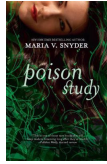
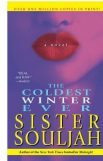

Poison Study*
Snyder, Maria

About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered an extraordinary reprieve. She'll eat the best meals, have rooms in the palace--and risk assassination by anyone trying to kill the Commander of Ixia. And so Yelena chooses to become a food taster.
Young Adult Fiction Snyder



The Coldest Winter Ever
Souljah, Sister

Winter Santiago, the daughter of one of Brooklyn's most powerful drug czars, uses her own weapons--including sex and an aggressive attitude--to stay on top, after her father's empire is threatened by a drug war.
Paperbacks Souljah



Mermaid
Turgeon, Carol

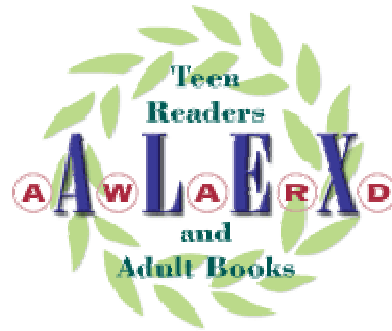
A surprising take on a classic tale, "Mermaid" is the story of two women with everything to lose. Beautifully written and compulsively readable, it will make readers think twice about the fairytale they heard as children, keeping them in suspense until the very last page.
Fiction Turgeon

Robopocalypse
Wilson, Daniel

Two decades into the future humans are battling for their very survival when a powerful AI computer goes rogue, and all the machines on earth rebel against their human controllers.
Science Fiction Wilson



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Suggested Reading for Young Adults

NOT YA

But give them a try anyway...

The Mists of Avalon

Bradley, Marion Zimmer

Retells the legend of Arthur as perceived by Viviane, the Lady of the Lake and high priestess of Avalon, Arthur's mother Igraine, his Christian wife Guinevere, and the sorceress Morgaine.

Fiction Bradley

Room

Donoghue, Emma

Room is home to Jack, but to Ma, it is the prison where Old Nick has held her captive for seven years. Through determination, ingenuity, and fierce motherly love, Ma has created a life for Jack. But she knows it's not enough...not for her or for him. She devises a bold escape plan, one that relies on her young son's bravery and a lot of luck.

Fiction Donoghue

Soulless

Carriger, Gail

Alexia Tarabotti is laboring under a great many social tribulations. First, she has no soul. Second, she's a spinster whose father is both Italian and dead. Third, she was rudely attacked by a vampire, breaking all standards of social etiquette. Where to go from there? From bad to worse apparently, for Alexia accidentally kills the vampire -- and then the appalling Lord Maccon is sent by Queen Victoria to investigate.

Paperbacks Carriger



I Love You, Beth Cooper

Doyle, Larry

Recklessly announcing his love for the head cheerleader during his valedictorian commencement speech, Denis Cooverman is inducted into the wilder side of youth culture by the object of his affection, who turns out to be more than he bargained for.

Fiction Doyle

Neverwhere

Gaiman, Neil

After he helps a stranger on a London sidewalk, Richard Mayhew discovers an alternate city beneath London, and must fight to survive if he is to return to the London he knew.

Fiction Gaiman



Water for Elephants

Gruen, Sara

Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant who gave them hope.

Fiction Gruen

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Haddon, Mark

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Fiction Haddon

Heart-shaped Box

Hill, Joe

A collector of obscure and macabre artifacts, unscrupulous metal band musician Judas Coyne is unable to resist purchasing a ghost over the Internet, which turns out to be the vengeful spirit of his late girlfriend's stepfather.

Fiction Hill



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Salems Lot

King, Stephen

A rich and finely crafted tale of a mundane New England town under siege by the forces of darkness, Salems Lot is both a homage to Bram Stoker's classic Dracula and an allegory of our post-Vietnam society. Considered one of the most terrifying vampire novels ever written, it cunningly probes the shadows of the human heart -- and the insular evils of small-town America.

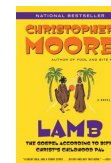
Fiction King

Lamb

Moore, Christopher

A humorous, speculative novel fills in the lost years of Jesus's life, told from the perspective of Biff, his childhood best friend.

Fiction Moore



Drinking Coffee Elsewhere

Packer, ZZ

Presents a collection of eight short stories that touch on the subject of race and race relations.

Fiction Packer

My Sister's Keeper

Picoult, Jodi

Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Anna begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures and decides to fight for the right to make decisions about her body.

Fiction Picoult

The Lovely Bones

Sebold, Alice

Looking down from heaven, 14-year-old Susie recounts her rape and murder and watches her family as they cope with their grief and "the lovely bones" growing around her absence.

Fiction Sebold

