STARTERS

Short reads for teens and adults

Ain't Burned All The Bright by Jason Reynolds & Jason Griffin YA 811.6 REY

A smash up of art and text that captures what it means to not be able to breathe, and how the people and things you love are the oxygen you most need.

Squad by Maggie Tokuda-Hall ---- YA GRAPH Tokuda-Hall, M.

Becca moves to an upscale Silicon Valley suburb and is surprised when she develops a bond with girls who belong to the popular clique, and even more surprised when she learns their secrets.

MANY TITLES ARE AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE FORMATS, INCLUDING E-BOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, AND LARGE-TYPE EDITIONS.

Start Without Me by Gary Janetti ------ B Janetti, G.

Perfect for any of us who have felt the joy in holding a lifelong grudge, a hilarious, laugh-out-loud collection of true stories about the small moments that add up to a big life.

Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson ------ AF Woodson, J.

As Melody celebrates coming of age at her grandparents' house in 2001 Brooklyn, her family remembers when Melody's own mother prepared for a similar party that never took place in this novel about different social classes.

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes YA Barnes, J. • Available in Spanish

Avery just wants to survive high school and go away to college, but this changes when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery his fortune. Avery has no idea who Tobias is, and receive her inheritance, she must move into secret passage-filled Hawthorne House, where every room is full of puzzles, riddles, and codes.

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict ----- AF Benedict, M.

Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.

Kiss & Tell by Adib Khorram ------ YA Khorram, A.

On boy band Kiss & Tell's first major tour, lead singer Hunter Drake grapples with a painful breakup with his first boyfriend, his first rebound, and the stress of what it means to be queer in the public eye.

The Daughter of Doctor Moreau by Silvia Moreno-Garcia AF Moreno-Garcia, S.

Carlota Moreau finds her carefully constructed world falling around her as passion is ignited in the sweltering heat of the jungle where a motley group of monstrosities awaits.

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ENTREES

FAMILY STYLE

Picture books that encourage reading together

Paletero man! = ¡Qué paletero tan cool! by Lucky Diaz E Diaz, L. Available in Spanish

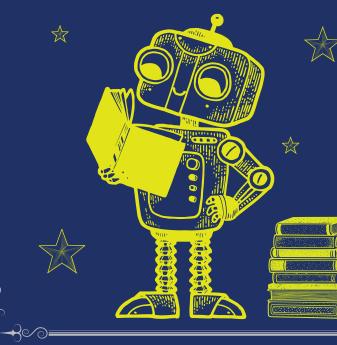
When a little boy finally catches up to Paletero Jose, who has the perfect treats for a hot summer day, his pockets are empty, so the entire community bands together to help him find his dinero.

Daddy And Me And The Rhyme To Be by Ludacris ------ E Ludacris

A perfect team, Karma and her daddy love to make music together, but when it's time for Karma to write daddy a rap for his birthday by herself, she can't quite get it right, until she realizes she is never alone.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf ------ JF Rauf, O.

When a Syrian refugee boy joins their class, the determined students in Mrs. Kahn's schoolroom learn the newcomer's sad story before concocting a plan to reunite him with his loved ones.



Etta Invincible by Reese Eschmann ------ JF Eschmann, R.

When Louisa May Alcott, the friendly dog across the street, disappears, Etta and the dog's boy, Eleazar, are swept up in a magical adventure where they must summon their courage to save Chicago from The Fear.

Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros ------ JF Cisneros, E.

Star basketball player Isaac plans on better grades, which will surely stop Isaac's parents from arguing all the time. Straight-A Marco vows on finally winning his father's approval by earning a spot on the basketball team. But will their friendship and support for each other be enough to keep the two boys from falling short?

DESSERT & &

Sweet, sad, or funny for teens and adults

With a Dog AND a Cat, Every Day is Fun by Hidekichi Matsumoto YA GRAPH Matsumoto, H. V.1

While Inu and Neko coexist peacefully, their own distinct personalities play out in charming ways during these short-form stories. Whether you're a dog-person or a cat-person, there's plenty to love about these sketches of daily life shared with four-legged friends!

The Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green ----- 306 GRE Available in Spanish

In these essays adapted and expanded from his groundbreaking podcast, John Green reviews different facets of the human-centered planet-from the QWERTY keyboard and Staphylococcus aureus to the Taco Bell breakfast menu-on a five-star scale.

They Both Die At The End by Adam Silvera -----YA SF Silvera, A. Available in Spanish

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

Bingo Love Vol. 1 by Tee Franklin ----- GRAPH Franklin, T.

When Hazel Johnson and Mari McCray met at church bingo in 1963, it was love at first sight. Forced apart by their families and society, Hazel and Mari both married and had families. Decades later, Hazel and Mari reunite. Realizing their love for each other is still alive, what these grandmothers do takes absolute strength and courage.

> The Night Swim by Megan Goldin ----- AF Goldin, M.

> > Life in Small Towns; Haunting; Suspenseful



The Cutting Season by Attica Locke ----- MY Locke, A.

Nefarious Dealings; Strong Sense of Place; Disturbing .

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