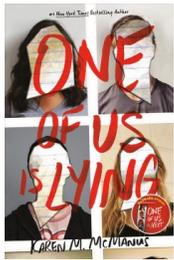


### Truly Devious

by Maureen Johnson

A first entry in a new series by the best-selling author of 13 Little Blue Envelopes introduces sharp and funny detective Stevie Bell, whose first year at an elite boarding school finds her unraveling two mysteries, including one from the school's past

and one in the present.

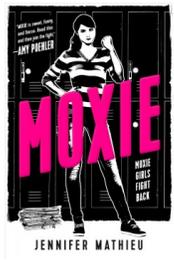


### One of Us Is Lying

by Karen M. McManus

When one of five students in detention is found dead, his high-profile classmates—including a brainy intellectual, a popular beauty, a drug dealer on probation and an all-star athlete—are investigated and revealed to be the subjects of

the victim's latest gossip postings.



### Moxie

by Jennifer Mathieu

Witnessing a series of sexist incidents at her high school, an exasperated teen takes a page from her former Riot Grrrl mom's past and creates an anonymous feminist zine (magazine) that triggers a revolution in her small-town Texas

high school. By the author of *The Truth About Alice*.



### Watch Us Rise

by Renée Watson

Fed up with gender imbalances at their progressive NYC high school, two friends start a women's rights club and post poems, essays and videos online until their work goes viral, compelling the principal to shut them down. Co-written by the

Newbery Honor-winning author of *This Side of Home*.

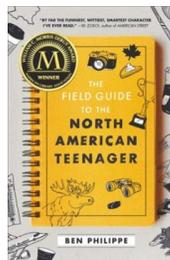


### The Serpent King

by Jeff Zentner

The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school in rural Forrestville, Tennessee, without letting the small-town culture destroy their

creative spirits and sense of self



### The Field Guide to the North American Teenager

by Ben Philippe

Uprooted from his native Montreal to Austin, Texas, a black French-Canadian teen navigates the joys and clichés of the American high school experience, including falling in love, before challenging himself to

accept friendship into his life. A first novel.

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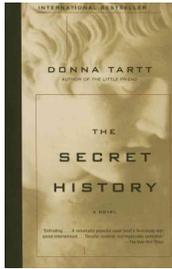


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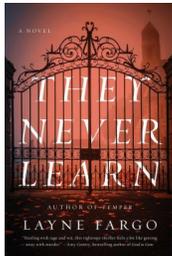
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## The Secret History

by Donna Tartt

Richard Pappen, a relatively impoverished student at a New England college, falls in with an exclusive clique of rich, worldly Greek scholars and soon learns the dreadful secret that keeps them together.

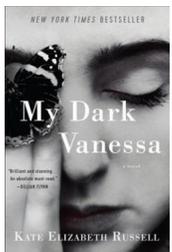


## They Never Learn

by Layne Fargo

A respected English professor and secret vigilante killer of nefarious men insinuates herself into the investigation of her own murders, while a college freshman becomes obsessed with exacting justice in the wake of her roommate's sexual

assault.



## My Dark Vanessa

by Kate Elizabeth Russell

Asked to help defend an older high-school English teacher with whom she had an affair at age 15, Vanessa struggles to choose between her romantic teen illusions and harrowing adult perceptions. A first novel.

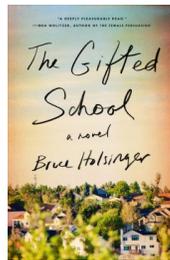


## Plain Bad Heroines

by Emily M. Danforth

A highly anticipated adult debut from the award-winning author of *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* follows the release of a best-selling book about an early 20th-century New England boarding school where gender-diverse students died

under suspicious circumstances. Illustrations.

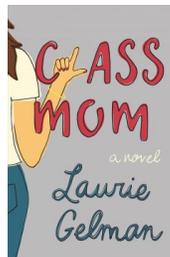


## The Gifted School

by Bruce W. Holsinger

The students and parents of a tight-knit community find their bonds nearly destroyed by competitiveness when an exclusive school for gifted children opens nearby, in a story told from both adult and child perspectives. By the

author of *A Burnable Book*



## Class Mom

by Laurie Gelman

Frowned upon by conservative fellow PTA members for her past as a single parent, Jen reluctantly agrees to become class mom during her youngest child's kindergarten year, a role that is challenged by parent drama, hypersensitive

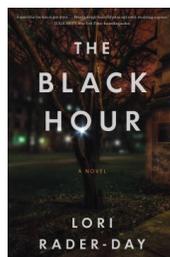
allergies and a former flame. A first novel.



## The Other's Gold

by Elizabeth Ames

A novel that begins on a college campus follows the friendship of four women across life-defining turning points. A first novel.

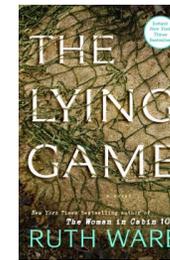


## The Black Hour

by Lori Rader-Day

Recovering from being shot by a student she'd never met, Chicago sociology professor Amelia Emmet, desperate to know why she was targeted, gets some investigative help from her teaching assistant and together they must live through the

darkest hours of their lives to find the truth.



## The Lying Game

by Ruth Ware

In the wake of a woman's horrifying discovery of human remains along a scenic tidal estuary, the members of a once-inseparable clique from a second-rate boarding school near the English Channel reflect on their participation in a dangerous game of

deception that contributed to the death of a teacher. By the best-selling author of *In a Dark, Dark Wood*.



## Oligarchy

by Scarlett Thomas

Arriving at her English boarding school, the daughter of a Russian oligarch is enmeshed in her classmates' thin-obsessed world of pecking orders, eating disorders and online drama, before a friend goes

missing amid rumors of a dormitory ghost.



## We Ride Upon Sticks

by Quan Barry

Nearly three centuries after their coastal community's witch trials, the women athletes of the 1989 Danvers Falcons hockey team combine individual and collective talents with 1980s iconography to storm their way to the state finals.



## The Art of Fielding

by Chad Harbach

A baseball star at a small college near Lake Michigan launches a routine throw that goes disastrously off course and inadvertently changes the lives of five people, including the college president, a gay teammate and the president's

daughter.