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8 BOOKS TO JUMPSTART YOUR SPRING CLEANING



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adult gardening books, short
stories & fantasy books for teens,
junior reads for National Poetry
Month and SO MUCH MORE!

FOR ADULTS

8 Books to Jumpstart Your Spring Cleaning

Clear out the clutter and learn how to clean efficiently with these informative books.



The Organically Clean Home

by Becky Rapinchuk

Make your own cleaning products with these easy recipes for nontoxic cleaners such as no-bleach laundry whitener and lavender and lemon disinfecting spray.



Clear the Clutter, Find Happiness

by Donna Smallin

Finding time to clean can be a challenge. This simple book is full of ideas for incorporating cleaning into your daily life to help you get organized so you can spend more time doing what you love.



Clean My Space

by Melissa Maker

These tips and tricks from popular YouTuber Melissa Maker will teach you to clean effectively and efficiently. Recipes for homemade cleaning products are also included.



Secrets of an Organized Mom

by Barbara Reich

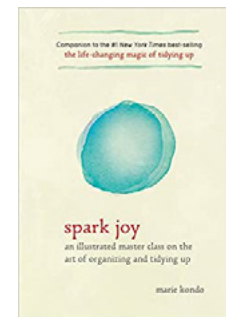
From messy closets to overstuffed storage rooms, this no-nonsense guide to cleaning will show you how to tackle each room in your home in manageable chunks.



Making Space, Clutter Free

by Tracy McCubbin

This insightful book examines the emotions that make decluttering so difficult and will help you overcome these "clutter blocks" so you can enjoy your home.



Spark Joy

by Marie Kondō

Created a joy-filled home with this illustrated guide to the renowned KonMari method, covering everything from kitchen tools to clothes.



Small Space Organizing

by Kathryn Bechen

Embrace your space with these practical tips for adding more storage and arranging furnishings to make the most of the room you've got.



Clutter Rehab

by Laura Wittman

This lighthearted approach to organizing offers tips for each room in your house and suggestions for getting the whole family involved in keeping things tidy.

FOR ADULTS

9 Outstanding Books for Garden Enthusiasts

Brush up on your gardening skills with these insightful reads!



Gardening With Foliage First

by Karen Chapman

Does your garden look visually appealing? This informative book shows how to build a unique foliage framework and craft beautiful combinations of plants.



Grow Now

by Emily Murphy

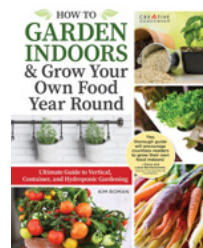
We are all responsible for taking care of the environment. Find out how your garden can help fight climate change and protect the health of our planet.



The Regenerative Garden

by Stephanie Rose

What does regenerative gardening involve? In this manual, the author shares permaculture techniques that will transform your garden into a sustainable ecosystem.



How to Garden Indoors & Grow Your Own Food Year Round

by Kim Roman

You don't need an outdoor space to grow your own food. Engaging and actionable, this book provides guidance on how to make your indoor garden thrive.



Small Garden Style

by Isa Hendry Eaton and Jennifer Blaise Kramer

Are you short on space? No worries! Here is a great resource to help you spark your imagination and design the garden of your dreams.



The Garden Refresh

by Kier Holmes

Filled with easy-to-follow instructions and smart practices, this book shows how to plan a characterful garden that is also budget friendly.



Growing Under Cover

by Niki Jabbour

From cold frames to polytunnels and bioshelters, the author shares effective strategies to help protect your garden from inclement weather and reduce disease.



The Modern Cottage Garden

by Greg Loades

Packed with vibrant illustrations, this guide offers practical advice and tips on how to create a modern cottage garden using traditional elements.



Plants You Can't Kill

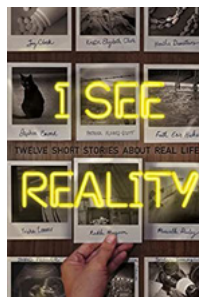
by Stacy Tornio

Gardening can sometimes be quite frustrating. Perfect for novice gardeners, this book features over 100 easy-to-grow plants that will survive any situation.

FOR TEENS

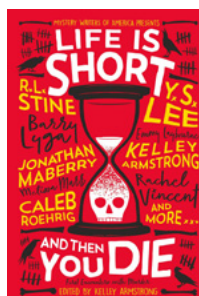
10 Entertaining Short Story Collections

Check out one of these short story collections covering a wide variety of interests and genres.



I See Reality

A compelling and emotional collection of stories about real issues teens face, such as relationships, identity, and addiction.



Life Is Short and Then You Die

Teens who love a good murder mystery will enjoy these suspenseful stories of teens' first brushes with death.



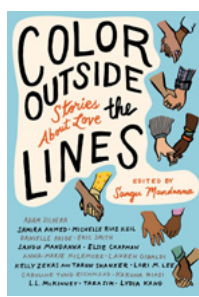
A Universe of Wishes

Get lost in another dimension with this collection of speculative fiction showcasing an array of settings, from fairytale retellings to dystopian societies.



It's a Whole Spiel

The teens in these 14 character-driven stories navigate the ups and downs of adolescence while exploring their relationship to their Jewish faith.



Color Outside the Lines

Readers will fall for these stories of teens from diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds finding love. Well-written and spanning multiple genres, this collection has wide appeal.



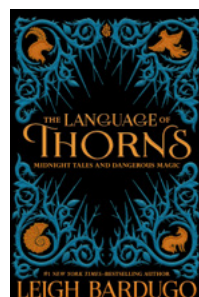
Come on in

Told from diverse perspectives and written by authors who are immigrants or children of immigrants themselves, the stories in this powerful anthology explore the meaning of the word "home."



Vampires Never Get Old

Take a bite out of this entertaining anthology that offers fresh takes on classic vampire lore.



The Language of Thorns

by Leigh Bardugo
Fans of the Grishaverse won't want to miss Leigh Bardugo's retelling of six fairytales filled with intricate world building and twisting plots.



Out Now

This absorbing anthology explores a variety of LGBTQIA+ identities through works ranging from reflection pieces to magic realism.



Meet Cute

Perfect for romance fans, this book features sweet stories of couples' first meetings.

FOR TEENS

10 Fantasies to Get Lost In

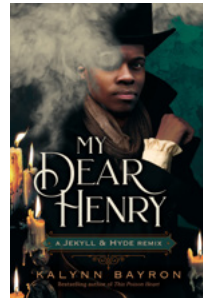
Bored of reality? Step into these YA fantasy worlds for a little taste of magic, intrigue, romance and drama!



Wintersong

by S. Jae-Jones

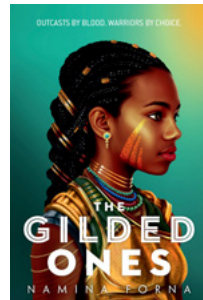
To save her sister from the Goblin King, Liesl travels to the Underworld and finds herself in a magical world of music, magic, and dark romance.



My Dear Henry

by Kalynn Bayron

In this remixed gothic classic, Gabriel searches Victorian London for his lost friend, Henry Jekyll. But a strange man named Hyde threatens to come between them.



The Gilded Ones

by Namina Forna

When Deka is exiled from her village due to her “impure” blood, she is welcomed to join the emperor’s army of gifted girls, the alaki-near-immortals, in the dangerous walled city.



Cemetery Boys

by Aiden Thoman

To prove himself as a brujo, Yadriel accidentally summons the spirit of classmate Julian, resident bad boy, and agrees to help him discover the truth behind his death.



Dance of Thieves

by Mary Pearson

A powerful outlaw family’s dynasty is challenged when a rival queen sends a reformed thief to their lands, leading to an escalating game of deception—and romance.



Night of the Raven, Dawn of the Dove

by Rati Mehrotra

Set in a magical medieval India, this thrilling tale follows Katyani, a guardswoman to the royal family who gets swept up in political machinations in a land of monsters.



Serpent & Dove

by Shelby Mahurin

What happens when a witch (on the run and concealing her true nature) and a witch hunter are forced to marry? Tensions between love and loyalty run high amid dark magic.



Six Crimson Cranes

by Elizabeth Lim

Eastern and Western folklore intertwine in this fairy tale about a princess who is punished to be voiceless, her brothers turned into cranes. Can she save her kingdom from an evil plot?



Beasts Made of Night

by Tochi Onyebuchi

In this gritty fantasy inspired by Nigerian mythology, Taj is a talented aki—a sin eater. When tasked to eat a royal’s sin, Taj discovers a plot to destroy the city and must prevent it at all costs.



Only a Monster

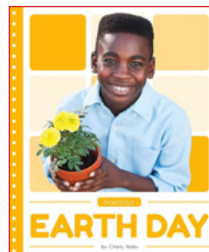
by Vanessa Len

Some heroes battle monsters—but what if you are the monster? When Joan discovers that her family have terrifying powers, she must embrace her own monstrosity to save them and herself.

FOR KIDS

10 Junior Reads to Celebrate Earth Day

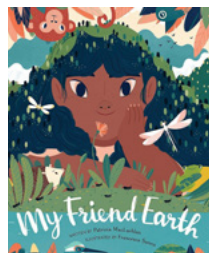
Introduce young readers to Earth Day concepts with the help of these kid-friendly reads.



Earth Day

by Charly Haley

Introduce early readers to Earth Day with the help of easy-to-read text, fun facts, and QR codes for further resources (plus tons more!).



My Friend Earth

by Patricia MacLachlan

Connections between the Earth and all living things are the focus of this delightful picture book, which takes young readers on a journey through the seasons.



Save Energy, Bert and Ernie!

By Jennifer Boothroyd

The Sesame Street duo tackle the topic of energy conservation in kid-friendly terms and with simple, practical advice.



Greta and the Giants

by Zoë Tucker

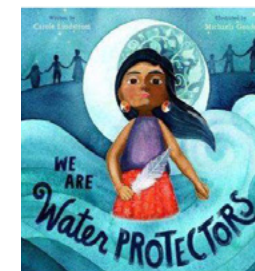
Greta Thunberg's inspiring story gets a metaphorical spin in this picture book, which sees Greta take on giants in order to save her forest home.



How to Change Everything

by Naomi Klein

Change is in the hands of young readers! Climate activist Naomi Klein provides an optimistic guide to climate action, including inspiring stories and helpful tools.



We Are Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom

A young girl protects her land's water supply from poison in this powerful picture book inspired by Indigenous-led movements across North America.



Earth-Friendly Earth Day Crafts

by Veronica Thompson

No-waste crafting! These age-appropriate ideas encourage kids to get crafty with recycled items, such as scrap paper and old shoes.



Earth Day Every Day

by Lisa Bullard

Part of the Planet Protector series, this book teaches kids about reducing, reusing, and recycling to adopt Earth-friendly habits every day.



Old Enough to Save the Planet

by Loll Kirby

Meet the young activists changing the world! These profiles of activists from around the world cover the challenges and work required to make a change.



The Little Hummingbird

by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas

Based on Indigenous South American folklore, this inspiring story encourages young readers to be brave and take responsibility for their planet.

FOR KIDS

9 Fascinating Books to Read for National Poetry Month

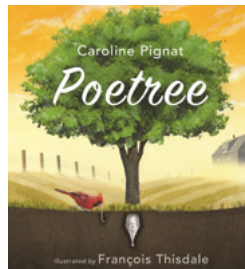
Let's celebrate poetry with these inspiring and heartwarming collections.



Thunder Underground

by Jane Yolen

Have you ever wondered what is hiding beneath our feet? In this insightful book, the author invites us to dig deeper and unlock the secrets of the underground world.



Poetree

by Caroline Pignat

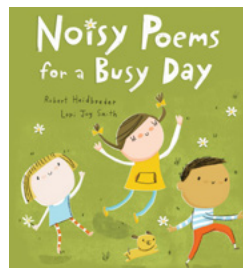
Through tender acrostic poetry, the author encourages readers to explore and appreciate the beauty of each season. A well-crafted book not to be missed.



Bark in the Park!

by Avery Corman

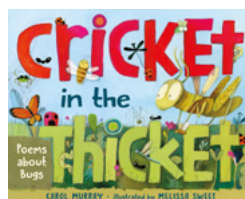
This cute collection of poems features different breeds of dogs we often meet in the park. With vibrant illustrations on every page, this is a perfect read for dog lovers.



Noisy Poems for a Busy Day

by Robert Heidbreder

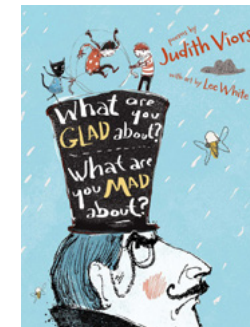
It's a new day! Packed with actionable and light-hearted poems, the book follows young children as they wake up and get ready for fun activities.



Cricket in the Thicket

by Carol Murray

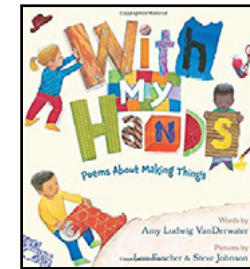
From crickets and grasshoppers to bumblebees and jumping spiders, this book shares delightful poems and interesting facts about various insects. A great gem for nature enthusiasts.



What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About?

by Judith Viorst

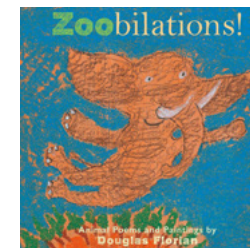
How are you feeling today? Thought-provoking and approachable, these poems help children better understand and express their emotions.



With My Hands

by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater

What can be more exciting than making something with your own hands? Discover your special gift and celebrate creativity with these charming poems.



Zoobilarations!

by Douglas Florian

What's your favorite animal? With witty rhymes and hilarious artwork, the author takes readers on a tour to the wonderful animal kingdom.



Behold Our Magical Garden

by Allan Wolf

There is so much to learn about vegetables, spices, flowers, bugs, and many more! Engaging and educational, this poetry collection is a great tool to get kids excited about gardening.



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