

2024 Book Frenzy - SECONDARY

By Cindy Mitchell and Kiss the Book

***Borrow My Heart* by Kasie West**, 288 pages. Delacorte Press (Random House Children's), 2023. \$12
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (kissing);
Violence: G.
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Christmas Clash* by Suzanne Park**, 349 pages.
Sourcebook Fire, 2022. \$19.
Language: R (45 swears 5 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Christo and Jeanne-Claude Wrap the World* by G. Neri**,
illustrated by Elizabeth Haidle. NON-FICTION PICTURE
BOOK. Candlewick, 2023. \$19. 9781536216615
BUYING ADVISORY: EL - ADVISABLE; MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Code Red* by Joy McCullough**, 228 pages. Atheneum (Simon), 2023. \$18.
Mature Content: G (talk of menstruation, some bullying about periods)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Come Home Safe* by Brian Buckmire**, 190 pages. Blink, 2023. \$18
Language: G (no swears); Mature Content: PG (marijuana mentioned); Violence: PG (manhandling by the police, yelling)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things* by Maya Prasad**, 464 pages. Disney Hyperion, 2022. \$18
Language: G (1 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG (one instance of underage drinking at a party, dealing with grief over the death of family members); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Dungeons and Drama* by Kristy Boyce**, 304 pages. Delacorte Press (Random House), 2024. \$12.
Language: PG (13 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG
Mature content: mentions of alcohol (including underage drinking), illegal activity, kissing, and innuendo. Violence: a joke about running into oncoming traffic.
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE



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***The Enigma Girls* by Candace Fleming**, 325 pages. NON-FICTION. Scholastic, MARCH 2024. \$20
Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS, ADULTS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Fire, The Water, and Maudie McGinn* by Sally J. Pla**, 324 pages. Quill Tree (Harper), 2023. \$20
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (implied physical abuse); Violence: PG (one violent scene - no blood)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL

***The Firefly Summer* by Morgan Matson**. 388 pages. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2023. \$19
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Ghostlight* by Kenneth Oppel**, 400 pages. Knopf (Random House). 2022 \$18.
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G (1 teen kiss); Violence: PG (ghost hunters, evil ghost which devours other ghosts, described violence of "blowing up" ghosts, peril, fright).
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL, HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Global: One fragile world. An epic fight for survival* by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin, illustrated by Giovanni Rigano**, 144 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL Sourcebooks. 2023. \$15
Language: G (no swears) Mature Content: G Violence: PG (life-threatening situations with nature)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Gray* by Chris Baron**, 304 pages. Feiwel & Friends (Macmillan), 2023. \$19
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (some bullying, child sexual abuse inferred)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Hidden Systems: Water, Electricity, the Internet, and the Secrets Behind the Systems We Use Every Day* by Dan Nott**, 272 pages. NON FICTION, GRAPHIC NOVEL Random House Graphic. 2023. \$14
Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Hope Ablaze* by Sarah Mughal Rana**, 384 pages. Wednesday Books (St. Martin's Press), 2024. \$20.
Language: PG13 (28 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG
Mature content: tobacco use, a terrorist joke, illegal activity, and themes dealing with racism and Islamophobia. Violence: mentions of guns and shootings.
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Lake House* by Sarah Beth Durst**. 368 pages. HarperTeen, 2023. \$18
Language: PG-13 (14 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (brief kiss, survival struggles such as hunger and dehydration); Violence: PG-13 (finding a body killed by shooting, being shot at, being held at knife point, suicidal death by gunshot with no details)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Last Chance Dance* by Lakita Wilson**. 326 pages. Viking, Penguin Random House LLC, 2023. \$19
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (some kissing, one incident of underage drinking); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Lei And The Fire Goddess* by Malia Maunakea**, 298 pages. Penguin Workshop, 2023. \$18
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (some fighting, not described in detail).
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Lo & Behold* by Wendy Mass, illustrated by Gabi Mendez**, 218 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL, Random House. 2023. \$21
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Mascot* by Charles Waters and Traci Sorell**, 256 pages. Charlesbridge/Imagine, 2023 \$18.00
Language: G (references to racist words, but nothing overtly offensive); Mature Content: G.
Violence: G.
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Mexikid: a graphic memoir* by Pedro Martin**, 309 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Dial (Penguin), 2023. \$23.
Language: PG (1 swear 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (naked doll illustration, pee and diarrhea references); Violence: PG (danger, depictions of fighting)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle* by Taryn Sounders**, 304 pages. Sourcebooks, 2023. \$8
Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

***Never Coming Home* by Kate Williams**, 304 pages. Delacorte (Random), 2022. \$19
Language: R (60+ swears, 20+ 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (body parts mentioned, some drinking); Violence: PG-13 (ten deaths by various means, a couple are described)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Occulted* by Amy Rose, Ryan Estrada and Jeongmin Lee**, 172 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL Iron Circus Comics. 2023. \$15
Language: G; Mature Content: PG; Violence: G;
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ADVISABLE; HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Only Girl in Town* by Ally Condie**, 336 pages. Dutton (Penguin), 2023. \$20
Language: PG (5 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Poop for Breakfast: why some animals eat it* by Sara Levine, illustrated by Florence Weiser.**
NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK Millbrook (Lerner), 2023. \$21. 9781728457963
BUYING ADVISORY: EL (K-3), EL, MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Powerless* by Lauren Roberts**, 528 pages. Simon & Schuster BFYR, 2023. \$15
Language: R (154 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G (kissing); Language: PG-13 (bloody fighting)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Queen Bee* by Amalie Howard**, 343 pages. Joy Revolution (Random House), 2023. \$19
Language: G (5 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright**, 240 pages. Shadow Mountain Publishing, 2022. \$18.
9781629729855
Language: G (0 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG
Mature content: mentions of alcohol abuse. Violence; blood, mentions of gang violence and human trafficking, gun use, and murder.
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Show Us Who You Are* by Elle McNicoll**, 304 pages. Crown (Random House), 2022. \$17.
Language: PG (9 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Car Accident - not graphic)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration* by Elizabeth Partridge and Lauren Tamaki**, 123 pages. NON-FICTION Chronicle/Blue Apple. 2022. \$22
Language: G; Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (protesting resulting in people shot and 1 death).
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Skating on Mars* by Caroline Huntoon**, 213 pages. Fiewel and Friends (Macmillan), 2023. \$18
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (penis mentioned as differentiating between "boys" and "girls"); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Sneakers: The Cool Stories and Facts Behind Every Pair (How it Happened)* by Stephanie Warren Drimmer and Dan Sipple**, 192 pages. NON-FICTION. Union Square Kids, 2023. \$13.
9781454945123
Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
ALSO: Gum, Pizza
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Snow Fell Three Graves Deep* by Allan Wolf**, 402 Historical Fiction Candlewick. 2020. \$15
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG; Violence: PG-13 (Murder and cannibalism)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS, ADULT - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***The Snow Man* by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Jeanette Winter**. NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK.
Beach Lane (Simon), 2023. \$19. 9781665932394
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Song of Silver, Flame Like Night* by Amelie Wen Zhao**, 455 pgs. Delacorte Press, 2023. \$20.
Language: PG (12 swears); Mature Content: PG (kissing); Violence: PG-13 (forced kiss, bloody deaths, beatings, fighting, mortal peril)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

***Songs of America YRE: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music that Made a Nation* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw**, 221 pages. Delacorte (Random House), 2019. \$25
BUYING ADVISORY: ADULTS - ADVISABLE; HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE
<https://hudsonarealibrary.org/programs/adult-programs/nonfiction-book-group/playlist-for-the-book-songs-of-america-by-meachem-and-mcgraw/>

***Swimming in a Sea of Stars* by Julie Wright**, 256 pages. Shadow Mountain Publishing, 2023. \$20.
Language: G (0 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13
Mature content: mentions of drugs, alcohol, and illegal activity; innuendo; and implied sexual abuse.
Violence: mentions of abuse, self harm, and guns; also discussions of suicide.
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***This Day Changes Everything* by Edward Underhill**, 288 pages. Wednesday Books (St. Martin's Press), 2024. \$20.
Language: R (83 swears, 31 "f"); Mature Content: PG; Violence: G
Mature content: mentions of alcohol.
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***Vicious is My Middle Name* by Kevin Dunn**, 228 pages. Fitzroy Books, 2022. 9781646032808. \$17.
Language: G (6 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G (non-physical, but repetitive bullying)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL; HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

***The Voice Upstairs* by Laura E. Weymouth**, 320 pages. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2023. \$20
Language: PG-13 (19 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (passionate kissing); Violence: PG-13 (deaths and bullying)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ADVISABLE
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Whale Fall: Exploring an Ocean-Floor Ecosystem by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Rob Dunlavey.
NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK. Random House, 2023. \$19. 9780593380604
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

What Happened to Rachel Riley? By Claire Swinarski, Quill Tree (Harper), 2023. \$20
Language: G (1 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G ; Violence: G (pulling bra straps mentioned)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

When We Had Summer by Jennifer Castle. 324 pages. Hyperion, 2023. \$19
Language: PG (30 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (death, grief, anxiety, some chaste kissing)
Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

Where He Can't Find You by Darcy Coates, 416 pages. Sourcebooks Fire, 2023. \$9
Language: PG-13 (10 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: R (bloody deaths)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL AUDIENCE APPEAL - HIGH

Wild Poppies by Haya Saleh, 178 pages. Levine Querido, 2023. \$18.
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (child brides mentioned, taking drugs to cope mentioned, beating mentioned); Violence: PG-13 (corpses mentioned, children using guns,
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

Wilds of the United States-An Animals Survival Field Guide by Alexander Vidal. 128 pages.
PICTURE BOOK NON-FICTION Chronicle Books LLC, 2022. \$23. 9781452184494
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

A Work in Progress by Jarrett Lerner, 360 pages. Aladdin Simon and Schuster. 2023 \$18.
Language: PG (1 swear 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G (bullying language).
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL AUDIENCE APPEAL: AVERAGE

Worldwide Crush by Kristin Nilsen, 272 pages. SparkPress, 2023. \$13
Content: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL

You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight by Kalynn Bayron
240 pages. Bloomsbury YA, 2023. \$15
Language: R (95 swears 2 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (Kids having sex and drinking, cults) Violence: R (Bloody injuries with descriptions of injured organs, etc.)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

