

2018 Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Deering, Alison and Bob Lentz (Illustrator). *Sandwiches!: More Than You've Ever Wanted to Know About Making and Eating America's Favorite Food.* Capstone Young Readers. 2017. Illus. \$15.95. ISBN: 9781623708160. Easy-to-follow sandwich recipes, accompanied by fun facts will make stomachs grow! From simple Level 1 "Plate and Knife" to Level 2 "Toaster and Microwave" on up to "The Big Time" Level 5, young chefs of all skill levels will be satiated.

Giffen, Keith and Howard Porter (Illustrator). *Scooby Apocalypse Vol. 1.* DC Comics. 2017. Illus. \$16.99. ISBN: 9781401267902. In this gritty reimagining of Scooby Doo we are introduced to dark new versions of the familiar Scooby gang as they battle a variety of monsters. It's Scooby Doo meets Resident Evil.

McManus, Karen M. *One of Us Is Lying.* Delacorte Press/ Penguin Random House. 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 9781524714680. Five students enter detention, but only four come out. One is dead, and one is lying...but who?

Rappaport, Doreen. *42 Is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson, American Hero.* Candlewick. 2017. \$15.99. ISBN: 9780763676247. Outstanding athlete, exceptional courage AND restraint in the face of violent hatred, Jackie Robinson is a hero for all ages.

Reynolds, Jason. *Long Way Down.* Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books/ Simon & Schuster. 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 9781481438254. The rules: don't cry, don't snitch...DO get revenge. A sixty second elevator ride is a long way down for Will to decide if he should use the gun shoved into the back of his jeans to avenge his brother's murder.

Reynolds, Jason. *Patina.* Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/ Simon & Schuster. 2017. \$16.99. ISBN: 9781481450188. Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and Lu are back on the track. This time, Patina narrates her story. Insight into her world shows the pressure she puts upon herself to come in first and to do everything she can for her family, because Patty "ain't no junk".

Reynolds, Jason. *Miles Morales: Spider-Man.* Marvel Press. 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 9781484787489. Meet Miles Morales, a half black, half Puerto Rican high school junior in Brooklyn, New York. Only his father and his best friend, Ganke, know the truth: Miles is Spider-Man. When his spidey-sense keeps going off during school, it may be time to suit up and take care of business.

Stone, Nic. *Dear Martin.* Crown Books for Young Readers/ Penguin Random House. 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 9781101939499. After Justyce is handcuffed when simply trying to help his girlfriend in a parking lot, he begins keeping a journal of sorts in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. When a needless shooting takes the life of someone close to him, Justyce questions whether Martin's visions of peace are possible.

Thomas, Angie. *The Hate U Give.* Balzer + Bray/ HarperCollins. 2017. \$17.99. ISBN: 9780062498533. Starr Carter must decide whether or not to testify in court when she witnesses a police officer shoot her friend. Her life as a black teen from a crime heavy neighborhood and a student at a mostly white private school provide points of conflict. This is a timely exploration of racial bias and police brutality from a teen's perspective.

Westerfeld, Scott and Alex Puvilland (Illustrator). *Spill Zone.* First Second/ Macmillan. 2017. Illus. \$22.99. ISBN: 9781596439368. Addison ventures into the Spill Zone, a toxic wasteland filled with frightening creatures, to obtain an item for a mysterious benefactor. Is Addison a pawn in a nefarious plot. Things are not what they seem in and around the Spill Zone.

