

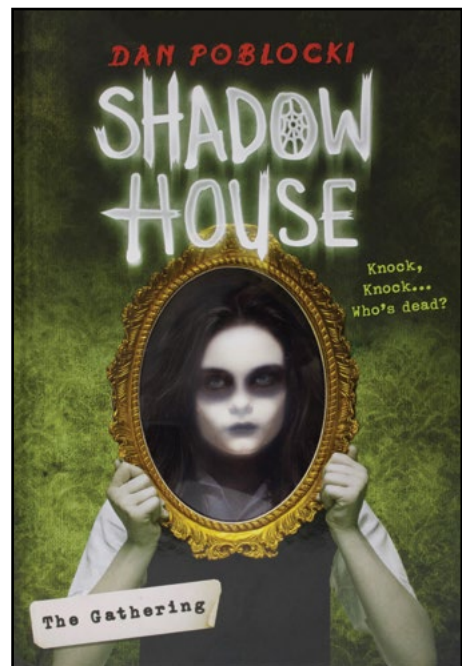


Shadow House #1: The Gathering

by Dan Poblocki

Booktalk!

When Poppy looks in a mirror, she sees a dead girl standing behind her, but no one in her group home believes her. After finding a hidden letter in the office, Poppy learns that an aunt asked her to come and live on a big estate. Obviously, the group home's director doesn't want the orphans to discover they might have families! When Poppy runs away, headed for the estate, she meets four other kids who have received similar messages. They believe that the estate is haunted, especially when they meet evil, masked children who want to change places with them!



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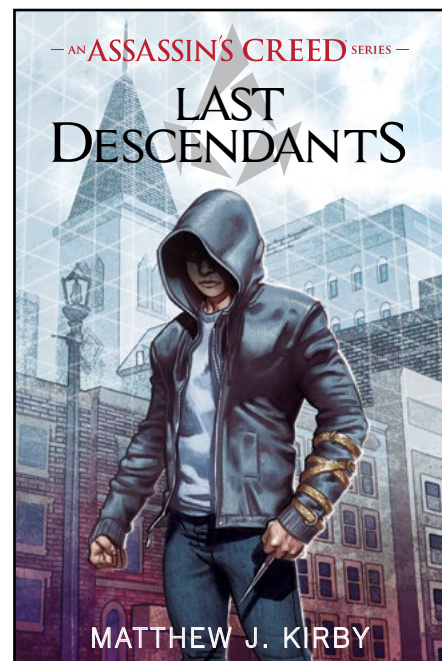


Last Descendants: An Assassin's Creed® Novel

by Matthew J. Kirby

Booktalk!

Two factions have been waging a secret war for the fate of humanity since the beginning of recorded history — maybe longer. They have been known by many names, but today these secret societies are known as the Assassin Brotherhood and the Templar Order. Owen and Javier used to be good friends, but ever since Monroe, the mastermind, brought them and three other teenagers with similar DNA into a shared memory, things have gone downhill. Each of them is an Assassin or Templar, or possibly both. Through a rugged simulation to the streets of New York and the Draft Riot of 1863, they are on a quest for the Trident of Eden.



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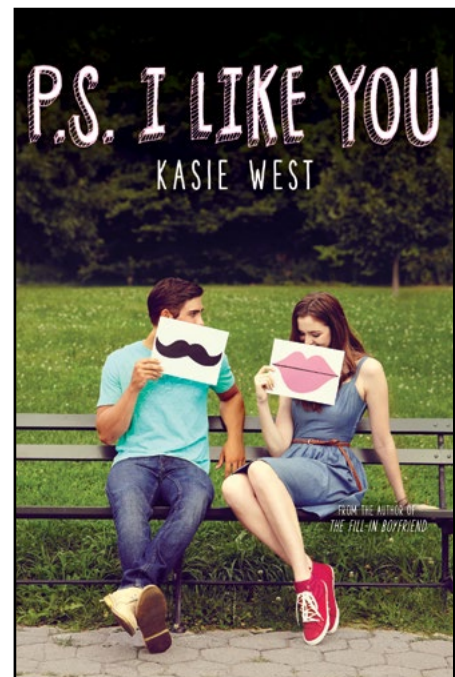
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P.S. I Like You

by Kasie West

Booktalk!

Lily, a self-taught guitarist, hopes to write the perfect song in order to win \$5,000 and a three-week course with a prestigious college music professor. Her notebook is filled with hundreds of song ideas. Lily and an unknown pen pal begin exchanging letters about their musical tastes, hiding them under the desk in chemistry class that they share during different class periods. Soon, they begin sharing personal information about their lives and families. Lily's list of suspects grows, but she isn't sure that she wants to know who her pen pal is!



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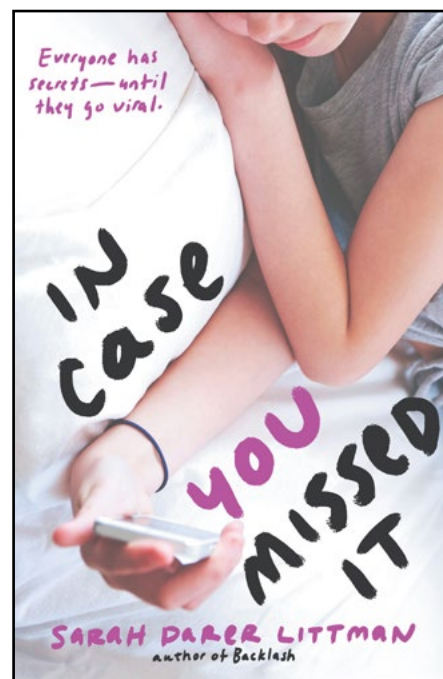


In Case You Missed It

by Sarah Darer Littman

Booktalk!

Life's not fair. Sammy is staring down a set of circumstances she could never have imagined. Instead of dreaming about going to the prom with Jamie, the hottest guy in her class, she finds herself defending every one of her private thoughts to the whole school. Her family's private cloud has been hacked and every text, email, and her private journal have been made public for the whole world to see. She has been brutally honest, even about her best friends, who abandon her when they read her journal. But there is something even more painful about her family that's exposed. People lie. Even the ones you love.



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Blood Will Tell

by April Henry

Booktalk!

In another terrifying installment of April Henry's *Point Last Seen*, we follow Portland's Search-and-Rescue (SAR) team while they look for lost girls and discover dead ones. Nick Walker, teen SAR volunteer, becomes a suspect when confusing evidence ties him to a murder scene. Nick claims he's innocent, but the police don't believe him. Fellow volunteers Alexis Frost and Ruby McClure risk their lives to clear Nick's name and find the real killer in a story that will keep your heart racing from the opening scene to the jaw-dropping conclusion!



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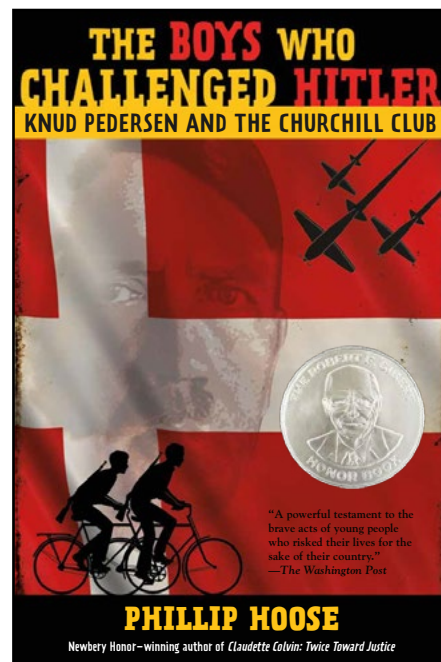


The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

by Phillip Hoose

Booktalk!

When Hitler's army invaded Denmark, its nation's leaders surrendered. Embarrassed by their country, a group of teenage boys, led by Knud Pedersen and his brother, formed a secret club to sabotage their Nazi occupiers. Slashing tires and stealing weapons, the Churchill Club boys risked capture and death at every turn. How long can the Churchill Club remain a secret? What will the Nazis do to them if they're caught? These brave teenagers changed history, sparked a resistance movement, and saved their country. Imagine what you would do.



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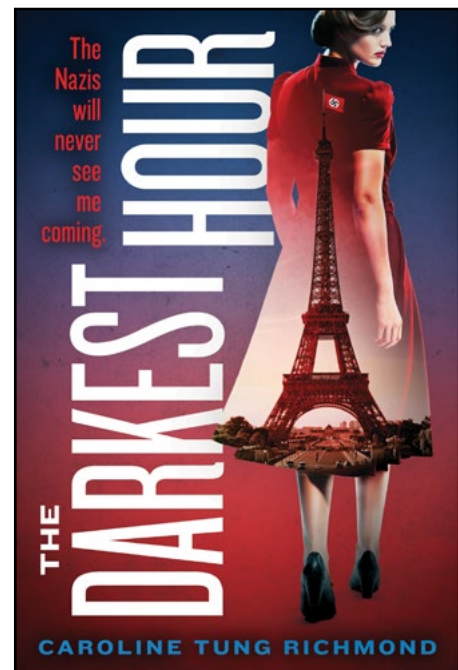


The Darkest Hour

by Caroline Tung Richmond

Booktalk!

Lucie is a 16-year-old spy. After her brother was killed by the Nazis, she joined Covert Ops, a secret group of teenage women. Their mission is simple – gather intelligence and eliminate Nazi targets. With a limited number of deadly weapons at her disposal and the enemy always close, chances for success seem impossible. Now that she has learned about Zerfall, a deadly and sinister plan to poison and kill innocents in Western Europe, Lucie and her band of sisters use their wit and wiles to outsmart the Nazis. But how many will die before their mission is complete?



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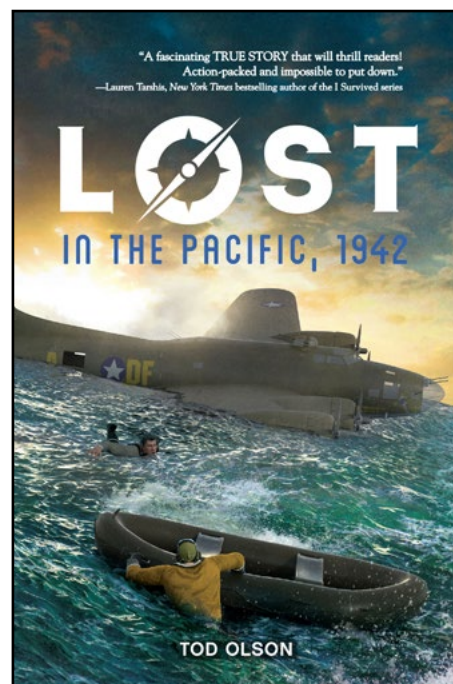


Lost in the Pacific, 1942

by *Tod Olson*

Booktalk!

During World War II, a plane carrying eight men crashed into the Pacific Ocean. On the plane was Colonel Eddie Rickenbacker, the world's most famous pilot. The men used three inflatable rafts to stay afloat in miles of ocean; supplies had been left behind. The men could last two to three months without food, but it would be a miracle to survive two weeks without fresh water. The men constantly thought about food, refusing to believe they had begun the process of starvation. Days passed and as spirits sank, each man realized the end was just a few hours away.



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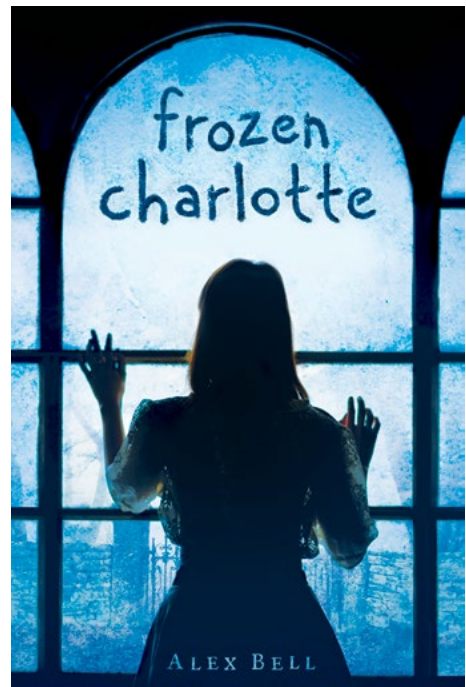


Frozen Charlotte

by Alex Bell

Booktalk!

People believe Jay died when the brakes on his bike failed. Prior to Jay's tragic death, he and his best friend, 15-year-old Sophie, successfully contacted the spirit of Sophie's dead cousin Rebecca by using a Ouija board. Determined to learn the truth about what killed Rebecca and whether Jay's death is connected, Sophie travels to her dead cousin's house, where she discovers that Rebecca collected dolls based on an old song about a dead girl named Charlotte. Now the evil dolls are screaming to be released from the house!



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