

LWC 2023 Recommended Reads

4th Form



Between Perfect and Real - Ray Stoeve

Dean Foster knows he's a trans guy. But everyone at his high school thinks he's a lesbian—including his girlfriend Zoe, and his theater director, who just cast him as a “nontraditional” Romeo. He wonders if maybe it would be easier to wait until college to come out. But as he plays Romeo every day in rehearsals, Dean realizes he wants everyone to see him as he really is now—not just on the stage, but everywhere in his life.



Windmaker - Roye Okupe

After an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity, the fictional West African nation of Atala is thrust into an era of unrest and dysfunction when their beloved president turns vicious dictator.

With the country on the brink of civil war, the WindMaker—an ancient hero of the Atalians— mysteriously returns in what appears to be an effort to save his people. The only problem is that his spirit is reincarnated into the last person anyone expects to help—the president's head of security!



Love Radio - Ebony LaDelle

Prince has always dreamed of becoming a DJ and falling in love. But being the main caretaker for his mother, who has multiple sclerosis, and his little brother means his dreams will stay just that and the only romances in his life are the ones he hears about from his listeners. Until he meets ambitious writer, Dani. Prince is smitten, but Dani's not looking to get derailed. She gives Prince just three dates to convince her that he's worth falling for.

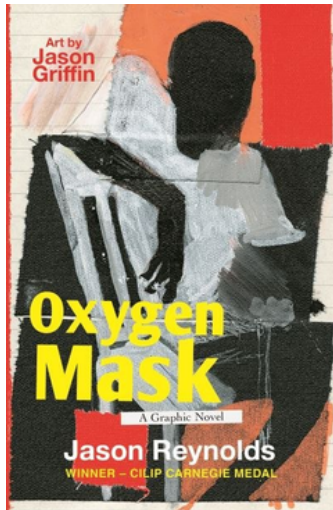




The Sad Ghost Club 1, 2 and 3 by Lize Meddings

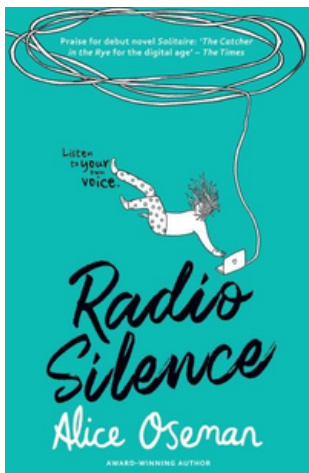
A brilliant graphic novel series starting with an anxious, lonely person who meets someone very similar at a party to which neither wanted to go to. From there they begin a tentative friendship.

Strong mental health themes of depression, isolation & social anxiety are approached in a subtle way, feel credible & (almost unbearably!) relatable.



Oxygen Mask by Jason Reynolds

A graphic novel in free verse, encompassing the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter action of the 2020s, from the perspective of a teenager quarantined with his family. Beautifully drawn with sparse text, this is a captivating new novel from the author of Long Way Down.



Radio Silence by Alice Oseman

Frances has always been a study machine with one goal, elite university. Nothing will stand in her way; not friends, not a guilty secret - not even the person she is on the inside. But when Frances meets Aled, the shy genius behind her favourite podcast, she discovers a new freedom.



Come Home Safe - Brian Buckmire

When Reed and Olivia left home, they never imagined they'd find themselves questioned, searched, and thrown to the ground by police looking for suspects in recent crimes. As their worst fears become reality, they must find a way to "prove" their innocence and make it home safe once again.





The Warning - Kirsty Acevedo

Alexandra Lucas' anxiety disorder was enough to deal with before then mysterious holographic doors suddenly appeared throughout the world, heralding the end of the earth. A recording plays on loop: heed the warning and step through a portal-like vertex to safety...or stay and be destroyed by a comet. But without the ability to verify their story, Alex is forced to consider what is best for her friends, her family, and herself.



Lord of the Flyfest - Goldy Moldavsky

One of Us Is Lying meets Lord of the Flies meets Fyre Fest in this wickedly addictive and funny YA thriller.

Rafi Francisco needs something really special to put her true crime podcast on the map. She sets her sights on River Stone, the hearthrob musician who rose to stardom after the mysterious disappearance of his girlfriend. Rafi lands herself a ticket to the exclusive Fly Fest, where River will be the headliner, but the dream trip turns into a nightmare and Rafi goes from fighting for an interview to fighting for her life.



Stand Up - Nikesh Shukla

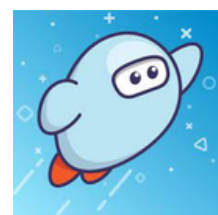
Madhu is 17 and has the weight of the world on her shoulders: her dad is putting pressure on her to apply to university, she misses her estranged sister but contact is strictly forbidden, and she's pulling in every single shift possible at a pizza place to help support her family. What she really wants, though, is to be a world-famous stand-up comedian ...



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