

Books for Teens

The girl in between

by Sarah Carroll

CAR (Young Adult Fiction)

Living in an abandoned mill under the care of a mother who will not let her go outside, a young girl glimpses the world through boarded-up windows until developers show up and change everything she ever believed.



The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

ALE (Young Adult)

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-

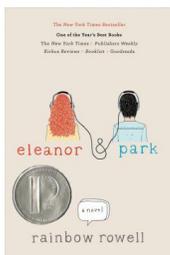
white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Refugee

by Alan Gratz

GRA (Young Adult Fiction)

Three teens living in different parts of the world embark on harrowing journeys in search of safety.



Eleanor & Park

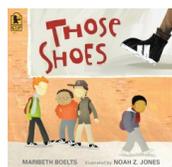
by Rainbow Rowell

ROW (Young Adult)

Eleanor and Park quietly build a relationship while riding the bus to school each day. Their worlds couldn't be more different. Park's immigrant family is genuinely loving but Eleanor and her siblings live in

poverty and fear of their stepfather.

Books for Children



Those shoes

by Maribeth Boelts

BOE (Easy Picture Book)

Jeremy, who longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school

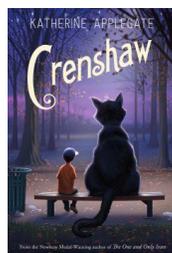
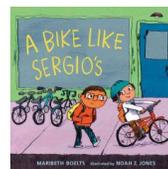
seems to have but his grandmother cannot afford, is excited when he sees them for sale in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are too small.

A bike like Sergio's

by Maribeth Boelts

BOE (Easy Picture Book)

When Ruben, who longs to have a bike like his friend Sergio's that his family cannot afford, finds money in a grocery store, he has to make a tough decision about what to do with it.



Crenshaw

by Katherine Applegate

APP (Junior Fiction)

Fearing his family will have to move into their minivan when they suffer another financial setback, Jackson finds support and comfort through his friendship with a giant imaginary

cat.



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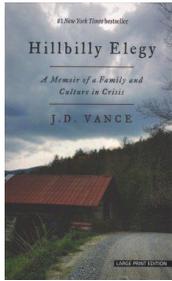
Poverty



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Memoirs



Hillbilly Elegy

by J. D. Vance

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The poignant story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan while navigating the demands of middle-class life and the collective demons

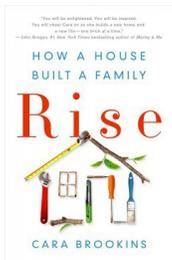
of the past.

The glass castle : a memoir

by Jeannette Walls

362.82 WAL

The child of an alcoholic father and an eccentric mother describes her family's nomadic life during which she and her siblings fended for themselves.



Rise : how a house built a family

by Cara Brookins

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Tells the amazing story of a woman who, having escaped an abusive marriage but having no home to live in, enlisted the help of a small bank

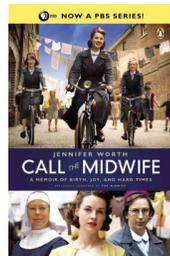
loan and a work crew consisting only of her and her four children to build a family home.

Call the midwife : a memoir of birth, joy, and hard times

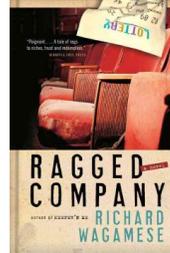
by Jennifer Worth

Book, DVD

Reflects on the experiences of Jennifer Worth, a midwife in London's impoverished East End.



Fiction



Ragged company

by Richard Wagamese

WAGAM (Adult Fiction)

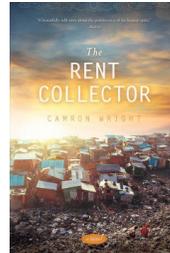
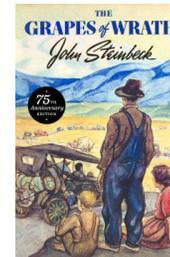
Four chronically homeless people take refuge in a movie theatre on a cold winter day and are forever changed by what they find.

The grapes of wrath

by John Steinbeck

STEIN (Adult Fiction)

This classic tells the story of an Oklahoma farm family in the 1930's, driven from their homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California.



The rent collector : a novel

by Camron Steve Wright

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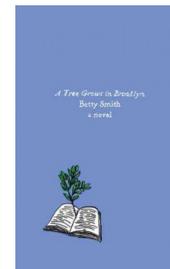
Sang Ly struggles to survive by picking through garbage in Cambodia's largest municipal dump, and embarks on a desperate journey to save her ailing son from a life of ignorance and poverty.

A tree grows in Brooklyn

by Betty Smith

SMITH (Adult Fiction)

Young Francie Nolan struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century. Based on the author's experience.



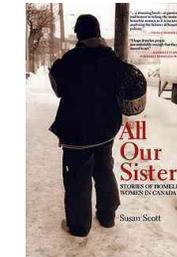
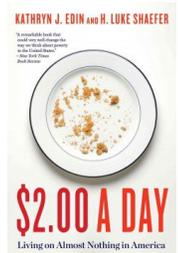
Nonfiction

\$2.00 a day : living on almost nothing in America

by Kathryn J Edin

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Examines the survival methods employed by households with virtually no income.



All Our Sisters : Stories of Homeless Women in Canada

by Susan Scott

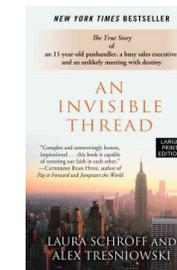
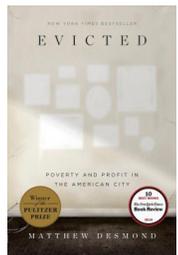
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Evicted : poverty and profit in the American city

by Matthew Desmond

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The story of eight families on the edge in the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee.



An invisible thread : the true story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and an unlikely meeting with destiny

by Laura Schroff

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