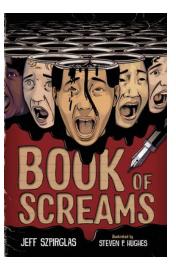
Shelf-Indulgence Books For November/December LBMS Library



A mix of squirmy, funny and downright terrifying tales...



Fic Szp

Tanya is a huge fan of horror author Joel Southland...AND he's coming to visit her school! Even though she is his biggest fan, she barely gets a chance to say hello. But he does give her a signed For Tanya. Stay Scared! Reading later that night, she figures it's just her eyes playing tricks on her when she sees the ink on the bookmark move a little. But when the ink slithers toward her, it's too late...

As Tanya tries to get to the bottom of Southland's nefarious schemes, the book is broken up by nine other creepy tales, including one about middle-school horror movie fans who track down the scariest horror movie of all time, another about a kid whose "baby eye" is beginning to fall out, and yet another about a vampire suffering due to a virus that is keeping people indoors.

A bold and thrilling reimagining of a classic...

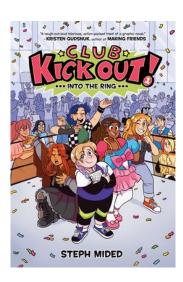


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When young Arthur Conan Doyle is offered a spot at Baskerville Hall, a secret school for extraordinarily gifted children, he is elated at being chosen—and being given a chance to turn his family's fortunes around. There, Arthur makes quick friends with Irene Eagle, a girl who boldly strides into action, and Jimmie Moriarty, a boy whose brilliance rivals Arthur's own. Together, they discover that their new school is a peculiar place, home to leaning towers and unexplained explosions, prowling wolves and extinct birds.

Arthur quickly makes enemies, too— deadly foes who wants him expelled . . . or worse. When Arthur and his friends are invited into a powerful secret society called the Clover, they must pass three challenging tests to be accepted. But along the way, Arthur uncovers a mystery that will lead to grand adventure . . . and even greater danger.

A laugh-out-loud hilarious, action-packed treat!



In this punchy and energetic middle grade graphic novel, six artistic misfits take matters into their own hands when their principal cancels all creative extracurricular clubs at their school. When the school principal cancels Sasha's gaming club, she's crushed—but not alone. Turns out theater, cosplay, and choir clubs are canceled too, and tons of kids are left without a space to let their creativity shine. Just when she thinks all hope is lost, a class project leads Sasha and her new friends somewhere they never expected—a local wrestling match—where costumes, secret identities, and catchphrases abound. It's there an idea is formed. Enter Club Kick Out! But not everyone is on board with this flashy new club, so when Sasha and her friends take their performances too far, trouble starts brewing. With friendships on the ropes and an unexpected injury in the ring, it looks like the end for these up-and-coming performers.

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Can Sasha and her friends make a comeback in time for Club Kick Out to give the school a match they'll never forget...or is this young club officially down for the count?

Brimming with humor, heart, and a hefty dose of supernatural mayhem



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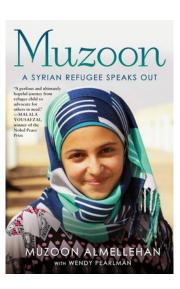
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Abigail Rook never intended to be the mortal bridge between the human and supernatural world. But now, the power of the Sight--and all the chaos that comes with seeing the essential truth of everything, every human, fairy, werewolf, enchanted slip of paper, and municipal building, at all times--is hers alone. With this overwhelming new gift, she should be able to solve crimes and help New Fiddleham, New England find calm in its supernatural chaos.

The only problem? She has no idea what she's doing.

And New Fiddleham isn't waiting for Abigail to be ready. Local witches and other magical beings are going missing, as tensions between human and supernatural residents curdle into a hatred that could tear the city apart. Abigail's fiance, Charlie, works alongside her to unravel the magical disappearances, but as a shapeshifter, he's under threat as well. Then Abigail's parents appear, ready to take her back to England and marry her off to someone she's never met. Abigail has no choice but to follow her Sight, her instincts, and any clues she can find to track a culprit who is trying destroy everything she holds dear.

This is the inspiring true story of a Syrian refugee who grew into one of the world's leading advocates for education.



This eye-opening memoir tells the story of a young girl's life in Syria, her family's wrenching decision to leave their home, and the upheaval of life in a refugee camp. Though her life had utterly changed, one thing remained the same. She knew that education was the key to a better future—for herself, and so that she could help her country. She went from tent to tent in the camp, trying to convince other kids, especially girls, to come to school. And her passion and dedication soon had people calling her the "Malala of Syria."

Muzoon has grown into an internationally recognized advocate for refugees, for education, and for the rights of girls and women, and is now a UNICEF goodwill ambassador—the first refugee to play that role.

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Muzoon's story is absolutely riveting and will inspire young readers to use their own voices and stand up for what they believe in.

The incredibly moving story of a boy determined to uncover the truth.



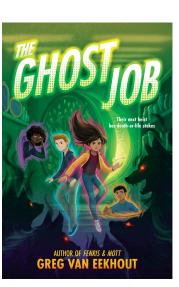
Fic Bis

Nothing is going right this summer for Drew. And after losing his dad unexpectedly three years ago, Drew knows a lot about things not going right. First, it's the new girl Audrey taking over everything at the library, Drew's sacred space. Then it's his best friend, Filipe, pulling away from him. But most upsetting has to be the mysterious man who is suddenly staying with Drew's family. An old friend of Mom's? Drew isn't buying that.

With an unlikely ally in Audrey, he's determined to get to the bottom of who this man really is. The thing is, there are some fears—like what if the person you thought was your dad actually wasn't—that you can't speak out loud, not to anyone. At least that's what Drew thinks.

But then again, first impressions can be deceiving.

Ghosts really make the best thieves!



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Ghosts make the best thieves in this pitch-perfect middle grade adventure from the acclaimed author of Weird Kid . Perfect for fans of Gordon Korman and John David Anderson--and anyone looking for an Ocean's 11- style heist! Zenith and her friends may be dead—but lucky for them, even getting ghosted wasn't enough to tear them apart. The four of them were thick as thieves long before an unfortunate lab accident sent them careening into the afterlife.

So when they hear about a machine that could return them to the land of the living, they are determined to steal it. Unfortunately, the magical device belongs to a dangerous necromancer who's out for their ectoplasm. Fortunately, they're great at heists. Because pulling off the score of their deathtimes is no job for an amateur.

Fic Van

A story about sharing your voice with the world when the right words are hard to find

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Fic Yan

Mia Tang is at the top of her game!

She's spending winter break with Mom, Lupe, Jason, and Hank in San Francisco's Chinatown! Rich with history and hilarious aunties and uncles, it's the place to find a great story—one she hopes to publish while attending journalism camp at the Tribune. But this trip has as many bumps as the hills of San Francisco . . .

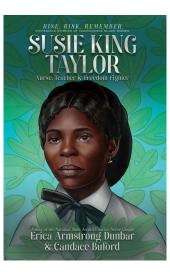
1. Mia's camp is full of older kids, with famous relatives, fancy laptops, and major connections! Can she compete with just her pen and passion?

2. Lupe's thinking about skipping ahead to college! Will Mia ever get a chance to just chill with her best friend?

3. Jason's crushing hard on a new girl. For the first time ever, Mia is speechless...and jealous. Can she find the courage to tell Jason—gulp—that she has a crush on him?

Even for the best writers, it's not always easy to find the right words. But if anyone

A new series spotlighting Black women who left their mark on history.



A groundbreaking figure in every sense of the word, Susie King Taylor (1848–1912) was one of the first Black nurses during the Civil War, tending to the wounded soldiers of the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Afterward, she was a key figure in establishing a postbellum educational system for formerly bonded Black people, opening several dedicated schools in Georgia. Taylor was also one of the first Black women to publish her memoirs.

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Even as her country was at war with itself, Taylor valiantly fought for the rights of her people and demonstrated true heroism.

Mika is not your average orphan—and she's about to prove it.

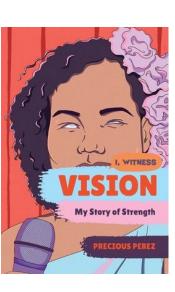


It's 1880, and in the frigid city of Stockholm, death lurks around every corner. Twelve-year-old Mika knows that everyone in her orphanage will struggle to survive this winter. But at least the notorious serial killer the Night Raven is finally off the streets...or is he?

Mika is shocked when a newborn baby is left at the orphanage in the middle of the night, by a boy with a cryptic message. Who is he? And who is this "Dark Angel" he speaks of? When a detective shows up, Mika senses something even more sinister is going on.

Drawn in by Mika's unique ability to notice small details—a skill Mika has always used to survive—the gruff Detective Hoff unwittingly recruits her to help him with his investigation into a gruesome murder. Mika knows she should stay far, far away, and yet...with such little hope for her future, could this be an opportunity? Maybe, just maybe, this is Mika's chance to be someone who matters.

A young activist opens a window into her journey to become a professional musician and leader for the disabled community



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Ever since Precious Perez was a child, she has loved to sing. Born and raised outside Boston, her family joked that she'd eventually study at Berklee College of Music. But when a high school music teacher advocated for Precious's talent, her dream became a reality.

Precious was born two-and-a-half months premature and weighed just one pound. Her eyes did not develop fully, and she is blind. Growing up, most people focused on what Precious could not do because of her disability. With her teacher's support, Precious realized all the things she could do with her disability—starting with attending Berklee.

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With a voice that is both accessible and engaging, Vision brings forward an empowering first-person account of a woman finding strength and purpose in her disability. The I, Witness series delivers compelling narrative nonfiction by young people, for young people.

An engrossing graphic memoir tells the story of professional athlete and activist Akim Aliu's incredible life as a hockey prodigy in Canada



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This honest, engrossing graphic memoir tells the story of professional athlete and activist Akim Aliu's incredible life as a hockey prodigy in Canada. Akim Aliu — also known as "Dreamer" — is a Ukrainian-Nigerian-Canadian professional hockey player whose career took him all around the world and who experienced systemic racism at every turn. Dreamer tells Akim's incredible story, from being the only Black child in his Ukrainian community, to his family struggling to make ends meet while living in Toronto, to confronting the racist violence he often experienced both on and off the ice.

This is a gut-wrenching and riveting graphic novel memoir that reminds us to never stop dreaming, and is sure to inspire young readers everywhere. "With honesty and courage, Akim Aliu's Dreamer will inspire readers of all ages to move confidently in the direction of their future."

A creepy, spellbinding ghost story...



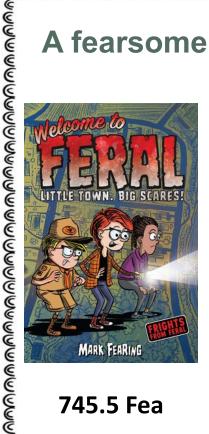
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After a personal tragedy, eleven-year-old Ollie intervenes when she witnesses a woman about to throw a book into the river. The stolen book reveals a chilling tale involving a girl named Beth, two loving brothers, and a sinister figure known as "the smiling man" who grants wishes at a grave cost. Ollie's fascination turns to fear when a school trip takes her to Smoke Hollow, where she discovers the graves of the characters from the book.

As events unfold, a broken bus, a cryptic warning, and a countdown on Ollie's wristwatch propel her and two classmates into the eerie woods, bordered by watchful scarecrows, with the advice to "Avoid large places. Keep to small."

A fearsome saga made out of small-town terrors!



Feral has everything a small town should Main Street, City Hall, a population just over sixteen thousand ...

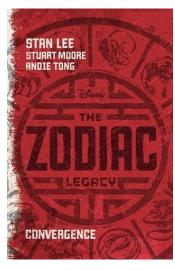
But Feral also has secrets. Mysteries. Unexplained disappearances.

In five spooky stories, an intrepid young resident invites readers to look a little closer at this scenic rural town. Are you game to investigate what's going on in Feral? If you pay attention, you might notice something where it shouldn't be.

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Be careful, though. Whatever you do, do not go into the Messner Mansion. Don't say we didn't warn you!

Global adventure, Zodiac powers, and a teenage hero's quest to stop the forces of evil unleashed onto the world



Set in various locations around the world, the epic story follows fourteen-year-old Chinese-American Steven Lee, who is thrown into a sprawling global adventure when twelve pools of mystical energy based on the signs of the Zodiac are discovered. When a villainous collective known as The Vanguard sets out to obtain the magical superpowers held in the twelve pools, Steven must lead a group of friends and allies to defeat the bad guys, restoring order to the universe.

Fic Lee

Along the way, Steven absorbs the power of the Tiger and must use his newfound influence to take down the evil villain Maxwell, a corrupt businessman who intends to take over the world.

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It's not all sunshine in this haunted house...

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Fic McK

Something freaky's going on with Sunshine's new house... there's the chill that wraps itself around her bones, the giggling she can hear in the dead of night, and then the strange shadows that lurk in her photographs. But the more weird stuff that happens, the less her mom believes her. Sunshine's always had a quirky affiliation with the past, but this time, history is getting much too close for comfort...

If there is something, or someone, haunting her house, what do $\frac{3}{2}$ they want? And what will they do if Sunshine can't help them?

As things become more frightening and dangerous, and the giggles she hears turn to sobs and screams, Sunshine has no choice but to accept what she is, face the test before her and save her mother from a fate worse than death.

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