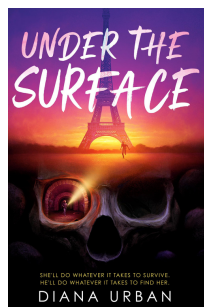


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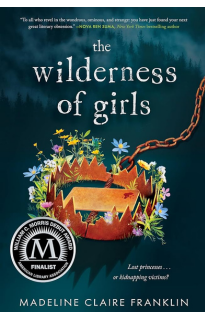
by Diana Urban



On their way to a mystery boy's exclusive party in the Paris catacombs, Ruby and her friends get lost in the endless maze of bones and uncover dark secrets about the catacombs--and each other--as something sinister chases them, determined to stop them from seeing another day.

The Wilderness of Girls

by Madeline Claire Franklin



After being placed in foster care, Rhi wants a fresh start and begins working at the Happy Valley Wildlife Preserve. While in the woods, she stumbles upon a surreal sight: wolves guarding four feral and majestic girls. They reveal that they're princesses from another land and they're convinced Rhi is their lost fifth sister.

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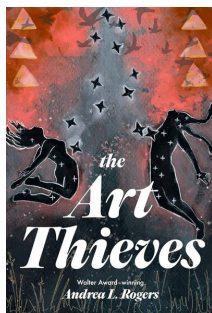
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The Art Thieves

by Andrea L. Rogers



In 2052, Stevie, a Cherokee girl working at a museum in Texas, with the world in a constant cycle of drought and superstorm, ice and fire, discovers it's about to get a whole lot worse when a mysterious boy from the future arrives and tells her what's to come.

Artifice

by Sharon Cameron



Isa de Smit grew up in her parents' art gallery in Amsterdam, but in the middle of the war she survives by selling fake paintings to the Nazis while trying to help her friend, Truus, smuggle Jewish babies to safety--but in 1943 it is hard to know who to trust.

Crashing Into You

by Rocky Callen



Dreaming of becoming a famous street racer, 17-year-old Leti Rivera vows to give up driving after tragedy strikes following a race, until she realizes it could be the very thing that saves her--and the boy she's come to love.

Pearl

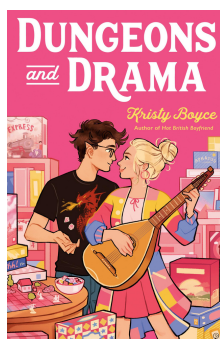
by Sherri L. Smith



Amy is a Japanese-American girl from Hawaii. When her great-grandmother falls ill, Amy travels to visit family in Hiroshima. But when the Japanese navy attacks Pearl Harbor, it becomes impossible for Amy to return to Hawaii. Torn between two countries at war, Amy must figure out where her loyalties lie and, in the face of unthinkable tragedy, find hope in the rubble of a changed world.

Dungeons and Drama

by Kristy Boyce



When Riley takes her mom's car without permission, she's grounded and stuck with the worst punishment: spending her after-school hours working at her dad's game shop. Riley can't waste her time working when she has a musical to save, so she convinces Nathan—a nerdy teen employee—to cover her shifts and, in exchange, she'll flirt with him to make his gamer-girl crush jealous. But Riley didn't realize that meant joining Nathan's Dungeons & Dragons game...

Rez Ball

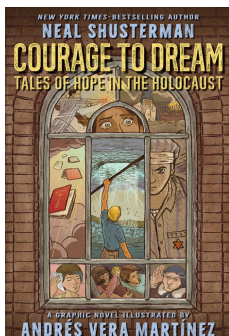
by Byron Graves



When the varsity basketball team members take him under their wing, Tre Brun, representing his Ojibwe reservation, steps into his late brother's shoes as star player but soon learns he can't mess up--not on the court, not in school and not in love.

Courage to Dream: Tales of Hope in the Holocaust

by Neal Shusterman



Taking readers into the darkest time of human history -- the Holocaust -- this graphic novel, woven from Jewish folklore and cultural history, shows what it means to face the extinction of everything and everyone you hold dear while exploring one common thread: the tradition of resistance and uplift.

Sleep Like Death

by Kalynn Bayron



Able to conjure weapons from nature, Princess Eve, who has been raised to destroy the Knight, an evil sorcerer, as she approaches her 17th birthday, learns a shocking truth about her past and must find the courage to fight, hoping it's enough to save her family and her queendom.

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