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BOOK TO MOVIE: RIPPED FROM THE PAGES

SPEAK by Laurie Halse Anderson. Square Fish, 2011; 9780312674397:

TIGER EYES by Judy Blume Random House, 2013; 9780449816462

ENDER'S GAME by Card, Orson Scott. Tor, 1994; 9780765337320; \$12.99.

*CATCHING FIRE by Suzanne Collins. Scholastic Press, 2013; 9780545586177;

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton. Ballantine Books, 2012; 9780345538987;

BEFORE I DIE by Jenny Downham. Random House, 2009; 9780385751834;

IF I STAY by Gayle Forman. Speak, 2010; 9780142415436

BEAUTIFUL CREATURES by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2012; 9780316231657

*THE FAULT IN OUR STARS by John Green. Speak, 2014; 9780142424179

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton. MTV Books, 2006; 9781416503460

HowL's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones. Greenwillow Books, 2008; 9780061478789

ELLA ENCHANTED by Gail Carson Levine. HarperCollins, 2011; 9780064407052

I Am Number by Pittacus Lore. Harper Collins, 2011; 9780061969577

LOOKING FOR ALIBRANDI. by Melina Marchetta. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2006; 9780375836947

Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead. Razorbill, 2007; 9781595141743

Watchmen by Alan Moore. DC Comics, 2005; 9780930289232

ANGUS, THONGS, AND FULL-FRONTAL SNOGGING by Louise Rennison. HarperTeen, 2006; 9780064472272

THE LIGHTNING THIEF by Rick Riordan. Disney Hyperion, 2006; 9780786838653

DIVERGENT by Veronica Roth. Katherine Tegen Books, 2012; 9780062024039

FAST FOOD NATION: THE DARK SIDE OF THE ALL-AMERICAN MEAL by Eric Schlosser. Mariner Books, 2012; 9780547750330

Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold. Back Bay Books, 2009; 9780316044936

THE HOBBIT: OR, THERE AND BACK AGAIN by J.R.R. Tolkein. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012; 9780547928227

Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac by Gabrielle Zevin. Square Fish, 2009; 9780312561284

THE BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak. Knopf, 2007; 9780375842207

MYSTERIES: MURDER, MAYHEM, AND OTHER ADVENTURES

White Cat by Holly Black. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2011; 9781416963974

Strings Attached by Judy Blundell. Scholastic, 2012; 9780545221276

SHIFT by Jennifer Bradbury. Simon and Schuster: Atheneum, 2012; 9781442408524

Born of Illusion by Teri Brown. Balzer & Bray, 2014; 9780062187550

THE DARK UNWINDING by Sharon Cameron. Scholastic, 2008; 9780545327879

ETIQUETTE & ESPIONAGE by Gail Carringer. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013; 9780316190107

Pretty Girl-13. by Liz Coley. Katherine Tegen Books, 2014; 978-0062127396

A STUDY IN SCARLET: A SHERLOCK HOLMES GRAPHIC NOVEL by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, adapted by Ian Edginton, Illu., I.N.J. Culbard. Sterling, 2010; 9781402770821

BLACKFIN SKy by Kat Ellis. Running Press, 2014; 9780762454013

THE BUTTERFLY CLUES by Kate Ellison. Egmont, 2013; 9781606844175

CLOCKWORK SCARAB by Colleen Gleason. Chronicle Books, 2014; 9781452128733

CLARITY by Kim Harrington. Point, 2012; 9780545230513

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THE NIGHT SHE DISAPPEARED by April Henry. Square Fish, 2013; 9781250016744

FIRE AND HEMLOCK by Diana Wynne Jones. Firebird, 2012; 9780142420140

DEATH CLOUD: THE LEGEND BEGINS by Andrew Lane. Square Fish, 2011; 9780312563714

THE AGENCY: A SPY IN THE HOUSE by Y.S. Lee Candlewick, 2011; 9780763652890

*I HUNT KILLERS by Barry Lyga. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013; 9780316125833

THE CAGED GRAVES by Dianne K. Salerni . Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers, 2014; 9780544336223

*THE RITHMATIST by Brandon Sanderson. Tor Teen, 2014; 9780765338440

THE ARCHIVED by Victoria Schwab. Disney Hyperion, 2014; 9781423157311

MIDWINTERBLOOD by Marcus Sedgwick. Square Fish, 2014; 9781250040077

*Lockwood & Co: The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud. Disney Hyperion, 2014; 9781423186922

THE BOOK OF BLOOD AND SHADOW by Robin Wasserman. Random House Children's Books, 2013; 9780375872778

THE SPACE BETWEEN TREES by Katie Williams. Chronicle Books, 2013; 9781452128542

In the Shadow of Blackbirds. by Cat Winters. Amulet, 2014; 9781419710230

LOCK UP: TEENS BEHIND BARS

A QUESTION OF FREEDOM: A MEMOIR OF LEARNING, SURVIVAL, AND COMING OF AGE IN PRISON. by Dwayne Betts. Avery Publishing Group, 2010; 9781583333969

I Don't Wish Nobody to Have a Life Like Mine: Tales of Kids in Adult Lockup by David Chura. Beacon Press, 2011; 9780807001233

AIRMAN by Eoin Colfer. Disney Hyperion, 2009; 9781423107514

Take Me There by Carolee Dean. Simon Pulse, 2012; 9781416989509

Leaving Paradise by Simone Elkeles. Flux, 2007; 9780738710181

REAL JUSTICE: SENTENCED TO LIFE AT SEVENTEEN: THE STORY OF DAVID MILGAARD by Cynthia Faryon. Lorimer, 2013; 9781552774335

BAD by Jean Ferris. Square Fish, 2004; 9780374404758

**Hole in My Life* by Jack Gantos. Square Fish, 2012; 9780312641573

WHAT HAPPENED TO CASS McBride? by Gail Giles. Little, Brown and Company, 2007; 9780316166393

STAY WITH ME by Paul Griffin. Speak, 2012; 9780142421727

THE TWELVE-FINGERED BOY by John Hornor Jacobs. Carolrhoda Books: Carolrhoda Lab; 2014; 9781467737067

JUVIE 3 by Gordon Korman. Disney Hyperion, 2010; 9781423101628

No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on **Death Row** by Susan Kuklin. Macmillan: Square Fish, 2014; 9781250044457

RACE TO INCARCERATE: A GRAPHIC RETELLING by Mark Mauer & Sabrina Jones. . The New Press, 2013; 9781595585417

Criminal by Terra Elan McVoy. Simon Pulse, 2014; 9781442421639

*Lockdown by Walter Dean Myers. HarperCollins, 2010; 9780061214820

Monster by Walter Dean Myers. HarperCollins, 2001; 9780064407311

THE KNIFE AND THE BUTTERFLY by Ashley Hope Perez. Carolrhoda Books: Carolrhoda Lab, 2012; 9781467716246

House of Stairs by William Sleator. Penguin: Puffin, 2004; 9780140345803

LOCKDOWN: ESCAPE FROM FURNACE 1 by Alexander Gordon Smith. Square Fish, 2010; 9780312611934

Boot CAMP by Todd Strasser. Simon & Schuster, 2012; 9781442433588

RIKERS HIGH by Paul Volponi. Speak, 2011; 9780142417782

SURVIVING HITLER: A BOY IN THE NAZI DEATH CAMPS by Andrea Warren. HarperCollins, 2002; 9780060007676

GIRL IN A CAGE by Jane Yolen. Speak, 2004; 9780142401323

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NARRATIVE NON-FICTION: INSPIRED BY ACTUAL EVENTS

GEORGE WASHINGTON, SPYMASTER: HOW THE AMERICANS OUTSPIED THE BRITISH AND WON THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR by Thomas B. Allen. National Geographic, 2007; 9781426300417

BAND OF BROTHERS: E COMPANY, 506TH REGIMENT, 101ST AIRBORNE FROM NORMANDY TO HITLER'S EAGLE'S NEST by Stephen E. Ambrose. Simon & Schuster, 2004; 9780743224543

*My Friend Dahmer by Derf Backderf. Abrams Comicarts, 2012; 9781419702174

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: A TOWN, A TEAM, AND A DREAM by H. G. Bissinger. Da Capo Press, 2004; 9780306809903

BOOTLEG: MURDER, MOONSHINE, AND THE LAWLESS YEARS OF PROHIbition by Karen Blumenthal. Square Fish, 2013; 9781250034274

PHINEAS GAGE: A GRUESOME BUT TRUE STORY ABOUT BRAIN SCIENCE by John Fleischman. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2004; 9780618494781

THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL: THE DEFINITIVE EDITION by Anne Frank. Random House, 1995; 9780553577129

Jack the Ripper: A Journal of the Whitechapel Murders, 1888-1889 by Rick Geary. NBM: Publishing, 2001; 9781561633081

THE DUMBEST IDEA EVER by Jimmy Gownley. Graphix, 2014; 9780545453479

RAPTURE PRACTICE: A TRUE STORY ABOUT GROWING UP GAY IN AN EVANGELICAL FAMILY by Aaron Hartzler. Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2014; 9780316094641

CHARLES AND EMMA: THE DARWINS' LEAP OF FAITH by Deborah Heiligman. Square Fish, 2011; 9780312661045

TITANIC: VOICES FROM THE DISASTER by Deborah Hopkinson. Scholastic, 2012; 9780545116756

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer. Anchor, 1999; 9780385494786

*Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories by Ellen S. Levine. Penguin: Puffin, 2000; 9780698118706

DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC: A TALE OF MADNESS, MEDICINE, AND MURDER OF A PRESIDENT by Candice Millard. Random House: Imprint Books, 2012; 9780767929714

YUMMY: THE LAST DAYS OF A SOUTHSIDE SHORTY by G. Neri. Lee and Low Books, 2010; 9781584302674

127 HOURS: BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE by Aron Ralston. Atria, 2005; 9780743492829

BEYOND COURAGE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST by Doreen Rappaport. Candlewick, 2014; 9780763669287

THREE LITTLE WORDS by Ashley Rhodes-Courter. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009; 9781416948070

THE PREGNANCY PROJECT by Gaby Rodriguez. Simon & Schuster, 2013; 9781442446236

*MAUS I: A SURVIVOR'S TALE by Art Spiegelman. Pantheon, 1986; 9780679748403

THE GLASS CASTLE by Jeannette Walls. Scribner, 2006; 9780743247542

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai. Little Brown & Company, 2013; 9780316286633

FROZEN IN TIME LP: AN EPIC STORY OF SURVIVAL AND A MODERN QUEST FOR LOST HEROES OF WORLD WAR II by Mitchell Zuckoff. Harper Perennial, 2014; 9780062269379

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