

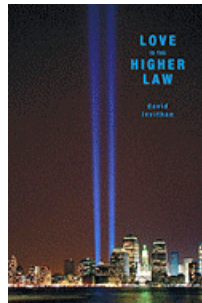
NEW ENGLAND CHILDREN'S BOOKSELLERS ADVISORY COUNCIL



CATCHING FIRE

by Suzanne Collins
(Scholastic)

Catching Fire's remarkable success is built upon the integrity of its continuity from *The Hunger Games*. The stakes couldn't be higher nor could the reader feel more like a stakeholder in this pivotal tour de force. **Ages 12+**



LOVE IS THE HIGHER LAW

by David Levithan
(Knopf)

This novel explores the events of 9/11 and the weeks that follow through the eyes of three teens. **Ages 12+**

SHIVER

by Maggie Stiefvater
(Scholastic)

Shiver is the closest a new book has come to quenching the thirst of a *Twilight* fanatic, and it does so without feeling copycat-ish. **Ages 12+**



THE MAGICIANS

by Lev Grossman
(Viking)

Donna Tartt's *Secret History* meets *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell* with a heavy dollop of homage to C.S. Lewis. **Ages 15+**



FLASH BURNOUT

by L.K. Madigan
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

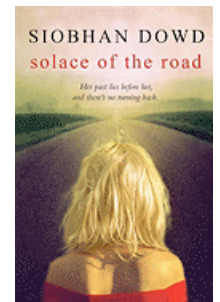
With more hooks for the reader than a strip of velcro, its hard to believe this beautifully balanced work is a YA debut. One of the best YA fiction works of the last five years. **Ages 14+**



SOLACE OF THE ROAD

by Siobhan Dowd
(Scholastic)

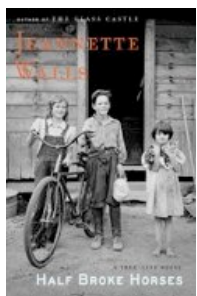
Holly is 14-year-old girl angry at everyone. The story is told in a shifting chronology that works to let us in on Holly's past as she works through her present. **Ages 12+**



HALF BROKE HORSES

by Jeanette Walls
(Simon & Schuster)

Though not published as a young adult title, this is one of our picks of the year for teens. In short chapters, it relates the life of Lily Casey Smith, the author's Arizona grandmother. We see her strength emerge and harden as she grows from childhood in a feckless rural home, tries out city life in Chicago, and returns to Arizona ranching as drought and the Depression grip the country. **Ages 14+**



GORDON KORMAN



POP

by Gordon Korman
(Harper)

Marcus Jordan loves football. Practicing his passes in the park he meets ex-NFL player Charlie Popovich and the two begin an unlikely friendship based on grueling football drills and childish pranks. **Ages 12+**

A SEASON OF GIFTS

by Richard Peck
(Dial)

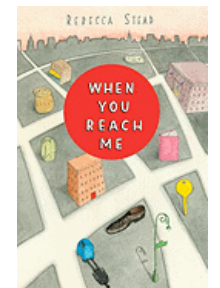
Grandma Dowdel lives! The very funny grandma of *Year Down Yonder* and *Long Way From Chicago* lives next door to newly arrived eleven-year-old Bob and his adorable younger sister Ruth Ann, and his trouble prone teen sister, Phyllis and parents. **Ages 10+**



WHEN YOU REACH ME

by Rebecca Stead
(Wendy Lamb Books)

One of those great books where the author treats kids like they are intelligent, and patient enough to stick with the story and follow through the ideas even when they aren't super action page turning. **Ages 9+**



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