

Ms. Knipp Recommends.....

Genre	Book Title	Synopsis
Historical Fiction		
	<i>Echo</i> Pam Munoz Ryan	Three stories weave together with one thing in common... the love of music.
	<i>Fountains of Silence</i> Ruta Sepetys	Madrid, 1957. Under the fascist dictatorship of General Francisco Franco, Spain is hiding a dark secret. Meanwhile, tourists and foreign businessmen flood into Spain under the welcoming promise of sunshine and wine. Among them is eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson, the son of an oil tycoon, who arrives in Madrid with his parents hoping to connect with the country of his mother's birth through the lens of his camera. Daniel's photographs leave him with uncomfortable questions amidst shadows of danger. He is backed into a corner of difficult decisions to protect those he loves. Lives and hearts collide, revealing an incredibly dark side to the sunny Spanish city.
	<i>Copper Sun</i> Sharon Draper	The epic story of a young girl torn from her African village, sold into slavery, and stripped of everything she has ever known—except hope.
	<i>What the Night Sings</i> Vesper Stamper	Can a holocaust survivor go back to the life path she was on before the war?
	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i> Ruta Sepetys	Lina, a Lithuanian girl forced out of her country during a Russian Invasion in 1939, searches for her lost father taken by the Soviets.
	<i>The Future of Us</i> Jay Asher/Carolyn Mackler (hist fiction/science fiction)	In 1996 at the birth of the internet, two people find themselves on Facebook... only Facebook has not been invented yet. As they look into their future they realize their decisions made today can affect everything.
Mystery	<i>Westing Game</i> E. Raskin	A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will.

	<p><i>I am Princess X</i></p> <p>C. Priest</p>	<p>Two best friends spend their time creating a tale an imaginary princess. When one suddenly passes away the friend left behind wonders what is going on when she sees pictures of the princess they created all over town two years later.</p>
	<p><i>The Face on the Milk Carton</i> (series)</p> <p>C. Cooney</p>	<p>Janie Johnson glanced at the face of the ordinary little girl with her hair in tight pigtails, wearing a dress with a narrow white collar—a three-year-old who had been kidnapped twelve years before from a shopping mall in New Jersey—she felt overcome with shock. She recognized that little girl—it was she.</p>
	<p><i>The London Eye Mystery</i></p> <p>S. Dowd</p>	<p>Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye, but after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off—except Salim. Where could he have gone?</p>
<i>Realistic Fiction</i>	<p><i>Piecing Me Together</i></p> <p>Renee Watson</p>	<p>Jade believes she must get out of her poor neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. Her mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. But some opportunities she doesn't really welcome, like an invitation to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for "at-risk" girls. She's tired of being singled out as someone who needs help, someone people want to fix. Jade wants to speak, to create, to express her joys and sorrows, her pain and her hope. Maybe there are some things she could show other women about understanding the world and finding ways to be real, to make a difference.</p>
	<p><i>The Sun is Also a Star</i></p> <p>N. Yoon</p>	<p>On a single day in New York City, two teenagers meet and it changes their destiny.</p>

<p><i>Dystopian</i></p>	<p><i>Warcross (series)</i> M. Lu</p>	<p>For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game - it's a way of life. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. When Emika hacks into Warcross, she is shocked when she gets a call from the game's creator with an irresistible offer. He needs a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem . . . and he wants Emika for the job.</p>
	<p><i>Matched (series)</i> Ally Condie</p>	<p>Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate . . . until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. The Society tells her it's a glitch, a rare malfunction, and that she should focus on the happy life she's destined to lead with Xander.</p>
<p><i>Dystopian, Cont...</i></p>	<p><i>The Only Thing to Fear</i> C. T. Richmond</p>	<p>How would the world look if Hitler would have won WWII?</p>
	<p><i>Dry</i> Neal and Jarrod Shusterman</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><i>Fantasy</i></p>	<p><i>Harry Potter (series)</i> J.K. Rowling</p>	<p>On Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!</p>
<p><i>Adventure</i></p>	<p><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> W. Rawls</p>	<p>A classic story about the bond between a boy and his dogs.</p>

<p><i>Adventure, cont....</i></p>	<p><i>Scythe (series)</i> Neal Shusterman (Adventure/Sci Fiction)</p>	<p>A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. As two teenagers learn about becoming scythes, will they lose their own lives as well?</p>
<p><i>World War II</i></p>	<p><i>Odette's Secret</i> M. MacDonald</p>	<p>After the Nazis invade Paris, young Odette is forced to move to the countryside, where she must cover up her identity. Can she keep her secrets? This book is written in verse.</p>
	<p><i>The Only Thing to Fear</i> C.T. Richmond</p>	<p>How would the world look if Hitler would have won WWII?</p>
	<p><i>Between Shades of Gray</i> R. Sepetys</p>	<p>Fifteen-year-old Lina is a Lithuanian girl living an ordinary life--until Soviet officers invade her home and tear her family apart. Separated from her father and forced onto a crowded train, Lina, her mother, and her young brother make their way to a Siberian work camp, where they are forced to fight for their lives. Lina finds solace in her art, documenting these events by drawing. Risking everything, she imbeds clues in her drawings of their location and secretly passes them along, hoping her drawings will make their way to her father's prison camp. But will strength, love, and hope be enough for Lina and her family to survive?</p>
	<p><i>Code Name Verity</i> Elizabeth Wein</p>	<p>Oct. 11th, 1943-A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun. When "Verity" is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution. As she intricately weaves her confession, Verity uncovers her past,</p>

		<p>how she became friends with the pilot Maddie, and why she left Maddie in the wrecked fuselage of their plane. On each new scrap of paper, Verity battles for her life, confronting her views on courage, failure and her desperate hope to make it home. But will trading her secrets be enough to save her from the enemy?</p>
	<p><i>What the Night Sings</i> Vesper Stamper</p>	<p>Can a holocaust survivor go back to the life path she was on before the war?</p>
Ghost/Horror	<p><i>City of Ghosts</i> (Victoria Schwab)</p>	<p>Ever since Cass almost drowned (okay, she did drown, but she doesn't like to think about it), she can pull back the Veil that separates the living from the dead . . . and enter the world of spirits. Her best friend is even a ghost. So things are already pretty strange. But they're about to get much stranger-Cass and her family are heading to Edinburgh, Scotland where she will learn more about the Veil, and herself.</p>
	<p><i>I Know What You Did Last Summer</i> Lois Duncan</p>	<p>Four teenagers deal with a mistake in their past coming back to haunt them in the present.</p>
Classics	<p><i>Tuck Everlasting</i> N. Babbitt</p>	<p>If you had the choice to live forever, would you?</p>
	<p><i>Little Women</i> Louisa May Alcott</p>	<p>Following the lives of four sisters on a journey out of adolescence, Louisa May Alcott's <i>Little Women</i> explores the difficulties associated with gender roles in a Post-Civil War America.</p>
	<p><i>The Hobbit</i> J.R.R. Tolkien</p>	<p>Bilbo Baggins lives a simple life with his fellow hobbits in the shire, until the wizard Gandolf convinces him to join a group of dwarves on a quest to reclaim the kingdom of Erebor. The journey, which starts with a simple gold ring that is tied to the fate of Middle Earth, takes Bilbo on a trip of a lifetime.</p>
Biography	<p><i>Shoe Dog</i> Phil Knight</p>	<p>The man who created the iconic brand NIKE shares the brands evolution to the powerhouse it is today.</p>

	<i>Popular</i> Maya Van Wagenen	This teen author's exploration of the true meaning of popularity and how to survive middle school.
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