

Ross, Rebecca

Divine Rivals

Read this one if you want journalist rivals with a healthy dose of star-crossed angst and wartime action. Magic brings them together; will the reawakened gods tear them apart?

Thanh Tran, Trang

She is a Haunting

Do you believe in ghosts? How about that ghosts creep in to your dreams, your walls, your flowerbeds, your very marrow? Jade didn't even want to come visit her father in Vietnam in the first place. Now, everywhere she looks, there is rot, anger, and unraveling. It's not pretty to look at, but it's impossible to look away.

White, Andrew Joseph

The Spirit Bares Its Teeth

Dark academia to the extreme. How do you thrive when the whole world doesn't believe you are who you are? Do you fight to find allies and a place to belong or do you give up and listen to the anxiety rabbit within you?

Zoboi, Ibi

Nigeria Jones

An amazing book for anyone fascinated by cults and ready to love a deeply frustrating protagonist. Nigeria is stuck in a mess of a Movement, controlled by her father and fighting with all she's got to break free. Her choices don't always make sense, but she is brave and she is memorable.



FOCUS ON NONFICTION

Edinger, Monica

Nearer My Freedom: The Interesting Life of Olaudah Equiano by Himself

Real people are so complicated. Olaudah Equiano led a rough life - enslaved on three continents, he survived as he had to in a dangerous world. Even in his own telling, he is not always noble or good, but he is interesting.

Mufleh, Luma - **From Here**

Mufleh is a refugee activist and a gay Muslim woman who grew up in Jordan knowing that if she stayed she would be killed for her sexuality. When she finally found a way to escape to the U.S. her family was powerful enough to send the FBI after her. If memoirs that seem almost too wild to be true are your thing then this one is for you.

Rusch, Elizabeth

The 21: The True Story of the Youth Who Sued the U.S. Government Over Climate Change

Some very brave children - many of them from Oregon - teamed up with some clever attorneys to sue the government, shedding light in a dramatic way on harmful environmental policies.

Slater, Dashka

Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed

When people say they don't like nonfiction, they don't mean nonfiction like this. It is jaw dropping, infuriating, and has a lasting impact.

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Albertalli, Becky

Imogen, Obviously

Lighthearted and meaningful all at once. What's the line between friendship and romance? What do you do when you find yourself questioning who you are and who you're attracted to? Discover Imogen's answer as she makes new friends, has new crushes, and discovers a new part to her story.

Boulley, Angeline

Warrior Girl Unearthed

The second book by Angeline Boulley hits on so many levels. It's thrilling, witty, and exciting. It is a primer on the multilayered failures of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. It's an indictment of the ongoing pattern of harm to indigenous women. And just for the fan, Daunis from *Firekeeper's Daughter* reappears in a deeply satisfying supporting role.

Hazelwood, Ali

Check & Mate

Mallory Greenleaf hasn't touched chess in four years but at her best friend's urging plays in a tournament where she is paired with and then beats the world chess champion...whoops. It is serving slow-burn rivals to romance against the backdrop of competitive chess.

2024 PRINTZ AWARD WINNER

King, A.S. (Editor)

The Collectors

In these pages you will find superheroes, frozen moments, pain, heartbreak, a collection of collections, and empty swimming pools. Sometimes dark and moody, sometimes light and surprising, this collection of short stories has it all.



OREGON AUTHORS & SETTINGS

Caletti, Deb

Plan A

The characters in this one say it best, this is an "abortion road trip love story. The characters will make you smile while you cry as they make their way from their ultraconservative Texas town to Oregon. Each stop at a small town named for another place, roadside attraction, and visit with family and friends along the way reinforces the importance of choice.

Ernshaw, Shea

A Wilderness of Stars

Moving from a sheltered upbringing to a deeply disturbing dystopian world, Vega has a unique role to play in the future of the world. Her post-apocalyptic journey has a little romance, a touch of mysticism, a will to survive, and a lot of tension.

Gould, Courtney

Where Echoes Die

Eerie and unsettling, an isolated desert town with big cult vibes will draw you in again...and again. Sisters investigating a connection to their mother's death will have to follow in her footsteps and her obsession.

Johnson, Kim

Invisible Son

This is a certified tearjerker that will pull you back to 2020 and the heartbreak that surrounded us all. Get to know and love Andre as he deals with every sad and scary thing about being a Black teen in America. The gloom and joy in this book will surround you until the very last page.

Magoon, Kekla

The Minus-One Club

Found family, self-discovery, and heartbreak. Read this one if you want your heart broken and put back together again, over and over. Will the end leave you shattered into a million pieces or stitched back together with hope?

McCullough, Joy

Enter the Body

This novel-in-verse is Shakespeare, but make it feminist. In the room beneath a stage's trapdoor, the dead girls of Shakespeare's plays share and compare their stories, but this time they get to choose how their stories are told.

Ness, Patrick

Different for Boys

This is Heartstopper but with even more of the messy reality of boys coming to terms with sexuality in a small town. The illustrations, strategically censored content, and the story will break your heart, but the cracks will let hope in.

Oshiro, Mark

Into the Light

Three timelines and two narrators tell a story of religious trauma, PTSD, abandonment, and the toll extracted from those whose autonomy is stripped from them. The conclusion to this thriller is revealed piece by piece and by the end, you will be ready to help Manny set the world on fire, for him and all the kids like him who have been mistreated.

