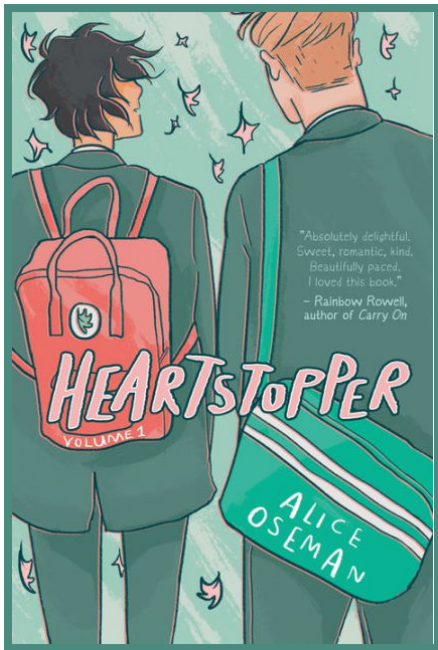


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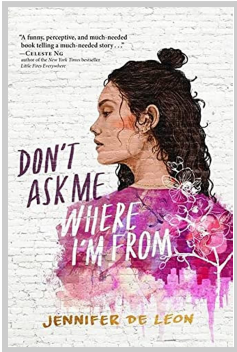


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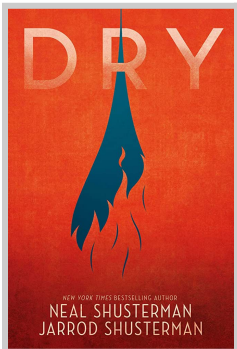
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9: SELECT ONE



DON'T ASK ME WHERE I'M FROM

BY JENNIFER DE LEON

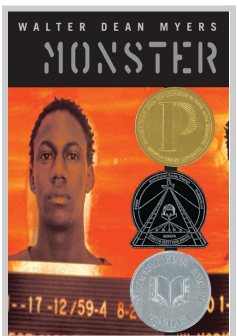
First-generation American LatinX Liliana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school. But when family secrets spill out and racism at school ramps up, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand.



DRY

BY NEAL SHUSTERMAN

When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival from *New York Times* bestselling author Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman.

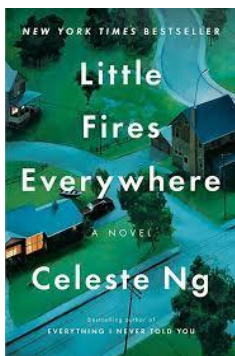


MONSTER

BY WALTER DEAN MYERS

Young, black 16-year-old Steve Harmon, an amateur filmmaker, is on trial for the murder of a Harlem drugstore owner and could face the death penalty. Steve copes by writing a movie script based on his trial. But despite his efforts, reality is blurred until he can no longer tell who he is or what the truth is.

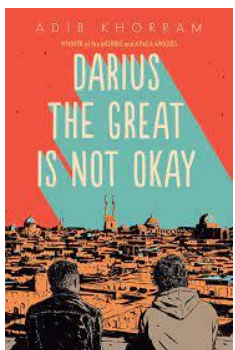
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LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE

BY CELESTE NG

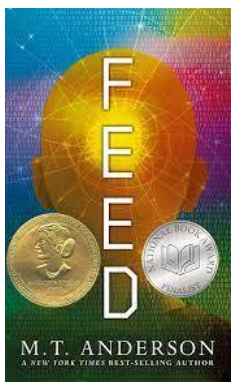
When a custody battle dramatically divides the town of Shaker Heights, it puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs.



DARIUS THE GREAT IS NOT OKAY

BY ADIB KHORRAM

Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's a Fractional Persian—half, his mom's side—and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life.

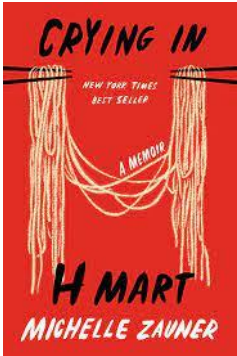


FEED

BY M.T. ANDERSON

In a future world where internet connections feed directly into the consumer's brain, a love story unfolds. Titus meets Violet, a brainy girl who tries to fight the feed. Assaulted by a hacker, they struggle to understand what has happened to them – and to everyone around them.

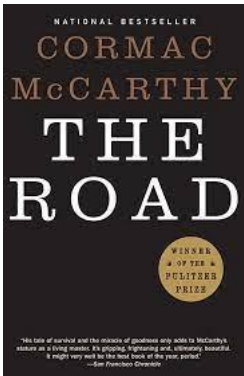
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 11: SELECT ONE



CRYING IN H MART: A MEMOIR

BY MICHELLE ZAUNER

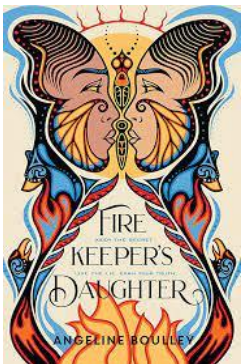
Zauner tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Oregon; of struggling with her mother's high expectations of her; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond over heaping plates of food.



THE ROAD

BY CORMAC MCCARTHY

The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love.

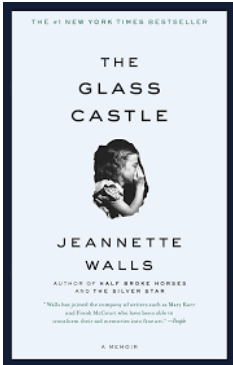


FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER

BY ANGELINE BOULLEY

Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team.

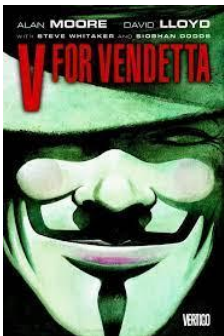
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 12: SELECT ONE



THE GLASS CASTLE: A MEMOIR

BY JEANNETTE WALLS

The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.



V FOR VENDETTA

BY ALAN MOORE

In a near-future Britain ruled by a totalitarian regime, Evey is rescued from certain death by a masked vigilante calling himself "V," a beguiling and charismatic figure who launches a one-man crusade against government tyranny and oppression.



THE KITE RUNNER

BY KHALED HOSSEINI

The unforgettable story of an unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and a servant, set in a country that is being destroyed. It is about the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

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