

Book Frenzy 2020

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Allies by Alan Gratz, 336 pages. Scholastic Press, OCTOBER 2019. \$18.

Language: PG(14 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (war deaths)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Apocalypse Taco By Nathan Hale 122 pages

GRAPHIC NOVEL Abrams/Amulet, 2019 \$15

Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G;

Violence: PG (Creature violence, peril)

BUYING ADVISORY EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

(B)Batting Order by Mike Lupica, 293 pages. Simon and Schuster, 2019. \$18.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The Best At It by Malik Pancholy, 336 pages. Balzer and Bray (Harper), 2019. \$17

Language: PG (9 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

Binti (Binti #1) by Nnedi Okorafor, 96 pages. Tor, 2015. \$10.

Language: G(0 swears, 0"f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (killings)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

ALSO: Home, The Night Masquerade

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman, 194 pages. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin), 2019. \$17.

Content: Language: G; Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG.

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

**Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs, 388 pages. Simon, 2019. \$18

Language: G (1 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (fighting and shooting)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

**The Devouring Gray* by Christine Lynn Herman, 368 pages. Hyperion (Disney), APRIL 2019. \$19.

Language: R (39 swears, 8 'f'); Mature Content: PG(mention of bisexual couples); Violence: PG-13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Diamond City by Francesca Flores, 400 pages. Wednesday Books (Macmillan),

2020. \$19.

Language: PG13 (12 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Disaster Strikes! The Most Dangerous Space Missions of All Time by Jeffrey Kluger, 218 pages. NON-FICTION. Philomel Books (Penguin), 2019, \$19.

Language: PG (2 swears); Mature Content: PG; Violence PG

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Every Other Weekend by Abigail Johnson, 432 pages. Inkyard Press, 2020. \$19.

Language: R (31 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

(C)Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate by Sara Levine, illustrated by Masha D'yans. NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Millbrook Press, 2019.

\$20. 9781541519282

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Fresh Ink by Lamar Giles, 187 pages. Crown Books (Random House Children's Books), 2018. \$17.99

Language: R (46 swears, 8 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH



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***Girls With Sharp Sticks* by Suzanne Young**, 393 pages. Simon Pulse, 2019. \$19.

Language: R (22 swears, 25 "f"); Mature Content: PG-13; Violence: PG

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Goodbye From Nowhere* by Sara Zarr**, 384 pages. Balzer + Bray (Harper), April 2020. \$19

Language: R (100+ swears, 6 "f"); Mature Content: PG-13 (affair); Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Guardians of the Wild Unicorns* by Lindsay Littleton**, 208 pages. Kelpies (Floris Books), 2019. \$10

Language: G(0 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (threats, animal shot)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

****The Guinevere Deception* by Kiersten White**, 337 pages. Delacorte (Random), 2019. \$19.

Content: G (some fighting)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Haunted* by Danielle Vega**, 256 pages. Razorbill (Penguin), 2019. \$18.

Language: PG (34 swears, 4 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (Paranormal activity, violence to a baby)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***(B)Homerooms and Hall Passes* by Tom O'Donnell**, 352 pages. Balzer and Bray (Harper), 2019. \$17

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***I Love You So Mochi* by Sarah Kuhn**, 320 pages. Scholastic, 2019. \$18.

Language: PG-13 (30 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***I'm Not Dying With You Tonight* by Gilly Segal and Kimberly Jones**, 272 pages.

Sourcebooks Fire, 2019. \$13.

Language: R (93 swears, 3 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah**, 294 pages. Delacorte Press (Random), 2019. \$18. 9780525582168

Language: G ; Mature Content: PG-13 (spouse abuse); Violence: PG-13 (shootings, blood, beatings, references to other violence)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ADVISABLE, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***(B)Jacob's Room to Choose* by Sarah and Ian Hoffman, illustrated by Chris Case**. PICTURE BOOK. Magination Press, MAY 2019. \$18. 9781433830730

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

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Killer Style: How Fashion has Injured, Maimed, and Murdered Through History* by Serah-Marie McMahon and Alison Matthews David, illustrated by Gillian Wilson**. 45 pages. NONFICTION. Owl Kids, 2019. \$19. 9781771472531

Language: (swears, "f"); Content: ; Violence:

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Last Wish of Sasha Cade* by Cheyanne Young**, 311 pages. Kids Can Press Loft, 2018. \$11.

Language: R (60 swears, 4 "f"); Mature Content: PG-13 (sexual reference); Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Lonely Dead* by April Henry**, 228 pages. Christy Ottavaino (Macmillan), 2019. \$18.

Content: Language: PG (3 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Look Both Ways: a tale told in ten blocks* by Jason Reynolds**, 188 pages. Atheneum, 2019. \$18.

Language: G (0 swears 0 "f") Mature Content: PG; Violence: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Lost and Found* by Orson Scott Card**, 288 pages. Blackstone Publishing, 2019. \$18.99

Language: R (55 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Lovely and the Lost* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**, 325 pages. Freeform Books (Disney), 2019. \$ 18.

Content: Language: G; Mature Content: G; Violence: PG.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***(B)Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee**, 283 pages. Aladdin (Simon), 2019. \$ 18.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: ADVISABLE

***Nameless Queen* by Rebecca McLaughlin**, 352 pages. Random House, 2020. \$ 18.

Language: PG (15 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG-13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***New Kid* by Jerry Craft** 249 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Harper Collins, 2019. \$ 13.

Language: G (0 swears 0 ‘f’); Mature Content: G; Violence: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Nowhere Boy* by Katherine Marsh**, 360 pages. Roaring Brook Press (Macmillan), 2018. \$ 17.

Content: Language: PG (1 swear); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Overview: A New Way of seeing Earth: Young Reader’s Edition* by Benjamin Grant and Sandra Markle**, 148 pages.

NON-FICTION. Crown (Random), 2019. \$25. 9781984832023

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

****Past Perfect Life* by Elizabeth Eulberg**, 336 pages. Bloomsbury, 2019. \$ 19

Language: R (52 swears, 3 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS, MS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***(B)The Revenge of Magic* by James Riley**, 400 pages. Aladdin (Simon), 2019. \$ 18.

Language: G (0 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (some danger, some fighting)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Rewind* by Carolyn O’Doherty**, 247 pages. Boyds Mills Press (Highlights), 2018. \$ 17.95

Language: PG (7 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Seventh Grade Vs. The Galaxy* by Joshua Levy**. 282 pages, Carolrhoda Books (Lerner), 2019 \$18

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Sky Without Stars (System Divine, # 1)* by Jessica Brody and Joanne Rendell**, 582 pages. Simon Pulse, 2019. \$20.

Content: Language: PG (5 swears); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG-13.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Slay* by Brittney Morris**, 321 pages. Simon Pulse, 2019. \$ 19

Language: R (100+ swears, 5 “f”); Mature Content: PG (drinking mentioned); Violence: G (RPG game fighting)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly**, 352 pages. Scholastic, JUNE 2019. \$ 18.

Language: PG (15 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

****Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance* edited by Bethany C. Morrow**, 272 pages. Arthur Levine (Scholastic), OCTOBER 2019. \$ 18

Language: R (25 swears, 5 “f”); Mature Content: PG; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS, MS – OPTIONAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Tamba: Child Soldier* by Marion Achard, illustrated by Yann Degruel**, 105 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. NBM Publishing, 2019. 9781681122366

Language:G (0 swears, 0 ‘f’) ; Mature Content: PG (rape vaguely implied, smoking depicted, drugs mentioned); Violence: PG-13 (a tiny amount of splatter)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ADVISABLE, HS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Ten Blind Dates* by Ashley Elston**. 336 pages. Hyperion (Disney Book Group), 2019. \$19.

Language: R (47 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***There’s Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon**, 376 pages. Simon Pulse, 2019. \$19.

Content: Language: R (63 swears; 1 ‘f’); Mature Content: PG-13; Violence: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

****Three Dark Crowns* by Kendare Blake**, 416 pages. Harper Teen, 2016. \$18.

Language: PG (1 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG-13 (nondescriptive undressing, alcohol); Violence: R (poisons, graphic deaths, maiming)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Two Can Keep a Secret* by Karen M. McManus**, 327 pages. Delacorte Press (Random), 2019. \$20.

Content: Language: R (87 swears; 15 “f”); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Wall: A Timeless Tale* by Giancarlo Macri and Carolina Zanotti**, illustrated by Mauro Sacco and Elisa Vallarino.

PICTURE BOOK. Happy Fox Books, 2019. \$17. 9781641240383

BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick**, 208 . Blue Sky (Scholastic), 2019. \$18.

Language: G (0 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (some danger)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

****Wreck* by Kirstin Cronn-Mills**, 280 pages. Sky Pony Press, 2019. \$17.

Language: R (100+swears, 20+ “f”); Mature Content: PG-13 (dick pics mentioned, assisted suicide); Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

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