November 2026 Book Frenzy - SECONDARY

By Cindy Mitchell and Kiss the Book

13 Little Love Stories **by Elise Bryant and co,** 336 pages. SHORT STORIES. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books (Penguin Random House), 2026. $13.
Language: R (114 swears, 16 "f"); Mature Content: R (alcohol use (including underage drinking), kissing, innuendo, illegal activity, sexual harassment, nudity, and mentions of drugs, STDs, and sex); Violence: PG (assault and mentions of murder)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

The Aftermyth **by Tracy Wolff,** 434 pages. Aladdin (Simon), 2026. $19
Content: G (mild danger)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Anna-Jane and the Endless Summer **by Paige Classey**, 387 pages. NOVEL IN VERSE. Random House, 2026. $ 18
Language: G (1 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (ghost story about a drowning, mild threats of violence, gun and knife threats)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Building 903 **by Lois Lowry** 240 pages. HarperCollins, September 2026. $20 Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Busted **by Dan Gemeinhart,** 352 pages. Henry Holt (Macmillan), 2025. $18.
Language: PG (20 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (peril, Oscar gets punched in the face a couple of times causing nose bleeding and black eye)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Checking You Out **by Jennifer Chen**, 320 pages. Wednesday Books (St. Martin's Press), 2026. $15.
Language: R (55 swears, 0 "f"); Mature Content: PG (kissing, mentions of alcohol, partial nudity, and mild innuendo); Violence: PG (discussions of bullying)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

Dragonborn **by Struan Murray**, 320 pages. Dutton (Penguin), 2026. $20.
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (bullying, dragon fighting, battle)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

***The Escape Game* by Marissa Meyer and Tamara Moss**, 403 pages. Putnam (Penguin), 2026. $23.
Language: R (98 swears, 8 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (affairs mentioned, light kiss); Violence: PG-13 (cow heart in fridge, body in coffin, fighting with sword, gun shot)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

***Every Reason to Stay* by Lane Clarke**, 305 pages. JULY 2026. $20.
Language: R (78 swears, 7 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Everything Amplified* by Sarah Lippett, Ziggy Hanaor**. 270 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Cicada Books, 2026. $26
Language: R (40 swears, 17 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (drinking, vaping, kissing, joke mentioning "vagina"); Violence: PG-13 (bullying, self-harm)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Extraordinary Quests for Amateur Witches* by Kayla Cottingham,** 416 pages. Random House Children's Books (Penguin Random House), 2025. $20.
Language: R (49 swears, 12 "f"); Mature Content: PG-13 (repeated underage drinking, repeated kissing on page, and a couple of sexual innuendos); Violence: R (repeated bloody, graphic (fantasy & human) violence, with the on-page death of a dozen mercenaries)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
AUDIENCE APPEAL: MANY

***Falling Like Leaves* by Misty Wilson**, 333 pages. McElderry (Simon), 2025. $21.
Language: R (61 swears, 4 'f'); Mature Content: PG (passionate kissing); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

***The Fangirl Project* by Beth Reekles**, 350 pages. Delecorte (Random House), 2025. $13 (pb)
Language: R (39 swears, 1 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (kiss, some drinking); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Friend Group* (Friend Group #1) by Lisa Greenwald**, 352 pages. NOVEL IN VERSE HarperCollins, 2026. $20
Language: PG (29 swears - all God, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Grin* by D. W. Gillespie**, 264 pages. Delacorte (Random House), 2025. $18. 9780593814888
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (possession, some blood, lots of tension)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Holding on for Dear Life **by Dusti Bowling,** 240 pages. Bloomsbury, October 2025. $18.
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Rodeo injuries, described concussions, violent bullrides, no gore)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ADVISABLE
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

How to Say Goodbye in Cuban **by Daniel Miyares,** 240 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL Random House, 2025. $22.
Language: G; Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Peril, Police holding family at gunpoint)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

I Know You Started It **by Daphne Benedis-Grab,** 240 pages. Scholastic, APRIL 2026. $9 (paperback)
Content: PG (blackmail and blackmailable offenses mentioned)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

A Kid Like Me **by Norm Feuti**, 272 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL HarperCollins, 2026. $25.
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Kissing Cowboys **(Kissing Cowboys #1) by Meg Cabot**, 336 pages. HarperCollins, December 2026. $20.
Language: PG13 (37 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (making out, reference to breasts); Violence: PG (fight, accident with injury)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Last Chance Live! **by Helena Haywoode Henry,** 544 pages. Penguin, 2025. $22
Language: R (91 swears, 4 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: R (gruesome ways to kill someone mentioned, detailed murder scenes committed by characters, rape mentioned, capital punishment)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Love at Full Tilt **by Jenny L. Howe**, 369 pages. Delacorte (Random), 2025. $13 (pb)
Language: R (72 swears, 1 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (kissing, mentions of sex and of lost virginity; stranger grabs her butt); Violence: PG (zombie walkthrough attraction)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

Mexikid Dreams **(Mexikid #2) by Pedro Martin**, 320 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL. Penguin, SEPTEMBER 2026. $25
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (sibling fights and pranks, also guard violence at a prison)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

***Most Likely To Murder* by Lish McBride**, 308 pages. Putnam (Penguin), 2026. $13 (pb)
Language: R (100+ swears, 24 'f'); Mature Content: PG (mild sexual allusion, condoms mentioned, kisses); Violence: PG-13 (corpses)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***My Tokyo Summer* by Abby Denson and Utomaru**, 208 pages. GRAPHIC NOVEL, memoir. Graphix (Scholastic), 2026. $17
Language: G (0 swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Nature Poems to See By* illustrated by Julian Peters,** 141 pages. Plough, 2026. $30. 9781636081748
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***No Purchase Necessary* by Maria Marianayagam**, 256 pages. HarperCollins, 2025. $19.
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Bullying, fight which draws blood)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS – ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***An Ocean Apart* by Jill Tew,** 339 pages. Joy Revolution (Random), 2025. $20
Language: PG-13 (28 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG (kissing); Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – ADVISABLE
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Paint Me Like Your Dead Girls* by Cynthia Murphy,** 252 pages. Delacorte Press (Penguin Random House), 2026. $13.
Language: R (63 swears, 2 "f"); Mature Content: PG13 (drug and alcohol use including underage drinking, illegal activity, scary elements, kissing, innuendo, and mentions of condoms, prostitution, sexual harassment, nudity in art, and of rape alarms); Violence: PG13 (corpses, blood and gore, and murder)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Paradise Coast* by Suzanne Young,** 320 pages. Simon & Schuster, 2026. $20
Language: R (100+ swears, 54 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (passionate kissing, drinking); Violence: PG-13 (fighting, harassment, description of dead body)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***River of Spirits* (The Underwild #1) by Shana Targosz**, 416 pages. Aladdin (Simon), 2025. $19
Language: G (6 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (peril, some fighting)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***A Scar Like a River* by Lisa Graff,** 386 pages. Little Brown, FEB 2026. $18
Language: G (10 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (see Violence); Violence: PG-13 (sexual assault vaguely described, "night games" and unwanted touching mentioned)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Sleepless* by Gordon Korman,** 240 pages. Scholastic JULY 2026. $19
Content: G (mild threats)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

***The Steps* by Wendelin Van Draanen,** 256 pages. Holiday House, 2025. $20.
Language: G (6 swears; 0 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (underage smoking, teenage pregnancy mentioned); Violence: PG-13 (mention of animal cruelty, attempted murder)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - ADVISABLE
APPEALS TO: MANY

***The Story of My Anger* by Jasminne Mendez**, 328 pages. Dial (Penguin), 2025. $20.
Language: R (34 swears 13 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (girl fight)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***Survival Show* by Juno Dawson**, 368 pages. Simon and Schuster 2026. $21
Language: R (88 swears, 4 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (deaths mentioned, shots)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS, HS – OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***The Swan's Daughter* by Roshani Chokshi,** 400 pages. St. Martin's, 2026. $22.
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: G (threats, mentions of deaths)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***The Team* by Daphne Benedis-Grab**, 256 pages. Scholastic, SEPTEMBER 2026. $9 (pb)
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (threats, bullying, football hits)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

***This Could All Go Bad* by Spencer Hall**, 256 pages. Bloomsbury, 2026. $21
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (mild danger)
BUYING ADVISORY: MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***This is a Door* by Daniel Nayeri** 400 pages. NOVEL IN VERSE Sourcebooks, 2026. $20
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (Peril, death - not violent nor bloody)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

***The Travelers* by Greg Howard**, 320 pages. Nancy Paulsen (Penguin), 2026. $10
Language: G (0 swears) Mature Content: PG (same sex attraction, death) Violence: G
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ADVISABLE
APPEALS TO: MANY

***War Boats* by Jennifer A. Nielsen**, 304 pages. Scholastic, MARCH 2027. $19
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (war deaths mentioned)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

White Lies: How the South Lost the Civil War then rewrote the History **by Ann Bausum,** 352 pages.
NON-FICTION Roaring Brook Press (Macmillan), 2025. $25.
Language: G (0 swears 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence PG13 (mention of rape, description of violence against enslaved people)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SOME

Who's All Going (to Die)? **by Lisa Springer**, 352 pages. Penguin Random House, 2025. $20
Language: R (75 swears, 6 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (drinking, drugs, kissing); Violence: PG-13 (murder, dead bodies)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS - OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

Wilderness Hacks **by Joslin Brorsen**, 313 pages. Knopf (Random), 2026. $18
Language: G (0 swears, 0 'f'); Mature Content: G; Violence: PG (drowning victim mentioned, blood)
BUYING ADVISORY: EL, MS - ESSENTIAL
APPEALS TO: SEVERAL

You're Dead To Me, Reed Walker **by Gwenyth Reitz,** 352 pages. Roaring Brook (Macmillan), 2026. $21
Language: R (100+ swears, 25+ 'f'); Mature Content: PG (drinking, off page sex); Violence: PG-13 (murders, threats, ghost attacks)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS – OPTIONAL
APPEALS TO: MANY

Zodiac Rising **by Katie Zhao,** 392 pages. Random House, 2024. $20
Language: R (23 swears, 1 'f'); Mature Content: PG-13 (kissing); Violence: PG-13 (bloody death, murder, sword fighting)
BUYING ADVISORY: HS – ADVISABLE
APPEALS TO: MANY