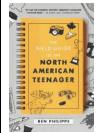
# **Spring Reads 2020**

## Great New Books to Read While You're at Home

Grades:		
9	&	10

## Title, Author & Description



#### The Field Guide to the North American Teen by Ben Phillips

Winner: 2020 William C. Morris YA Debut Award

A hilarious YA contemporary realistic novel about a witty Black French Canadian teen who moves to Austin, Texas, and experiences the joys, cliches, and awkward humiliations of the American high school experience--including falling in love. Perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon, When Dimple Met Rishi, and John Green. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



#### The Stars and the Blackness Between Them by Junauda Petrus

2020 Coretta Scott King Honor Book

Told in two distinct and irresistible voices, Junauda Petrus's bold and lyrical debut is the story of two black girls from very different backgrounds finding love and happiness in a world that seems determined to deny them both. It brilliantly captures the distinctly lush and lyrical voices of Mabel and Audre as they conjure a love that is stronger than hatred, prison, and death and as vast as the blackness between the stars. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



#### The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee

A Washington Post Best Children's Book of the Year

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults List

By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady, "Dear Miss Sweetie." When her column becomes wildly popular, she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills, but she's not prepared for the backlash that follows when her column challenges fixed ideas about race and gender. With prose that is witty, insightful, and at times heartbreaking, Stacey Lee masterfully crafts an extraordinary social drama set in the New South. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



#### Spinning Silver by Naomi Novak

New York Times Bestseller

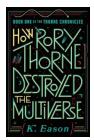
Miryem is the daughter and granddaughter of moneylenders, but her father's inability to collect his debts has left his family on the edge of poverty--until Miryem takes matters into her own hands. Hardening her heart, the young woman sets out to claim what is owed and soon gains a reputation for being able to turn silver into gold. A fresh and imaginative retelling of the Rumpelstiltskin fairy tale, Spinning Silver weaves a multilayered, magical tapestry that readers will want to return to again and again. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



### A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World by C.A. Fletcher

Winner: 2020 ALA Alex Award

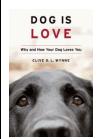
"My name's Griz. I've never been to school, I've never had friends, and in my whole life I've not met enough people to play a game of football. My parents told me how crowded the world used to be, before all the people went away. But we were never lonely on our remote island. We had each other, and our dogs. Then the thief came." A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World is a story of survival, courage and hope amid the ruins of our world. Available as: Kindle. OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



### **How Rory Thorne Destroyed the Multiverse by K.Eason**

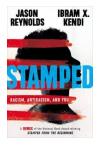
Kirkus 2019 Starred Review

Rory Thorne is a princess with thirteen fairy blessings, the most important of which is to see through flattery and platitudes. When Rory arrives in her new home, she uncovers a treacherous plot to unseat her newly betrothed and usurp his throne. With only her wits and a small team of allies, Rory must outmaneuver the Regent and rescue the prince. This is a story of resistance and self-determination—how small acts of rebellion can lead a princess to not just save herself, but change the course of history. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



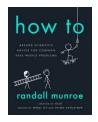
#### Dog Is Love: Why and How Your Dog Loves You by Clive D. Wynne

It really seems like our dogs love us. But for years, scientists have resisted that conclusion, warning against anthropomorphizing our pets. Enter Clive Wynne, a pioneering canine behaviorist. Drawing on cutting edge studies from his lab and others around the world, Wynne shows that affection is the very essence of dogs, from their faces and tails to their brains, hormones, even DNA. This scientific revolution is revealing more about dogs' unique origins, behavior, needs, and hidden depths than we ever imagined possible. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



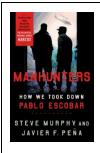
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi New York Times bestseller and a USAToday bestseller!

This remarkable reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award-winning <u>Stamped from the Beginning</u> reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future. Through a gripping, fast-paced, and energizing narrative written by award winner Jason Reynolds, this book shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas--and on ways readers can identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their daily lives. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Real World Problems by Randall Monroe

For any task you might want to do, there's a right way, a wrong way, and a way so monumentally complex, excessive, and inadvisable that no one would ever try it. How To is full of highly impractical advice for everything from landing a plane to digging a hole. Bestselling author and cartoonist Randall Munroe explains the most complicated ways to do simple tasks brilliantly. Full of clever infographics and fun illustrations, it is a delightful way to better understand the science and technology underlying the things we do every day. Available as: Kindle, OverDrive Reads and Adobe EPUB.



Manhunters: How We Took Down Pablo Escobar by Stever Murphy and Javier F. Peña Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar's brutal Medellin Cartel was responsible for trafficking tons of cocaine to North America and Europe in the 1980s and '90s. With billions in personal income, Pablo Escobar bought off politicians and lawmen, and became a hero to poorer communities. But the DEA was determined to see him pay for his crimes. Manhunters presents Steve and Javier's history in law enforcement from their early DEA assignments in Miami and Austin to the Escobar mission in Medellin, Colombia- it's the basis of the hit Netflix series, Narcos.