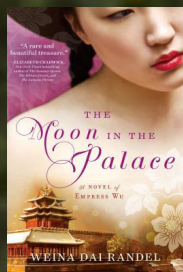
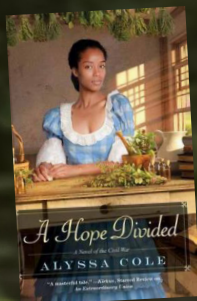


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## READS, MOVIES & MORE!

### 10 Romantic Works of Historical Fiction



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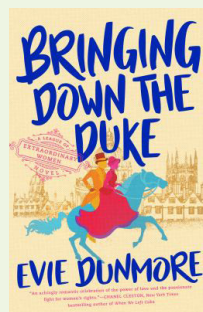


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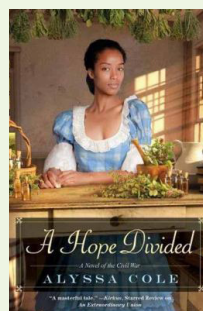
# 10 Romantic Works of Historical Fiction



## Bringing Down the Duke

by Evie Dunmore

Annabelle Archer, one of the first female students at Oxford, joins a group of suffragists and must win the support of the cold Duke of Montgomery for their cause.



## A Hope Divided

by Alyssa Cole

Set in the turmoil of the American Civil War, this detailed romance follows Marlie Lynch and escaped prisoner Ewan McCall as they aid the fight against the Confederacy.



## The Moon in the Palace

by Weina Dai Randel

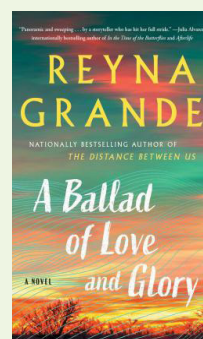
Mei, a palace concubine, finds herself torn between the emperor and his son in this novel of courtly romance and intrigue in ancient China.



## The Shadow Queen

by Rebecca Dean

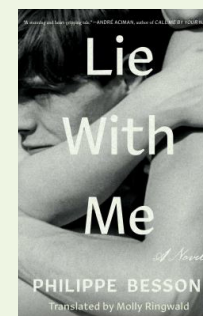
Follow the true story of Wallis Simpson, the divorced American woman who captured King Edward VIII's heart and altered the course of British history.



## A Ballad of Love and Glory

by Reyna Grande

This romance set in 1840s Mexico follows Ximena Salomé and John Riley, a member of the Irish St. Patrick's Battalion, who joins the fight for Mexico's freedom.



## Lie With Me

by Philippe Besson

A man recalls the tender and aching story of his first love in 1980s France, when he and a schoolmate fell passionately (and secretly) in love.



## The Bronze Horseman

by Paullina Simons

As Hitler's army advances on Russia, Tatiana meets Alexander, a young soldier in the Red Army, sparking an epic love affair full of danger and secrets.



## A Caribbean Heiress in Paris

by Adriana Herrera

When Luz Alana arrives in Belle Epoque Paris from the Dominican Republic to expand her family's rum business, she has no time for romance. But fate has other plans.



## Maddalena and the Dark

by Julia Fine

In 1700s Venice, Maddalena and Luisa are two violin prodigies who fall into a dark and twisty intimacy tainted by competition and obsession.



## Forbidden

by Beverly Jenkins

When Rhine Fontaine, a white-passing man in the Old West, rescues the beautiful and defiant Eddy Carmichael, one passionate night threatens their future plans.



FOR ADULTS

# 8 Titles for Fans of Award-Show Season



## Billie Eilish

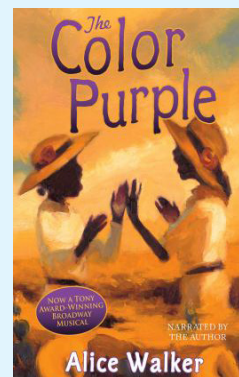
by Billie Eilish

Eilish and brother Finneas' song "What Was I Made For?" has been nominated for several awards, including a Golden Globe and multiple Grammys. Her memoir from 2021 shows where it all began.



## Yellowjackets

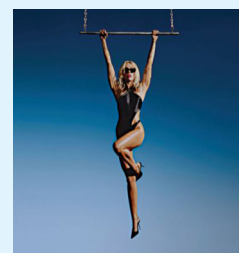
The buzz around Yellowjackets is considerable. Christina Ricci was nominated for a Golden Globe for her role in this intense thriller series with a bone-chilling premise, set in the "Canadian wilderness."



## The Color Purple

by Alice Walker

Nominated for two Golden Globe Awards and multiple Critics Choice Awards, the recent musical film adaptation of The Color Purple is a hit. We have Alice Walker's classic novel on audiobook.



## Endless Summer Vacation

by Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus is racking up the Grammy nominations this year, including Record Of The Year, Album Of The Year, Song Of The Year, and others.



## Abbott Elementary

Abbott Elementary has been garnering many well-deserved nominations since the show started airing. This year is no different with recognition from the Golden Globes and the Critics Choice Awards.



## Barry

This popular series from HBO has wrapped after four seasons of accolades, getting nods from the Golden Globes and the Director's Guild Awards for co-creator, star, and director Bill Hader.



## Succession

It's no surprise that Succession is cleaning up in its last year on the awards show circuit. This pop culture juggernaut has already won several awards, with Golden Globes going to Sarah Snook, Matthew Macfadyen, Kieran Culkin, and "Best Television Series -- Drama."



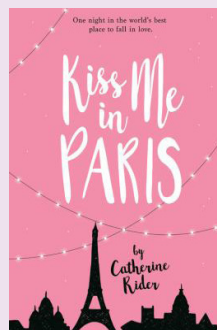
## Dungeons & Dragons

Saturn Awards are handed out by The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films every year. This well-received adaptation of a classic, role-playing game is nominated for Best Fantasy Film.



FOR TEENS

# 9 Adorable Romance Novels for Teen Hearts



## Kiss Me in Paris

by Catherine Rider

Serena is excited to spend her weekend in Paris, but things don't always go as planned. Let's see what happens when she ends up touring the magic city with a haughty young man.



## This Time It's Real

by Ann Liang

When 17-year-old Eliza's essay about an imaginary boyfriend gains her popularity, she will need her classmate's assistance to hide the truth. Will her fake relationship become real this time?



## Begin Again

by Emma Lord

Transfer to Blue Ridge State is a dream come true for Andie. She will fulfill her goals and be closer to her boyfriend. But life has something else in store for her. An enjoyable read about new beginnings.



## Happy Messy Scary Love

by Leah Konen

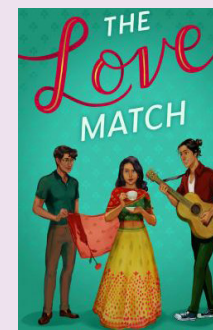
Olivia should have thought twice before sending her best friend's picture to her online friend. Yes, love can sometimes be a hilariously messy and scary adventure.



## The Library of Lost Things

by Laura Taylor Namey

Books are Darcy's only refuge from the harsh reality until the moment a former pilot walks into her life. A tender and thought-provoking story about self-discovery and genuine feelings.



## The Love Match

by Priyanka Taslim

Bangladeshi American Zahra starts developing romantic feelings for her coworker, while her mom has already found a perfect match for her. What would be the best solution to this complicated love triangle?



## A Thousand Heartbeats

by Kiera Cass

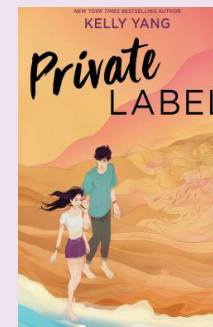
Princess Annika and Lennox, a brave warrior of the Dahrainian army, are supposed to hate each other. As the secrets start to unfold, they'll need courage to accept their true feelings.



## Love From Scratch

by Kaitlyn Hill

Get some snacks and dive into the charming food war between two interns who become an internet sensation. Set in Seattle, this is a sweet and entertaining novel not to be missed.



## Private Label

by Kelly Yang

Serene's dreams are shattered by her mother's sudden illness. She'll need a reliable friend to help her. A heartbreaking story about two teens who form a special bond in the midst of challenging situations.



FOR KIDS

# 8 Inspiring Kids' Books About Healthy Habits



## Brush Your Teeth!

by Mary Elizabeth Salzmänn

If you want to have a beautiful smile and stay healthy, don't forget to brush your teeth. Fun and interactive, this is a great tool to teach kids about dental hygiene.



## Self-Care

by William Anthony

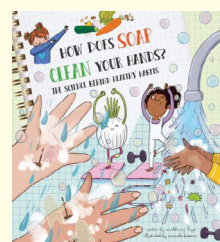
You need to take care of yourself so that you can take care of your loved ones. Straightforward and engaging, this guide shows how to develop and maintain a proper self-care routine.



## Be Well!

by Elsie Olson

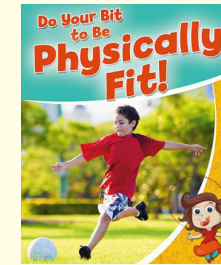
You have the superpower to make yourself stronger and happier. Find out what healthy choices you can make to be your best you and encourage others to follow your example.



## How Does Soap Clean Your Hands?

by Madeline J. Hayes

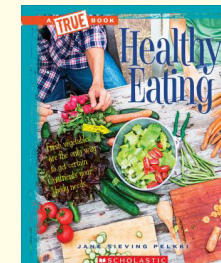
What does the soap do? Why should we cover our cough? How does medicine work? This comprehensive guide unveils the science behind healthy habits.



## Do Your Bit to Be Physically Fit!

by Rebecca Sjonger

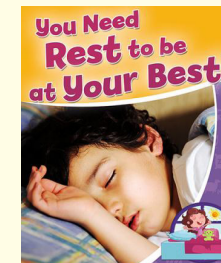
Did you know that daily exercise helps improve your well-being and keep fit? Informative and entertaining, this resource explores the wonders of an active lifestyle.



## Healthy Eating

by Jane Sieving Pelkki

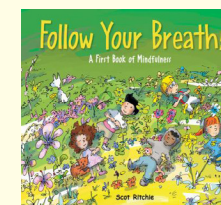
You are what you eat. This approachable guide talks about different nutrients the body needs to keep functioning and motivates our young readers to choose healthy foods.



## You Need Rest to Be at Your Best!

by Rebecca Sjonger

Getting a good night's sleep strengthens your immune system and boosts your energy levels. In this practical book, the author provides useful tips and advice on sleep hygiene.



## Follow Your Breath!

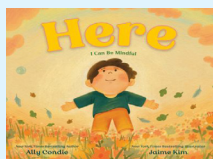
by Scot Ritchie

Through charming artwork and soothing text, this book introduces kids to mindfulness and shares valuable techniques to help reduce anxiety and live in the moment.



FOR ALL AGES

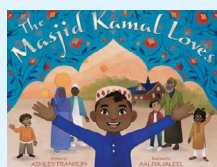
# 9 Exciting New Titles to Discover



## Here

by Allyson Braithwaite Condie

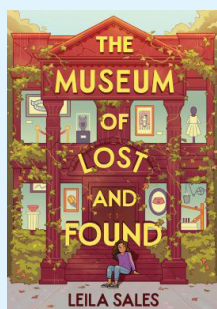
An introduction to mindfulness for youngsters, this picture book uses the story of a child experiencing intense emotions to talk about grounding techniques and the power of movement and connection.



## The Masjid Kamal Loves

by Ashley Franklin

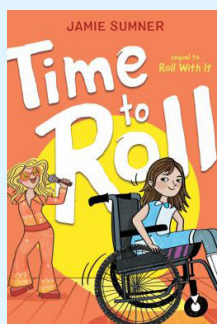
'This Is the House That Jack Built' finds new form in this joyful picture book about Kamal and his love for the masjid he attends every Friday for Jumu'ah prayer.



## The Museum of Lost and Found

by Leila Sales

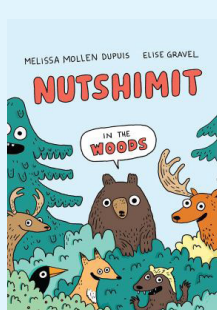
This junior fiction title has a fascinating premise: what would you do if you found an abandoned museum? 11-Year-Old Jewish girl Vanessa uses the empty exhibit spaces to figure out what went wrong with her best friend Bailey Dominguez.



## Time to Roll

by Jamie Sumner

Drawing from her own experience as the mother of a boy with cerebral palsy, Sumner has written a sequel to her acclaimed novel about 13-year-old Ellie, who uses a wheelchair.



## Nutshimit in the Woods

by Melissa Mollen Dupuis

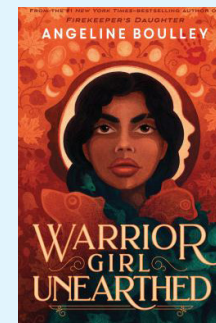
Toronto publisher North Winds Press brings us this junior non-fiction book that takes readers on a journey in the forest to learn about the Innu -- Indigenous people from Nitassinan (parts of Labrador and Quebec).



## Only This Beautiful Moment

by Abdi Nazemian

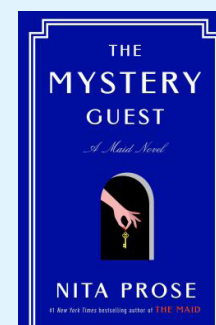
The three generations of an Iranian family are captured in this young adult novel. Moud is a teenager and out as gay in 2019 Los Angeles; his father Saeed is an engineering student in 1978 Tehran; and Bobby the child actor is making his way in late 1930s Hollywood.



## Warrior Girl Unearthed

by Angeline Boulley

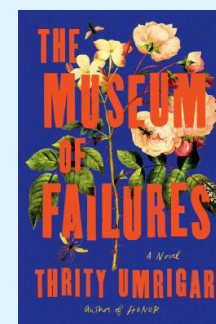
18-Year-Old Perry Firekeeper-Birch discovers the bones and knife of an Anishinaabe ancestor named Warrior Girl are being held in a local museum's archives. With this knowledge comes the determination to repatriate Warrior Girl's remains.



## The Mystery Guest

by Nita Prose

Second in the "Molly the Maid" series, The Mystery Guest picks up where The Maid left off. Neurodivergent protagonist Molly Gray is drawn into another murder mystery at the Regency Grand Hotel where she works as head maid.



## The Museum of Failures

by Thrity Umrigar

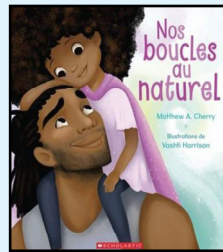
Family secrets are at the heart of this tale by Indian-American author Thrity Umrigar. What begins as a trip to India for Remy Wadia to adopt a baby, soon turns into a series of revelations about everything he thought he knew.



# FRENCH BOOKS

## 8 Livres à lire avant de regarder

### 8 Books to Read Before You Watch



#### Nos boucles au naturel

par Matthew Cherry

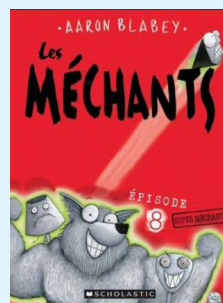
Les cheveux de Zuri s'entortillent, boudinent et frisottent dans tous les sens. Zuri sait qu'ils sont magnifiques, et cela la rend fière. Lisez le livre qui a inspiré le court métrage lauréat d'Oscar. Pour les tout-petits. / *Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it is beautiful. Read the book that inspired the Oscar winning short. For young children.*



#### Percy Jackson, Le voleur de foudre

par Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson, le fils du dieu de la mer Poséidon, doit retrouver l'éclair de Zeus après avoir été accusé injustement de l'avoir volé. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Percy Jackson, son of Poseidon, must find Zeus' lightning after being unfairly accused of stealing it. For school-aged kids.*



#### Les méchants, épisode 8 : Super méchants

par Alan Blabey

Les méchants ont acquis des SUPERPOUVOIRS qui pourraient bien être... défectueux. Suivez ces héros drôles dans une nouvelle aventure. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *The Bad Guys have acquired SUPERPOWERS that are not quite ... super. Follow the well-loved heroes while they try to make sense of their new skills. For school-aged kids.*



#### Heartstopper : Deux garçons, une rencontre

par Alice Oseman

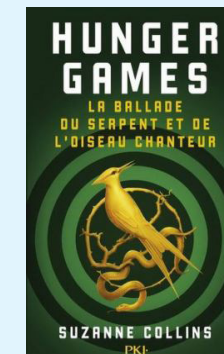
Charlie et Nick, deux garçons complètement différents deviennent des bons amis malgré le fait que Charlie tombe amoureux de Nick, tandis que ce dernier s'intéresse aux filles. Pour les adolescents. / *Charlie and Nick, two completely different guys, become close friends even as Charlie falls for Nick, who is interested only in girls. For teens.*



#### Les enquêtes d'Enola Holmes, La double disparition

par Serena Blasco

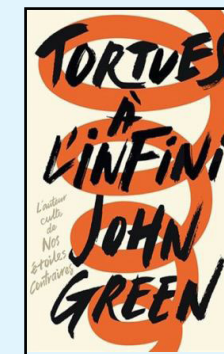
Enola Holmes, sœur du fameux détective Sherlock Holmes, est déterminée de trouver sa mère après sa disparition soudaine et troublante. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Enola Holmes, sister of the famous detective Sherlock Holmes, goes searching for her mother after her sudden and troubling disappearance. For school-aged kids.*



#### La ballade du serpent et de l'oiseau chanteur

par Suzanne Collins

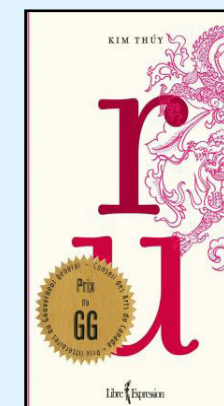
Dans cette préquelle à Hunger Games, Coriolanus Snow, 18 ans, se prépare à devenir le mentor de la tributaire du district 12, son succès étant nécessaire pour le futur de sa propre famille. Pour les adolescents. / *In this Hunger Games prequel, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow becomes the mentor of the District 12 tribute whose success in the games will determine the future of Coriolanus' family and his life.*



#### Tortues à l'infini

par John Green

Aza aide son ami à enquêter le mystère d'un milliardaire fugitif pour tenter d'obtenir une récompense de cent mille dollars. Pour les adolescents. / *Aza helps her friend investigate the mystery of a fugitive billionaire to get a hundred-thousand-dollar reward. For teens.*



#### Ru

par Kim Thuy

Dans ce récit inspiré par la vie de l'auteure, on suit son parcours dès son départ du Vietnam, son temps dans un camp de réfugiés, et son arrivée dans un petit village au Québec. Pour les adultes. / *In this story based on the author's life, the reader follows along as she moves from Vietnam, through a refugee camp to finally settle in rural Québec. For adults.*





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