Ninth Grade Recommendations

**Cross My Heart**
By Sasha Gould
16th c. Venice is full of intrigue and secret societies. Laura dellaScala, forced to marry her dead sister’s aged fiancé, will find plenty of both when she investigates her sister’s death.

**Teenie**
By Christopher Grant
Freshman year holds a lot for Martine “Teenie” Lashley. Her strict parents are on her back and she’s trying to catch the eye of a basketball star, all while keeping her grades up so she can study abroad. It’s a lot to keep together.

**Feed**
By M. T. Anderson
Think the idea of a direct internet feed into your brain rocks? Think again.

**Teeth: Vampire Tales**
By Ellen Datlow, Editor
Sink your teeth into a variety of different vampire tales in this compilation from some of the most popular young adult writers today.

**Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing**
By Ann Angel
A great biography of the rock and roll star who lived hard and died young.

**Trickster: Native American Tales, A Graphic Collection**
By Matt Dembicki, Editor
The graphic collection of folktales all feature a Trickster—sometimes wise, sometimes foolish, but always entertaining. Illustrated by some of the best graphic artists currently working.

Tenth Grade Recommendations

**I am a Seal Team Six Warrior**
By Howard E. Wasdin & Stephen Templin
This gritty memoir tells the story of the mission to rescue the downed Black Hawk helicopter in Mogadishu, Somalia, by a marine sniper who was there.

**North of Beautiful**
By Justina Chen Headley
Terra works hard at being physically beautiful, but is it the kind of beauty she really aspires to?

**Carmen: An Urban Adaptation**
By Walter Dean Myers
Based on Bizet’s opera Carmen, Myers reframes the classic love triangle story by setting it in Spanish Harlem. Carmen puts the moves on Jose, but when rapper Escamillo comes to town, she only has eyes for him.

**Payback**
By Rosemary Hayes
Halima never thought her father would use her as payment for a debt. Now she needs to run from an arranged marriage.

**How I Stole Johnny Depp’s Alien Girlfriend**
By Gary Ghislain
David is expecting another boring summer with his child-psychiatrist dad, when dad’s latest crazy teen patient kidnaps him and whisks him off to Paris. Life won’t be the same with Zelda involved.

**Pick-up Game: A Day of Full Court**
By Marc Aronson and Charles M. Smith
Street ball, as played in the Cage on West Fourth Street, Manhattan. Amateurs, winners, lovers and losers mix it up on and off the court in this collection of short stories.
Eleventh Grade Recommendations

**White Crow**
By Marcus Sedgwick
Rebecca is stranded with no friends in the little village of Winterfold until Ferelith shows up. This gothic tale of control and domination is the creepiest we’ve read in a while…don’t turn out your lights.

**Tales of the MADMAN Underground**
By John Barnes
High school senior Karl Shoemaker is just trying to be normal for one day, just one day. If he can make it through one day, then he might have a chance at a normal year, maybe even a normal life.

**Final Four**
By Paul Volponi
It’s the most important game in the Final Four tournament, and four players are each trying to reach their goals. The contest is not just on the court.

**Scandalous! 50 Shocking Events You Should know About (so you can impress your friends)**
By Hallie Fryd
It’s about time – to have some FUN with history!

**Sofi Mendoza’s Guide to Getting Lost in Mexico**
By Malin Alegria
Sofi Mendoza is a typical high school senior getting ready to graduate. On a secret weekend trip to Tijuana she gets separated from her friends and ends up detained in Mexico. Now she’ll find out whether she’s a true Latina or a pocha gringa.

Twelfth Grade Recommendations

**Genesis**
By Bernard Beckett
If robots began to self-evolve, learning to feel and create as we do, what traits would set us apart - and help us survive?

**The Language of Flowers**
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Victoria Jones grew up in the foster care system, and has just aged out at 18. Homeless on the streets of San Francisco, she finds work and maybe even a reason to thrive in a shop among the flowers.

**I Am Not a Serial Killer**
By Dan Wells
John Wayne Cleaver is not a serial killer. Or at least he’s trying hard not to be. Find out just who is this lover of dead bodies and murderers in Dan Well’s mystery/horror mashup.

**The Pregnancy Project**
By Gaby Rodriguez
It started as a school project – a Latino girl fakes her pregnancy during senior year of high school to see what happens when she « lives down to people’s expectations ». But it became a much bigger deal than she expected.

**My Abandonment**
By Peter Rock
A 13 year old girl and her father live on the fringes of society until a chance encounter shatters their hiding place. Inspired by a true story, Rock adds layers of mystery to this tale of survival on the edge.