

# Book Giving Guide • Teens



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## Grades 7 and up



### *Don't Breathe a Word*

by Jordyn Taylor

Eva is invited to join a secret society at her prep school, responsible for many secrets. Her story becomes linked to Connie's, who went to the school in the 1960s. *Mystery*. Grades 7-9.



### *The Electric Kingdom*

by David Arnold

Set in an apocalypse after a deadly flu has swept the world, two teens search for a portal to another world. *Sci-Fi*. Grades 7-9.



### *The Gilded Ones*

by Namina Forna

Deka is rejected by her village and gets recruited to join a supernatural all-girl army instead. Deka goes from a misfit to the biggest adventure of her life. *Fantasy*. Grades 7 and up.



### *The Kingdom of Back*

by Marie Lu

A magic-infused telling of the lives of the young Mozart siblings. *Fantasy/Historical*. Grades 7 and up.

## Grades 8 and up



### *A Face for Picasso*

by Ariel Henley

Born with Couzron syndrome, a condition in which the bones of the skull fuse and prevent adequate space for the brain, Henley and her twin sister grew up undergoing multiple surgeries and endured bullying and discrimination. Exploring art and the painter Picasso helps her make sense of her experience. *Memoir*. Grades 8 and up.



### *Super Fake Love Song*

by David Yoon

Live action role-play aficionado and nerd Sunny maintains a case of mistaken identity so that the beautiful new girl Cirrus will think that he is a rock star. *Romance/Comedy*. Grades 8 and up.

## Grades 10 and up



### *Himawari House*

by Harmony Becker

19-year-old Nao, Japan-born and Midwest-raised, spends a gap year at a Tokyo-based sharehouse to reconnect with her roots. *Graphic Novel*. Grades 10 and up.



### *In the Wild Light*

by Jeff Zentner

After discovering a bacteria-eating mold in a local cave, two Appalachian students are offered full scholarships to a prestigious prep school in this tender novel of love and loss. *Realistic Fiction*. Grades 10 and up.



### *A Sitting in St. James*

by Williams-Garcia

In 1860 in the antebellum south, Madame Sylvie Guilbert sits for a portrait and tells stories--spanning from the big house to the fields--that grapples with the long history of American racism. *Historical Fiction*. Grades 10 and up.



### *They'll Never Catch Us*

by Jessica Goodman

Competitive sisters Stella and Ellie become suspects when the new girl in town, their cross country rival Mila, goes missing while training. They just want to get out of their small town, and Ellie was actually starting to become friends with Mila. *Thriller*. Grades 10 and up.