



Poetry & Novels in Verse

Young Adult Recommendations E-Library Edition



Swing

Alexander, Kwame

Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything.

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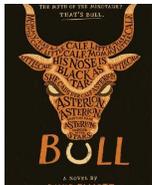


In Paris With You

Beauvais, Clémentine

Ten years after they parted, Tatiana and Eugene meet again in the Paris Metro and begin to explore their past, when they might have fallen in love, as well as their possible future.

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Bull

Elliott, David

David Elliott turns a classic on its head in form and approach, updating the timeless story of *Theseus and the Minotaur*. A rough, rowdy, and darkly comedic young adult retelling in verse, which NPR called “beautifully clever,” *Bull* will have readers reevaluating one of mythology's most infamous monsters.

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The Poet X

Acevedo, Elizabeth

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world. Debut novel of renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo.

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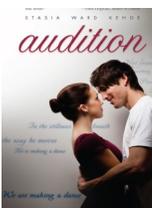
Laskin, Pamela L.

Pamela L. Laskin's beautiful and lyrical novel in verse delivers a fresh and captivating retelling of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet that transports the star-crossed lovers to the modern-day Israel-Palestine conflict.

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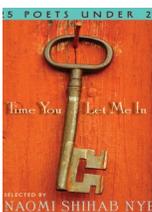


Audition

Kehoe, Stasia Ward

When high school junior Sara wins a coveted scholarship to study ballet, she must sacrifice everything for her new life as a professional dancer-in-training. Living in a strange city with a host family, she's deeply lonely-until she falls into the arms of Remington, a choreographer in his early twenties. At first, she loves being Rem's muse, but as she discovers a surprising passion for writing, she begins to question whether she's chosen the right path.

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Time You Let Me In : 25 Poets Under 25

Nye, Naomi Shihab (Selector)

They are inspiring talented stunning remarkable wise. They are also fearless depressed hilarious impatient in love out of love pissed off. And they want you to let them in.

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Girls Like Me

St. Vil, Lola

Fifteen-year-old Shay is trying to cope with being overweight and getting bullied in school, but when she falls in love with mysterious Blake, insecure Shay needs the help of her two best friends to make love prevail.

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Shark Girl

Bingham, Kelly

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

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Soaring Earth: A Companion Memoir to Enchanted Air

Engle, Margarita

In this powerful companion to her award-winning memoir *Enchanted Air*, Young People's Poet Laureate Margarita Engle recounts her teenage years during the turbulent 1960s. Margarita Engle's childhood straddled two worlds: the lush, welcoming island of Cuba and the lonely, dream-soaked reality of Los Angeles. But the revolution has transformed Cuba into a mystery of impossibility, no longer reachable in real life. Margarita longs to travel the world, yet before she can become independent, she'll have to start high school.

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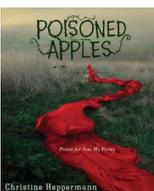


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Crossan, Sarah

Despite problems at home, sixteen-year-old conjoined twins Tippi and Grace are loving going to school for the first time and making real friends when they learn that a cardiac problem will force them to have separation surgery, which they have never before considered.

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Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty

Heppermann, Christine

Christine Heppermann's powerful collection of free verse poems explore how girls are taught to think about themselves, their bodies, their friends—as consumers, as objects, as competitors. Based on classic fairy tale characters and fairy tale tropes, the poems range from contemporary retellings to first person accounts set within the original stories.

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Death Coming Up The Hill

Crowe, Chris

Douglas Ashe keeps a weekly record of historical and personal events in 1968, the year he turns seventeen, including the escalating war in Vietnam, assassinations, rampant racism, and rioting; his first girlfriend, his parents' separation, and a longed-for sister.

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With a Star in My Hand: Rubén Darío, Poetry Hero

Engle, Margarita

A novel in verse about the life and work of Rubén Darío, a Nicaraguan poet who started life as an abandoned child and grew to become the father of a new literary movement. Includes historical notes.

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Three Things I Know Are True

Culley, Betty

Life changes forever for Liv when her older brother, Jonah, accidentally shoots himself with his best friend Clay's father's gun. Now Jonah needs round-the-clock care just to stay alive, and Liv feels like she's the only person who can see that her brother is still there inside his broken body. With Liv's mom suing Clay's family, there are divisions in the community that Liv knows she's not supposed to cross. But Clay is her friend, too, and she refuses to turn away from him—just like she refuses to give up on Jonah. This powerful novel is a stunning exploration of tragedy, grief, compassion, and forgiveness.

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