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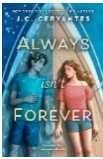
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This is a list of suggested titles. If you would prefer, you may read a book that is not on this list, as long as it is of an appropriate level for a high school student. Also, please realize that in our attempt to suggest titles that would appeal to a wide range of students, some of the titles may be more appropriate for more mature readers. Please use your best judgment when choosing a book and feel free to consult your parents, teachers, or the EHS teacher librarians. Happy reading!



Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives it Changed by Dashka Slater

When a high school student started a private Instagram account that used racist and sexist memes to make his friends laugh, he thought of it as "edgy" humor. Over time, the edge got sharper. Then a few other kids found out about the account. Pretty soon, everyone knew. In the end, no one was laughing. And everyone was left asking: Where does accountability end for online speech that harms? And what does accountability even mean?



Always isn't Forever by J.C. Cervantes

Best friends and soul mates since they were kids, Hart and Ruby were poised to take on senior year together when Hart tragically drowns in a boating accident. Absolutely shattered, Ruby struggles to move on from the person she knows was her forever love. Hart can't let go of Ruby either.... Due to some divine intervention, he's offered a second chance. Only it won't be as simple as bringing him back to life--instead, Hart's soul is transferred to the body of a local bad boy.



Black Birds in the Sky: the story and legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre by Brandy Colbert

In the early morning of June 1, 1921, a white mob marched across the train tracks in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and into Greenwood District--a thriving, affluent neighborhood known as America's Black Wall Street. They brought with them firearms, gasoline, and explosives. In a few short hours, they'd razed thirty-five square blocks to the ground, leaving hundreds dead. The Tulsa Race Massacre is one of the most devastating acts of racial violence in US history. But how did it come to pass? What exactly happened? And why is it unknown to so many of us today?



The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant--Chernobyl--has exploded. The two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad to stay with Valentina's estranged grandmother. There, they begin to learn what it means to trust another person.



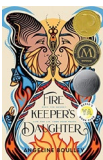
Bomb: Graphic Novel -- the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon by Steve Sheinkin

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned three continents. This is the story of the atomic bomb.



Didn't See That Coming by Jesse Q. Sutanto

17-year-old Kiki Siregar is a fabulous gamer girl with confidence to boot. She can't help but be totally herself... except when she's online. Her secret? She plays anonymously to avoid harassment from other male players. Even her online best friend - username Sourdawg--doesn't know her true identity. Which is fine, because it's not like they're ever going to cross paths IRL...until she transfers to a new school her senior year and discovers that Sourdawg goes there, too.



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Daunis has never quite fit in, in her hometown or on the Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of college, but when her family is struck by tragedy she puts her future on hold. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, a new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. How far will she go to protect her community, if it threatens to tear apart the only world she's ever known?



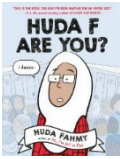
Furia: a novel by Yamile Saied Méndez

At home Camila Hassan lives within her mother's narrow expectations, her soccer-star brother's shadow, and under the abusive rule of her short-tempered father. On the field, she is La Furia, a powerhouse of skill and talent. When her team qualifies for the South American tournament, Camila dreams of getting an athletic scholarship to a North American university. But her parents wouldn't allow a girl to play fútbol-- and she needs their permission to go any farther. Can she make her way in a world with no place for the dreams and ambition of a girl like her?



Home is not a Country by Safia Elhillo

Nima doesn't feel understood. By her mother and by her suburban town. Nima must grapple with the phantom of a life not chosen, the name her parents didn't give her at birth: Yasmeen. But that other name, that other girl, might just be more real than Nima knows. And more hungry. And the life Nima has, the one she keeps wishing were someone else's...she might have to fight for it with a fierceness she never knew she had.



Huda Fare You? by Huda Fahmy

Huda and her family just moved to Dearborn, MI, a small town with a big Muslim population. But Huda doesn't fit in. She's just Huda, and she's not sure what that means. She tries on all kinds of identities and friends, but nothing fits quite right. Until she realizes she can get back to the basics.



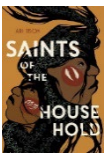
I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

Romania, 1989. Amidst the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu, in a country governed by isolation and fear, Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer. He's left with only two choices: betray everyone and everything he loves--or use his position to creatively undermine the most notoriously evil dictator in Eastern Europe.



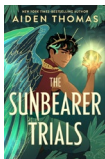
Me (Moth) by Amber McBride

Moth has lost her family in an accident. Though she lives with her aunt, she feels alone and uprooted. Until she meets Sani, a boy who is also searching for his roots. If he knows more about where he comes from, maybe he'll be able to understand his ongoing depression. And if Moth can help him feel grounded, then perhaps she too will discover the history she carries in her bones.



Saints of the Household by Ari Tison

Max and Jay have always depended on one another. Growing up with a physically abusive father, the two Bribri American brothers have learned that the only way to protect themselves and their mother is to stick to a schedule and keep their heads down. But when they hear trouble in the woods, instinct takes over and they intervene, breaking up a fight and beating up a classmate. This act of violence threatens the brothers' dreams for the future and their beliefs about who they are.



The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas

As each new decade begins, the Sun's power must be replenished so that Sol can keep traveling along the sky and keep the evil Obsidian gods at bay. Ten semidioses between the ages of 13 and 18 are selected by Sol himself as the most worthy to compete in The Sunbearer Trials. For the first time in over a century, Sol chooses a semidis who isn't a Gold. In fact, he chooses two: Xio, the 13-year-old child of Mala Suerte, god of bad luck, and Teo, a 17-year-old Jade semidis and the trans son of Quetzal, goddess of birds. Now they must compete in five mysterious trials, against opponents who are both more powerful and better trained, for fame, glory, and their own survival.



Stars and Smoke by Marie Lu

Winter Young—Global pop sensation, with a voice like velvet and looks that could kill. His star power has smashed records, selling out stadiums from LA to London.
Sydney Cossette—youngest spy of an elite covert ops group. She's fiery, no-nonsense, and has zero time for romance. When a major crime boss gifts his daughter a private concert with Winter for her birthday, Sydney and Winter's lives suddenly collide. Sydney is assigned as Winter's bodyguard. with Winter tapped to join her on the mission of a lifetime as a new spy recruit.



Survive the Dome by Kosoko Jackson

Jamal Lawson just wanted to be a part of something. As an aspiring journalist, he packs up his camera and heads to Baltimore to document a rally protesting police brutality after another Black man is murdered. But before it really begins, the city implements a new safety protocol...the Dome. The Dome surrounds the city, forcing those within to subscribe to a total militarized shutdown. No one can get in, and no one can get out. It's going to take everything he has to survive.



Whiteout by D. Clayton, T.D. Jackson, N. Stone, A. Thomas, A. Woodfolk, N. Yoon

Atlanta is blanketed with snow just before Christmas, but the warmth of young love just might melt the ice in this novel of Black joy, and cozy, sparkling romance--by the same unbeatable team of authors who wrote the New York Times bestseller *Blackout!*