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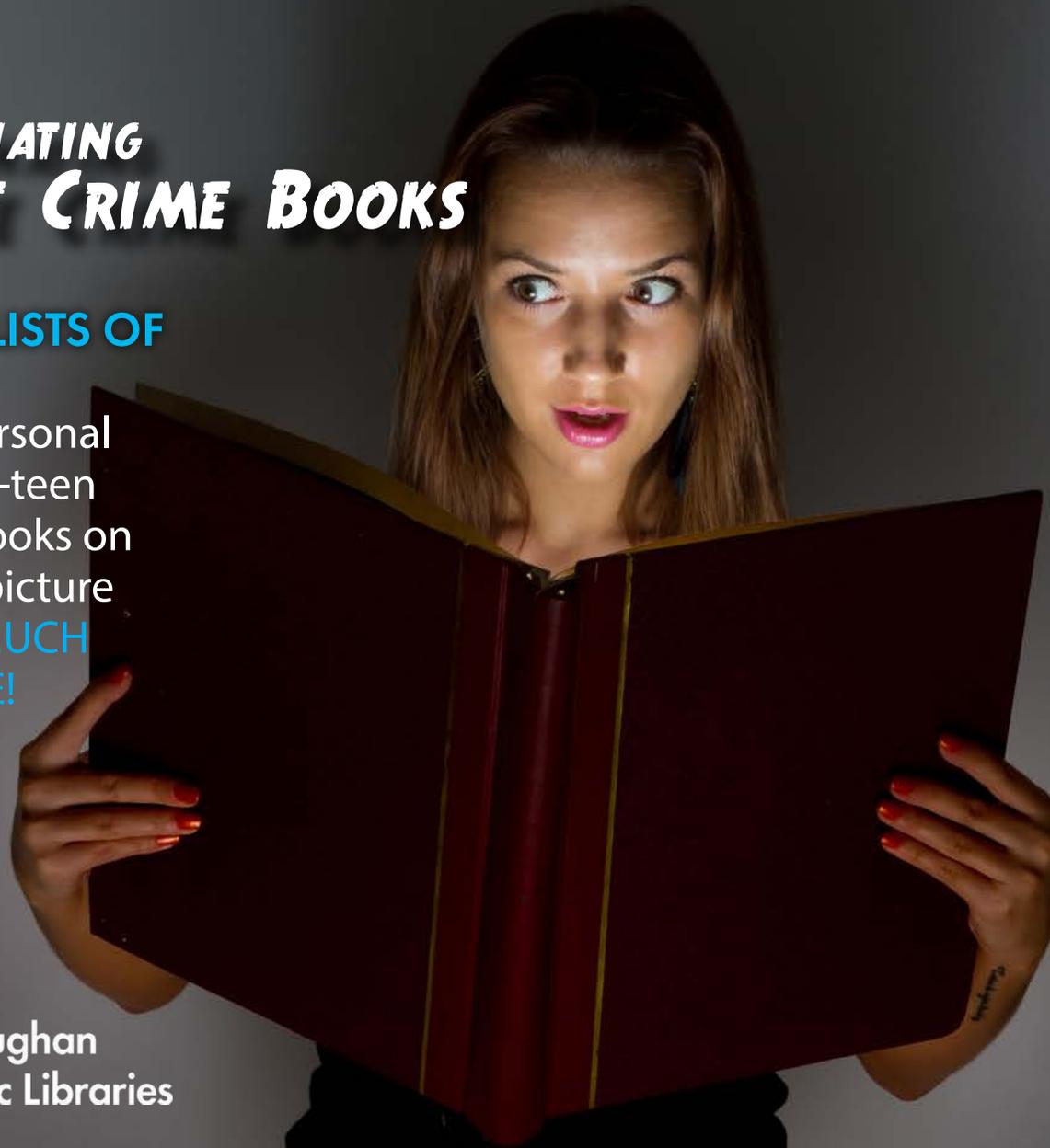
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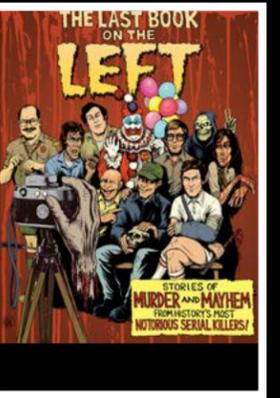
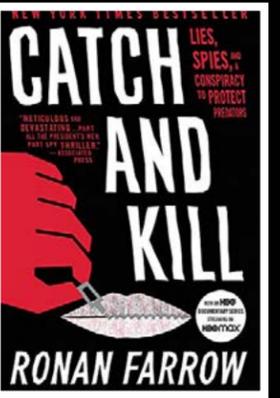
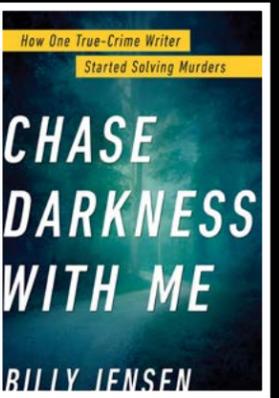
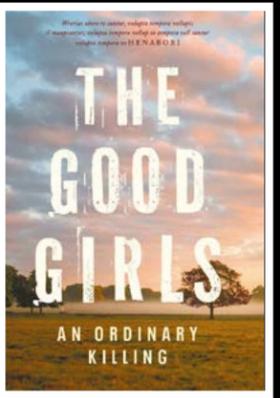
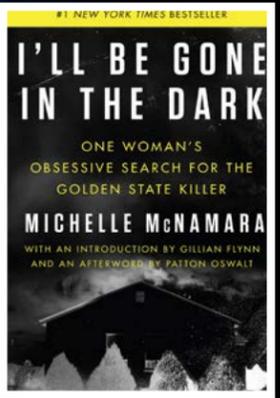
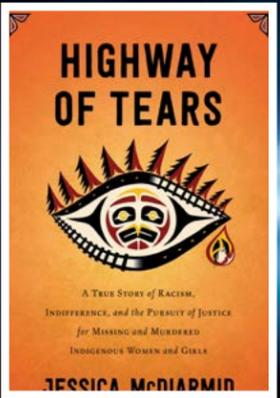
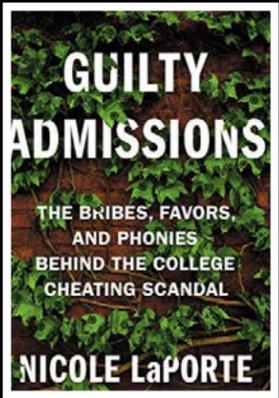
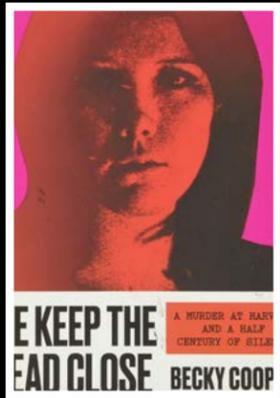
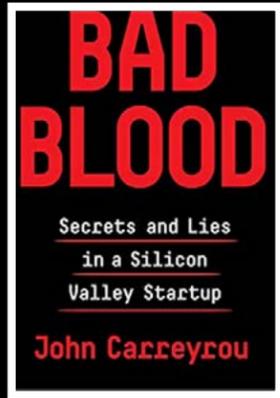
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10 Fascinating True Crime Books

[The Falcon Thief](#)

by Joshua Hammer

A richly detailed narrative of the exploits of Jeffrey Lendrum, who was arrested multiple times for illegally gathering and selling the eggs of rare birds of prey.

[Bad Blood](#)

by John Carreyrou

An engrossing exploration of the rise and fall of Theranos, the company led by Elizabeth Holmes that falsely claimed to have developed revolutionary blood-testing technology.

[We Keep the Dead Close](#)

by Becky Cooper

Journalist Becky Cooper's investigation of the unsolved 1969 murder of Harvard student Jane Britton helped identify her killer. A captivating and suspenseful story of a cold case muddled by institutional misogyny.

[Guilty Admissions](#)

by Nicole Laporte

This account of the Varsity Blues scandal is a riveting, ripped-from-the-headlines tale of power and privilege.

[Highway of Tears](#)

by Jessica McDiarmid

In this heartbreaking and sobering book, journalist Jessica McDiarmid shares the stories of some of the hundreds of Indigenous women and girls who've been murdered or gone missing along British Columbia's Highway 16, known as the Highway of Tears.

[I'll Be Gone in the Dark](#)

by Michelle McNamara

This haunting and well-researched book documents crime writer Michelle McNamara's efforts to help identify the Golden State Killer and bring him to justice.

[The Good Girls](#)

by Sonia Faleiro

Chronicling the mysterious deaths of two teenage girls in a rural Indian village in 2014, this gripping book provides commentary on issues of religion, caste, and gender roles.

[Chase Darkness With Me](#)

by Billy Jensen

In this compelling memoir, journalist Billy Jensen explains how he uses his internet sleuthing skills to help the police solve murders.

[Catch and Kill](#)

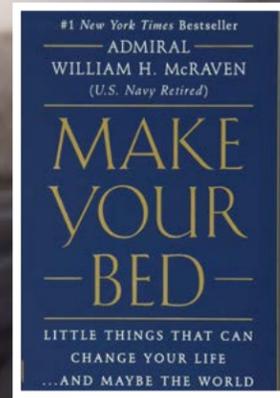
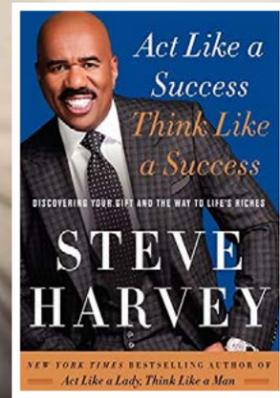
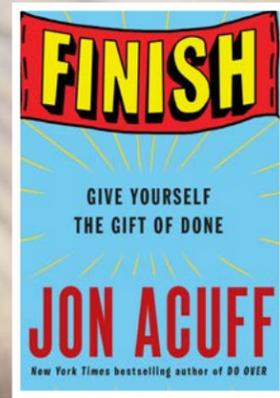
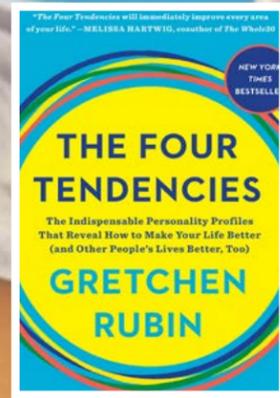
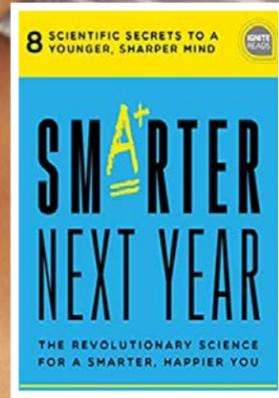
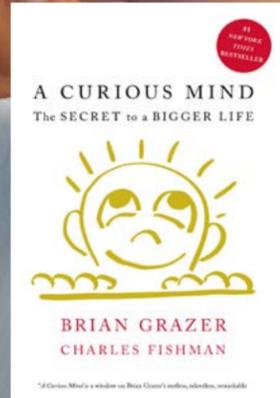
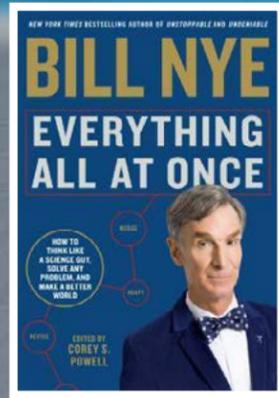
by Ronan Farrow

A chilling and timely report of Ronan Farrow's investigation into the allegations of sexual assault and harassment against Harvey Weinstein, Matt Lauer, and Donald Trump.

[The Last Book on the Left](#)

by Ben Kessel

A darkly humorous exploration of history's most notorious serial killers from the creators of the award-winning podcast Last Podcast on the Left.



9 Motivational Books for Personal Growth

Everything All at Once

by Bill Nye

In this thought-provoking book, Bill Nye shows how to develop critical thinking skills, applying his “everything all at once” approach. It’s time to activate the nerd mindset living within us and make change happen.

Friday Forward

by Robert Glazer

The author shares fifty-two real-life stories that will motivate you to unlock your hidden potential and lift others up. An inspirational book to use as part of your morning routine.

The Year of Less

by Cait Flanders

Do you think that buying more will make you feel happier? Cait Flanders enforces a yearlong shopping ban allowing herself to buy only consumables. Find out how this brave decision helps her live a more meaningful life.

A Curious Mind

by Brian Grazer

Are you a curious person? In this entertaining book, film and TV producer Brian Grazer explores the power of curiosity and shows how curiosity conversations can inspire you to achieve your goals.

Sma+rtter Next Year

by David C. Bardsley

The human brain is constantly developing and changing at any stage in life. This practical guide provides scientifically proven steps you can take to increase your cognitive abilities and manage mental health.

The Four Tendencies

by Gretchen Rubin

The author introduces a framework of four tendencies based on how we respond to expectations. Identifying our tendencies will allow us to improve the quality of our relationships.

Finish

by Jonathan Acuff

Do you find it hard to complete what you started? What is the greatest obstacle to achieving your goals? This book provides effective tips you can apply to get yourself to the finish line and enjoy the gift of done.

Act Like A Success, Think Like A Success

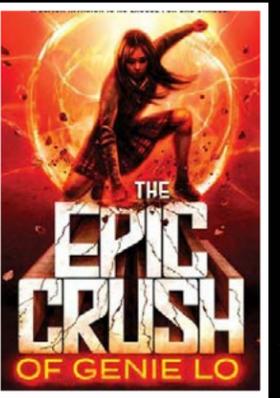
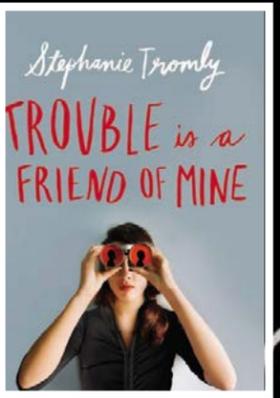
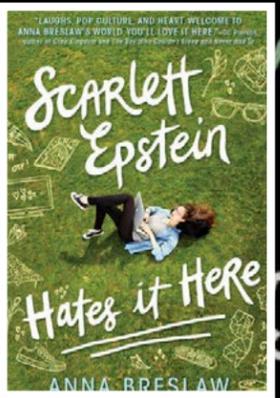
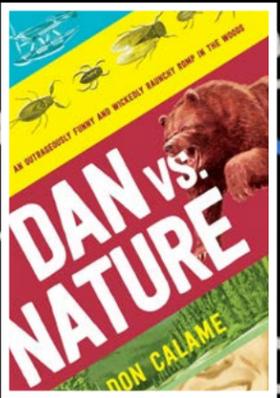
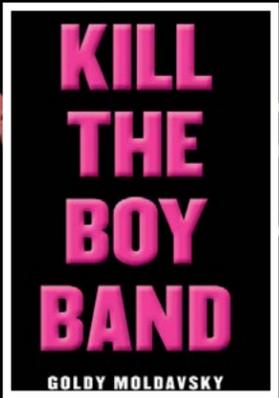
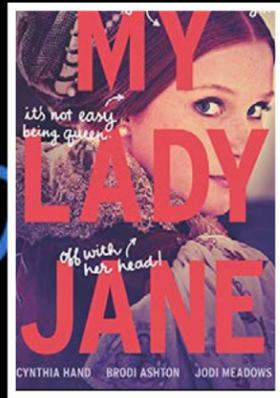
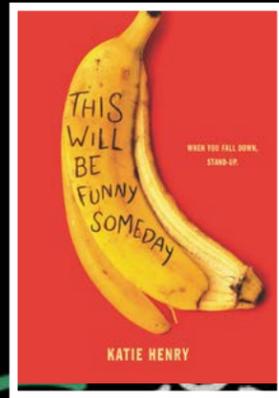
by Steve Harvey

An insightful guide to help you identify the gift you were born with and use it wisely to build your personal success. You’ll find practical advice on how to fulfill your purpose and transform your life.

Make your Bed

by William H. McRaven

Admiral William H. McRaven shares simple yet powerful life lessons he learned during his Navy Seal training that will motivate you to keep moving forward and never give up on your dreams.



10 LOL-Worthy Teen Novels

[This Will Be Funny Someday](#)

by Katie Henry

16-year-old Izzy escapes her ho-hum life and controlling boyfriend by accidentally (and secretly) becoming a stand-up comic. A contemporary coming-of-age story with compelling characters.

[My Lady Jane](#)

by Cynthia Hand

Courtly intrigue, shapeshifters, and a protagonist who prefers books over people are just a few of the things awaiting you in this historical fantasy novel that uses Jane Grey, the nine-day-queen, as inspiration. As a bonus, this one starts a series.

[The Life and \(Medieval\) Times of Kit Sweetly](#)

by Jamie Pacton

A light-hearted, diverse, and feminist read about a “serving wench” at a medieval theme restaurant starting a campaign to allow women to be knights. It has shades of the movie ‘A Knight’s Tale.’

[Kill the Boy Band](#)

by Goly Moldavsky

What happens when four boy-band-obsessed friends kidnap one of the band’s members? Find out in this absurd dark comedy.

[Dan Versus Nature](#)

by Don Calame

Fans of gross-out humour will enjoy the antics Dan and Charlie get up to on a survivalist camping trip.

[Scarlett Epstein Hates It Here](#)

by Anna Breslaw

When fanfiction writer Scarlett’s favourite TV show gets canceled, she continues her hobby using her classmates as characters. Hilarity ensues when the inevitable happens, and her classmates discover her writing.

[Trouble Is A Friend of Mine](#)

by Stephanie Tromly

A fast-paced mystery filled with razor wit and driven by a pair of oddball teens. Trouble Is A Friend of Mine will have you reaching for the sequel as soon as you finish.

[Enter Title Here](#)

by Rahul Kanakia

Most books have a protagonist you want to root for, but Reshma doesn’t need your support. She’s getting into Stanford by *Any Means Necessary*, and this book chronicles her misadventures.

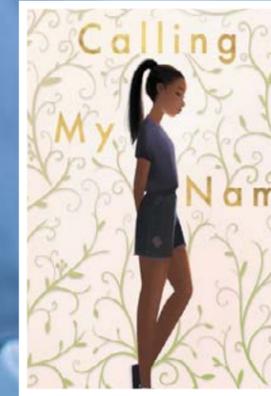
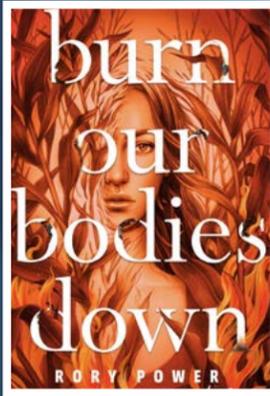
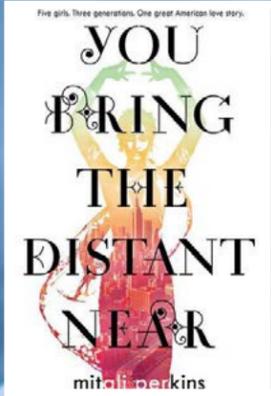
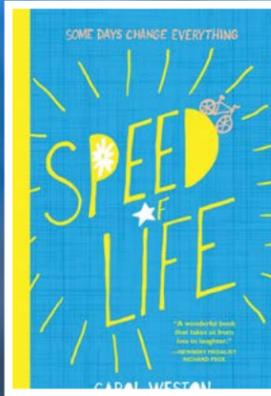
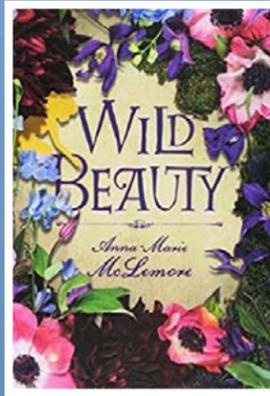
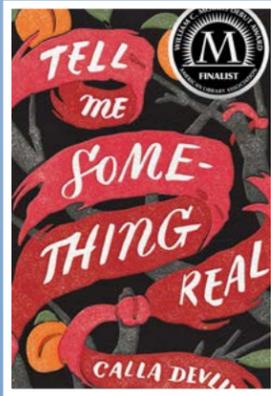
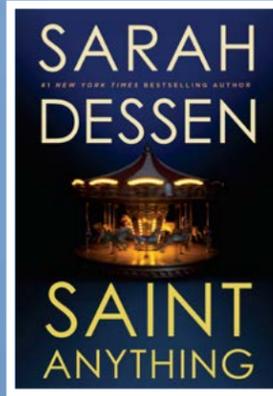
[The Epic Crush of Genie Lo](#)

by F. C. Yee

Chinese mythology (specifically the Monkey King) takes the fore in this fantasy comedy. Genie Lo wants to get into an Ivy League school, but demons overrun her bay-area town, and an insufferable transfer student guides her to fight them off.

[Waste of Space by Gina Damico](#)

Ten teens are selected to participate in a reality tv show in space, but they (and the audience) don’t know that the spaceship is in a warehouse with an absurd special effects budget—a biting satire of the reality tv industry.



10 Compelling YA Stories About Family

Saint Anything

by Sarah Dessen

After Sydney's brother, Peyton, ends up in jail, she struggles to connect with her parents, who always favoured him. When she meets Mac Chatham and his sister, Layla, she finally finds a sense of belonging. An emotional story of self-discovery.

Tell Me Something Real

by Calla Devlin

In this poignant, character-driven novel set in the 1970s, the lives of three sisters are upended when they realize there is more to their mother's cancer diagnosis than they realized.

Running Full Tilt

by Michael Currinder

When his neurodivergent brother's behaviour causes a rift with the neighbours and his parents' marriage starts to crumble, sixteen-year-old Leo finds solace in running. A realistic look at the complicated relationship between siblings.

Unbecoming

by Jenny Downham

When Katie's estranged grandmother, who has Alzheimer's, comes to live with her, Katie becomes her caregiver and discovers some unexpected family secrets. A tender and moving story of three women each trying to find her own path.

Wild Beauty

by Anna-Marie McLemore

In this lyrical fantasy novel, Estrella and her cousins try to break a family curse that causes whomever they fall in love with to disappear.

Speed of Life

by Carol Weston

In this heartfelt novel, Sofia, who is grieving the loss of her mother, turns to teen advice columnist Dear Kate to confide all her deepest secrets. When Sofia discovers her father and Kate are dating, things get complicated.

You Bring the Distant Near

by Mitali Perkins

In this touching family saga, three generations of women try to balance cultural traditions with adapting to life in the United States.

Goodbye from Nowhere

by Sara Zarr

Kyle is devastated when he learns that his mom has been having an affair and his parents ask him not to tell the rest of the family. An engaging novel about loving your family despite their imperfections.

Burn Our Bodies Down

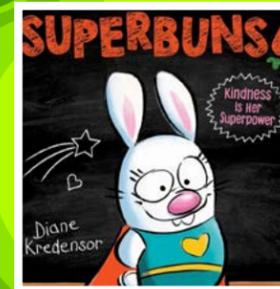
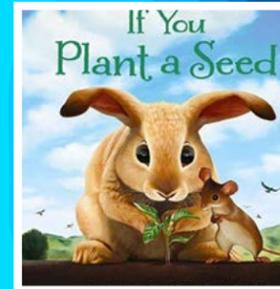
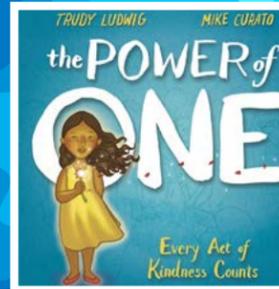
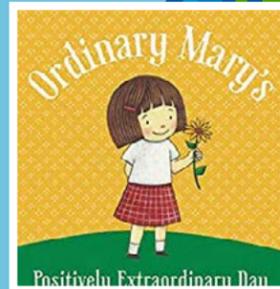
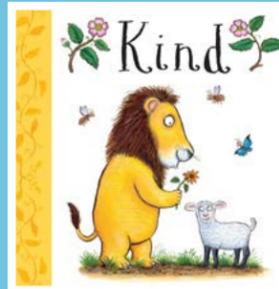
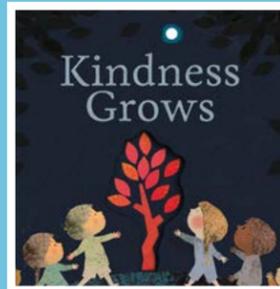
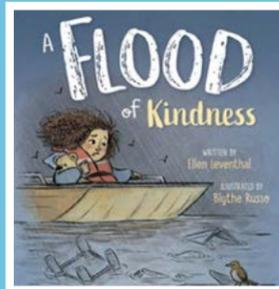
by Rory Power

Margot has always longed for a family. When she finds a clue to her mother's past, she sets out to look for the grandmother she's never known but gets more than she bargained for in this thrilling gothic horror novel.

Calling My Name

by Liara Tamani

In this poetic, vividly written novel, Taja searches for a sense of self while trying to meet the expectations of her tightly knit, conservative family.



10 Picture Books about Kindness and Empathy



[A Flood of Kindness](#)

by Ellen Leventhal

Charlotte and her family are forced to escape to a crowded shelter because of a devastating flood. This is where she experiences the healing power of kindness and learns how she can pay it forward.

[Kindness Grows](#)

by Britta Teckentrup

Mean and hurtful words can create a crack and separate friends, while nice and caring words can make a tree grow and flourish. A peek-through book to share the message of kindness and inclusion.

[Kind](#)

by Alison Green

An engaging book about kindness featuring eye-catching visuals from 38 international illustrators. This is an excellent conversation starter to talk about the simplest gestures of kindness that can make the world a better place.

[Ordinary Mary's Positively Extraordinary Day](#)

by Emily Pearson

Mary is an ordinary girl who goes to an ordinary school. Watch how her one small gesture of kindness on the school bus quickly spreads and reaches other students and teachers.

[The Doll](#)

by Nhung N. Tran-Davies

A heartwarming story based on the author's personal experience as a refugee. It shows how the smallest act of kindness can have a huge impact on someone else's life and become a great source of inspiration.

[The Power of One](#)

by Trudy Ludwig

Powerful and uplifting, this story illustrates how one small deed can start a chain reaction of kindness and transform communities. A great tool to develop emotional intelligence and social awareness.

[Tomorrow I'll Be Kind](#)

by Jessica Hische

A sweet book with vibrant and interactive illustrations to instill kindness and empathy in our little readers and encourage them to be their best selves.

[The Someone New](#)

by Jill Twiss

Jitterbug the chipmunk starts to worry when someone new comes to the forest. Will everything be different now? A timely story about learning to welcome newcomers and embrace the change.

[If You Plant A Seed](#)

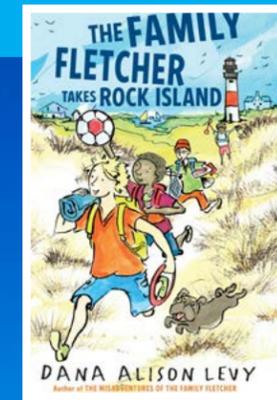
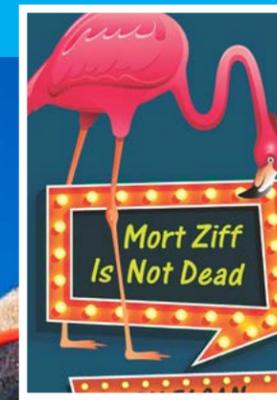
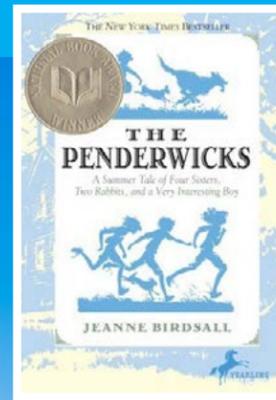
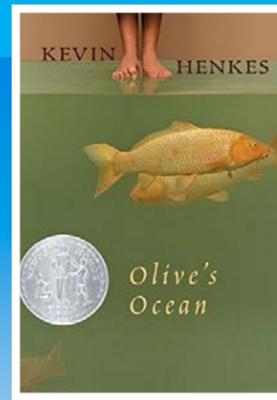
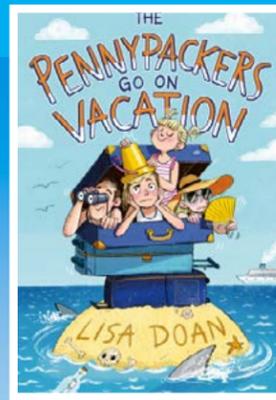
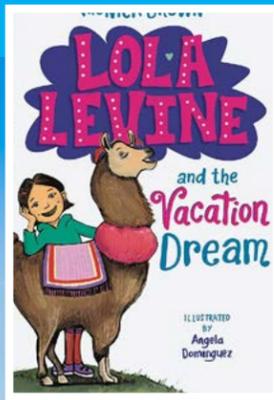
by Kadir Nelson

What will you harvest if you plant a seed of kindness? This adorable story shows the value of sharing and inspires children to cultivate generosity.

[Superbuns!](#)

by Diane Kredensor

Superbuns proves to her older sister Blossom that kindness is a real superpower. Super exciting illustrations to highlight the importance of seeking ways to reach out.



10 Kids Books About Vacations!

[Lola Levine and the Vacation Dream](#)

by Monica Brown

The diverse (Peruvian, American, Jewish) Levine family take Lola and her brother to visit their Tia in Peru. Two mischievous children in a new country? What could go wrong?

[The Pennypackers Go on Vacation](#)

by Lias Doan

Thanks to a miserly father, the Pennypackers end up on a knock-off Disney cruise for their first vacation in years. Hilarious hijinks at sea ensue when mysterious men in suits start following the ship's captain.

[Olive's Ocean](#)

by Kevin Henkes

A more melancholy take on a vacation story, Olive's Ocean is a coming-of-age story that isn't afraid to tug at the heartstrings. The book is challenged for having some mild language in it, so it is best suited for older readers.

[The Penderwicks](#)

by Jeanne Birdsall

On vacation in a rented cottage behind a grand estate, four sisters make a new friend and get into mischief in this gentle, realistic read.

[Mia Mayhem Rides the Waves](#)

by Kara West

Mia Mayhem (a superhero in training) goes to the beach to surf in a vacation book for the early readers. If you know what her name means, though, you can guess that not everything goes smoothly at first.

[The Dragonsitter to the Rescue](#)

by Josh Lacey

Eddie is on vacation in London but still needs to look after his uncle's dragons. When one goes missing, Eddie has to track it down, visiting significant landmarks along the way.

[Mort Ziff Is Not Dead](#)

by Cary Fagan

Set in 1965, a Toronto family goes on vacation to Miami, where the youngest of 3 brothers learns to stand up for himself and others by helping an aging comedian keep his job. A humorous book for middle-grade readers.

[Secret Sisters of the Salty Sea](#)

by Lynne Rae Perkins

In this gentle, illustrated tale, newly independent readers can discover what makes the beach special alongside sisters Alix and Jools.

[The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island](#)

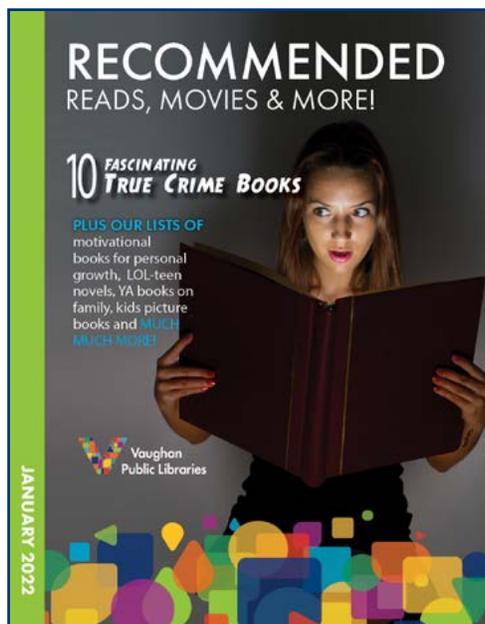
by Dana Alison Levy

The Fletcher family, consisting of two dads, four adopted boys, two cats, and a pug, head to their yearly vacation spot: Rock Island. This year things have changed, and shenanigans abound as the Fetters try to determine why.

[Mutant Bunny Island](#)

by Obert Skye

Comic-Obsessed Perry travels to Bunny Island to save his uncle from evil Newts. Or is that really what's going on? Find out in this over-the-top comedy that fans of graphic novels will enjoy.



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