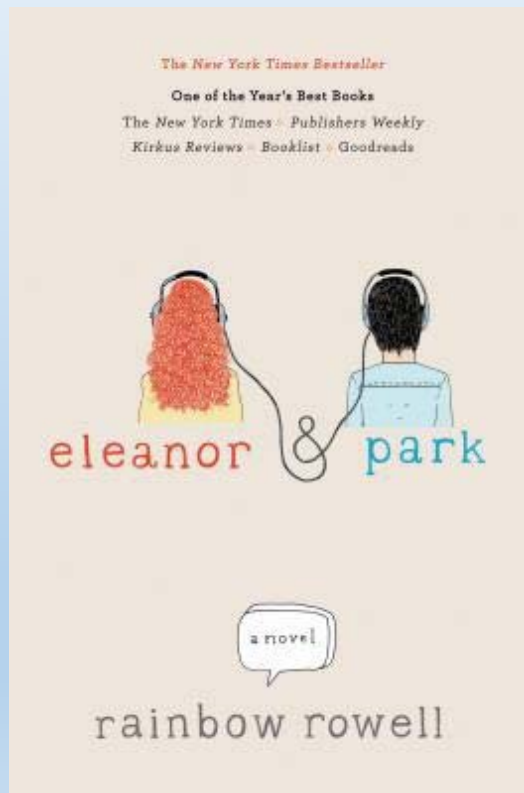
Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina

- Piddy Sanchez must deal with bullying at her new school. When the harassment escalates into a major beat down, she finds the courage to confront her attackers with the help of her friends and family.



Eleanor & Park

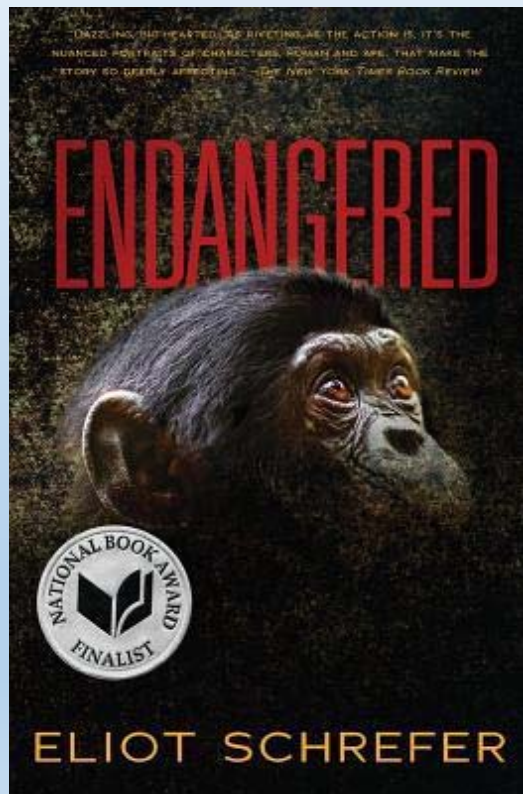
by Rainbow Rowell



- Eleanor and Park, both social outcasts, meet on the bus and fall deeply in love for the first time. Both realize first love cannot last forever, but they are desperate to stay together in spite of the obstacles around them.

Endangered

by Eliot Schrefer



- Sophie travels with her mother to an animal sanctuary for bonobos in the Congo. After rebel soldiers overrun the compound, she and the apes flee into the jungle where they must fight for their survival.

The Raven Boys

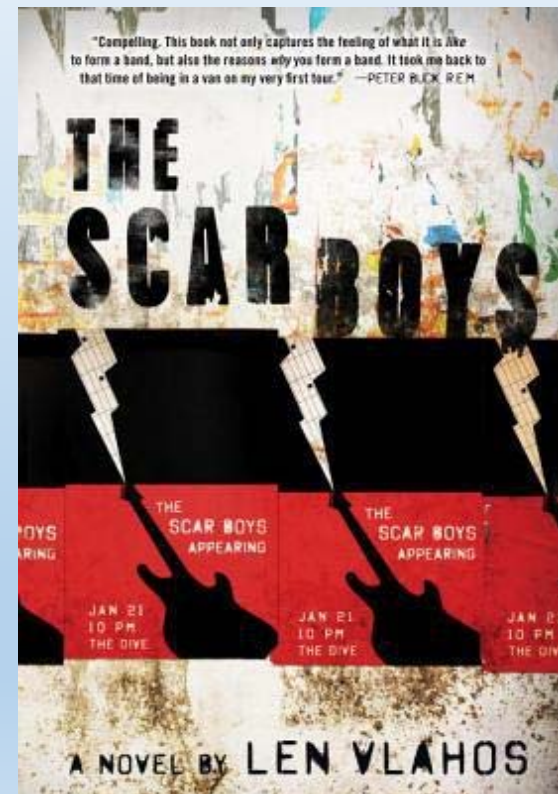
by Maggie Stiefvater

- Blue is from a family of clairvoyants, but her only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger. When she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from an exclusive private school, Blue discovers that he too has talents of his own. Together, their talents form a powerful but dangerous mix.

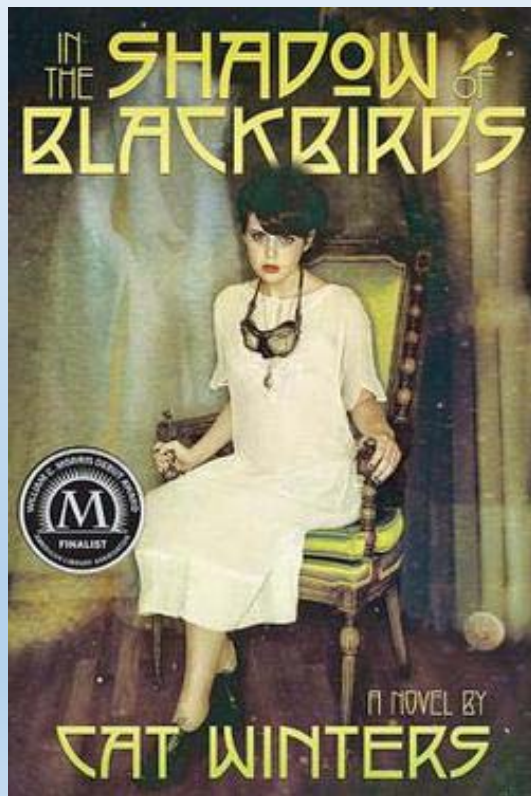


The Scar Boys by Len Vlahos

- As a child, Harry was badly burned in a horrific prank and has the scars to prove it. Now eighteen, he is writing a college admission essay in which he describes how he found his voice as the guitar player in a punk rock band.



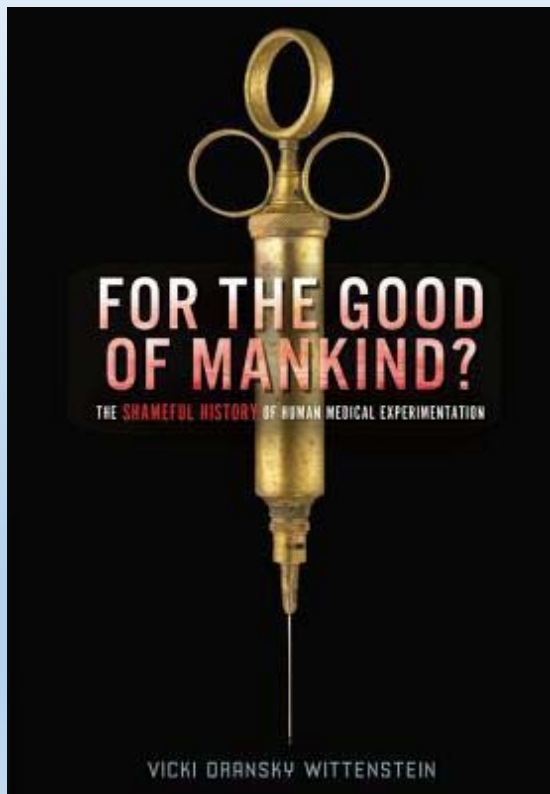
In the Shadow of Blackbirds by Cat Winters



- Set in 1918 in a city where the deadly influenza and World War I have taken their toll, Mary watches the desperate mourners who flock to séances and spirit photographers for comfort. Despite her skepticism, she must consider whether or not ghosts are real after her first love returns from the dead.

For the Good of Mankind?

By Vicki Wittenstein



- This work of non-fiction takes readers on a journey through some of history's greatest medical advances--and its most horrifying medical atrocities--to discover how human suffering has gone hand in hand with medical advancement.

The 5th Wave

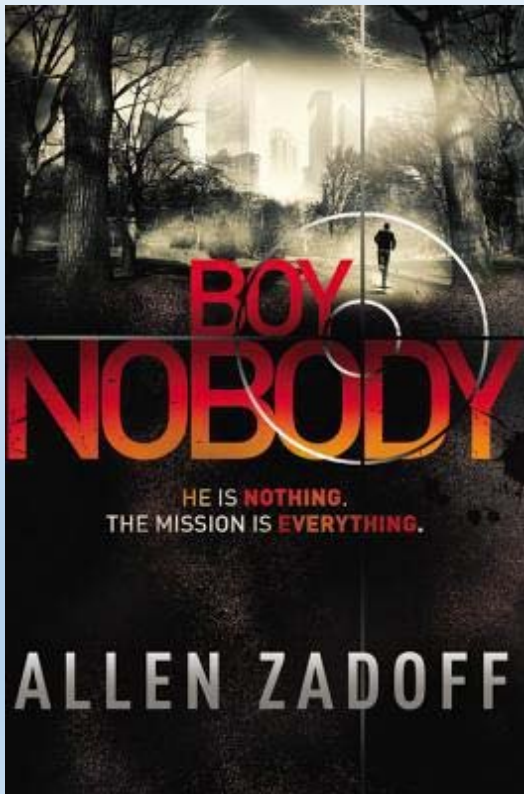
by Rick Yancey

- Seven billion humans have died in the months following the appearance of an alien mother ship. Cassie is one of the few survivors. Can she rescue her brother from the aliens before it is too late?



Boy Nobody

by Allen Zadoff



- Boy Nobody, a teen assassin controlled by a shadowy government organization, considers sabotaging his latest mission because his target reminds him of the normal life he craves.