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Fiction

***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie (YA FIC ALEX, S)**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

***Bless Me, Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya (YA FIC ANAY, R)**

Antonio Marez is six years old when Ultima comes to stay with his family in New Mexico. She is a curandera, one who cures with herbs and magic. Under her wise wing, Tony will probe the family ties that bind and rend him, and he will discover himself in the magical secrets of the pagan past—a mythic legacy as palpable as the Catholicism of Latin America.

***Eleanor and Park*, by Rainbow Rowell (YA FIC ROWE, R)**

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. When Eleanor meets Park, you'll remember your own first love—and just how hard it pulled you under.

***Looking for Alaska*, by John Green (YA FIC GREE, J)**

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky (YA FIC CHBO, S)**

Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie is navigating through the strange worlds of love, drugs, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show", and dealing with the loss of a good friend and his favorite aunt.

***Thirteen Reasons Why*, by Jay Asher (YA FIC ASHE, J)**

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

***Two Boys Kissing*, by David Levithan (YA FIC LEVI, D)**

A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.



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Non-Fiction

***Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin** (YA 306.76 KUK, S)

Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender identity.

Graphic Novel

***Bone (series)*, by Jeff Smith** (YA GRAPHIC BONE)

The BONE adventures tell the story of a young bone boy, Fone Bone, and his two cousins, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone, who are banned from their homeland of Boneville. When the cousins find themselves mysteriously trapped in a wonderful but often terrifying land filled with secrets and danger - and special new friendships - they are soon caught up in adventures beyond their wildest dreams.

***Drama*, by Raina Telgemeier** (J GRAPHIC DRAM)

Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of *Moon over Mississippi* as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

***Fun Home*, by Alison Bechdel** (YA GRAPHIC FUN*)

Distant and exacting, Bruce Bechdel was an English teacher and director of the town funeral home, which Alison and her family referred to as the Fun Home. It was not until college that Alison, who had recently come out as a lesbian, discovered that her father was also gay. A few weeks after this revelation, he was dead, leaving a legacy of mystery for his daughter to resolve.

***Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi** (YA GRAPHIC PERS)

The great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor and the daughter of ardent Marxists describes growing up in Tehran in a country plagued by political upheaval and vast contradictions between public and private life.

***This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki** (YA GRAPHIC THIS)

Rose and her parents have been going to Awago Beach since she was a little girl. It's her summer getaway, her refuge. Her friend Windy is always there, too, like the little sister she never had, completing her summer family. But this summer is different. It's a summer of secrets and heartache, and it's a good thing Rose and Windy have each other.