

# TEEN BOOK GIFT GUIDE

2024 titles selected by the Wayland Library Youth Services Staff

## **Adventures of Mary Jane**

by Hope Jahren

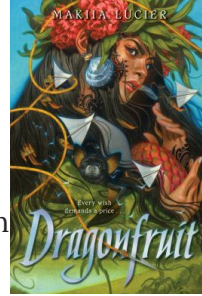
Introduced as “the Red-Headed Girl” in Twain’s adventures, Mary Jane is back on her own thrilling journey on the Mississippi River in pre-Civil War America.



## **Dragonfruit**

by Makiia Lucier

A dazzling, romantic fantasy inspired by Pacific Island mythology. After years in exile, Hanalei teams with Prince Sam to search for a seadragon egg to help them all.



## **Girlmode**

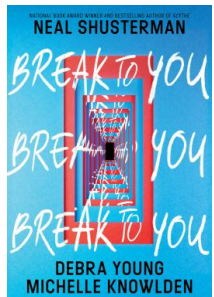
by Magdalene Visaggio & Paulina Ganucheau

At a new school, Phoebe is taken under the wing of Mackenzie Ishikawa, who shows her the value of being true to herself instead of who everyone expects her to be. (graphic novel)



## **Break to You**

by Neal Shusterman, Debra Young, and Michelle Knowlden

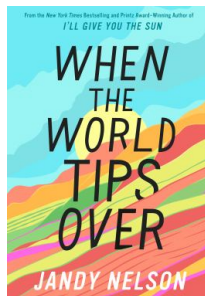


An intense yet tender story of two teens, trapped in impossible circumstances and unjust systems, willing to risk everything for love—no matter the consequences.

## **When the World Tips Over**

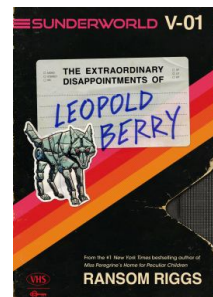
by Jandy Nelson

A multigenerational epic focused on the Fall siblings. Abandoned years before by their father, encounters with a mysterious, rainbow-haired girl profoundly touch their lives.



## **The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry**

by Ransom Riggs



After years of grief-fueled visions of creatures from his favorite television show, Leopold Berry discovers that magic is real, and he might be the chosen one after all.

## **Under the Heron's Light**

by Randi Pink

Atlas learns of her ancestral powers and their connection to the Great Dismal Swamp, which shielded her grandmother as a formerly enslaved girl in the 1700s.



## **Halfway There**

by Christine Mari

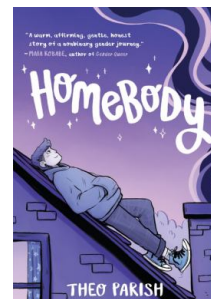


A Japanese American college student reconnects with her roots in Tokyo, Japan, while wrestling with feelings of loneliness, depression, and cultural identity confusion. (graphic memoir)

## **Homebody**

by Theo Parish

The author shares their journey to find a home within themselves, through the experiences and everyday moments that all led up to them finding the term nonbinary. (graphic memoir)



## **Fledgling**

by S.K. Ali



Follow multiple points of view through a fractured world on the brink of war or enlightenment. Love, peace, or justice – which is more important?

## **Hotelitor**

by Josh Hicks



Luxury ship Hotelitor is equipped with a hyperspace engine, jet feet, and plenty of rooms. When an alien attack strands the craft in deep space, intern Anne Greene must save its guests from chaos. (graphic novel)

## **Side Quest**

by Samuel Sattin & Steenz



Gives existing fans of tabletop roleplaying games insight into the history of the medium and provides a gateway for anyone new to the phenomenon. (graphic nonfiction)

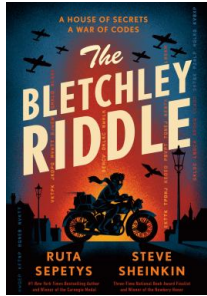
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## The Bletchley Riddle

by Ruta Sepetys & Steve Sheinkin

Two siblings struggle to unravel a mystery surrounding their mother's disappearance against the backdrop of the Battle of Britain and Hitler's feared invasion.



## Crashing into You

by Rocky Callen

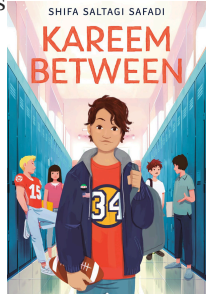
Seventeen-year-old Leti Rivera's love of street racing is put to the test when tragedy strikes her family and threatens to tear her apart from the boy she is falling for.



## Kareem Between

by Shifa Saltagi Safadi

From failed football tryouts to helping the new Syrian refugee student, Kareem attempts to navigate the social complexities of seventh grade, which are further complicated when his mother is unable to return home from Syria due to an executive order.



## The Dark Becomes Her

by Judy I. Lin

In Vancouver's Chinatown, Ruby Chen enters into an ancient battle over the gateway to the underworld as she attempts to save her sister and her community.



## Bye Forever, I Guess

by Jodi Meadows



Eighth-grader Ingrid runs a popular blog anonymously and has online personal more popular than she is, but when a wrong-number text message offers her a chance at connection, Ingrid opens herself to the opportunity to make a real live friend

## The Enigma girls

by Candace Fleming

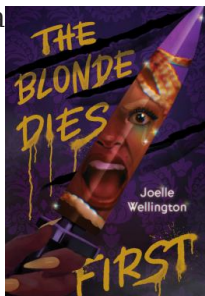


The powerful and fascinating story of the brave and dedicated young women who helped turn the tides of World War II for the Allies, with their hard work and determination at Bletchley Park.

## The Blonde Dies First

by Joelle Wellington

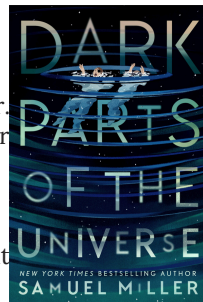
A tight-knit group of Brooklyn teens face a demonic force who seemingly follows horror movie tropes, propelling the group to flip the script and use their horror movie knowledge in order to survive.



## Dark Parts of the Universe

by Samuel Miller

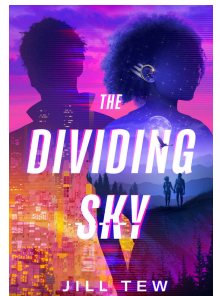
In the all-white Missouri town of Calico Springs, Willie's life has been defined by two powerful forces: God and the river. The 'miracle boy' died for five minutes as a young child, and ever since, Willie is certain he survived for a reason, but that purpose didn't become clear until he found the Game.



## The Dividing Sky

by Jill Tew

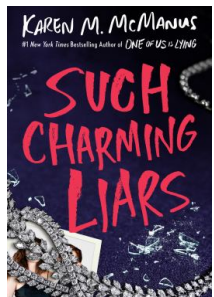
A cunning memory merchant falls for the handsome rookie officer on her tail in this swoony dystopian romance.



## Such Charming Liars

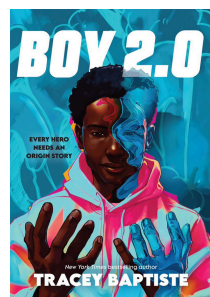
by Karen M. McManus

When mother-daughter grifters set out on their final job, the heist gets deadly and dangerously personal.



## Boy 2.0

by Tracey Baptiste



When thirteen-year-old African American Coal discovers he can turn invisible, he searches for answers about his past with the help of his friends and his new foster family.

## Heir

by Sabaa Tahir



Told in alternating voices, three teens, whose fates intertwine to stop the murder of innocent children, journey across two warring nations to ensure a better future for their people.