

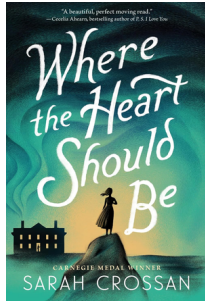
TEEN BOOK GIFT GUIDE

2025 titles selected by the Wayland Library Youth Services Staff

Where the Heart Should Be

by Sarah Crossan

A heart-wrenching novel-in-verse set during 1846 and the height of the Irish Potato Famine. Nell must do everything she can to protect her family and everyone she loves.



There's Always Next Year

by Leah Johnson and George M. Johnson

Two points of view and two love stories about what it means to nearly blow up your life and race to put it back together before your time runs out.



Fake Skating

by Lynn Painter

After returning to Minnesota and reconnecting with her nerdy childhood sweetheart Alec, Dani discovers he is now a hunky hockey star, and only a fake-dating situation may truly reunite them.



Somadina

by Akwaeke Emezi

A teen girl must save her missing twin while learning to navigate her own terrifying new powers. Set in a magical West African inspired world.



Breath of the Dragon

by Shannon Lee and Fonda Lee

Determined to restore his father's honor, 16-year-old Jun, secretly enters in the elite Guardian's Tournament, where he discovers he is fighting for the country's fate.



All Better Now

by Neal Shusterman

As an unprecedented condition is on the rise, three teens seek to unravel the truth behind conflicting agendas surrounding a deadly virus that could change humanity forever.



The Mythmakers

by John Hendrix

A graphic novel biography of two of fantasy's greatest authors, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, detailing their friendship and creation of their masterworks.



The House Saphir

by Marissa Meyer

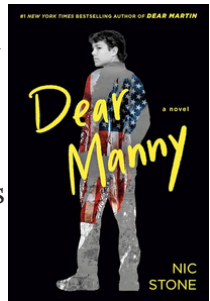
While attempting to banish an infamous murderer's spirit from his home, Mallory, a witch who can see ghosts, finds herself at the center of a new murder investigation.



Dear Manny

by Nic Stone

While running for junior class president at his university, Jared falls for his opponent, and processes his feelings by writing letters to his deceased friend Manny.



The Reappearance of Rachel Price

by Holly Jackson

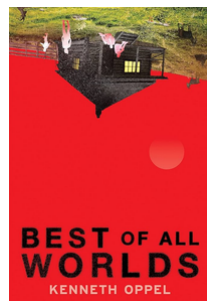
When 18-year-old Bel's mother reappears after 16 years, she must uncover the real reason Rachel Price is back from the dead.



Best of All Worlds

by Kenneth Oppel

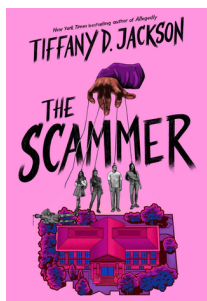
A brief cabin trip turns into a years long nightmare under a dome for Xavier, his father, Caleb, and his pregnant stepmother, Nia. Tensions grow when a new family mysteriously arrives.



The Scammer

by Tiffany D Jackson

Jordyn is ready to kill it at university when her roommate ex-convict brother moves in, bringing charm, friendly advice, and a sinister mystery when one of her roommates disappears.





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Rebellion 1776

by Laurie Halse Anderson

In March 1776, Elsbeth finally had hope, until the war turned her hopes to ash. As a smallpox epidemic rages during the American Revolution all her dreams become one wish: survive.



Scarlet Morning

by ND Stevenson

Viola and Wilmur have been waiting for their parents for 15 years in the colorless town of Caveat, until one stormy night, when they cut a deal with a captain and set off on a new adventure.



Berry Parker Doesn't Catch Crushes

by Tanita S. Davis

Frustrated by how love seems to change those closest to her, twelve soon to be thirteen-year-old Berry sets out to prove that life is better without romance.



The Grimmelings

by Rachael King



A girl must unravel the mystery behind disappearances in her community, including her father years before and her bully, whose disappearance coincides with the arrival of a strange boy and a wild horse.

Billions to Burn

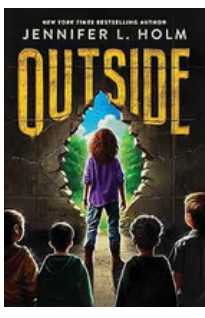
by Taylor Banks



Twelve-year-old African American Zeus embarks on a treasure hunt to find his grandfather and uncover the secrets that destroyed his grandfather's printing company during the Harlem Renaissance.

Outside

by Jennifer L. Holm

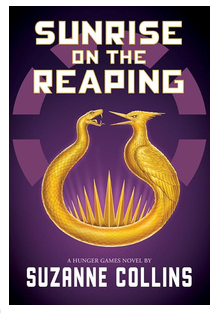


Razzi is being raised in a compound and doesn't understand how isolated and unusual her life is, until she must encounter the outside world.

Sunrise on the Reaping

by Suzanne Collins

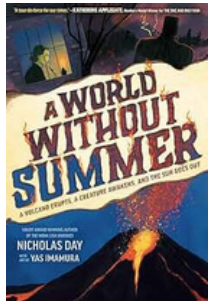
In a compelling Hunger Games prequel, follow the story of Haymitch Abernathy in the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, where twice as many tributes must fight to the death.



A World Without Summer

by Nicholas Day

Narrative nonfiction that explores how Mount Tambora's eruption in 1815 affected the global climate and inspired Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*.



Jane Stays Dreaming

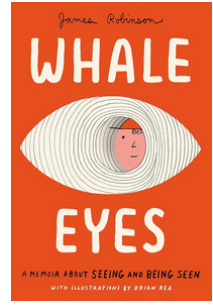
by Britnee Meiser

Shy high school freshman Jane secretly runs a popular blog. Her real and online lives collide when she realizes that her friend Leo is interested in the girl Jane's been helping through her blog.



Whale Eyes

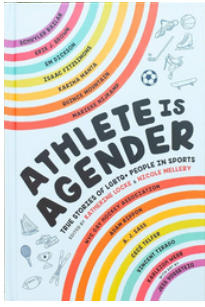
by James Robinson



Told through an mix of intimate anecdotes and interactive visuals, allowing readers to see the world through James's point of view and disabling eye conditions.

Athlete is Agender

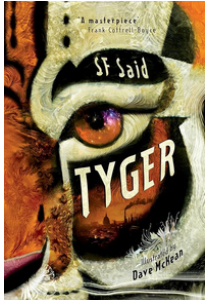
by Katherine Locke & Nicole Melleby, eds., & Jess Vosseteig, illus.



A nonfiction collection of well-known LGBTQ professional athletes and queer authors telling stories about the feeling of belonging that comes with finding a sport that's yours.

Tyger

by SF Said & Dave McKean



In a version of London where the British Empire still exists, Adam and his new friend Zadie join forces to save a magical animal's life and their own world from destruction.