BEST BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING: HIGH SCHOOL

FANTASY & SCI-FI

**Aurora Rising - Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff**
It’s the year 2380. Star pilot Tyler Jones and his ragtag crew embark on their first mission only to discover a stowaway on board—a mysterious teen girl, Aurora, who is technically over 200 years old.

**Fireborne - Rosaria Munda**
When a brutal revolution opens dragonrider classes to everyone, two orphans become rising military stars.

**The Lady Rogue - Jenn Bennett**
In 1937, Theodora and her hunky friend, Huck, embark on a quest to find the cursed ring of Vlad the Impaler.

**Pet - Akwaeke Emezi**
Jam lives in a near-future society supposedly free of monstrous people, but one day a mysterious creature emerges from one of her mother’s paintings, claiming to be on the hunt for a nearby monster.

**Race to the Sun - Rebecca Roanhorse**
Not long after Nizhoni realizes that she can see monsters, her father gets kidnapped by one. She must connect with her Navajo ancestors to harness her powers and rescue him, and to fulfill her destiny as a monster slayer.

**Spin - Robert Charles Wilson**
One night Tyler, Jason, and Diane watch the stars mysteriously go black. They learn that something has created a barrier around the Earth, and that time is passing at a different rate outside of it.

**Stepsister - Jennifer Donnelly**
In this Cinderella retelling, Isabella, one of the ugly stepsisters, is offered a chance to change her life.

**The Winner’s Curse - Marie Rutkowski**
On a whim, Kestrel, daughter of an esteemed Valorian general, buys a Herrani slave, Arin, at auction. Unfortunately, Arin is really a spy for Herrani rebels plotting to overthrow the Valorian empire.

**Witches of Ash and Ruin - E. Latimer**
In modern day Ireland, two rival covens of witches must team up to find a brutal serial killer.

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## REALISTIC FICTION

**Be Not Far From Me - Mindy McGinnis**
When she gets lost in the Great Smoky Mountains with nothing but the clothes on her back, Ashley must fight to survive.

**If I’m Being Honest - Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka**
Cameron is a brutally honest popular girl with many haters—including her crush. In order to win him over, she sets out to change her ways.

**Laura Dean Keeps Breaking up with Me - Mariko Tamaki** *(Graphic Novel)*
Distraught over her on-again, off-again relationship with her player girlfriend Laura Dean, Freddy Riley turns to a relationship columnist for help.

**Tweet Cute - Emma Lord**
In this retelling of You’ve Got Mail, overachiever Pepper and class clown Jack become close friends IRL, but things get complicated when they start a viral twitter war over their families’ restaurant businesses.

## NON FICTION

**Dragon Hoops - Gene Luen Yang** *(Graphic Novel)*
Despite preferring superheroes to sports, graphic novelist and teacher Gene Yang stumbles across the story of the Dragons, his school’s basketball team, and knows it’s the perfect subject for his next book. Will this be the year they finally win the state championship?

**Spies - Marc Favreau**
Favreau relates the fascinating stories of the spies, double agents, and moles who helped avert nuclear disaster during the Cold War.

**You Were Born for This: Astrology for Radical Self-Acceptance - Chani Nicholas**
Learn how to use astrology to learn about yourself and your life’s purpose.

## MYSTERY

**Midnight Riot - Ben Aaronvitch**
When new police officer Peter Grant discovers he can communicate with ghosts, he joins a special force in charge of investigating paranormal crimes.

**Truly Devious - Maureen Johnson**
Ellingham Academy is known for the famous unsolved kidnapping of the founder’s wife and daughter. When true crime buff Stevie Bell gets accepted to Ellingham, she makes it her mission to solve the case.

**A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder - Holly Jackson**
Five years ago, when popular senior Andie went missing, everyone was quick to blame her boyfriend Sal. When Pippa starts looking into the case for a school project, she suspects there’s more to the story and sets out to prove Sal’s innocence.