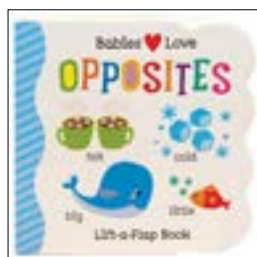


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For the Youngest (0 - 3 years)

Babies Love Opposites: Lift-the-Flap Book by Scarlett Wing

Introduce your baby or toddler to the concept of opposites, including cold and hot, in and out, and big and little in this lift-a-flap board book. Simple sentences reinforce future language structure while grasping and lifting the sturdy flaps helps develop fine motor skills. Also consider **Babies Love Shapes** and **Babies Love Colors**.

ISBN: 978-1680520286

Ages 0-3

\$7.52

Selected by: Central Branch



Baby Loves the Five Senses Boxed Set by Ruth Spiro

Ignite a baby's curiosity about the world with big, brainy science for the littlest listeners. Includes all five **Baby Loves the Five Senses** board books (**Baby Loves Sight, Hearing, Smell, Taste and Touch**) and a growth chart to measure all of Baby's important milestones.

ISBN: 978-1632890580

Ages 0-3

\$32.99

Selected by: Administrative Branch



Baby Shark - Finger Puppet Board Book by Little Hippo Books

Join Baby Shark as he sings with Mommy Shark, Daddy Shark, Grandma Shark, and Grandpa Shark in this bright ocean-themed finger puppet book. Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo through the ocean with the whole family of sharks.

Soft plush finger puppet and a rhyming story combine to provide both tactile and verbal learning. Finger puppet encourages interactive play.

ISBN: 978-1952137495

Ages 3 & up

\$8.97

Selected by: Glenwood Branch



Don't Push the Button! Let's Say Good Night by Bill Cotter

Celebrate curiosity with this silly monster book. A fun read-aloud and bedtime book. Larry the Monster is up to his usual shenanigans in this bedtime spinoff! A great read-aloud, interactive board book that kids will go back to time and again.

ISBN: 978-1728220604

Ages 2-3

\$6.99

Selected by: Miller Branch

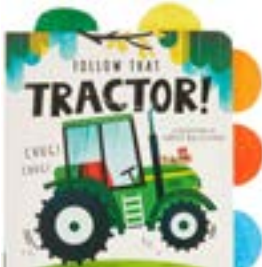


Eco Baby Where Are You Penguin?: A Plastic-Free Touch and Feel Book
by DK

Featuring cut-through sections, corrugated cardboard elements, and bright pictures, babies will enjoy searching for penguin's favorite hiding place while learning about other cold-climate friends in this plastic free, completely recyclable board book.

ISBN: 978-0744039429

Ages 0-3 \$12.99 Selected by: East Columbia Branch



Follow That Tractor! (Trace the Trails series) by Georgie Taylor

Explore the colorful illustrations as you trace the grooved trails with your fingers and follow the tractor through different farm scenes. There's lots of neighing, oinking, and baaing farm animals to spot along the way. There are die-cuts to find and feel, plus holes to lead you through the pages.

ISBN: 978-1789584271

Ages 0-3 \$8.99 Selected by: Central Branch



Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anne Dewdney

Little Baby Llama turns bedtime into a rousing llama drama in this rhyming favorite!

ISBN: 978-0451474575

Ages 1-3 \$7.27 Selected by: Glenwood Branch



My First 100 STEAM Words Book Set from Baby University by Chris Ferrie

The perfect science baby gift for a little genius! The ***My First 100 Words*** bundle includes educational books for babies and toddlers that features essential STEM and STEAM words. Included in this set: Science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and art.

ISBN: 978-1728240565

Ages 2-4 \$26.40 Selected by: Savage Branch



Peek-A Who? Boxed Set by Nina Laden

Loved by millions of children, these classic peek-a-boo books are now gathered together in a boxed set that's ideal for gift giving. Showcasing animals, vehicles, and more, each book in this wildly popular series features colorful pictures and lively, rhyming text that help children predict what is peeking through die-cut windows. Includes ***Peek-a Who?***, ***Peek-a Zoo!***, and ***Peek-a Choo-Choo!***

ISBN: 978-1452166131

Ages 0-3 \$15.44 Selected by: Elkridge Branch



That's Not My Dinosaur ... book and plush set by Fiona Watt

This delightful board book is aimed at very young children. The bright pictures and patches of different textures are designed to develop sensory and language awareness. Babies and toddlers will love turning the pages and touching the feely patches.

ISBN: 978-1474989107

Ages 0-3 \$20.78 Selected by: Miller Branch

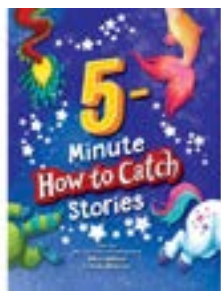


We Say Hello (A Lift and Learn Language Book) by Salina Yoon
We Say Good Night (A Lift and Learn Language Book) by Salina Yoon
 Salina Yoon's fun lift-and-learn language board book series teaches children how to say good night and good morning in seven different languages!

ISBN: 978-0593175033

ISBN: 978-0593175040

Ages 2-4 \$8.99 each Selected by: Administrative Branch



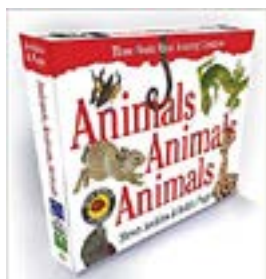
Picture Books (0-10 years)

5-Minute How to Catch Stories: A Storybook Collection of 12 Amazing Adventures with Unicorns, Monsters, Elves, and More Magical Creatures! by Adam Wallace

Catch the fun with this delightful *How to Catch* collection featuring twelve stories in one. Who will YOU catch first? Filled with zany STEM traps, exciting adventures, hilarity, and fun-filled chaos.

ISBN: 978-1728246031

Ages 5-10 \$12.99 Selected by: Glenwood Branch



Animals, Animals, Animals Gift Set by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
 A beautiful, boxed set from the award-winning team of animal fact explainers. Includes gift editions of three of their best-loved books

(*Move!*, *My First Day*, and *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*) with the spare, illuminating text and gorgeous cut-paper collage artwork fans of this dynamic duo have come to love. Plus a sheet of stickers.

ISBN: 978-0544340909

Ages 3-7 \$14.99 Selected by: Miller Branch



Friday Night Wrestlefest by J. F. Fox

Bedtime has never been more fun! Friday Night Wrestlefest is inspired by WWE professional wrestling and is sure to wear kids out before they are gently tucked into bed.

ISBN: 978-1250212405

Ages 3-7 \$17.99 Selected by: Central Branch



Grace and Box by Kim Howard

A young girl imagines all the wonderful things an empty cardboard refrigerator box can be in this debut picture book.

ISBN: 978-1250262943

Ages 3-6 \$18.99 Selected by: East Columbia Branch



I Am the Wind by Michael Karg

With dynamic text and atmospheric illustrations, this book invites you to celebrate the world all around us through the unique perspective of the wind. Journey through the frozen forests and bayou bogs, wonder at the northern lights, and meet unique animals along the way.

ISBN: 978-1624149221

Ages 4-8 \$16.39 Selected by: Central Branch



If You Give a Moose a Muffin, with Constructive Playthings and Puppet by Laura Numeroff

If a big hungry Moose comes to visit, you might give him a muffin to make him feel at home. If you give him a muffin, he'll want some jam to go with it. When he's eaten all your muffins, he'll want to go to the store to get some more muffin mix. And so, the story continues. Complete with red-jacketed Moose puppet, 12 fabric pieces, and a hardcover book.

Item number: CPX-1131

Ages -6 \$58.95 Selected by Administrative Branch

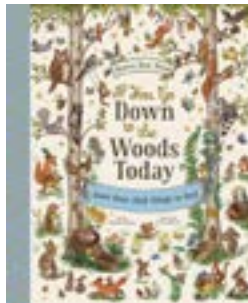


If You Come to Earth by Sophie Blackall

As a curious child writes to a potential visitor from outer space, they conjure an incredibly rich, comprehensive and humorous view of life on Earth. Every page is an adventure and a reminder of how deeply all the creatures on our planet are connected.

ISBN: 978-1452137797

Ages 3-6 \$18.99 Selected by: Central Branch



If You Go Down to the Woods Today by Rachel Piercey

Experience the everyday wonder of nature in this first book of poetry, exploring a magical woodland. Join bear on his journey from spring to winter with lots of friends to meet, places to explore, and things to spot along the way.

ISBN: 978-1419751585

Ages 0-10 \$17.99 Selected by: Central Branch



More Than Fluff by Madeline Valentine

Daisy the chick is fluffy, cute, and getting tired of everyone hugging and petting her so much. This funny, adorable book is a perfect way to encourage children to establish and respect boundaries.

ISBN: 978-0593179055

Ages 3-7 \$17.99 Selected by: ElkrIDGE Branch



The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Wonderful action words stir the imaginations of children eager to create their own inventions, despite some frustrations along the way - a great tie-in to learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

ISBN: 978-1554537044

Ages 4-8 \$18.99 Selected by: Glenwood Branch



My America by Karen Katz

My America is a picture book celebration of immigration to the United States told through the experiences of children who have come from around the world.

ISBN: 978-0805090123

Ages 2-6 \$13.85 Selected by: Cental Branch



Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev

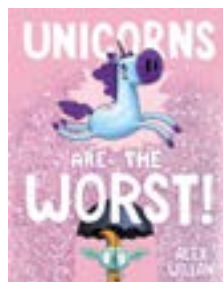
With an important message of acceptance and inclusion, this story of a little boy and his pet baby elephant reaches way beyond a sweet friendship story.

ISBN: 978-1481416474

Ages 4-8

\$13.99

Selected by: Glenwood Branch



Unicorns Are the Worst by Alex Willan

A grouchy goblin recounts all the reasons why unicorns are not as amazing as everyone believes. But can a surprise encounter change his mind?

ISBN: 978-1534453838

Ages 4-8

\$17.99

Selected by: East Columbia Branch

Young Readers (5-8 years)



The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane by Nikki Shannon Smith

Azaleah's got a busy life – between trying to finish her extra credit project for class and helping her baby sister find her missing stuffed animal Greenie, she has her hands full. This is a fast paced, fun, and relatable story.

ISBN: 978-1515844648

Ages 6-8

\$14.95

Selected by: East Columbia & Elkridge Branches



Amelia Bedelia 4-Book Box Set: Books 1-4 by Herman Parish

Short, fast-paced chapters, tons of friends and funny situations, and black-and-white illustrations on every page make the Amelia Bedelia chapter books an ideal choice for readers of the *Ivy + Bean*, *Magic Tree House*, and *Junie B. Jones* books. Each book features a guide to the idioms introduced in the story.

ISBN: 978-0062334206

Ages 6-8

\$21.56

Selected by: Savage Branch



Astrid and Apollo and the Starry Campout, Astrid and Apollo and the Fishing Flop, Astrid and Apollo and the Soccer Celebration, Astrid and Apollo and the Happy New Year by V.T. Bidania

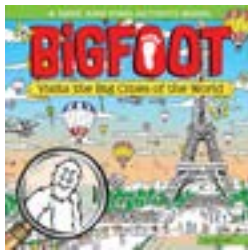
Meet Astrid and Apollo and their Hmong-American family and join them on their adventures camping, fishing, playing soccer, and celebrating the New Year!

ISBN: 978-1515861355

Ages 6-8

\$27.80

Selected by: East Columbia Branch



***BigFoot Visits the Big Cities of the World: A Spectacular Seek and Find Challenge for All Ages!* by D.L. Miller**

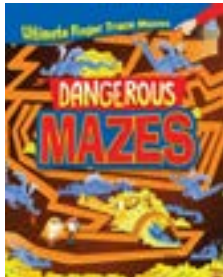
Travel along with BigFoot as he tours the big cities of the world. He loves to take in the sights and learn about the places he visits. Despite his size, he can be tough to spot in the crowd!

ISBN: 978-1641240017

Ages 5-8

\$14.99

Selected by: Miller Branch



***Dangerous Mazes (Ultimate Finger Trace Mazes)* by William Potter**

Mazes aren't always as simple as hedgerows and cornstalks; sometimes they're downright dangerous. Only heroic readers will be able to handle these deadly mazes!

ISBN: 978-1508197256

Ages 5-8

\$28.04

Selected by: Savage Branch



***Fly Guy Presents 8-Pack Book Set* by Tedd Arnold**

A comprehensive set of *Fly Guy Presents* books. These books are a fun and easy way to learn about each topic. They are perfect to spark curiosity in children. Everyone loves Fly Guy, so you get the insider information. Set includes *Fly Guy Presents...Bats, Dinosaurs, Firefighters, Insects, Sharks, Snakes, Space & Weather*.

ISBN: 978-1338279344

Ages 5-7

\$38.99

Selected by: Miller Branch



***Pete the Cat 12-Book Phonics Fun!: Includes 12 Mini-Books Featuring Short and Long Vowel Sounds (My First I Can Read)* by James Dean**

Pete the Cat helps kids learn to read with phonics! Who knew reading could be so groovy? This set of 12 simple and fun Pete the Cat storybooks is an excellent choice to share with your beginning reader.

ISBN: 978-0062404527

Ages: 4-8.

\$12.99

Selected by: Glenwood Branch



***Star Friends: Mirror Magic (book 1)* by Linda Chapman**

Do you believe in magic? Mia and her friends do! When they meet the Star Animals, a whole world of magical adventures unfolds in this chapter book series featuring black and white illustrations throughout.

ISBN: 978-1680101829

Ages 6-9

\$6.28

Selected by: Central Branch



***Super Turbo Collection* by Lee Kirby**

Meet the Superpet Superhero League in this super awesome four-book collection! Join Super Turbo as he meets the rest of the class pets and they form the Superpet Superhero League. With easy-to-read language, illustrations, and comic panels on almost every page, the Super Turbo chapter books are perfect for emerging readers!.

ISBN: 978-1534415058

Ages 5-8

\$23.99

Selected by: Savage Branch



Weird But True Collector's Set 1050 Outrageous Facts by National Geographic Kids

At last, all those weird but true facts that kids love so much are collected in this fun-tastic set of three compact, easy to handle and fun to browse books. Wacky facts, fascinating information, and lively art combine to make these books irresistible brain candy for young readers. Kids will have so much fun that they won't even realize they're learning!

ISBN: 978-1426311949

Ages 6-8 \$21.06 Selected by: Administrative Branch



Yasmin Boxed Set by Saadia Faruqi

Join this spirited second grader on her adventures at school, playing sports, around town, with her family, and always saving the day! The escapades of Yasmin along with her multi-generational Pakistani-American family will delight and inspire early readers.

ISBN: 978-1666314908

Ages 6-8 \$15.99 Selected by: Miller Branch

Middle Readers (8-12 years)

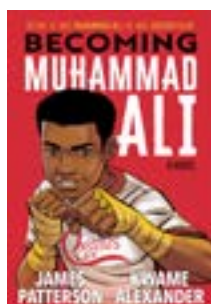


Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

When young Amari receives a nomination to train at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she believes the mysterious organization has the answers she needs to find her missing brother.

ISBN: 978-0062975164

Ages 8-12 \$17.99 Selected by: East Columbia Branch



Becoming Muhammed Ali by Kwame Alexander & James Patterson

Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Readers learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali.

ISBN: 978-0316498166

Ages 8-12 \$7.32 Selected by: Miller Branch



The Complete Cookbook for Young Scientists: Good Science Makes Great Food: 70+ Recipes, Experiments & Activities by America's Test Kitchen Kids

Why do some cheeses melt better than others? Why does popcorn "pop"? How does gelatin work? Answer these questions by cooking the best-ever skillet pizza, easy chocolate popcorn, and galactic mirror cake. Plus, fun science experiments to do in your home kitchen.

ISBN: 978-1948703666

Ages 8-12 \$14.49 Selected by: Administrative Branch



***The Curse of the Night Witch* by Alex Aster**

A fast-paced fantasy series starter inspired by Colombian mythology, perfect for fans of Percy Jackson and other mythology books.

ISBN: 978-1492697206

Ages 8-12

\$16.99

Selected by: East Columbia Branch



***The Dream of the Butterfly Part 1: Rabbits on the Moon* by Richard Marazano**

After becoming lost in a dangerous snowstorm, Tutu finds herself in a village filled with animals who find her to be guilty of the worst offense of all – being a little girl. Follow Tutu's adventure in this beautifully illustrated graphic novel with the feel of a Studio Ghibli movie.

ISBN: 978-1941302392

Ages 9-12

\$12.99

Selected by: Elkridge Branch



***Explorer Academy: The Nebula Secret* (Book 1 of 6) by Trudy Trueit**

Adventure, danger, and a thrilling global mission await 12-year-old Cruz Coronado as he joins an elite school for explorers.

ISBN: 978-1426338106

Ages 8-12

\$9.99

Selected by: Central Branch



***Folding Paper Airplanes with STEM: for Beginners to Experts* by Marie Buckingham**

It's equal parts stunt-plane fun and aviator cool for builders of all levels. With step-by-step, photo-illustrated instructions, readers learn how to fold a wild collection of gliders, blimps, jets, and whirlies. The book pairs those projects with clear explanations of the basic physics of flight.

ISBN: 978-1543508062

Ages 8-11

\$9.85

Selected by: Miller Branch



***Horace & Bunwinkle* by PJ Gardner**

When his human decides to adopt a baby pot-bellied pig, Horace, an anxious Boston Terrier, is concerned. But the pair bond over a love of detective stories and attempt to solve various mysteries in their barnyard.

ISBN: 978-0062946546

Ages 8-12

\$16.99

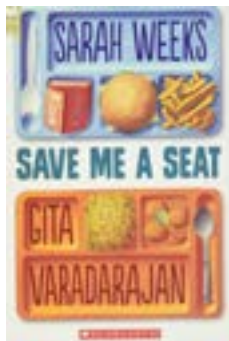
Selected by: East Columbia Branch



My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish Boxed Set by Mo O'Hara
Zapping Frankie the goldfish back to life with a battery was the best thing Tom's ever done. A goldfish with incredible hypnotic powers is a great pet to have on your side when your big brother is an evil scientist whose plans regularly need to be thwarted. Join Tom and Frankie as they go on incredible adventures involving revenge plots, evil scientist older brothers, a Super Electric Zombie Eel and other paranormal pets.
ISBN: 978-1250157829
Ages 7-10 \$10.16
Selected by: Savage Branch



Raina Telgemeier Collection Box Set (*Smile, Drama, Sisters, Ghosts, Guts*) by Raina Telgemeier
A box set of Raina Telgemeier's bestselling, award-winning graphic novels about family, friendship, and the ups and downs of growing up!
ISBN: 978-1338725124
Ages 8-12 \$52.95 Selected by: East Columbia Branch

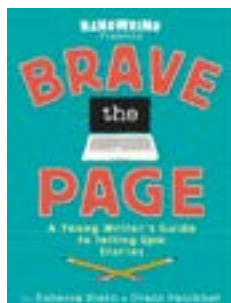


Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Simultaneously humorous and profound, children will be inspired to consider friendship, bullying, family, and "fitting in." Empathy and life lessons are the treasured take-aways from this special book.
ISBN: 978-0545846615
Ages 8-12 \$7.99 Selected by: Glenwood Branch

Older Readers (12 years & up)



Absolutely Everything!: A History of Earth, Dinosaurs, Rulers, Robots and Other Things Too Numerous to Mention by Christopher Lloyd
What happened to the dinosaurs? How were railroads and electricity invented? These are some of the thousands of questions that this book answers. From the Neanderthals to the Wright Brothers, embark on an entertaining journey across millennia and continents with photos, illustrations, timelines, and maps.
ISBN: 978-1999802837
Ages 12 & up \$21.99 Selected by: Glenwood Branch



Brave the Page: A Young Writer's Guide to Telling Epic Stories by Rebecca Stern, ed.
Partly a how-to guide to writing, partly inspiration to set (and meet) goals, this is the go-to resource for middle-grade writers. Narrated in a fun, kid-friendly voice, it champions NaNoWriMo's central mission that everyone's story deserves to be told. It includes chapters on character, plot, and setting, motivating essays from popular authors, and a detailed plan for writing a novel or story.
ISBN: 978-0451480293
Ages 12 & up \$13.99 Selected by: Glenwood Branch



***Children of Virtue and Vengeance* by Tomi Adeyemi**

In this sequel to *Children of Blood and Bone*, Zélie and Amari bring magic back to the land of Orïsha. The monarchy and military unite to keep control of Orïsha, forcing Zélie to fight to secure Amari's right to the throne and protect the new maji from the monarchy's wrath.

ISBN: 978-1250170996

Ages 14 & up \$17.99

Selected by: Miller Branch



***Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger**

Indigenous myths, modern-day technology, and the supernatural successfully blend to build a fast-paced murder mystery.

ISBN: 978-1646140053

Ages 12-18 \$16.59

Selected by: Central Branch



***Gilded* by Marissa Meyer**

Beloved bestselling author Marissa Meyer returns with this reimagining of a classic fairy tale, Rumpelstiltskin.

ISBN: 978-1250618849

Ages 12-18 \$19.99

Selected by: East Columbia Branch



***Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn**

Filled with mystery and an intriguing magic system, this contemporary fantasy offers the dark allure of *City of Bones* with a modern-day twist on a classic legend and a lot of Southern Black Girl Magic.

ISBN: 978-1534441606

Ages 14 & up \$18.99

Selected by: Central Branch



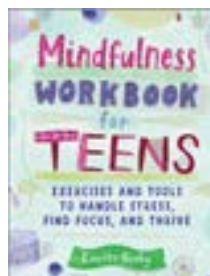
***Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya**

Marcus Vega is six feet tall, 180 pounds, and sports a premature mustache. After a fight at school leaves him facing suspension, Marcus' mom decides to take him and his younger brother to Puerto Rico to visit relatives. So begins Marcus' journey, a series of misadventures that take him all over Puerto Rico looking for his elusive namesake, the dad who left them. Marcus doesn't know if he'll find his father, but what he discovers does change his life.

ISBN: 978-1101997284

Ages 12 & up \$8.99

Selected by: Glenwood Branch



***Mindfulness Workbook for Teens: Exercises and Tools to Handle Stress, Find Focus, and Thrive* by Linette Bixby**

Between friends, school, home life, and everything else going on, life can be overwhelming during for teenagers. Practicing mindfulness can help with staying cool, staying focused, and being present in any situation.

ISBN: 978-1647392239

Ages 12 & up \$13.99

Selected by: East Columbia Branch



Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood, letting her fists and her fierceness do the talking. She pours all her feelings into a notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers. When she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she can't stop thinking about performing her poems.

ISBN: 978-0062662811

Ages 13 & up \$15.99

Selected by: Miller Branch



The Queen's Thief series (eBook) by Megan Whalen Turner

This brilliant, award-winning fantasy series is full of intrigue, dangerous journeys, myths passed down through generations, and stunning plot twists. It all begins when the king's scholar frees the thief, Eugenides, from prison to steal an ancient treasure. The fate of kingdoms hinge on Gen's success. This eBook set includes the first five books in the six-part series. Available for Kindle and Nook.

ISBN: 978-0062740557 (Nook)

ASIN: B06XBYZXHW (Kindle)

Ages 12 & up \$32.99

Selected by: Central Branch



They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera

On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure – to live a lifetime in a single day.

ISBN: 978-0062457806

Ages 14-18 \$8.07

Selected by: Savage Branch



This Is Not the Jess Show by Anna Carey

The year is 1998: *Titanic* just won six Oscars, boy bands are dominating MTV's airwaves, and Jess Flynn is trying to survive high school. Jess is resigned to her small-town life, until the day she discovers a mysterious device, causing her to question everything and everyone she's ever known. As more cracks appear in Jess's world, she faces a choice: can she live the rest of her life knowing it's a lie or should she risk everything for the truth?

ISBN: 978-1683691976

Ages 14-18 \$10.19

Selected by: Administrative Branch



Verona Comics by Jennifer Dugan

Jubilee and Ridley meet one fateful night at a comic convention prom and can't help but fall for each other. Unfortunately, their parents, both involved in the world of comics, are sworn enemies, making their relationship together nearly impossible ... unless they keep it a secret. With a diverse cast of characters, this book covers some serious topics, such as mental health issues and discovering your sexuality, wrapped up in a light romance.

ISBN: 978-0525516309

Ages 12-17 \$9.99

Selected by: Elkridge Branch