

## 2025 Book Frenzy - SECONDARY

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### ABDO ENCYCLOPEDIAS

**All Better Now by Neal Shusterman**, 528 pages. Simon & Schuster, 2025. \$22.

Language: R (94 swears, 6 “f”); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**And Then, Boom! by Lisa Fipps**, 244 pages. NOVEL IN VERSE. Nancy Paulsen (Penguin), 2024. \$18.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Beneath a Crescent Shadow (The Balkan Legends #1) by A. L. Sowards**, 342 pages. Shadow Mountain Publishing, 2024. \$23.

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

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE APPEALS TO: MANY

**Beastly Beauty by Jennifer Donnelly**, 336 pages. Scholastic, 2024. \$19

Language: R (75 swears, 0 “F”); Mature Content: PG (robbery, implied seduction)

Violence: PG (peril)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS, ADULT - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO MANY

**Bright Red Fruit by Safia Elhillo**, 368 pages. Make Me a World (Random House), 2024. \$20.

Language: G (0 swears 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG (kissing) Violence: PG13 (sexual assault attempt)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: AVERAGE

**Brownstone by Samuel Teer and Mar Julia**, 320 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL HarperCollins, 2024. \$19.

Language: R (21 swears 4 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: G.

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL



APPEALS TO: MANY

**The Calculation of You and Me by Serena Kaylor**, 336 pages. Wednesday Books (St. Martin’s Press), 2024. \$24.

Language: R (79 swears, 1 “f”); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**The Color of a Lie by Kim Johnson**, 325 pages. Penguin, 2024. \$20

Language: G (1 swear, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG (kissing); Violence: PG (Fight between characters resulting in an accidental death)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS, ADULT - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**A Crane Among Wolves by June Hur**, 368 pages. Feiwel & Friends (Macmillan), 2024. \$18

Language: PG-13 (31 swears, 1 “f”); Mature Content: PG (kissing); Violence: R (repeated bloody deaths)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

APPEALS TO: MANY

**The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly**, 253 pages. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins), 2024. \$20.

Language: PG (5 swears (deity) 0 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (bully)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**The Frindle Files by Andrew Clements**, 198 pages. Random House, 2024. \$18.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Hatchet Girls by Diana Rodriguez Wallach**, 326 pages. Young Adult Delacorte (Random House), 2023. \$19

Language: R (86 swears, 0 "F"); Mature Content: PG-13 (allusions to sexual activity); Violence: R (two axe murders)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS, ADULT – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Heir by Sabaa Tahir**, 512 pages. G.P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin), 2024. \$18

Language: R (37 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG-13 (implied sex); Violence: PG-13 (bloody deaths)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Heiress Takes All by Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka**, 368 pages. Little, Brown Books, 2024. \$19.

Language: R (79 swears, 6 "f"); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Iceberg by Jennifer Nielsen**, 352 pages. Scholastic Press, 2023. \$13.

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

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**I Will Follow by Eireann Corrigan**, 272 pages. Scholastic, 2024. \$14

Language: G (8 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG-13 (kidnapping, drugged, handcuffed)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**An Illustrated History of Urban Legends by Adam Allsuch Boardman**, 123 pages. NON-FICTION. Flying Eye Books, 2024. \$20.

9781838749101

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**I'm Sorry You Got Mad by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Julie Kwon**. PICTURE BOOK. Dial (Penguin), 2024. \$19. 9780593462911

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**I'm Trying to Love Germs by Bethany Barton**. PICTURE BOOK NON-FICTION Viking (Penguin), 2023. \$19. 9780593326725

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

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Jacob's Missing Book by Sarah and Ian Hoffman, illustrated by Chris Case**. PICTURE BOOK. Magination, 2024. \$18.

9781433844584

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

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Just Keep Walking by Erin Soderberg Downing**, 256 pages. Scholastic, 2024. \$25.

Content: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**The Kill Factor by Ben Oliver**, 368 pages. Chicken House (Scholastic), 2024. \$16

Language: R (41 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG (kissing); Violence: PG-13 (bloody death)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**The Liars Society by Alyson Gerber**, 304 pages. Middle Grade Scholastic, 2024. \$15

Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Life After Whale: The Amazing Ecosystem of a Whale Fall** by Lynn Brunelle, illustrated by Jason Chin. NON-FICTION, PICTURE BOOK Neal Porter (Holiday House), 2024 \$19. 9780823452286  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**Lifeboat 5** by Susan Hood, 228 pages. Simon, 2024. \$18  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG (some deaths); Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**Louder Than Hunger** by John Schu, 516 pages. Candlewick, 2024. \$19.  
Language: PG (1 swear 0 ‘f’); Mature Content: G; Violence: (Bullying, self destructive behavior)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**Messi Mania** by Luis Miguel Echegaray, 160 pages. NON-FICTION BIOGRAPHY. Holler (Quarto), 2025. \$16  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**The New Girl** by Cassandra Calin, 272 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL Graphix (Scholastic), 2024. \$13  
Language: G (0 swears) Mature Content: PG (menstruation issues) Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE APPEALS TO: MANY

**Not if You Break Up With Me First** by G.F. Miller, 278 pages. Simon and Schuster, 2024. \$19.  
Content: PG (no overt content issues, but lots of simmering anger about pranks as the two main characters resolve their issues)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**Popcorn** by Rob Harrell, 286 pages. Dial (Penguin), 2024. \$19.  
Language: G (2 swears, 0 F); Mature Content: G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**Puzzled** by Pan Cooke, 224 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL Rocky Pond Books Penguin, 2024 \$14  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**Rise up and Sing!: Power, Protest, and Activism in Music** by Andrea Warner, illustrated by Lousie Reimer, 183 pages. NON-FICTION. Greystone Kids, 2024. \$22  
Content: G (mentions alternative lifestyles with no descriptions)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**Select** by Christie Matheson, 240 pages. Random House, 2024. \$18  
Language: G (0 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: G (bullying mentioned)  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**Shaken** by James Preller, 240 pages. Feiwel (Macmillan), 2024. \$18  
Content: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL, HS – ADVISABLE APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

**Sherlock Society** by James Ponti, 352 pages. Aladdin (Simon and Schuster), 2024. \$19  
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G  
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE APPEALS TO: MANY

**Silent Sister** by Megan Davidhizar, 352 pages. Random House, 2024. \$20  
Language: G ( swears, “f”); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (tension, arguing, a death)  
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ESSENTIAL APPEALS TO: MANY

**Sticky Note Manifesto of Aisha Agarwal by Ambika Vohra.** 368 pages. Quill Tree Books (HarperCollins), 2024. \$20.

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

The mature content rating is for underage drinking, mentions of drugs and nudity, kissing, and mild innuendo. The violence rating is for a joke about murder.

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE

APPEALS TO: MANY

**The Summer She Went Missing by Chelsea Ichaso.** 384 pages. Sourcebooks Fire, 2024. \$9

Language: R (61 swears 0 ‘f’); Mature Content: PG-13 (underage drinking); Violence: PG-13 (bloody death and abuse)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: HIGH

**The Thieves Gambit by Kayvion Lewis.** 364 pages. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin), 2023. \$20.

Language: PG-13 (29 0 ‘f’); Mature Content: PG-13 (There are instances of underage drinking, mentions of sexual topics, and

drugging of a character but he isn’t hurt while drugged.) Violence: PG-13 (There are instances of characters getting beaten up and shot - but they aren’t descriptive beyond some mentions of blood).

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO MANY

**This Dark Descent by Kalyn Josephson,** 400 pages. Roaring Brook (Macmillan), 2023. \$10

Language: PG-13 (25 swears, 0 ‘f’); Mature Content: PG-13 (implied sex, off page) ; Violence: PG-13 (bloody death)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE

APPEALS TO: MANY

**The Thirteenth Child by Erin A. Craig,** 512 pages. Delacorte Press (Random), 2024. \$16

Language: PG-13 (14 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG-13 (fondling); Violence: PG-13 (bloody deaths)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Threads That Bind by Kika Hatzopoulou,** 352 pages. Razorbill (Penguin), 2024. \$20.

Language: R (80 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG13; Violence: PG13

BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: HIGH

**The Three Little Tardigrades by Sandra Fay.** PICTURE BOOK. Henry Holt (Macmillan), 2024. \$19. 9781250776099

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS, HS – ADVISABLE

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Two Sides to Every Murder by Danielle Valentine.** 288 pages. Penguin, 2024 \$15

Language: R (75 swears, 0 f) Mature Content: PG (kissing) Violence: PG-13 (bloody deaths)

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Ultraviolet by Aida Salazar,** 304 pages. Scholastic Press, 2024. \$19.

Language: PG (12 swears, 0 “f”); Mature Content: PG-13 (references sex-ed, adolescent sexual development - both male & female, toxic masculinity, cyberbullying, briefly mentions online predators); Violence: PG (one physical altercation, repeated cyberbullying);

BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: AVERAGE

**Waist-Deep in Dung: A Stomach-Churning Look at the Grossest Jobs Throughout History by Christine Virnig, illustrated by Korwin Briggs.** 210 pages. NON-FICTION Henry Holt (Macmillan), 2024. \$22

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**What We Saw by Aaron Hartzler,** 336 pages. HarperTeen, 2015. \$11

Language: R (79 swears 5 ‘f’); Mature Content: R (sexual assault) Violence: R (rape)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: HIGH

**What's Eating Jackie Oh? by Patricia Park**, 327 pages. Crown (Random), 2024. \$20.

Language: PG (7 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Hate crimes mentioned)

BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**Wild Wave by Rodman Philbrick**, 194 pages. Scholastic, 2024. \$19. 9781338882315

Content: G (mild danger)

BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS – ESSENTIAL

APPEALS TO: MANY

**With a Little Luck by Marissa Meyer**, 368 pages. Feiwel & Friends, 2024. \$19.

Language: R (40 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G (kissing); Violence: G

BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL

APPEALS TO: MANY