

Books for Boys

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**The following titles can be found in the YA section*

Alexander, K. **The Crossover**
Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins. As the boys build up to one of the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them and things at home and at school also add to the pressure.

**The following title can be found in the YA graphic novel section*

Bernardin, M. **Messenger: The Legend of Muhammad Ali**

An illustrated biography Muhammad Ali. Covering his rise from Cassius Clay to heavyweight champion of the world, his first meeting with civil rights leader Malcolm X, his interview with sports broadcaster Howard Cosell discussing why he opposed the Vietnam War, his bout against George Foreman, and more.

Brown, S. **XL**
Will Daughtry is a late bloomer. On his sixteenth birthday, Will is just shy of five feet, and he is resigned to being tiny forever. His only comforts are his best friend and stepbrother, Drew (6'3"), and their pal Monica (5'10"), the girl Will's been pining for since fifth grade. Things take an unexpected turn, and he realizes he's truly on his own. That's when he starts to grow. And grow fast. For the first time, Will's happy with his stature, and the world's at his feet. But the highest heights come with some low lows, and his most precious relationships suffer growing pains.

Cadow, K. **Gather**
Ian Gray isn't supposed to have a dog, but a lot of things that shouldn't happen end up happening anyway. Gather, Ian's adopted pup, is

good company now that Ian has to quit the basketball team, find a job, and take care of his mom as she tries to overcome her opioid addiction. Ian is determined to keep his family afloat no matter what it takes. And for a little while, things are looking up. But an unforeseen tragedy results in Ian and his dog taking off on the run, trying to evade a future that would mean leaving their house and their land. Even if the community comes together to help him, would Ian and Gather have a home to return to?

Dashner, J. **The Maze Runner**
When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying: Remember. Survive. Run

Feinstein, J. **Change-up: Mystery at the World Series**
Teen reporters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are covering baseball's World Series, and during the course of an interview with a new hot pitcher, they discover more than a few contradictions in his life story. What's he hiding? An embarrassing secret? A possible crime?

Holness, N. **King of Dead Things**
Eli can heal a wound with just a touch and pluck magic from a soul like a petal from a flower. Malcolm is desperate to escape his estranged father's shadow and plagued with an inherited death magic he doesn't fully understand, has just one priority: save his mother. Malcolm and Eli's paths collide when Eli and his friends are sent to track down the fang of the leopard god Osebo.

In a job filled with enigmatic nine nights and Caribbean legends, the teens must face their own demons as they race through the magical underbelly of London to retrieve the fang before an ancient and malevolent power comes back to life.

Hughes, A.

Watch Out

When not waiting on his brother hand and foot, Charlie investigates a series of break-ins that have the whole neighborhood on edge. Things really hit home when Charlie nearly catches the thief and then foils an attempted break-in at his own house. As he continues to piece together the clues, Charlie realizes that the easiest way for the culprit to avoid suspicion is to hide in plain sight.

**The following two titles can be found in the YA graphic novel section*

Isayama, H. Attack on Titans Volume 1

In this post-apocalyptic sci-fi story, humanity has been devastated by the giant humanoids known as the Titans. Little is known about where they came from. Unintelligent, they have roamed the world for years, killing everyone they see. For the past century, what's left of man has hidden in a giant, three-walled city. People believe their 50-meter-high walls will protect them from the Titans, but the sudden appearance of an immense Titan is about to change everything.

Katsuhimo, O.

Akira Book 1

Welcome to Neo-Tokyo, built on the ashes of a Tokyo annihilated by a blast of unknown origin that triggered World War III. The lives of two streetwise teenage friends, Tetsuo and Kaneda, change forever when paranormal abilities begin to waken in Tetsuo, making him a target for a shadowy agency that will stop at nothing to prevent another catastrophe like the one that

leveled Tokyo. At the core of the agency's motivation is a raw, all-consuming fear of an unthinkable, monstrous power known only as Akira.

Khorram, A. Darius the Great is not ok

Darius has never really fit in at home, and he's sure things are going to be the same in Iran. Then Darius meets Sohrab, the boy next door, and everything changes. Soon, they're spending their days together, playing soccer, eating faludeh, and talking for hours on a secret rooftop overlooking the city's skyline. Sohrab calls him Darioush—the original Persian version of his name—and Darius has never felt more like himself.

**The following title can be found in the YA biography section*

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Shoe Dog

It was only when Nike founder Phil Knight got cut from the baseball team as a high school freshman that his mother suggested he try out for track instead. Knight made the track team and found that not only could he run fast but also, he liked it. Ten years later, Knight borrowed fifty dollars from his father and launched a company. Selling the shoes from the trunk of his car to start, he and his gang of friends and runners built one of the most successful brands ever.

Ritter, J. The Boy Who Saved Baseball

The fate of the Dillontown team rests on the outcome of one baseball game, winner take all. If Tom's team loses, they lose their field too. A mysterious boy named Cruz de la Cruz rides into town and claims to know the secret of hitting. Not to mention the secrets of Dante Del Gato, Dillontown's greatest hitter ever. He might be Tom's only hope for saving his hometown.

Simpson, T.L.

Strong Like You

Even though everyone says he's dead, Walker won't give up hope. He knows his father is out there, somewhere. But when a relative threatens to kick Walker and his momma out of the family home, Walker realizes he has no choice but to look for his daddy—a search that leads him straight to a drug-addled and dangerous man named Lukas Fisher. While attempting to balance life as a normal fifteen-year-old boy and star player on the football team, Walker begins a desperate search across the hills of the Ozarks for his daddy.

Stone, N.

Shuri: A Black Panther Novel

For centuries, the Chieftain of Wakanda (the Black Panther) has gained his powers through the juices of the Heart-Shaped Herb. Much like Vibranium, the Heart-Shaped Herb is essential to the survival and prosperity of Wakanda. But something is wrong. The plants are dying. No matter what the people of Wakanda do, they can't save them. And their supply is running short. It's up to Shuri to travel from Wakanda in order to discover what is killing the Herb, and how she can save it.

Silvera, A. They Both Die at the End

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. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime in a single day

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