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RECOMMENDED READS, MOVIES & MORE!



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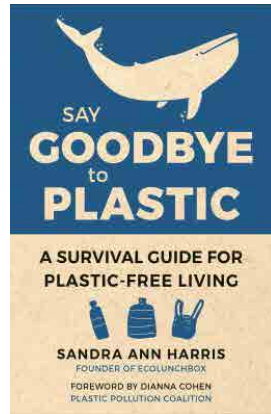
Adult cozy stories for the fall, YA historical fiction & Be-witching-reads, kids spooky Halloween movies & picture books celebrating Canadian Library Month.

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FOR ADULTS

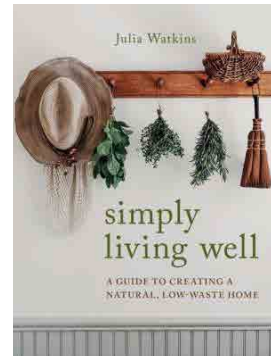
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Say Goodbye to Plastic

by Sandra Ann Harris

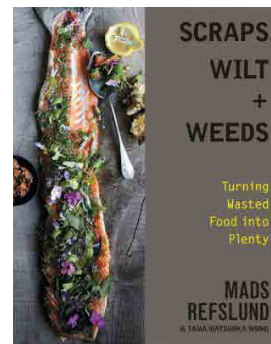
This room-by-room guide is filled with hacks for reducing plastic waste and living an eco-friendlier life.



Simply Living Well

by Julia Watkins

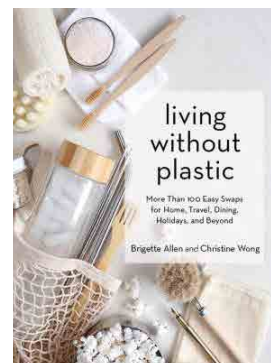
This book provides practical tips for replacing plastic with sustainable alternatives, making your own cleaning products to avoid harmful chemicals, and reducing food waste at the grocery store.



Scraps, Wilt + Weeds

by Mads Refslund

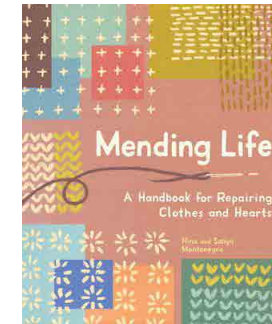
Give scraps from vegetables, fruits, and animal proteins new life with over 100 recipes for delicious meals that don't sacrifice flavour.



Living Without Plastic

by Brigitte Allen

With over 100 suggestions, this book is filled with simple changes you can make to reduce your plastic consumption.



Mending Life

by Sonya Montenegro

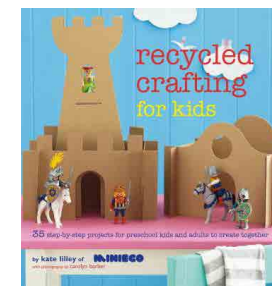
Extend the life of your clothes by learning how to make small repairs such as patching up ripped jeans or darning socks. This beautifully illustrated book is perfect for anyone seeking a more sustainable lifestyle.



Secrets of Great Second Meals

by Sara Dickerman

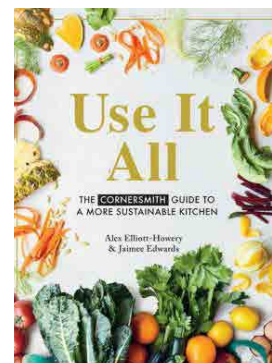
Discover creative ways to turn last night's leftovers into new meals. Plus, learn how to avoid waste through proper food storage.



Recycled Crafting for Kids

by Kate Lilley

Turn your recyclables into boredom-busting projects that will inspire your child's creativity.



Use It All

by Alex Elliot-Howery

This no-nonsense guide will help you buy only what you need at the grocery store, cook according to the season, and use what you have on hand to reduce food waste and save money.

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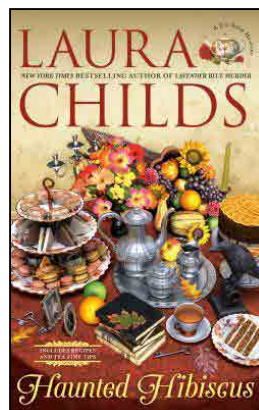
8 Cozy Stories for the Fall



Lost Autumn

by Mary-Rose MacColl

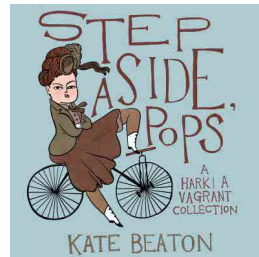
Three women's timelines are threaded together in this historical fiction: a corresponding secretary on a royal tour in 1920s Australia, a reclusive writer in 1980s Brisbane, and a journalist in nineties London, but all is not what it seems.



Haunted Hibiscus

by Laura Childs

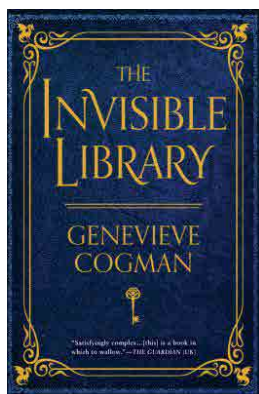
This novel in the Tea Shop Mystery series plays out on the night before Halloween. The definition of a cozy mystery, the murder takes place at a historical mansion throwing a literary-themed haunted house.



Step Aside, Pops

by Kate Beaton

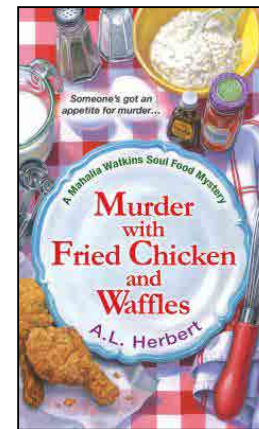
Kate Beaton has been having a moment lately. This is the second graphic novel to come out of her webcomic, Hark! A Vagrant, and this one is just as filled with satirical commentary on history, literature, and politics as the last.



The Invisible Library

by Genevieve Cogman

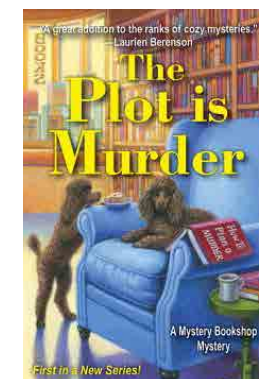
The first in an action-fantasy series centred on Irene, a spy tasked with hunting down unique works of literature for the ambiguous 'Library' -- no matter what period or alternate reality they come from.



Murder With Fried Chicken and Waffles

by A. L. Herbert

Food-related cozy mysteries abound, but this one uses restaurant proprietor Halia Watkins, delicious-sounding soul food and historical elements from its Maryland backdrop to set it apart.



The Plot Is Murder

by V. M. Burns

Two toy poodles are contributing characters in this story about mystery bookshop/owner writer Samantha, as she pens her own mystery while being caught up in a real-life one as well.



The Last Chance Library

by Freya Sampson

Another book about a library (for obvious reasons), this breezy and comforting story follows a woman fighting to keep her local library alive with the help of a ragtag group of loyal patrons.



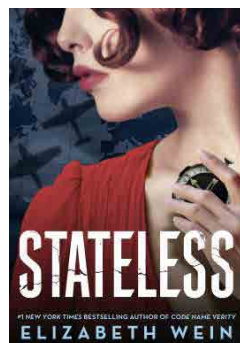
The Burning Pages

by Paige Shelton

A mystery steeped in the Scottish literary and cultural tradition of Burns Night (after the poet Robert Burns).

FOR TEENS

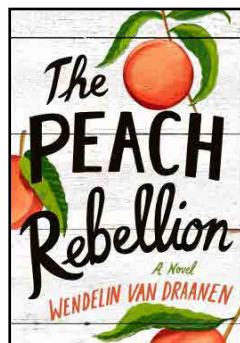
8 YA Historical Fiction Books for Cool October Nights



Stateless

by Elizabeth Wein

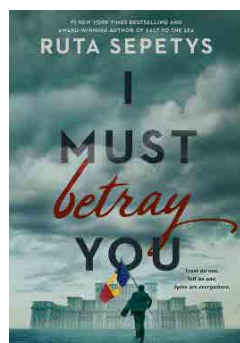
Stella is excited to represent Britain in Europe's first youth air race which is meant to advocate for peace. When the competition takes a dark turn, she'll need to look for clues to solve the mystery.



The Peach Rebellion

by Wendelin Van Draanen

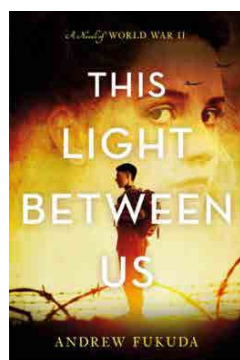
Set in post-WWII California, this captivating story portrays three young ladies from different social backgrounds as they navigate the challenges of life and find strength to make a change.



I Must Betray You

by Ruta Sepetys

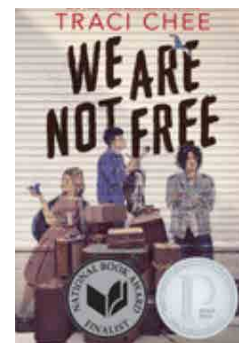
Forced to become an informer, seventeen-year-old Cristian decides to use his position to fight the communist regime in Romania. A suspenseful historical novel that will keep you turning the pages.



This Light Between Us

by Andrew Xia Fukuda

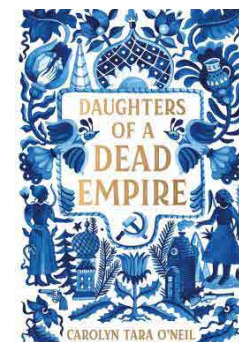
A Japanese-American boy and a Jewish-French girl become pen pals and form a special bond through hardships caused by World War II. A moving tale about loyalty, loss, and resilience.



We Are Not Free

by Traci Chee

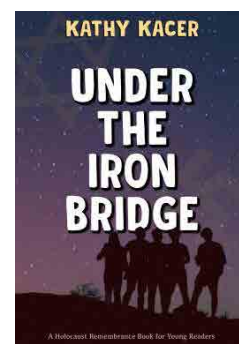
Capturing one of the darkest periods in American history, this powerful novel follows the lives of 14 Japanese-American teenagers sent to internment camps after the attack on Pearl Harbour.



Daughters of a Dead Empire

by Carolyn Tara O'Neil

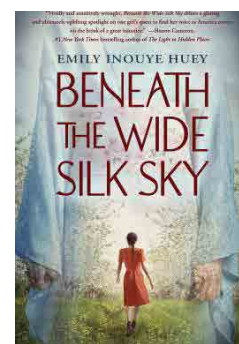
As the only survivor of her family, a bourgeois girl makes a dangerous deal with a member of Bolshevik party. A poignant and intriguing novel set during the Russian Revolution.



Under the Iron Bridge

by Kathy Kacer

Paul knows that becoming a member of the Hitler Youth will guarantee his safety. Will he support the Third Reich or stay true to his values? A compelling novel based on the true story of the Edelweiss Pirates.



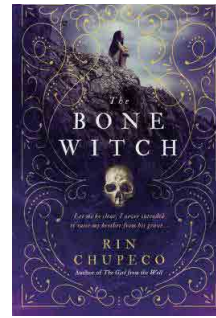
Beneath the Wide Silk Sky

by Emily Inouye Huey

A victim of discrimination & prejudice, Sam realizes she can use her skills to document the violent acts following the attacks on Pearl Harbour. A stunning story about a girl of Japanese descent & her family.

FOR TEENS

9 Be-witch-ing YA Reads



The Bone Witch

by Rin Chupeco

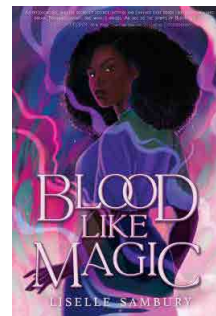
In this immersive and richly detailed fantasy, Tea must embrace her powers as a bone witch to battle a dark force that threatens to overtake the kingdom.



The Black Witch

by Laurie Forest

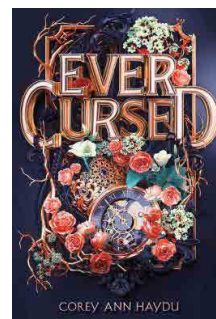
Elloren, who lacks magical powers, struggles to live up to the legacy of her grandmother, the legendary Black Witch. When she attends university, she begins to question everything she has been taught. A coming-of-age story about overcoming prejudice.



Blood Like Magic

by Liselle Sambury

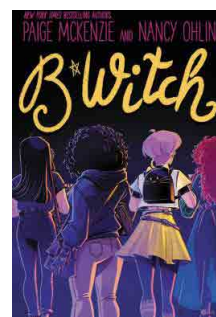
To earn her magical powers, Voya must kill her first love. The problem is, Voya's never been in love. Set in Toronto, this urban fantasy is sure to captivate readers.



Ever Cursed

by Corey Ann Haydu

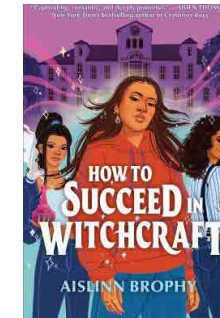
To save her sisters from a deadly spell, princess Jane must work with the witch who cursed the royal family and confront the truth about her father's rule.



B*witch

by Paige McKenzie

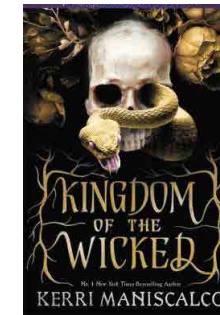
In this fantasy-mystery hybrid with a diverse cast of characters, Iris and her coven must team up with their rivals to solve the murder of a fellow witch.



How to Succeed in Witchcraft

by Aislinn Brophy

Teenage witch Shay must choose between getting a scholarship to attend a top magic school or exposing a predatory teacher in this engaging and fast-paced book.



Kingdom of the Wicked

by Kerri Maniscalco

When her twin sister is murdered, Emilia sets out to avenge her at any cost, even if it means using forbidden dark magic. An atmospheric and thrilling historical fantasy.



The Girl of Hawthorn and Glass

by Adan Jerreat-Poole

A deadly assassin created by witches, Eli was literally made to kill. But when a mission goes wrong, she begins to question everything her coven has taught her.



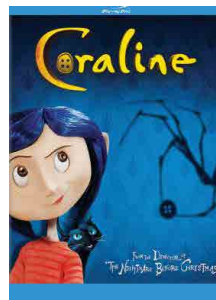
Our Crooked Hearts

by Melissa Albert

Told from the alternating perspectives of Ivy and her mother, Dana, this creepy and suspenseful tale about the consequences of dealing with dark magic will leave readers on the edge of their seat.

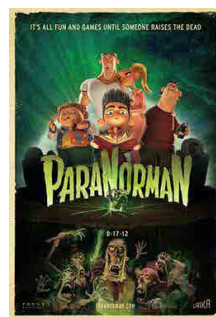
FOR KIDS

10 Spooky Scary Halloween Movies



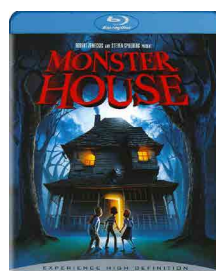
Coraline

A creepy stop-motion story about a young girl who discovers an idealized version of her world—but it comes with a cost!



ParaNorman

The town of Blithe Hollow has been cursed by a witch for centuries, and it's up to ghost-friendly Norman to save the day.



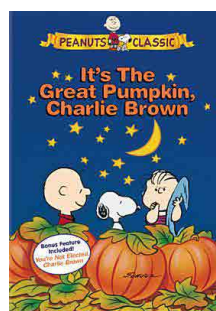
Monster House

After a vengeful spirit possesses a house, three kids come together to save the neighbourhood as Halloween approaches.



Corpse Bride

In this stop-motion tale, bumbling Victor finds himself whisked away to the underworld after accidentally wedding the enchanted Corpse Bride.



It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

The classic children's cartoon follows the Peanuts gang as they head out to a costume party, go trick-or-treating, and await the Great Pumpkin.



Casper

In this beloved 1990s movie, a young girl and her dad move into a haunted house and befriend a friendly ghost named Casper.



Goosebumps

Monsters and mayhem abound in this fun family adventure that sees famous Goosebumps villains escape from their books.



The Addams Family

Morticia, Gomez, Wednesday, and Pugsley. Revisit the famously ghoulish but loving family in this charming adaptation!



The Haunted Mansion

Filled with 999 ghosts, the famous Disney ride gets its own story in this spooky film good for older children.

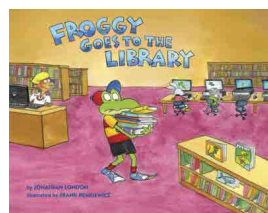


Over the Garden Wall

Brothers Wirt and Greg find themselves lost in a strange autumnal land. This gorgeously animated TV series runs the length of a movie.

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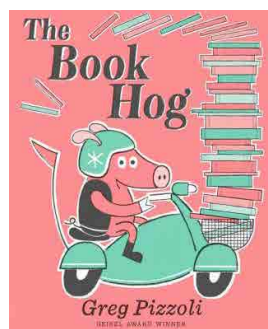
10 Charming Picture Books for Canadian Library Month



Froggy Goes to the Library

by Jonathan London

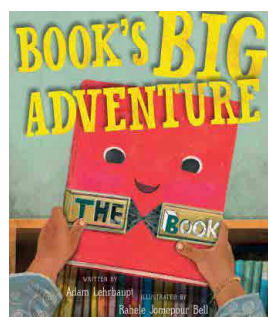
Froggy is super excited to go to the library and discover new books. Packed with vibrant artwork, this is a great introduction to the world of libraries.



The Book Hog

by Greg Pizzoli

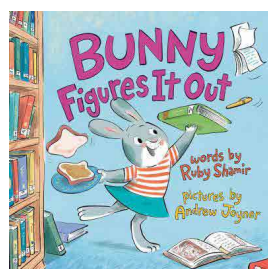
The Book Hog loves books for the way they look, smell, and feel, but he doesn't know how to read. Let's find out how a friendly librarian helps him discover the real value of books.



Book's Big Adventure

by Adam Lehrhaupt

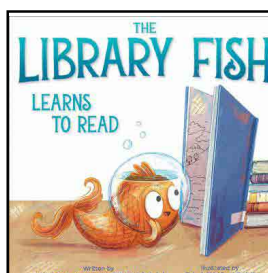
Placed on a less prominent library shelf, Book starts feeling lonely and neglected. Are all its exciting adventures over? A heartwarming story not to be missed.



Bunny Figures It Out

by Ruby Shamir

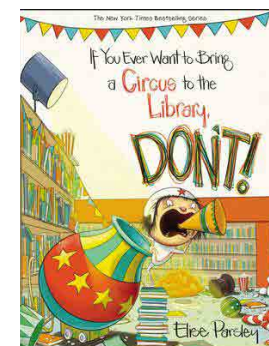
Bunny decides to make grape jelly for her peanut butter sandwich. After several unsuccessful attempts to find the right recipe, she heads out to her local library for help.



The Library Fish Learns to Read

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

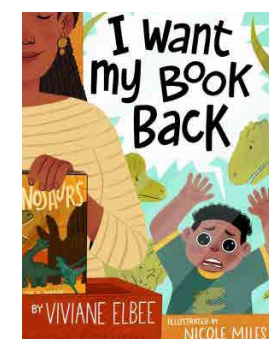
Library Fish lives on the desk of the librarian and enjoys listening to exciting stories during storytime. Will she ever be able to master the art of reading?



If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't!

by Elise Parsley

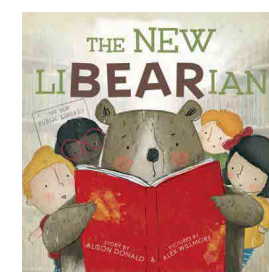
What will happen if you ever bring a circus to the library? Do you think it will be fun? Cute and entertaining, this book will make young readers laugh out loud.



I Want My Book Back

by Viviane Elbee

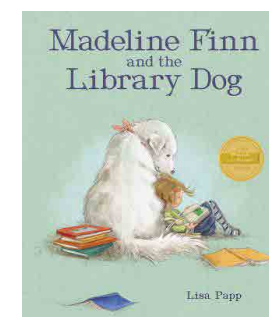
Daryl gets upset when his mom drops his favorite dinosaur book in the return bin. Through engaging illustrations, this story celebrates the joy of sharing.



The New LiBEARian

by Alison Donald

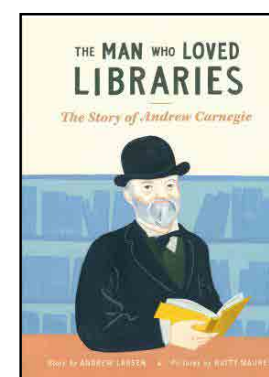
As the kids go in search of their missing librarian, they stumble upon a huge bear. Could he be their new librarian? A hilarious story with an unexpected turn of events.



Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

by Lisa Papp

This delightful book follows a young girl who struggles with reading. See how the patient library dog helps her become more confident and improve her reading abilities.



The Man Who Loved Libraries

by Andrew Larsen

Inspiring and impactful, this book features the story of Andrew Carnegie who strongly believed in the power of books and helped build over 2,500 public libraries in different countries.



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