

BOOK FRENZY 2023: Secondary

by Cindy Mitchell

And Kiss the Book

And We Rise: the Civil Rights Movement in Poems by Erica Martin, 124 pages. Viking (Penguin), 2022. \$18. 9780593352526
Language: G (1 swear, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G Violence: PG-13 (racial slurs, burnt body, historically accurate racial violence, blood, deaths)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ADVISABLE, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL:

Attack of the Black Rectangles by Amy Sarig King, 272 pages. Scholastic, 2022. \$19
Language: G (1 swear, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL - ADVISABLE, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Brandon James Scott. PICTURE BOOK. Hippo Park (Astra),

2022. \$19. 9781662640087

BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3), MS, HS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Belladonna by Adalyn Grace, 408 pages. Little, Brown for Young Readers, 2022. \$15
Language: G (2 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (implied sex); Violence: PG (Death kills by touch, poisonings)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Confessions of a Class Clown by Arianne Costner, 271 pages. Random, 2022. \$17.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

A Consuming Fire by Laura E. Weymouth, 352 pages. Margaret K McElderry (Simon & Schuster), 2022. \$20

Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Mutilation and death mentioned)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Falling Out of Time (Running Out of Time #2) by Margaret Peterson Haddix, 352 pages. Katherine Tegen (Harper), APRIL 2023. \$18.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

French Kissing in New York by Anne-Sophie Jouhannau, 336 pages. Delacorte (Random), 2023. \$13.

Language: PG13 (19 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The mature content rating is for alcohol use, including underage drinking, and innuendo.

Gleanings by Neal Shusterman, 432 pages. SHORT STORIES. Simon and Schuster, NOVEMBER 2022. \$20. 9781534499973

Language: PG (7 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G (gleanings mentioned)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Hazard by Frances O'Rourke Dowell, 154 pages. Atheneum BFYR (Simon & Schuster), 2022. \$18.

Language: PG (9 swears); Mature Content: PG; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Hide by Kiersten White, 256 pages. Del Rey (Random), 2022. \$27

Language: PG-13 (26 swears, 20+ 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (Polygamy mentioned, implied hook-ups); Violence: PG-13 (Bloody deaths)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Hollow Fires by Samira Ahmed, 416 pages. Little Brown, 2022. \$19

Language: R (47 swears, 1 'f'); Mature Content: PG (mild innuendo); Violence: PG-13 (off-page murder, dead body, vandalism, hate speech racism)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

How to Manage Your Social Power in Middle School (Kid Confident #1) by Bonnie Zucker, PsyD, illustrated by DeAndrea Hodge. 223 pages. NON-FICTION. Magination Press. 2022. \$17. Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE
ALSO: 3 more books in the series

I am the Walrus by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman. 389 pages. Little Brown. APRIL 2023. \$18.
9780759655242
Language: G (3 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: G (crocodile bite with some blood)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

I Guess I Live Here Now by Claire Ahn. 408 pages. Viking (Penguin). 2022. \$17
Language: R (23 swears, 1 f); Mature Content: PG-13 (underage marijuana use); Violence: PG (arguing)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys. 336 pages. Philomel (Penguin). 2022. \$19
Language: PG (17 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (beatings, murder, war crimes)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

In Honor of Broken Things by Paul Acampora. 197 pages. Dial. 2022. \$18 Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Inside In: X-Rays of Nature's Hidden World by Jan Paul Schutten, photography by Arie van 't Riet. 125 pages.
Greystone Kids. 2017. \$20. 9781771646796
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez, illustrated by Gabriela Epstein. 202 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Scholastic.
2022. \$13.
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Iveliz Explains it All by Andrea Beatriz Arango. 272 pages. Random House. 2022. \$17.
Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Jasmine Project by Meredith Ireland. 390 pages. Simon & Schuster. 2021. \$20.
Language: PG - 13 (38 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG - 13 (a couple instances of underage drinking - not to drunkenness, and references to bullying); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Life in Hot Water: wildlife at the bottom of the ocean by Mary Batten, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez.
PICTURE BOOK/NON FICTION. Peachtree. 2022. \$19. 9781682631522
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Little Red and the Big Bad Editor by Rebecca Kraft Rector and Shanda McCloskey. PICTURE BOOK. Aladdin.
2022. \$19. 9781534469297
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3) ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Love, Decoded by Jennifer Yen. 303 pages. Razorbill (Penguin Random House). 2022. \$19.
Language: PG (5 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: PG (academic cheating, teenage relationships, slight xenophobia); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Love Radio by Ebony LaDelle. 310 pages. Simon and Schuster Teen. 2022. \$16
Language: R (83 swears, 7 f); Mature Content: PG-13 (making out, twerking, suggestive jokes, drugs mentioned); Violence: PG-13 (bullying)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH



The Luminaries by Susan Dennard, 304 pages. Tor Teen, 2022. \$17
Language: PG-13 (16 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: PG-13 (Underage drinking, mentions marijuana); Violence: PG-13 (Dead, ripped apart bodies, beheading)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Mandela and the General by John Carlin, illustrated by Oriol Malet, 106 pages, GRAPHIC NOVEL. Plough Publishing House, 2018. \$20. 9780874868203
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: PG-13 (depictions of racist violence)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Mystery of Monarchs by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Erika Meza. PICTURE BOOK/NON FICTION. Knopf (Random House), 2022. \$19. 9781984829566
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Once Upon a K-Prom by Kat Cho, 327 pages. Hyperion (Disney), 2022. \$19. 9781368064644
Language: PG (13 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

Pirate's Daughter (Sea Serpent's Hair #1) by Mairghread Scott & Pablo Tuico, 144 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Image Comics Inc. 2022. \$15.
Language: PG (10 swears); Mature Content PG; Violence: PG-13 (violent deaths)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Poison Season by Mara Rutherford, 400 pages. Inkyard Press, 2022. \$20.
Language: PG (7 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Real Dada Mother Goose: a treasury of complete nonsense by Jon Scieszka and Julia Rothman. PICTURE BOOK. Candlewick, 2022. 9780763694340
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Rise of the Black Quarterback by Jason Reid, 270 pages. Andscape, 2022. \$27. 978136807662
Language: PG (11 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (minimal racist language, fighting mentioned)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ADVISABLE; HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Rise of the Vicious Princess by C.J. Redwine, 432 pages. Balzer & Bray (HarperCollins), 2022. \$18.
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Scout is Not a Band Kid by Jade Armstrong, 266 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. RH Graphic (Penguin Random House), 2022. \$21
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond by Amanda Glaze, 362 pages. Union Square & Co, 2022. \$10
Language: PG (4 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: PG (kissing); Violence: PG-13 (threats, kidnapping, bloody death)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

This Rebel Heart by Katherine Locke, 433 pages. Alfred A Knopf (Random), 2022. \$19
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content PG-13 (deaths, innuendos, pregnancy mentioned); Violence: PG-13 (some bloody death, talk of rape, intense fear)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Thorn by Intisar Khanani, 512 pgs. Harper Teen, 2020. \$19.
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (domestic violence, rape, violence against animals, human trafficking-all off page, violence against women-on and off page)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS-ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

To the Front! Clara Barton Braces the Battle of Antietam by Claudia Friddell, illustrated by Christopher Cyr. NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mill/Astra), 2022. \$19. 9781635923223
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Tower of Life: how Yaffa Eliach rebuilt her town in stories and photographs by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Susan Gal. PICTURE BOOK. Scholastic, 2022. \$19. 9781338225891
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Tryout by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Joanna Cacao, 268 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Scholastic, 2022. \$13
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Twin Cities by Jose Pimienta, 250 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. RH Graphic, 2022. \$21
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

We Own the Sky by Rodman Philbrick, 208 pages. Scholastic Press (Scholastic), 2022. \$19
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Peril, Racist Language, Abduction)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

When The Sky Falls by Phil Earle, 308 pages. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022. \$17
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: ; Violence: PG (war, blitzkrieg)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

When Winter Robeson Came by Brenda Woods, 160 pages. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin), 2022. \$17
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Watts riots, deaths mentioned)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Winterkill by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, 288 pages. Scholastic, 2022. \$
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content G; Violence: PG (wars deaths mentioned, some shots)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL - OPTIONAL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Words We Keep by Erin Stewart, 400 pages. Delacorte Press (Random House), 2022. \$19.
Language: R (42 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: PG-13; Violence: PG-13
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Yonder by Ali Standish, 368 pages. HarperCollins, 2022. \$17.
Language: G (0 swears, 0 f); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (physical bullying, descriptions of injuries)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

You Truly Assumed by Laila Sabreen, 344 pages. Inkyard Press, 2022. \$15
Language: R (6 sears, 2 'F'); Mature Content: PG (reference to terrorist activity involving deaths); Violence: PG (reference but no depictions)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

You'd Be Home Now by Kathleen Glasgow. Delacorte Press (Penguin Random House), 2021. \$19. 9780525708049.
Language: R (7 swears, 7 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

