



# ALL THE BOOKS

## ***The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes***

by Suzanne Collins (Sci-Fi/Dystopia)

## ***Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea***

by April Genevieve Tucholke (Fantasy/Paranormal)

## ***Camp Spirit***

by Axelle Lenoir (Paranormal/LGBTQ+)

## ***Castoff: The Strange Adventures of Petra De Winter and Bram***

by Eve Yohalem (Adventure/Historical Fiction)

## ***Cemetery Boys***

by Aiden Thomas (Paranormal/LGBTQ+)

## ***Clap When You Land***

by Elizabeth Acevedo (Contemporary/LGBTQ+)

## ***Coda Vol. 1***

by Simon Spurrier (GN/Fantasy/Dystopia)

## ***Dancing at the Pity Party***

by Tyler Feder (GN/Memoir)

## ***The Fever King***

by Victoria Lee (Dystopia/LGBTQ+)

## ***Flowers in the Gutter***

by K.R. Gaddy (Non Fiction/History - WWII)

## ***Heartstopper***

by Alice Oseman (GN/LGBTQ+/Romance)

## ***The Henna Wars***

by Adiba Jaigirdar (Romance/LGBTQ+)

## ***The Language of Thorns:***

by Leigh Bardugo (Fantasy/Fairy Tales)

## ***Laura Dean Keeps Breaking up with Me***

by Mariko Tamaki (GN/LGBTQ+)

## ***The Magic Fish***

by Trung Le Nguyen (Fairy Tale/LGBTQ+)

## ***The Montague Twins: The Witch's Hand***

by Nathan Page (GN/Mystery)

## ***Once & Future Vol. 1: The King is Undead***

by Kieron Gillen and Dan Mora (GN/Fantasy)

## ***The Toll***

by Neal Shusterman (Sci-Fi)

## ***Topside***

by J.N. Monk (GN/Sci-Fi/Fantasy)

## ***Salt & Storm***

by Kendall Kulper (Fantasy/Paranormal)

## ***Superman Smashes the Klan***

by Gene Luen Yang (GN/Superheroes)

## ***When Stars Are Scattered***

by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson (GN/Memoir)

## ***Wynd***

by James Tynion IV & Michael Dialynas (GN/Fantasy/LGBTQ+)

# Meet the Staff!

In 2020, Edwin ate some food and got some sleep. In 2021, he will hopefully do the same.

Edwin

I love to solve problems around the house with tools and elbow grease, and I love getting magazines in the mail, and I love making dinner when the knives have been sharpened.

This year has been rough, but having more time at home to read and hang out with my cats is a major plus. I also like running and walking around in the woods.

Jen

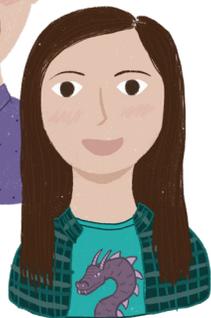
Sam

2020 was... a year. I spent a lot of it gardening, running, reading, and catching up on video games.

In 2020, Macklin adopted two cats and aged 20 years. They are now a respected Cat Elder by Bloomington law.

Macklin

Kevin



Kim

Kim enjoys spending time with her family, reading, writing, and drawing, and working on other hobbies. In 2020 Kim's family adopted two kitties who add so much joy to the household (except when they swing from the curtains).

Lizzy

Lizzy loves sleep, art, reading, ice cream, unicorns, and their calico Cat Grammy!

Danny

In 2020, I decided to build my own PC! I was able to create a documentary short for my class dedicated to my dad, and play some of the raddest video games! All of this was done at home with the accompaniment of my dog Odin.

Laura

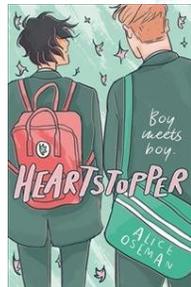
I've been playing a lot of video games, reading a lot of books, and hanging out with my cats a lot. So that's been pretty neat. :)

# Kim's Picks

-2020-



2020 WAS SUCH A HARD YEAR! IF YOU FOUND YOURSELF READING LESS THAN USUAL - YOU ARE NOT ALONE! IF YOU ARE FEELING UP TO IT, TAKE A LOOK AT THESE BOOKS THEY MADE MY READING DAY IN 2020. EITHER WAY BE SAFE AND HAPPY READING! -KIM ♡



## HEARTSTOPPER ♡

♡ -ALICE OSEMAN  
LAST YEAR CHARLIE WAS Outed AND BULLIED AT HIS ALL BOY SCHOOL. THIS YEAR MAYBE THINGS WILL BE BETTER... AFTER ALL HE'S GOT A BOYFRIEND NOW (IT STILL WANTS IF IT'S A SECRET,

RIGHT?) WHEN CHARLIE IS PAIRED WITH NICK, A RUGBY PLAYER, HE DISCOVERS THE TRUE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE.

I READ VOLUMES 1-3 AND ♡

♡ I RECOMMEND THEM ALL! IT IS SUCH A LOVELY STORY OF A CARING RELATIONSHIP & YOUNG ROMANCE ♡ GREAT LGBTQIA+ REPRESENTATION AND ESPECIALLY GOOD REPRESENTATION OF BISEXUALITY



## THE MONTAGUE TWINS: THE WITCH'S HAND

-NATHAN PAGE

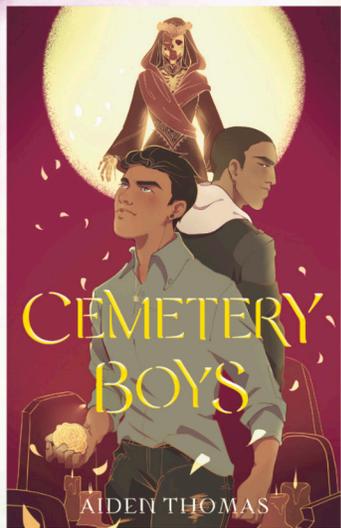
TWIN BROTHERS - PETE AND AL - LOVE TO SOLVE MYSTERIES AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM IN THEIR SMALL TOWN! IN THIS VOLUME, THEY INVESTIGATE A DISAPPEARANCE WHICH CONNECTS TO ~~THE~~ SPIRIT OF A MURDERED WITCH! (OH YEAH, THERE'S MAGIC!)

IT HAS BEEN SO LONG SINCE I READ A MYSTERY AND THE FAST PACED INTRIGUE OF THIS BOOK WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED. THE STORY IS ENGAGING AND WHILE THE ART ISN'T MY FAVORITE, I LOVE THE RANDOM DETAILS LIKE THE FAMILY CAT WEARING GLASSES!

♡ THIS BOOK ALSO FEATURES A SWEET COMING OUT SCENE ♡

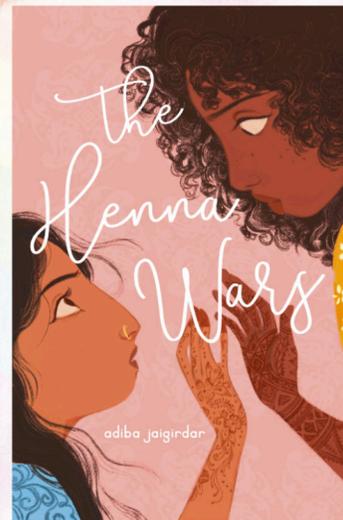
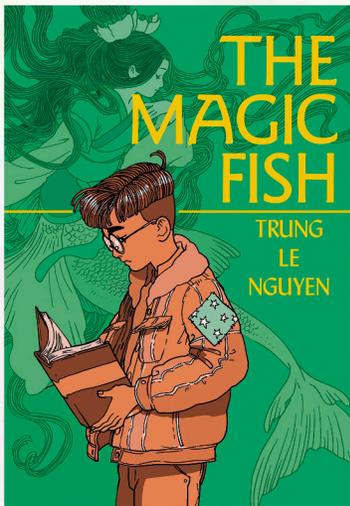


# Lizzy's Picks



Paranormal

Fairy Tales



Cute Romance

# Laura's Picks

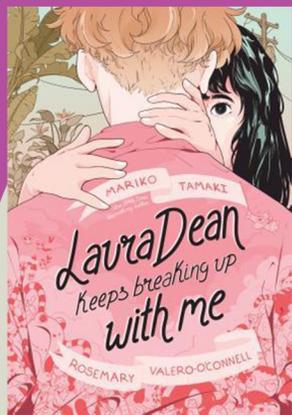
## TOPSIDE



A science fiction dystopian story about a mechanic learning more about herself and the world

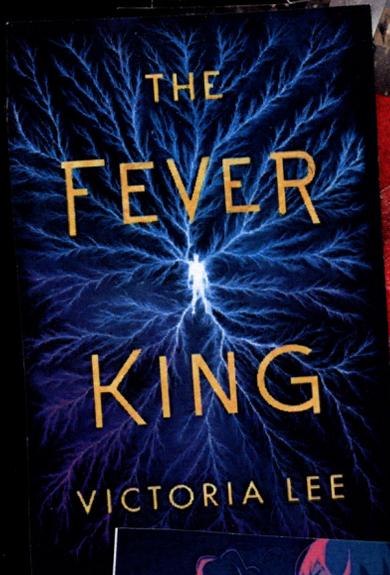
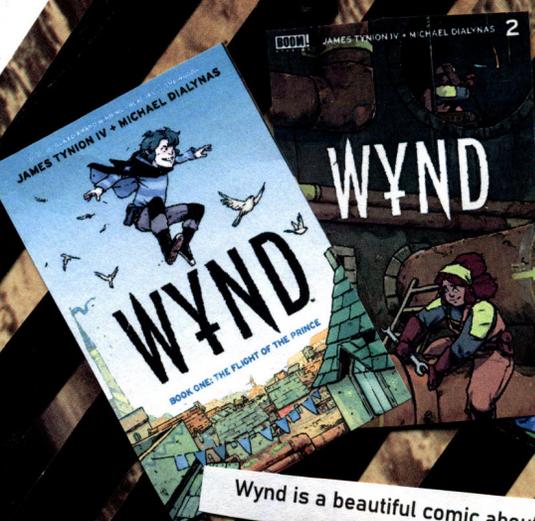


A dystopian fantasy adventure with themes of learning to love yourself and others



A charming romance story about how to leave toxic relationships





Also a comic on WebToon!  
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Wynd is a beautiful comic about

finding yourself and magic and romance.

Its light, but has a neat vibe and I liked

the world, and am excited to see

where its going.

On Hoopla as a digital e-comic.

EDWIN

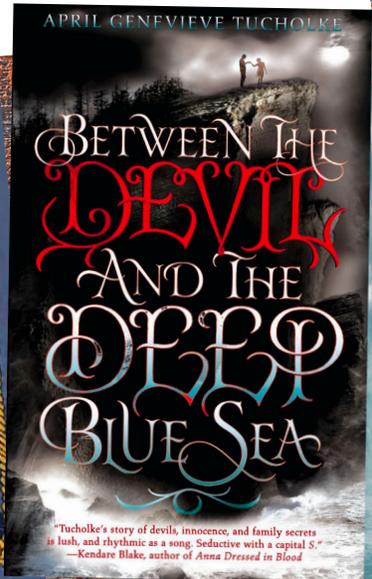
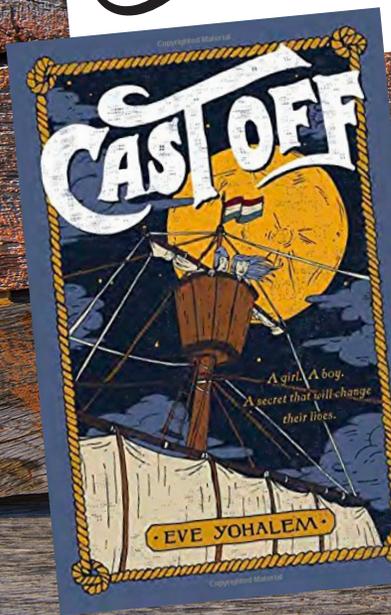
America has fallen into warring kingdoms

nuclear war happened, and magic is a disease that either kills 90%+ of people or gives you superpowers.

A very dark, queer romance novel that tackles immigration, hacking, and navigating revolutionary politics.

KEVIN  
Kevin  
Kevin

All three titles are stories of the sea. I LOVE the ocean, and being on a boat, and reading each of these stories brings the smells and images and feelings of those interests to mind — almost just like being there! Since I like to listen to music when I'm reading, I recommend checking out the Library's CD "Classic Maritime Music from Smithsonian Folkways".

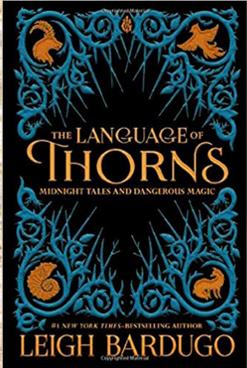


**Castoff: The Strange Adventures of Petra De Winter and Bram**  
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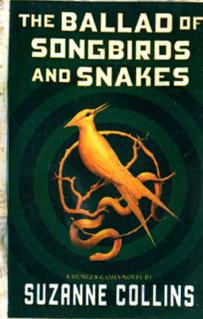
**Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea**  
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# Danny



A collection of fairy tales from Leigh Bardugo's *Grishaverse*. Each story is impactful, haunting, and beautiful, with some of the best illustrations I've seen in a fantasy book.

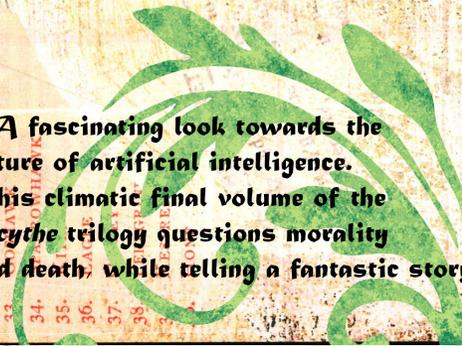


To make a villain and give them such an amazing and complex backstory is what makes this book so intriguing and fascinating. Truly a great expansion to *The Hunger Games* series.

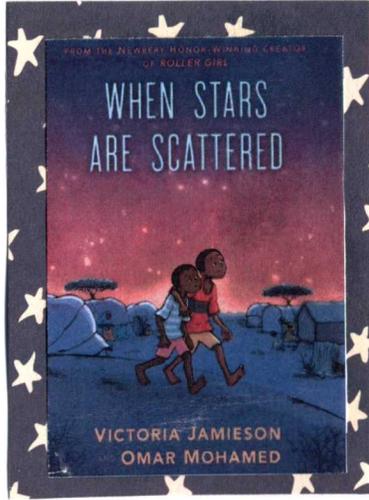


A fascinating look towards the future of artificial intelligence. This climatic final volume of the *Scythe* trilogy questions morality and death, while telling a fantastic story.

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12. H.



# JEN'S PICKS



WHEN STARS ARE  
SCATTERED BY  
VICTORIA JAMIESON +  
OMAR MOHAMED

\* THIS HEARTBREAKING  
BUT HOPEFUL GRAPHIC  
NOVEL TELLS THE  
TRUE STORY OF OMAR  
AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER

HASSAN, WHO SPENT 15 YEARS LIVING IN A  
REFUGEE CAMP AFTER FLEEING VIOLENCE IN  
THEIR HOME COUNTRY OF SOMALIA.

LARGELY ON THEIR OWN, OMAR LEARNS TO  
CARE AND PROVIDE FOR BOTH OF THEM. THE  
BOOK SHOWS THE DAILY CHALLENGES AND  
BOREDOM OF LIVING IN A REFUGEE CAMP,  
BUT ALSO THE UNEXPECTED KINDNESS AND  
COMMUNITY THAT FORMS AMONG THE  
RESIDENTS.

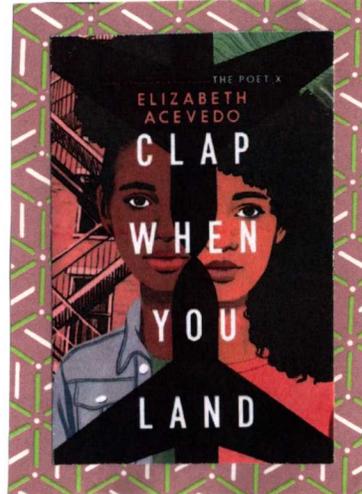
CLAP WHEN YOU LAND  
BY ELIZABETH ACEVEDO

TOLD IN ALTERNATING VOICES,  
THIS BEAUTIFUL NOVEL IN VERSE  
EXPLORES THE LIVES OF TWO HALF SISTERS  
BROUGHT TOGETHER AFTER A DEADLY PLANE  
CRASH. THIS IS A MOVING STORY OF LOSS,  
FAMILY SECRETS, AND FORGIVENESS.

IF YOU HAVEN'T READ ELIZABETH ACEVEDO, GIVE HER  
A TRY! ALL OF HER BOOKS ARE WONDERFUL. ♡♡

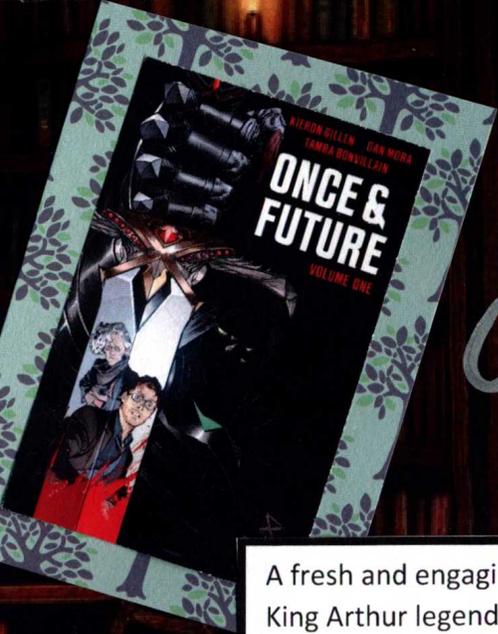
↳ HER OTHER BOOKS ARE:

- ① THE POET X
- ② WITH THE FIRE  
ON HIGH



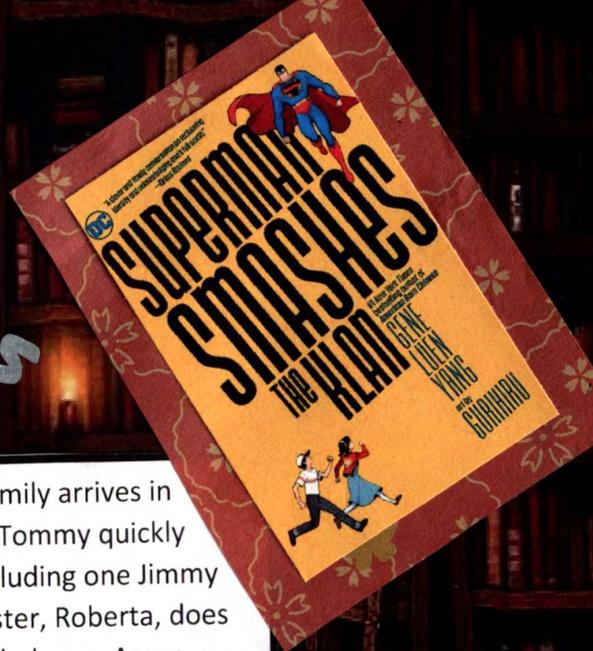
OTHER BOOKS I ENJOYED  
IN 2020:

- DRAGON HOOPS BY  
GENE LUEN YANG
- SNAPDRAGON BY  
KAT LEYH
- EVERYTHING SAD IS  
UNTRUE BY  
DANIEL NAYERI

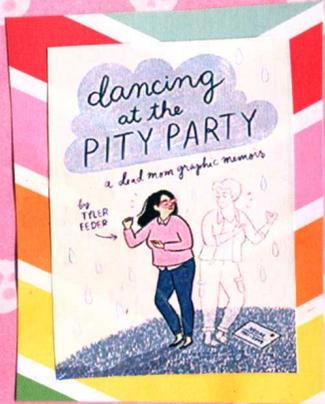


# Sam's Picks

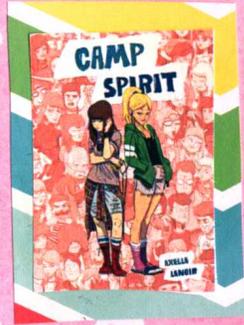
A fresh and engaging take on the King Arthur legend featuring an overwhelmed museum curator, who finds out he has to save the world, and his monster-hunting grandmother vs. King Arthur and his knights. They must race across England fighting monsters, legends, and regular mercenaries, as they try to stop Arthur and his allies. A fun and action-packed story.



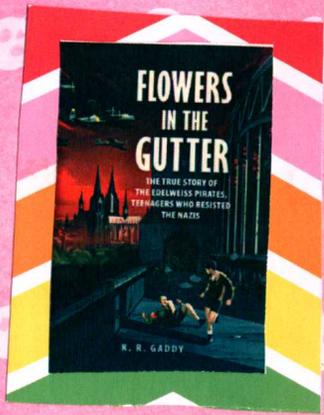
When the Lee family arrives in Metropolis, son Tommy quickly finds friends, including one Jimmy Olsen, but his sister, Roberta, does not feel like she belongs. As we learn more about this family, and the rising violence, racism, and threat of the Klan, Yang also incorporates Superman's personal growth as he works to root out the Klan and wrestles with his own feelings of identity and belonging. An inspiring story of identity and hope.



Recommended reading for anyone who's ever lost a parent. Sad AND funny!



Ghosts + lesbians in the '70s, what more could you ask for?



Working class Kids give the nazis hell. A 2020 primer.