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Recommended Reading



A Pocketful of Stars

Aisha Bushby

Safiya and her mum clash over her love of video games, but when her mother falls into a coma, strange dreams that blend her favorite games and her mother's childhood memories of Kuwait help Safiya connect to her mother.

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Slider

Pete Hautman

David idolizes the great competitive eaters and aspires to be one someday. A careless bid for an unfinished hot dog on an online auction site puts David in serious debt and makes winning the Super Pigorino Bowl crucial!

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Becoming Beatriz

Tami Charles

Although Beatriz hopes to dance professionally like the teens in *Fame* (it is the 1980s after all), pressure from her neighborhood gang pulls her away from her dreams until a new friendship draws her back to the music and movement she truly loves.

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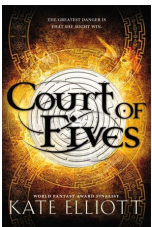


The Trouble with Robots

Michelle Mohrweis

Working together isn't always easy; Evelyn wants to be in control and Allie is lashing out after a tragedy, but the upcoming robotics tournament is a last chance for each of them to overcome their differences and bring their team together.

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Court of Fives

Kate Elliott

As a member of the privileged class, Jessamy's family is targeted when Lord Gargaron comes to power. Competing in the Fives – a challenging game that requires athletics and mental skill – gives Jessamy the chance to redeem her family.

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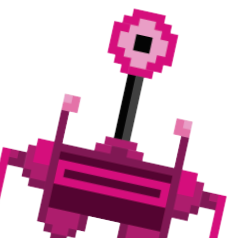


The Good War

Todd Strasser

Fans of a World War II-themed video game are thrilled when an eSports club is created at their middle school, with students taking up sides in the game that spill over to real life.

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Rise of the Raid Mob

M.J. Sullivan

Four teens, known online as the Raid Mob, gain special access to a new virtual reality section of their favorite game; when they come face to face with aliens looking to take over the Earth, it's not clear what's real and what's in the game.

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Voyage de Gourmet

Paul Tobin

Social media chefs Layne and Jang-Mi once bonded over their love of cooking, but they are shocked to be paired up to compete in a cooking and travel competition. Can they cook their way back to friendship?

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Final Word

Janet Sumner Johnson

Winning the Winterton Dictionary Spelling Bee means some serious prize money, which twins Hope and Gordon could really use. Add in a family secret and high-stakes scavenger hunt, and Hope and Gordon have their hands full.

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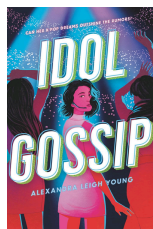


Game On!

Dustin Hansen

Explore video game history from Pong and Pac-man to Mario, Minecraft, and more! Learn about game designers, gaming technology, and how our favorite games cross into pop culture.

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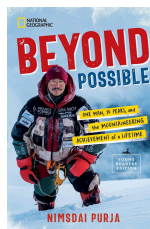


Idol Gossip

Alexandra Leigh Young

Alice had to give up a lot when her family moved to South Korea, but when she's recruited into a K-pop girl group, her relationship with her sister and scrutiny from gossip blogs compound the stress of learning to dance and sing in Korean to keep her spot.

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Beyond Possible

Nimsdai Purja

Nepalese Climber Purjas scaled 14 peaks in just seven months. He recounts his astonishing feat in this action-packed memoir with details about his childhood in Nepal, his service in the British army, and how he used his skills to reach the top.

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