

RIVETERS RECOMMEND

Books for Older Readers



- ***Internment* by Samira Ahmed:** After being imprisoned with her family in an internment camp for Muslim Americans, Layla leads a revolution against the camp's director and guards. (Ages 12+)
- ***The Benefits of Being an Octopus* by Ann Braden:** Zoey is too busy watching her younger siblings after school while her mom is at work to be the typical twelve-year-old her rich classmates get to be. (Ages 8-12)
- ***The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown:** When robot Roz wakes up alone on a deserted island with no memories, she has to learn how to coexist with the animals and adapt to her environment. (Ages 8-12)
- ***Rich* by Nikki Grimes:** Dyanonde is excited for the library's poetry contest -- and its \$100 prize for the winner. Until she realizes one of her classmates needs the money more than she does. (Ages 7-9)
- ***Ask Me How I Got Here* by Christine Heppermann:** Addie reckons with her faith and her relationship to who she thought she was in the aftermath of an abortion. (Ages 14+)
- ***The Nowhere Girls* by Amy Reed:** Grace, Rosina, and Erin form an anonymous group to seek justice for a rape survivor who was run out of town. (Ages 14+)
- ***All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely:** A police assault told from the point of view of two teenage boys: Rashad, a black JROTC cadet who was the target of the assault, and Quinn, the white son of an Army veteran killed in combat who looks up to the officer. (Ages 14+)
- ***Hearts Unbroken* by Cynthia Leitich Smith:** After breaking up with her boyfriend for mocking Native Americans, Louise devotes her senior year to covering the outcry over attempts to make her school's musical more inclusive. (Ages 12+)
- ***A Mad, Wicked Folly* by Sharon Biggs Waller:** Victoria finds herself caught between the familial expectations for wealthy girls in Edwardian London and her participation in the suffragette movement. (Ages 14+)
- ***Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga:** Jude and her mother leave Syria to live with relatives in Cincinnati when the war reaches too close to home. (Ages 10-14)
- ***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak:** Liesel, a teenage girl living in Nazi Germany, steals books and shares them in secret with her neighbors. (Ages 12+)

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