



# RECOMMENDED

READS, MOVIES & MORE!

## VPL's Most Borrowed Books & Movies of 2023!



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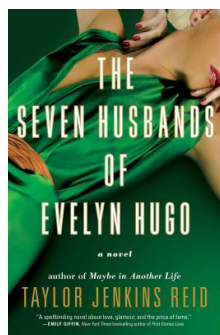
# Top 10 Borrowed Adult Fiction Books



## It Starts with Us

by Colleen Hoover

The much-anticipated sequel to *It Ends With Us* (also on this list) follows Lily post-divorce, when she gets a second chance with her first love Atlas.



## The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

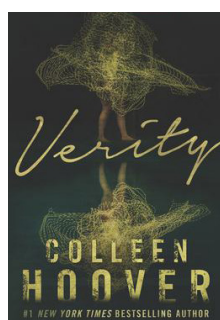
The dramatic love life of fictional Old Hollywood icon Evelyn Hugo is the focus of this heart wrenching bestseller. Grab some tissues!



## The Midnight Library

by Matt Haig

What if you could visit different timelines of your life? The titular library offers Nora that chance—and helps her discover what makes life worth living.



## Verity

by Colleen Hoover

When Lowen is hired to complete the books of the injured Verity Crawford, she takes on much more than she bargained for in this dark thriller.



## Book Lovers

by Emily Henry

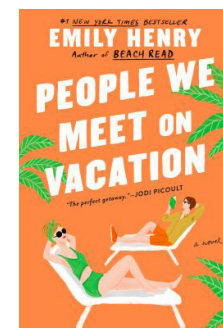
City girl and city boy are thrown together in a small town in this fun and swoony rivals-to-lovers romantic comedy.



## Reminders of Him

by Colleen Hoover

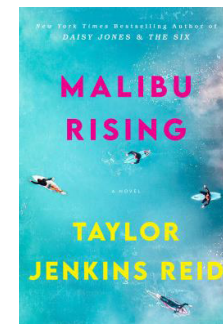
After getting out of prison, Kenna wants to get to know her estranged daughter. But everyone is determined to shut her out—except Ledger Ward.



## People We Meet on Vacation

by Emily Henry

In this friends-to-lovers romp, Poppy takes former best friend Alex on a hilariously disastrous vacation, hoping to rekindle their friendship.



## Malibu Rising

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

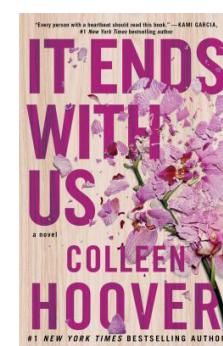
In August 1983, the famous Riva siblings come together to host their annual end-of-summer party. Will family tension throw the party off track?



## The Last Thing He Told Me

by Laura Dave

When Hannah's husband disappears, he leaves a cryptic note: protect his daughter Bailey. Now stepmother and stepdaughter must work together to uncover the mystery.



## It Ends With Us

by Colleen Hoover

This massively successful novel isn't exactly a feel-good romance (trigger warnings for domestic abuse) but that's done nothing to curb its popularity!



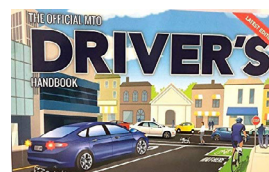
# Top 10 Borrowed Adult Non-Fiction Books



## Spare

by Prince Harry

Who among us has not heard of the various royal scandals Prince Harry has been embroiled in recently? It's no wonder his memoir easily reached the top of our list this year at close to 600 borrows.



## The Official MTO Driver's Handbook

by The Ontario Ministry of Transportation

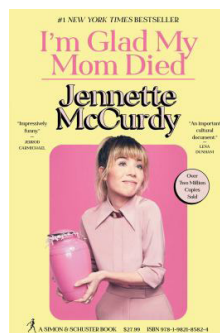
An essential resource for any new drivers in Ontario, this handbook is produced by the Ministry of Transportation.



## Becoming

by Michelle Obama

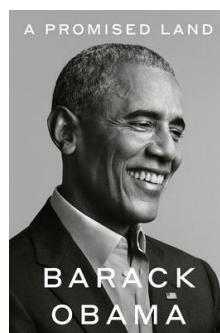
It's strange to think that the former First Lady's memoir came out five years ago already. It endures as one of the most popular memoirs in our collection, covering her childhood in the South Side of Chicago all the way to her time at the White House.



## I'm Glad My Mom Died

by Jennette McCurdy

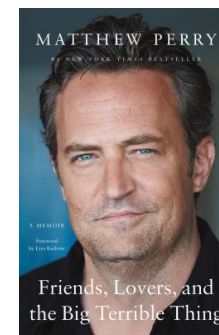
Another memoir makes the list with this chronicle of child star Jennette McCurdy's difficult childhood dealing with addiction, an abusive parent, and disordered eating.



## A Promised Land

by Barack Obama

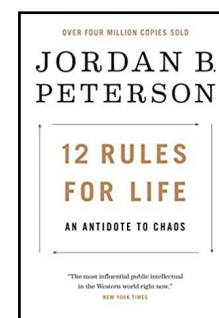
If we have Michelle Obama on this list, it makes sense that we have her husband as well! The first of a two-volume set of memoirs, it starts with the former president's beginnings in Hawaii and goes through the majority of his first term.



## Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing

by Matthew Perry

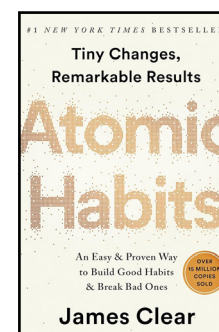
The passing of Matthew Perry alters the experience of reading his memoir. Themes of addiction, celebrity, and the phenomenon of Friends are cast in a new, tragic light.



## 12 Rules for Life

by Jordan Peterson

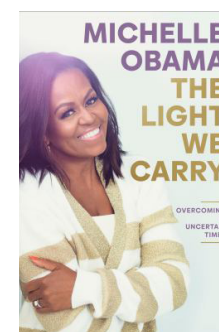
Now resigned as Professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto, Jordan Peterson is a deeply polarizing and inflammatory figure. In this work, he offers "12 rules" for living life well.



## Atomic Habits

by James Clear

Clear's guide to getting into good habits is based on a systematic approach. He claims readers can implement this system to achieve any goal, no matter what it is.



## The Light We Carry

by Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama is a popular author on this list. In her latest offering, she provides advice and strategies for grappling with a challenging and constantly changing world.



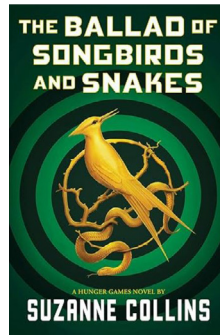
## People Love Dead Jews

by Dara Horn

This provocative text is a revised collection of the author's previously published articles and essays. It tackles the topic of antisemitism through an interdisciplinary lens, including discussions of literature, modern media, and history.



# Top 10 Borrowed Teen Fiction Books



## **The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes**

by Suzanne Collins

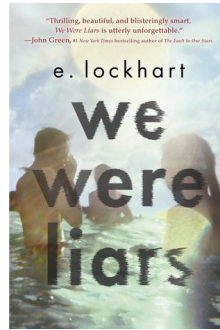
In this Hunger Games prequel, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow is tasked with mentoring the tribute from District 12, a young woman named Lucy.



## **To All the Boys I've Loved Before**

by Jenny Han

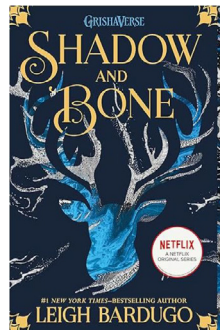
In the first book of this beloved series, Lara Jean pretends to date Peter to save face, after her secret letters to her crushes are accidentally mailed.



## **We Were Liars**

by E. Lockhart

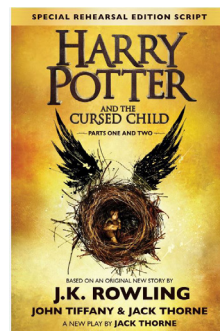
Candace spends her summers on her wealthy family's private island. The only problem is she can't remember what happened during her 15th summer.



## **Shadow and Bone**

by Leigh Bardugo

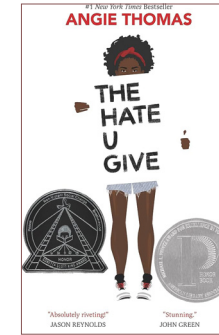
The first book in the Grishaverse! Orphaned Alina Starkov becomes the magical protégé of the mysterious Darkling, but whose side is he really on?



## **Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts One & Two**

by J.K. Rowling

Not a novel but a script of the stage play, this story follows Albus Potter, who struggles with his famous father's legacy at Hogwarts.



## **The Hate U Give**

by Angie Thomas

In this tough tale of police brutality, Starr Carter seeks to clear her best friend's name after he was shot by police. Can she stand up to injustice?



## **The Summer I Turned Pretty**

by Jenny Han

Belly always spends summers at the beach with her family and two boys she's known all her life. But this summer relationships change, and feelings arise...



## **One of Us Is Lying**

by Karen M. McManus

When a gossip student ends up dead, four peers become suspects. They all have motives, but can they work together to prove their innocence?



## **They Both Die at the End**

by Adam Silvera

When an app tells Mateo and Rufus that they are going to die, the two strangers find one last chance for adventure—and maybe something more.



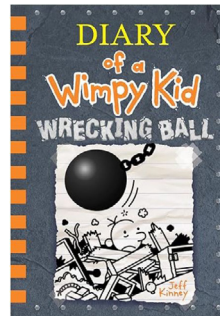
## **Mockingjay**

by Suzanne Collins

The last book in the Hunger Games trilogy follows Katniss Everdeen as she gets caught up in rebellious District 13's plan to overthrow the government.



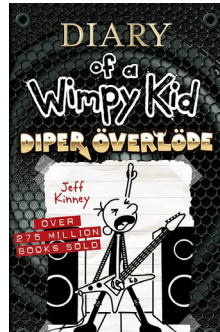
# Top 10 Borrowed Kids' Fiction Books



## Wrecking Ball

by Jeff Kinney

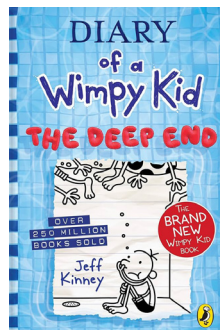
Managing a home renovation project can be quite stressful. Filled with humor and hilarious situations, the story follows Greg and his family as they decide to upgrade their house.



## Diper Överlöde

by Jeff Kinney

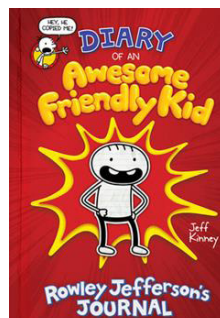
You should work really hard if you want to become famous. Let's find out what happens when Greg decides to support his brother Rodrick's music band.



## The Deep End

by Jeff Kinney

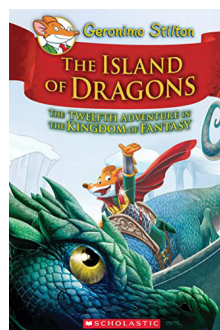
The Heffleys have no doubt that Uncle Gary's RV is the ideal solution to their vacation problems. Hopefully, they won't let any obstacle on the road ruin their family trip.



## Diary of An Awesome Friendly Kid

by Jeff Kinney

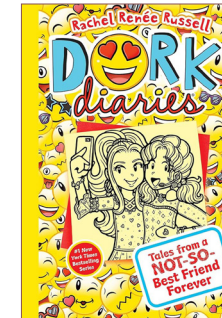
Nobody knows Greg better than his best friend. Written as Rowley Jefferson's journal, this charming book offers a fresh perspective on Greg's thoughts and experiences.



## The Island of Dragons

by Geronimo Stilton

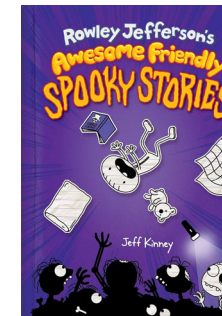
Geronimo is the only one who can rescue the princesses from an awful witch. He will need the help of the dragons to accomplish this mission successfully.



## Tales From a Not-so-Best Friend Forever

by Rachel Renée Russell

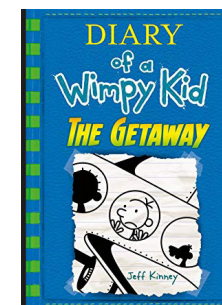
Nikki Maxwell and her group are excited to join the Bad Boyz national tour. It's a dream come true. What can go wrong with this amazing adventure?



## Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories

by Jeff Kinney

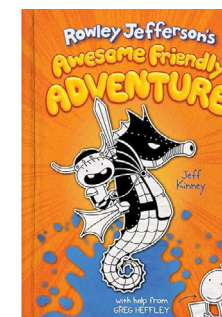
From zombies and ghosts to mummies and vampires, Rowley Jefferson's spooky stories will keep our young readers on the edge of their seats. A comically eerie read not to be missed.



## The Getaway

by Jeff Kinney

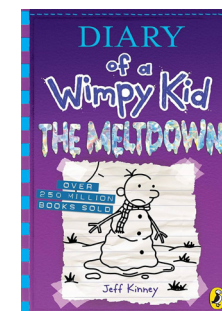
To escape the cold weather and Christmas preparations, the Heffleys embark on a vacation to a tropical island resort. What can put their family getaway at risk?



## Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure

by Jeff Kinney

When Roland finds out his mom has been kidnapped by the White Warlock, he teams up with Garg the Barbarian to save her. See what this dangerous journey has in store for our heroes.



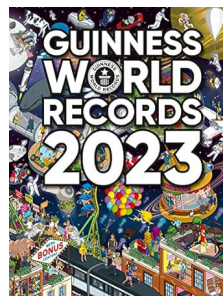
## The Meltdown

by Jeff Kinney

When a snowball fight turns into a battlefield, Greg and Rowley join their efforts to survive. Follow these two friends as they navigate the challenges amid the winter meltdown.

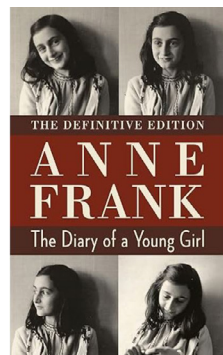


# Top 10 Borrowed Kids' Non-Fiction Books



## Guinness World Records

From new technology to pop culture and everything in between, this book is filled with fascinating facts that will entertain you for hours.



## The Diary of a Young Girl

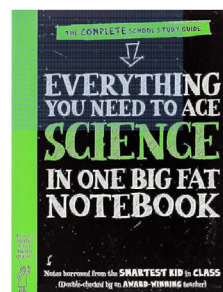
by Anne Frank

The poignant, heart-wrenching account of Jewish teenager Anne Frank's experience hiding from the Nazis with her family during World War II.



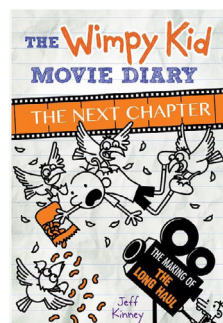
## Guinness World Records: Gamer's Edition

If you love gaming, make sure to check out this book filled with facts about your favourite games and characters. Plus, test your knowledge with reader challenges.



## Everything You Need to Ace Science in One Big Fat Notebook

This study guide for middle schoolers features helpful illustrations, memory aids, diagrams, and charts designed to boost your confidence before your next big test.



## The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary

by Jeff Kinney

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movie *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*. With exclusive photos and new cartoons from author Jeff Kinney, this book is perfect for Wimpy Kid fans.



## Inside the World of Roblox

by Alexander Cox

If you love Roblox, this is the ultimate guide to your favourite game. Read about the game's developers, explore the Roblox Catalog, discover the most popular experiences, and more!



## Complete Canadian Curriculum, Grade 6

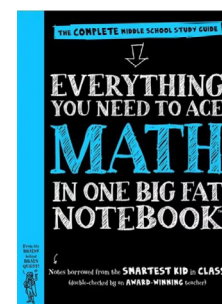
This comprehensive study guide features curriculum-based practice questions and interesting activities covering math, English, social studies, and science.



## Who Is Jackie Chan?

by Jody Jensen Shaffer

Learn how famous actor Jackie Chan's martial arts training prepared him for a career in film in this entertaining biography.



## Everything You Need to Ace Math in One Big Fat Notebook

by Altair Peterson

Organized by key concepts, this easy-to-use study guide can help middle schoolers understand mathematical concepts such as ratios, percentages, decimals, and fractions.



## Minecraft for Beginners

by Stephanie Milton

If you've ever wanted to play Minecraft but aren't sure where to start, this book is for you! Learn how to find food, mine for materials, battle monsters, and more!



# Top 10 Borrowed Feature Films for All Ages



## Top Gun

The blockbuster hit of last year, it's no surprise that Top Gun's much-anticipated sequel takes spot number one on this list. It's also a lot of fun to watch.



## Black Adam

Another addition to DC's superhero film line up, Black Adam was poorly reviewed by critics but generally loved by audiences.



## Black Panther

Dedicating a large amount of time to the grief of losing its protagonist and central actor, this second installment in the Black Panther series is definitely worth watching.



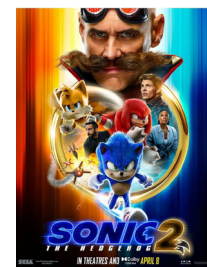
## Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

This one is a bit of a mystery -- why number five in the series? -- but there's no denying the enduring popularity of the Harry Potter film adaptations.



## Bullet Train

Based on a Japanese novel, the film follows five assassins who find themselves on the same high-speed train. Critics were split on this one, but audiences gave it a passing grade.



## Sonic the Hedgehog 2

The second Sonic the Hedgehog movie might be a case of diminishing returns, but for fans of the various games and first film, it might be just the ticket.



## All Quiet on the Western Front

This is the third time the 1929 German novel detailing the author's grueling experience as a WWI soldier has been adapted. Directed & produced for the first time by German filmmakers, this iteration has four Oscars.



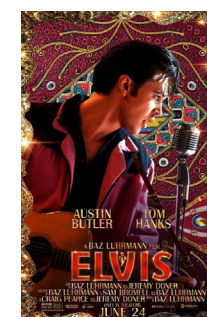
## Puss in Boots, the Last Wish

Consistently well-reviewed, the Puss in Boots films are family favourites, proving that franchise spin-offs can be successful long after the original series is over.



## Ticket to Paradise

Not exactly panned and not exactly lauded either, this romantic comedy that reunites George Clooney and Julia Roberts is somewhere in the middle. For fans of light-as-air cinema, it might be a solid bet.



## Elvis

Nominated for a total of 8 Academy Awards, Austin Butler's portrayal of the iconic musician garnered much acclaim from critics and fans alike.





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