



SCIENCE FICTION, FANTASY, HORROR

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VOYA presents the annual compilation of science fiction, fantasy, and horror books for teens that our reviewers have given top ratings. All titles have been awarded a 5Q for quality or 5P for popularity. This is a great list for updating your young adult collections and for booktalking. All titles were reviewed between June 2013 and April 2014.

Ashton, Brodi. **Evertrue: An Everneath Novel.** Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2014. 368p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-207119-4. VOYA February 2013. **5Q 5P M JS**



Nikki and Jack race to destroy the Everneath before the shackles on Nikki's wrists doom her irrevocably as an Everliving. This fast-paced conclusion to the series rewards fans with a not-so-fairytale ending. This is a well-written, satisfying conclusion to this innovative series.

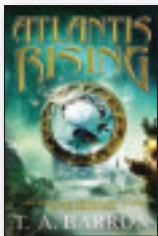
Bachmann, Stefan. **The Whatnot.** Greenwillow/HarperCollins, 2013. 432p. \$16.99. 978-0-06-219521-0. VOYA February 2013. **5Q 4P M J**



In this companion novel to **The Peculiar** (Greenwillow, 2012), readers are introduced once again to the adventurer and "peculiar," Bartholomew Kettle. War is imminent between the humans and the fairies in this creepily charming fantasy that fuses the characters of Charles Dickens with the darkly imaginative

storytelling of Neil Gaiman. Bachmann's prose is polished and assured, with a compelling story. Both plot and characters are brilliantly contrived and addictive.

Barron, T. A. **Atlantis Rising.** Philomel/Penguin, 2013. 384p. \$17.99. 978-0-399-25757-5. VOYA December 2013. **4Q 5P M J**



Promi, a streetwise orphan with a penchant for stealing pastries, lives life from one act of thievery to the next. After a botched attempt to steal a sacred pie from the Divine Monk of Ellegandia, Promi's simple life spirals out of control. The first in a trilogy, this book takes aim at the myth of Atlantis, focusing on its birth. There is plenty of action in this fast-moving hero's journey tale.

Black, Jenna. **Replica.** TOR Teen, 2013. 368p. \$9.95 Trade pb. 978-0-7653-3371-1. VOYA August 2013. **5Q 5P S**

When Nadia's best friend Nate is murdered, she is willing to risk everything to discover the dark truth behind his death. Nate can be replicated through advanced technology but the

replica version of Nate is missing the memories leading up to his death. Told from alternating viewpoints, this fast-paced, futuristic novel will delight fans of Orwellian science fiction, as well as readers of dystopian literature.



Carriger, Gail. **Curtsies & Conspiracies: Finishing School.** Little, Brown, 2014. 320p. \$18. 978-0-316-19011-4. VOYA February 2013. **5Q 2P M JS**

Carriger's choice of vocabulary is as rich and diverse as the first book in this series and it is easy to return to the world of manners, steampunk, and the supernatural. A reader favorite, Bumbersnoot, returns to Sophronia's side for more surprising antics as her canine mechnimal sidekick. This book will appeal to readers of the first *Finishing School* novel in this series, as well as to readers who like science fiction within a historical setting.



Carter, Rachel. **This Strange and Familiar Place: A So Close to You Novel.** HarperTeen, 2013. 272p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-208108-7. VOYA August 2013. **4Q 5P S**



Lydia's life in 2012 has changed so much from before she time-travelled to 1944 that it is almost a relief when she ends up travelling back again in the hope of finding more answers. There is adventure, suspense, and romance, making this more than just a holding place before the trilogy wraps up. This is a highly recommended purchase.

Charbonneau, Joelle. **The Testing.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013. 352p. \$17.99. 978-0-547-95910-8. VOYA June 2013. **4Q 5P M JS**



The Testing will keep readers engaged and eager to complete the test alongside the characters that have been so skillfully crafted. Charbonneau is a fantastic story teller and this book is a tribute to that background. The intrigue in **The Testing** passes evaluation of what a good dystopian novel should represent.

Chima, Cinda Williams. **The Enchanter Heir: An Heir Chronicles Novel.** Hyperion, 2013. 464p. \$18.99. 978-1-4231-4434-2. VOYA October 2013. **4Q 5P M JS**

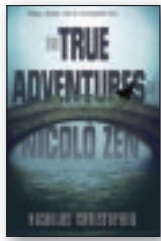


In this entry in the *Heir Chronicles* series, Jonah and Emma deal with half-truths and lies hidden in their own histories while finding unexpected

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connections that continue developing storylines from previous books. The surprise ending will intrigue and frustrate fans who now must begin to wait all over again.

Christopher, Nicholas. **The True Adventures of Nicolò Zen.**



Knopf/Random House, 2014. 288p. \$17.99. 978-0-375-86738-5. VOYA February 2013. 5Q 4P JS

With a near perfect blend of mystery and history and a dash of the fantastical, **The True Adventures of Nicolò Zen** propels readers into a land of beauty and intrigue. Rich in historical detail and packed with action, this book is a must-have for libraries, especially those whose

readers who have outgrown *Harry Potter* and other similar magical novels.

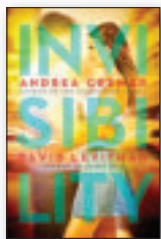
Colfer, Eoin. **The Reluctant Assassin: W.A.R.P.**

Hyperion, 2013. 352p. \$17.99. 978-1-4231-6162-2. VOYA June 2013. 4Q 5P JS

The first in his new *W.A.R.P. (Witness Anonymous Relocation Program)* series, Colfer's book has the brilliantly witty and imaginative plots that he devises. The characters are vividly drawn and entertaining, and Colfer incorporates some steampunk elements, which amps up the appeal. Fans of his other books will love this new addition and eagerly await the next installment in the series.



Cremer, Andrea, and David Levithan. **Invisibility.**



Penguin, 2013. 320p. \$18.99. 978-0-39925-760-5. VOYA June 2013. 4Q 5P JS

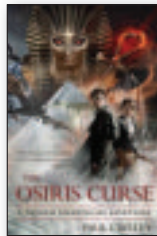
Sixteen years ago, Stephen was born invisible and Elizabeth is the first person who can see him. The two form a quick connection, and Elizabeth vows to help Stephen break his invisibility curse. The end is satisfying although huge fans will clamor for a sequel. The authors' well known names

in the shelves of young adult fiction will make this a popular choice for teens.

Crilly, Paul. **Osiris Curse: A Tweed & Nightingale Adventure.**

Prometheus, 2013. 290p. \$17.99. 978-1-61614-857-7. VOYA December 2013. 5Q 4P M JS

Octavia and Tweed are caught up in the mystery of Nikola Tesla's murder and the disappearance of Octavia's mother. Teens will be drawn to the non-stop action and the detailed descriptions of the airship *Albion*. Their sleuthing leads them to discoveries that have the power to alter their future. There are plenty of twists and turns in this clever tale.



Dane, Jordan. **Indigo Awakening: The Hunted, Book 1.**




Teen, 2013. 304p. \$9.99 Trade pb. 978-0-373-21076-3. VOYA April 2013. 4Q 5P M S

Dane introduces to the world at large "indigos," psychic children known to the new-age world. Readers will be kept on the edge of their seat from word one, which is where the action begins. Because of the action and radicals in the book, this is definitely not a hard sell to any teen. This edgy tale

is just the kind of dark, stirring story that teens have come to enjoy.

de la Cruz, Melissa. **Blue Bloods: The Graphic Novel.**

Illus. by Alina Urusov. Adapted by Robert Venditti. Hyperion, 2013. 112p. \$19.99. 978-1-4231-3446-6. VOYA June 2013. 4Q 5P JS 

The long-awaited graphic novel adaptation of de la Cruz's first *Blue Bloods* book does not disappoint. Urusov's illustrations capture the



drama and melodrama of the series with a full-color palette that changes with and complements each scene. Fans of the series will enjoy this interpretation, while those new to the *Blue Bloods* world will gain easy access to it through this stylized, visual version.

de la Cruz, Melissa. **Gates of Paradise: A Blue Bloods Novel.**



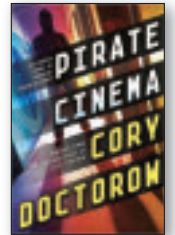
Hyperion, 2013. 368p. \$16.99. 978-1-4231-5741-0. VOYA June 2013. 3Q 5P JS

Set soon after *Lost in Time* (Hyperion, 2011/VOYA 2011), the novel finds the characters struggling to stop Lucifer from fighting his way into Heaven. Still, all of the lovers are reunited, Oliver finds his own true love, and fans of the series will not be disappointed.

Doctorow, Cory. **Pirate Cinema.**

Tor, 2012. 384p. \$19.99. 978-0-7653-2908-0. VOYA April 2013. 5Q 4P S

The consequences of intellectual property theft in the near-future setting of this book are severe. The FBI and Interpol copyright infringement warnings seen in our present time displayed before every movie will be viewed in a much different light. This is an important book for young adults because much thought will be required of them to determine what creativity will come to mean in the age of electronic technology. This book offers a controversial viewpoint that needs to be considered.



Doescher, Ian. **William Shakespeare's Star Wars.**

Quirk Books, 2013. 176p. \$14.95. 978-1-59474-637-6. VOYA December 2013. 5Q 5P M JS

Taking his cues from George Lucas and William Shakespeare, Doescher retells *Star Wars* in iambic pentameter. Readers who are already familiar with the story of Luke Skywalker will enjoy the retelling, as well as the print translation of R2D2's speech. The pen-and-ink illustrations featured sporadically throughout are well done.

Humorously portrayed, and more novelty than literature, this nod to Shakespeare will be enjoyed by readers.

Falls, Kat. **Inhuman.**

Scholastic, 2013. 384p. \$17.99. 978-0-545-37099-8. VOYA October 2013. 5Q 4P JS

An amusement park attraction gone wrong gives way to a devastating virus that turns humans into feral "manimals." Falls's creatures are frighteningly beautiful as are the traits that distinguish them from human and animal, a very small distinction at times. This is recommended for readers looking for a thrilling, page-turning read.



Farmer, Nancy. **The Lord of Opium.**

Atheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2013. 432p. \$17.99. 978-1-4424-8254-8. VOYA August 2013. 4Q 5P M J

This sequel to the award-winning *House of the Scorpion* (Simon & Schuster, 2002/VOYA October 2002) is both science fiction and a reflection of contemporary issues. Action abounds and the characters will interest readers and enlist their sympathy. The story is stronger and more cohesive, the moral questions more subtle than in *House of the Scorpion*. Encourage students to read the two in order, and prepare for a rousing book discussion.



Fisher, Catherine. **The Slanted Worlds: The Obsidian Mirror, Book Two.**

Dial/Penguin, 2014. 368p. \$17.99. 978-0-8037-3970-3. VOYA February 2013. 5Q 4P M JS

Fisher's teen fans are going to be delighted by the new twists in

this time-travel saga. Impatient readers want to know *now* what happens next to Jake, Sarah, and Venn. This reviewer would even be willing to consider making a deal with creepy replicant triplets or the evil ruler of the Shee, to convince Fisher to hurry along the next installment—just as long as it does not involve the Black Death or the London Blitz.



Gagnon, Michelle. **Don't Look Now.** HarperCollins, 2013. 336p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-210293-5. **VOYA** October 2013. **5Q 4P JS**



The fast pace continues in this sequel to **Don't Turn Around** (HarperCollins, 2012/**VOYA** August 2012). The urgency of the fictional disease PEMA—always fatal and only afflicting teens—as well as computer hacking are again important elements in the story. The action and plot developments are harrowing, full of twists and turns. Readers will no doubt ask for the first book and will be anxiously awaiting the third book in the series.

Gaiman, Neil, and Maria Dahvana Headley, Eds. **Unnatural Creatures: Stories Selected by Neil Gaiman.** HarperCollins, 2013. 480p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-223629-6. **VOYA** August 2013. **4Q 5P JS**



Sixteen short stories by sixteen authors, from old to brand-new, beloved to awaiting-discovery, each assured to raise hairs, produce chuckles, or both. Gaiman introduces each story with an author bio and/or story anecdote, giving a personable air to this delightfully creepy and playful book. **Unnatural Creatures** is a chameleonic anthology with something for everyone to love and someone for every reader to discover.

Garcia, Kami. **Unbreakable: The Legion, Book 1.** Little, Brown, 2013. 320p. \$18. 978-0-316-21017-1. **VOYA** February 2013. **5Q 5P JS**



Edge-of-your-seat paranormal activity keeps this book moving at an astronomical rate. Garcia brings a fresh new take to the supernatural and the world of secret societies. Kennedy is the perfect flawed heroine, never knowing if she is the missing piece to the puzzle or the undoing of those around her.

Gier, Kerstin. **Emerald Green: The Ruby Red Trilogy.** Henry Holt/Macmillan, 2013. 464p. \$17.99. 978-0-8050-9267-7. **VOYA** October 2013. **5Q 5P M JS**



Since Gwen was discovered to be the Ruby, there has not been one dull moment. The reader finally has access to the secrets that have been building from the first book. The author continues to offer plenty of Gwen's signature snappy humor, dramatic action, dreamy romance, and clever clues, leading to a big reveal that will satisfy even the pickiest of fans.

Grant, Michael. **BZRK Reloaded.** Egmont, 2013. 432p. \$17.99. 978-1-60684-394-9. **VOYA** August 2013. **5P 5Q JS**



It is creepy enough knowing there are actually microscopic creatures all over the human body but it is even creepier to think artificially created bots could be sharing or even controlling that space without a person's permission. Realistic, unpredictable characters and blockbuster action sequences complete this thoroughly enjoyable, incredibly disturbing story.

_____. **Light: A Gone Novel.** Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, 2013. 432p. \$18.99. 978-0-06-144918-5. **VOYA** June 2013. **5Q 5P JS**



Nearly a year after it all began but only two days after the world could see inside, life in the **FAYZ** continues on a downward spiral. As a series finale, this book is more than satisfying—it is epic. Horrific, tragic, and brilliantly kind moments alternate, keeping readers unsettled and desperate to know what happens next. This is a fabulous series from start to finish, particularly for the guys.

Green, Simon R. **Once in a Blue Moon.** Penguin, 2014. 576p. \$16. Trade pb. 978-0-451-41466-3. **VOYA** February 2013. **5Q 4P JS**



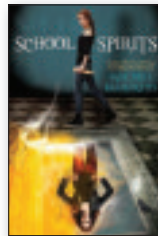
The author nicely balances the past and present within the action of this installment of *The Forest Kingdom* series. The political scheming is as important as the magic, blending together for a story with intriguing depth. The sheer volume of information, an occasional swear word, and a few mature references, such as the magical tantric sex classes, make this a good choice for older teens looking for engaging, epic fantasy.

Harvey, Alyxandra. **A Breath of Frost: The Lovegrove Legacy.** Walker/Bloomsbury, 2014. 496p. \$17.99. 978-0-8027-3443-3. **VOYA** February 2013. **3Q 5P S**



History, romance, and witchcraft make for a combination that is sure to lure readers into the story, the first in a new series about witches in nineteenth-century London. The book will appeal to those who were fans of Libba Bray's **Gemma Doyle** series and the *Twilight Saga* by Stephenie Meyer.

Hawkins, Rachel. **School Spirits.** Hyperion, 2013. 304p. \$17.99. 978-1-4231-4849-4. **VOYA** June 2013. **4Q 5P JS**



A spin-off of the *Hex Hall* series, this book introduces us to fifteen-year-old Izzie, whose family has an unusual occupation—they hunt wayward magical creatures called the Prodigium. It is an exciting paranormal romance that provides a dynamic and riveting plot line that will keep readers eagerly turning pages. Fans of paranormal romances and the *Hex Hall* series will be thrilled with this new series.

Higgins, Wendy. **Sweet Peril.** HarperTeen, 2013. 384p. \$9.99 Trade pb. 978-0-06-226594-4. **VOYA** June 2013. **5Q 5P JS**



Anna, the daughter of a guardian angel and a fallen one, is supposed to go around polluting souls for the underworld by making them drink and party. Anna has recently discovered that she is the key to a prophecy that will rid the world of demons that plague humanity. This second book in a trilogy is a definite page-turner that will entice avid and reluctant readers alike.

Higson, Charlie. **The Sacrifice: An Enemy Novel.** Hyperion, 2013. 496p. \$17.99. 978-1-4231-6565-1. **VOYA** October 2013. **4Q 5P M JS**



The disaster last year created a sickness which either wiped out everyone over the age of fourteen or turned them into diseased zombies with an insatiable hunger for children. Death, religion, friendship, survival, power, politics, and fear are explored throughout this fourth installment of the *Enemy* series. This popular, dark dystopian tale with its combination of adventure, horror, and suspense will appeal to many.

Johansson, J.R. **Insomnia: The Night Walkers**. Flux/Llewellyn, 2013. 360p. \$9.99 Trade pb. 978-0-7387-3593-1. VOYA August 2013. 4Q 5P S



High school senior Parker has the ability to experience other people's dreams, memories, terrors, and fantasies, but it is literally killing him from lack of sleep. The first book of a new series sets the stage for continuous action, suspense, and plot twists. Readers who enjoy psychological thrillers will love it and will not be able to wait for the second installment.

Jones, Gareth P. **Constable and Toop**. Amulet/Abrams, 2013. 416p. \$16.95. 978-1-4197-0782-7. VOYA October 2013. 5Q 4P M J



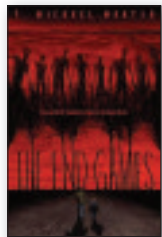
Sam's ability to see and talk to ghosts has set him apart from his peers. Jack is simply evil and Lapsewood is a timid soul that may remind some readers of themselves. Most young teens with an affinity for the paranormal will relish this delightful tale. It is part mystery, part adventure, and thoroughly delightful.

Kaufman, Amie, and Meagan Spooner. **These Broken Stars**. Hyperion, 2013. 384p. \$17.99. 978-1-4231-7102-7. VOYA December 2013. 5Q 4P J S



Kaufman and Spooner couple an epic romance with dazzling science fiction in a tale that will appeal to lovers of both genres. This is a must-read, though some sexual situations may be cause for a second glance when considering younger readers.

Martin, T. Michael. **The End Games**. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2013. 384p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-220180-5. VOYA June 2013. 5Q 4P J S



The End Games ratchets up the tension on every page, and just when it seems the hero is safe, he runs straight into an even deadlier situation. It is a dynamo of a debut novel, well written with well defined characters and a plot that leaves readers gasping for more. This is not just a monster novel; it is a tale of terror worthy of the early, great Stephen King.

McKay, Sharon E., and Daniel Lafrance. **War Brothers: The Graphic Novel**. Annick Press, 2013. 176p. 27.95. 978-1-55451-489-2. VOYA August 2013. 5Q 3P J S **G**



Members of Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) are children who have been kidnapped by the officers of the LRA against their will. Jacob and his friends are determined to escape at any cost. This story is based on actual events and is told in graphic novel format presenting a unique view of the situation in Uganda. This book is a great resource to have in any library collection.

Mead, Richelle. **The Indigo Spell: A Bloodlines Novel**. Razorbill/Penguin, 2013. 416p. \$18.99. 978-1-59514-319-8. VOYA June 2013. 4Q 5P J S

Sydney Sage is doing her best to put her romantic past behind her and focus on her job: protecting vampire royalty. Fans of the *Bloodlines* series will enjoy the new situations that Sydney finds herself in, and her ongoing love saga. In the end, the romance is the shining star of this series and will keep readers coming back for more.

Meyer, Marissa. **Scarlet: The Lunar Chronicles**. Feiwel & Friends, 2013. 464p. \$17.99. 978-0-312-64296-9. VOYA June 2013. 5Q 5P J M S

A mere twenty-four hours after Cinder's arrest in New Beijing, eighteen-year-old Scarlet Benoit's adventure begins. This is

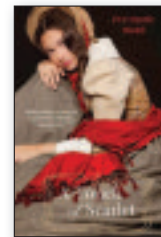
another magical tale featuring: girls who do what needs to be done; guys who assist; an engagingly eclectic group of secondary characters; dangerous intrigue; and super fly technology. It is a great choice for all ages, with strong appeal for both girls and boys.

Miller, Lauren. **Parallel**. HarperTeen, 2013. 432p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-219977-5. VOYA August 2013. 5Q 4P S



A strange earthquake rocks the world and Abby wakes in a dorm room at Yale with no memory of how she got there. The author presents a theory of quantum physics which proposes that there are parallel universes and individuals living parallel lives. Readers will enjoy Abby's spunky, down-to-earth character; well-drawn, quirky secondary characters; and just a touch of romantic angst.

Mont, Eve Marie. **A Touch of Scarlet**. K-Teen, 2013. 256p. \$9.95 Trade pb. 978-0-7582-6949-2. VOYA June 2013. 5Q 4P M J S



Emma's junior year summer reading assignment is **The Scarlet Letter**, and she finds Hawthorne wordy, dull, and almost incomprehensible. Her waking dreams of Hester Prynne make the novel applicable to a teen's life. Mont is a skilled writer who has come up with a delightful story that makes classic literature appealing and relevant to today's teens; this book is terrific.

Morgan, Page. **The Beautiful and the Cursed: The Dispossessed**. Delacorte/Random House, 2013. 352p. \$18.99. 978-0-385-74311-2. VOYA June 2013. 5Q 4P M J S

Morgan expands the paranormal genre with her creative twists on the fine line separating the supernatural from the human. Librarians can pair this book with other young adult paranormal novels prevalent on their shelves. Teachers can pair it with classic novels that blend in the gothic and grotesque.

Moulton, Courtney Allison. **Shadows in the Silence: Angelfire**. Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, 2013. 480p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-200239-6. VOYA June 2013. 4Q 5P S



This fantastic, final book to the *Angelfire* trilogy concludes with more thrilling action and more powerful, emotional interactions among the characters. As with the first two books in the trilogy, readers will be heavily engaged and not want to stop reading this once they start. This excellent book is a must-have purchase for all libraries where horror, romance, and urban fantasy is hot.

Ness, Patrick. **More Than This**. Candlewick, 2013. 480p. \$19.99. 978-0-7636-6258-5. VOYA October 2013. 5Q 5P J S

Seth knows he is dead. He wakes in his former house in England with weird bandages all over him. There is an inch of dust on everything and there are no other people around him. Ness leads readers on an adventure into a world that astounds and amazes. It is a fast-paced journey that even reluctant readers will pursue with some prodding.

Peterfreund, Diana. **Across a Star-Swept Sea**. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2013. 464p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-200616-5. VOYA December 2013. 5Q 5P J S



With frangipani-colored hair and flirtatious ways, Persis is a popular debutante in Albion's society, but she is actually a secret spy named the Wild Poppy. Inspired by **The Scarlet Pimpernel**, the mysterious spy adventure takes place in a lush and terrifying futuristic world. Persis fears for her Darkened mother, while Justen tries valiantly to complete his

grandmother's research to reverse DAR (dementia). Their attempts to not fall in love have a sweetness caused by two very likable and well-developed characters.

Philip, Gillian. **Firebrand: Rebel Angels**. TOR, 2013. 368p. \$24.99. 978-0-7653-3322-3. VOYA June 2013. 5Q 4P JS A/YA



Philip is both skilled and imaginative, and more importantly, she brings an original perspective to the world of faery that is dark and seductive. Philip has created a compelling tale with top-notch world building and characterization. Readers will thrill to her creations and eagerly await the next offering in her *Rebel Angels* series.

Pratchett, Terry. **The Carpet People**. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013. 304p. \$17.99. 978-0-544-21247-3. VOYA December 2013. 5Q 4P M J

Pratchett wrote *The Carpet People* in 1971, when he was seventeen. The revised edition is being published for the first time for an American audience. Pratchett argues the futility of war and the dangers of having to always fight to prove your worth and save civilization. The book will entice young readers into a world with enough adventure, terror, and comic relief to keep them intrigued.

Sendak, Maurice. **My Brother's Book**. HarperCollins, 2013. 32p. \$18.95. 978-0-06-223489-6. VOYA August 2013. 5Q 3P JS



Two brothers, Guy and Jack, are separated by a star crashing to earth, and both are ejected from paradise. Jack is stuck in a frozen realm; Guy tumbles into a polar bear's den. Only when Guy is finally eaten can he rejoin his brother. The illustrations are as strange and eerie as the tale itself; this slim volume is the last gift readers will receive from this multi-talented, extraordinary, and celebrated author.

Shepherd, Megan. **Her Dark Curiosity**. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2014. 432p. \$17.99. 978-0-06-212805-8. VOYA February 2013. 4Q 5P S



This sequel to *The Madman's Daughter* (HarperCollins, 2013) continues the love triangle issue for Juliet but the thrust of the plot and character development is focused on the Prometheus moral dilemma. This book is an excellent sequel and readers will eagerly await the

final installment in the trilogy. The mash-up of classic literature with modern paranormal fiction is refreshing and appealing.

Stewart, Paul, and Chris Riddell. **Returner's Wealth: Wyrmeawald, Volume One**. Open Road Media, 2013. 374p. \$8.99 Trade pb. 978-1-4804-1610-9. VOYA October 2013. 5Q 5P S

Seventeen-year-old Micah heads into *wyrmeawald*, a harsh, barren wilderness dominated by wyrmes, to make his fortune and gain the love of beautiful Seraphita. While at times graphically violent, this beautiful and sensitively written novel portrays a unique world with well-defined, multifaceted characters. This innovative fantasy will find a wide and ready audience among young adults, who may devour it in a single evening and beg for more.

Strom-Martin, Hannah, and Erin Underwood, Eds. **Futuredaze: An Anthology of YA Science Fiction**. Underwords, 2013. 290p. \$14.95 Trade pb. 978-0-9858934-0-8. VOYA June 2013. 5Q 4P JS



Diverse describes this excellent collection of science fiction stories and poems. Authors range from well-known to first-time authors. The subgenres and cross genres included give the collection a variety that makes it appealing to any reader even remotely interested in science fiction: post-apocalyptic tales, dystopian societies, near-future tales, romance, humor, animal poetry, and more.

Tucholke, April Genevieve. **Between the Devil and the Deep Blue**



Sea. Dial/Penguin, 2013. 368p. \$17.99. 978-0-8037-3889-8. VOYA August 2013. 5Q 4P JS

Violet White, a smart, quirky teen and her twin brother Luke share *Citizen*, a fading old seaside mansion. They rent the guesthouse to River West, and eerie things begin to happen. This is a stunning debut with complex characters, an atmospheric setting, and a distinct voice. Tension

builds throughout the novel as the story progresses from intriguing to deliciously eerie to downright creepy and unsettling.

Whaley, John Corey. **Noggin**. Atheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2014. 352p. \$17.99. 978-1-4424-5872-7. VOYA February 2013. 5Q 3P JS

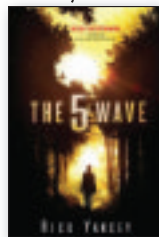
Whaley's sweet and raunchy first-person narrative provides a thought-provoking look at the notions of self-awareness, the nature of identity, and the angst of a very special teen. The lively, conversational style will engage teen readers in search of an unusual, but relatable, character. At times hilarious and heart-wrenching, *Noggin*, with its eye-catching cover art, belongs in all library collections serving young adults.

Winnacker, Susanne. **Imposter: A Variants Novel**. Razorbill/Penguin, 2013. 288p. \$17.99. 978-1-59514-654-0. VOYA August 2013. 5Q 4P JS



Tessa is a "variant" with an ability to accurately transform into another person. To catch a serial killer, Tessa, along with Alec, must pose as high school students. This is an unpredictable page-turner with shades of terror reminiscent of a Stephen King novel. Winnacker has created an original story infused with supernatural elements and with great characters to whom readers will relate.

Yancey, Rick. **The 5th Wave**. Putnam, Penguin, 2013. 480p. \$18.99. 978-0-399-16241-1. VOYA August 2013. 5Q 5P S



The Others are alien beings who wiped out billions of people in four waves of invasion—darkness, tsunamis, plague, and humans implanted with alien consciousness. Humans are trying to find a way to stop the fifth wave and what may be the end of humanity. Undeniably gorgeous, heartbreaking, and thrilling, *The 5th*

Wave strikes at the very heart of what it means to be human, to love, trust, and survive in the worst possible situations. This is a must-read for anyone; expect this book to be in heavy demand.

_____. **The Final Descent: The Monstrumologist**.

Simon & Schuster, 2013. 320p. \$18.99. 978-1-4424-5153-7. VOYA December 2013. 5Q 5P S



The fourth and final volume in the *Monstrumologist* series wraps it up in an inevitably dark and disturbing fashion. Fans will feel swept along as they revisit Will's unfortunate childhood and his infection with monsters of his own. Devoted fans of the series and Yancey's other works will be sorry to see the intense bond between the main characters finally collapse under the sheer weight of all their monsters, leaving the reader bereft.

Zadoff, Allen. **Boy Nobody**. Little, Brown, 2013. 352p. \$18. 978-0-316-19968-1. VOYA June 2013. 4Q 5P JS

Benjamin has just five days to get close enough to the mayor of New York for a quiet assassination. Benjamin is a darker version of Alex Rider, equipped with gadgets and able to fight several grown men at once. Fans of such fast-paced action novels should love this first installment in the *Boy Nobody* series. Recommend this to mystery fans who do not mind a little grit in the story. ■