



# BOOK FRENZY 2016

## KISS THE BOOK – TOP 50 SECONDARY

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**Alward, Amy *Madly***, 384 pages. Simon & Schuster, 2015. \$18. Language: PG (5 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G.  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Arnold, Shari *Neverland***, 358 pages. CreateSpace, 2015. Content: G.  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Barnes, Jennifer Lynn *The Fixer*** (*The Fixer*, #1), 370 pgs. Bloomsbury, 2015. \$17.99 Content: Language: PG (4 swears); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG-13.  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss *Book Scavenger***, 368 pages. Henry Holt (Macmillan), 2015. \$17.  
EL, MS – ESSENTIAL.

**Bow, Erin *The Scorpion Rules***, 384 pages. Margaret K. McElderry (Simon), 2015. \$18. Language: R (37 swears, 2 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (talk of off page sex, pregnancy alluded to).  
MS -OPTIONAL, HS - ADVISABLE.

**Bracken, Alexandra *The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy*** (*Star Wars: A New Hope*: 4). 317 pages. Disney, 2015. \$18. Content: G (no swears, some but negligible violence, no mature content).  
EL, MS - ESSENTIAL.

ALSO – **Angleberger, Tom *Beware the Power of the Dark Side*** (*Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*: 6)  
ALSO – **Gidwitz, Adam *So You Want to be a Jedi*** (*Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*: 5)

**Braswell, Liz *Once Upon a Dream***, 448 pages. Disney, APRIL 2016. \$18. Language: PG (6 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Maleficent kills people to fuel her powers, some blood).  
MS – ESSENTIAL.

**Brown, Don *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans***, 93 pgs. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. \$18.99 GRAPHIC NOVEL Content: PG-13.  
MS, HS-ESSENTIAL.

**Brown, Rachel Manija and Sherwood Smith *Stranger***, 416 p. Viking (Penguin), 2015. Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (volume, but surprisingly low on gore).  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

**Burleigh, Robert *Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea***, illustrated by Raul Colon. PICTURE BOOK. Simon & Schuster, 2016. \$18. Content: G.  
EL – ADVISABLE. MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Carbone, Courtney (adaptor) *Srsly Hamlet*** 101 pages, Random House, 2015. \$9.99 Content: Language: PG (0 technical swears, lots of emoticon versions); Mature Content: PG Violence: PG  
MS, HS –ESSENTIAL

**Carbone, Courtney *Macbeth #killingit***, 81 pages. Random House, 2016. \$10. Language: PG (uses several abbreviations that included F for the 'f'-word.)  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Wright, Brett *YOLO Juliet*** (OMG Shakespeare), 95 pages. Random House, 2015. \$10.  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL. Cindy, Library Teacher  
ALSO – **Wright, Brett *A Midsummer Night #nofilter***

**Cornwell, Betsy *Mechanica***, 307 pages. Clarion Books (Houghton), 2015. \$18. Content: G. MS, HS – ADVISABLE.

**Danticat, Edwidge *Untwine***, 320 pages. Scholastic, September 2015. Content: G. MS, HS – ESSENTIAL. Cindy, Library Teacher

**Dessen, Sarah *Saint Anything***, 417 pages. Viking (Penguin), 2015. \$20. Language: PG-13 (40 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (some teen drinking); Violence: G. MS, HS - ESSENTIAL.

**Dominy, Amy Fellner *A Matter of Heart***, pgs. 303. Delacorte Press (Random), 2015. \$17.99 PG Language: about 11 swears, no "F" word; Mature Content: PG13 – making out in the backseat of a car; almost having sex; drinking; getting drunk; thinking about ending your life. Older MS / HS – ADVISABLE.

**Donnelly, Jennifer *These Shallow Graves***, 482 pgs. Delacorte Press (Random), 2015. \$19.99 Content: Language: PG-13 (44 swears); Mature content: PG-13; Violence: PG-13. HS – ESSENTIAL. .

**Funaro, Gregory *Alistair Grim's Odd Aquaticum***, 432 pages. Disney • Hyperion, 2016. \$16.99, Language - PG (0 swears, 0 "f"), Sexual Content - PG; Violence - PG; MS-ESSENTIAL  
ALSO - *Alistair Grim's Odditorium*

**Gangsei, Jan *Zero Day***, 359 pages. Hyperion (Disney), 2015. \$18. Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (explosion); Language: PG-13 (54 swears, 0 'f'). MS – ADVISABLE. HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Gray, Claudia *Lost Stars*** (Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens), 560 pages. Disney, 2015. \$18. Language: PG-13 (35 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (beating). MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Hall, Shyima *Hidden Girl***, 232 pages. Simon and Schuster, 2014. \$12. Content: G. MS, HS - ESSENTIAL.

**Hepler, Heather *Frosted Kisses*** 261 pages, Point, 2015, \$17.99 Language:G(0 swears; 0 "f"); Mature Content:PG;Violence:G MS-ESSENTIAL

**Hoose, Phillip *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Petersen and the Churchill Club***, 192 pages. NON-FICTION. Farrar, Straus, Giroux (Macmillan), 2015. \$20. Content: G. MS, HS – ESSENTIAL. Cindy, Library Teacher

**Huey, Lois Miner *Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery***, 49 pages. Millbrook (Lerner), 2015. \$25. Content:G. MS – ADVISABLE.

**Hunt, Lynda Mullaly *Fish in a Tree***, 272 pgs, Penguin, 2015. \$16.99. Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG. EL, MS ADVISABLE Lisa Librarian

**Klavan, Andrew *Mindwar***, 319 pgs., HarperCollins Christian Publishing, Inc., 2014, \$15.99 Language: PG (2 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13, MS- ESSENTIAL. ALSO: *Hostage Run, Game Over*

**Knight, Mary *Saving Wonder***, 272 pgs., Scholastic Press, Language:PG(1 swear, 0 “f”);Mature Content:G; Violence:G.  
MS-ADVISABLE.

**Lackey, Mercedes, *Hunter***. Pgs. 374. Disney Hyperion, 2015. \$17.99. Language: G, Mature Content: PG-13, Violence: PG-13  
MS, HS. ESSENTIAL.

**Lee, Stan *Zodiac Legacy: Convergence***, 480 p. Disney, 2015. \$18. Language: G; Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (lots of fighting, some bloody).  
MS – ADVISABLE; HS – ESSENTIAL. ALSO: ***The Dragon’s Return***

**Lewis, R.C. *Spinning Starlight***, 336 pages. Disney, OCT 2015. Violence: PG; Language: G; Mature Content: G. MS, HS - ADVISABLE. Cindy, Library Teacher

**Lupica, Mike *Fast Break***, 262 pages. Philomel (Penguin), 2015. \$18. Content: G.  
EL, MS - ESSENTIAL.

**MacKenzie, Ross *The Nowhere Emporium***, 278 pages. Floris Books, 2015. \$10.  
MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Matharu, Taran *The Novice*** (The Summoner #1), 368 pages. Feiwel & Friends (Macmillan), 2015. \$19. Language: PG (3 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (lots of fighting).  
MS, HS – ADVISABLE.

**McClafferty, Carla Killough, *Fouth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football’s Make-or-Break Moment***. Pgs. 96. Carolrhoda Books (Lerner), 2014. \$20.95. INFORMATION.  
MS, HS. ESSENTIAL.

**McCullough, Kelly *School for Sidekicks***, 336 p. Feiwel (Macmillan), 2015. \$17. Language: G; Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (lots of superhero fighting without blood and gore).  
EL, MS – ADVISABLE.

**Morrison, Megan *Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel***, 384 p. Levine (Scholastic), 2015. \$18. Language: G; Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (not graphic)  
EL, MS – ESSENTIAL.

**Moulton, Erin E. *Keepers of the Labyrinth*** 287 pgs., Philomel Books (Penguin), Language: PG(5 swears 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG.  
MS-ESSENTIAL

**Niven, Jennifer *All the Bright Places***, 383 pgs. Alfred A. Knopf (Random), 2015. \$17.99. Language: R (40+ swears, 4 “f”); Mature Content: PG-13 (beer, sex, no drugs); Violence: PG-13 (physical bullying by student and parent).  
HS – ESSENTIAL.

**O’Connell, Libby H. PhD. *The American Plate***, 298 pages. Sourcebooks, 2014. \$30.  
MS, HS – OPTIONAL, ADULTS – ESSENTIAL. Cindy, Library Teacher

**Oakes, Stephanie *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly***, 396 pages. Dial (Penguin), 2015. \$18. Language: R (43 swears, 17 ‘f’); Mature Content: PG (mild sex talk); Violence: R (beatings, bloody, hands chopped off).  
HS – OPTIONAL.

**Parsons, Mark Huntley *Road Rash***, 345 pages. Knopf (Random), 2014. \$17. Language: R (100+ swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (mentions minors drinking); Violence: PG (brandishing a gun, one fight). HS - ADVISABLE (it would be essential, but note the swear count). Cindy, Library Teacher

**Priest, Cherie *I am Princess X***, art by Kali Ciesemeier. 240 p. Levine (Scholastic), May 2015. \$19. Language: PG (17 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (danger, some fighting). MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Sands, Kevin *The Blackthorn Key***, 384 pages. Aladdin (Scholastic), 2015. \$18. Language: G (1 swear, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (one scene about peeing in a barrel); Violence: PG-13 (murders, fires, evidence of torture). EL - OPTIONAL, MS - ESSENTIAL.

**Savage, J. Scott *Fires of Invention*** (Mysteries of Cove), 288 pages. Shadow Mountain, 2015. \$18. Mature Content: G; Language: G; Violence: PG (fantasy violence). EL - OPTIONAL (it's a lot of book); MS - ADVISABLE.

**Smith, Lindsay *Sekret***, 345 pgs. Roaring Brook Press (Macmillan), 2014. \$17.99. Language: PG-13 (10 swears, no 'f'), Mature Content: PG-13; Violence: PG-13. HS -- ESSENTIAL.

**Spinale, Wendy *Everland***, 320 pages. Scholastic Press, MAY 2016. \$18. Language: G, Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (honestly, I was so caught up in the story that I didn't keep track of the violence – it may be PG-13). MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Stohl, Margaret *Forever Red (Black Widow)***, 399 pages. Marvel (Disney), 2015. \$18. Violence: PG-13 (like every Avengers Movie); Mature Content: G; Language: PG (20+ swears, 0 'f'). MS, HS - ESSENTIAL

**Sutcliffe, Jane *Will's Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk***, illustrated by John Shelley. PICTURE BOOK/NON-FICTION. Charlesbridge, 2016. \$18. Content: G. EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL.

**Teague, David and Marisa de los Santos *Connect the Stars***, 341 pgs. Harper Collins, 2015. \$16.99. Language: G; (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG. MS - ESSENTIAL

**Thompson, Ben *The American Civil War*** 352 pgs. Little, Brown and Company, 2014. \$17.00 Content: Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: PG Violence: PG13 MS, HS –ESSENTIAL

**Thompson, Ben *The Vikings (Guts & Glory Series)*** 289 pgs. Little Brown, 2015. \$17.00 Content: Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: PG Violence: PG13 MS, HS –ADVISABLE; ALSO – **Thompson, Ben *World War II***

**Vaughn, J D *The Second Guard***, 432 p. Disney, 2015. \$17. Mature Content: G; Language: PG (3 swears); Violence: PG (fighting, some deaths, low on gore). MS, HS - ESSENTIAL.

**Weitz, Chris, *The Young World***, 373 pgs. Little, Brown and Company. 2014 \$19.99. Language: PG13 (swearing); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13 HS – ESSENTIAL; ALSO – ***The New Order***