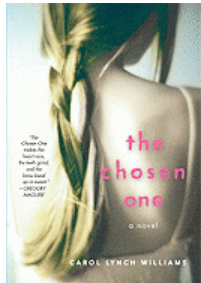


# NEW ENGLAND CHILDREN'S BOOKSELLERS ADVISORY COUNCIL



## THE CHOSEN ONE

by Carol Lynch Williams  
(St. Martin's Griffin)

A suspenseful, realistic story of a young girl in an isolated polygamous community whose forced "engagement" to her 60-year-old blood uncle wakes her up to the truth about the religious leadership's corrupt motives and controlling, misogynistic underpinnings.

Ages 13+



## WINTERGIRLS

by Laurie Halse Anderson  
(Viking)

Lia and Cassie have been friends for years, but when Cassie is found dead in a hotel room Lia's life begins to spiral out of control. Both girls had been battling eating disorders, and Lia's anorexia begins to take over as she is haunted by the spirit of her friend.

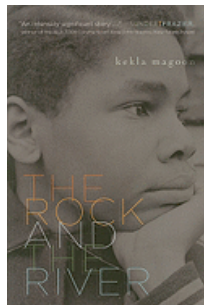
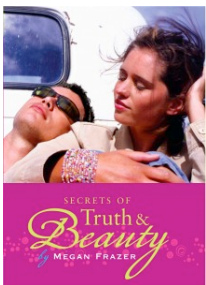
Ages 14+

## SECRETS OF TRUTH & BEAUTY

by Megan Frazer  
(Hyperion)

When Dara Cohen was little, she was a singing sensation and brought home the Little Miss Maine crown. Now she's 17 and not so little anymore. She road trips to a collective goat farm in Massachusetts to stay with the sister no one talks about and she has never met.

Ages 12+



## THE ROCK AND THE RIVER

by Kekla Magoon  
(Aladdin)

This is a compelling read, with strong characters and a vivid backdrop of Chicago in the year Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

Ages 9-14

## IF I STAY

by Gayle Forman  
(Dutton)

*If I Stay* is a tearjerker that works because it is both heartfelt and tightly constructed. Teen readers should be more than ready to join booksellers in embracing this fantastic new book.

Ages 14+



## SCAT

by Carl Hiaasen  
(Alfred A. Knopf)

A much disliked and feared biology teacher goes missing during a class field trip in the swamps of the Everglades.

Nick and Marta display plenty of chutzpa and courage in trying to find out what happened to their missing teacher.

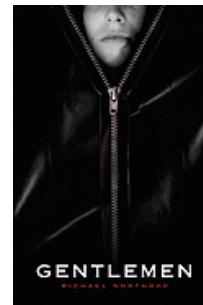
Ages 10+

## GENTLEMEN

by Michael Northrop  
(Scholastic Press)

This debut novel is something like *The Wednesday Wars* meets *The Outsiders*. Northrop expertly leads the reader through the unfolding of the mystery and its aftermath, set against the backdrop of a class studying Dostoevsky's *Crime & Punishment*.

Ages 15+

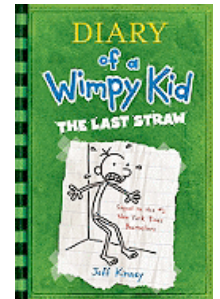


## DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE LAST STRAW

by Jeff Kinney  
(Amulet)

Our unlikely hero, Greg Heffley, is a fairly average middle-schooler, and that's what makes him so great. Greg is always getting into trouble and scheming to find new ways to get out of homework and chores.

Ages 9-14

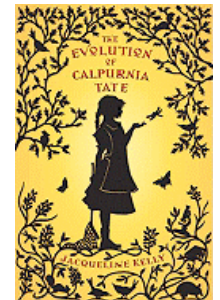


## EVOLUTION OF CALPURNIA TATE

by Jacqueline Kelly  
(Henry Holt & Co.)

As the only girl in a family of 6 brothers in 1899, Calpurnia's life seems to be all planned out for her, but an attentive Callie has other things in mind. Definitely one to watch for next year's Newbery!

Ages 9-12

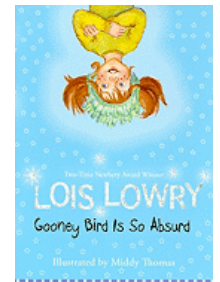


## GOONEY BIRD IS SO ABSURD

by Lois Lowry,  
illus. Middy Thomas  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

In this latest Gooney Bird Greene volume, Mrs. Pidgeon is teaching her class about poetry. But like the good teacher she is, she's not so much teaching her students as she is helping them to learn.

Ages 6-10



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