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## READS, MOVIES & MORE!



**10** Great eBooks  
Without the Wait



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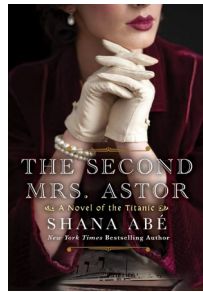


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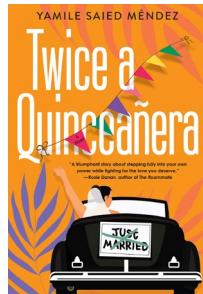
## 10 Great eBooks Without the Wait



### **The Second Mrs. Astor**

by Shana Abé

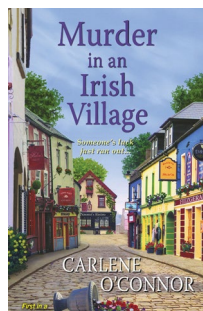
This historical romance set among the New York elite follows Madeleine Talmage Force, part of the powerful Astor family, whose fate takes a turn on board the Titanic.



### **Twice a Quinceañera**

by Yamile Saied Méndez

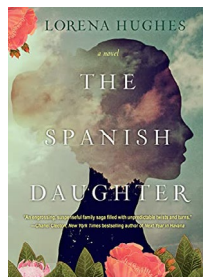
After ending an engagement, 30-year-old Nadia Palacio decides to throw herself a treintañera party. Unfortunately (or not?), her old college flame is hosting the venue, rekindling old feelings.



### **Murder in an Irish Village**

by Carlene O'Connor

A cozy mystery set in the quaint Irish village of Kilbane. When a man is murdered at the O'Sullivan family's café, it's up to feisty Siobhán to solve the crime.



### **The Spanish Daughter**

by Lorena Hughes

After inheriting a cocoa estate in Ecuador, Spanish Puri contends with sibling rivalry, betrayals, and attempted murder in this historical family drama.



### **The Perfect Ruin**

by Shanora Williams

In this twisty thriller, troubled twenty-something Ivy Hill infiltrates socialite Lola Maxwell's wealthy circle on a mission of revenge.



### **And They Lived Happily Ever After**

by Therese Beharrie

South African romance author Gaia is literally living her dreams in this magic-infused romance, while also confronting and healing from a traumatic childhood.



### **The Secrets We Share**

by Edwin Hill

In this suspenseful mystery, old family secrets creep up on sisters Natalie and Glenn, until neither of them knows who to trust—not even each other.



### **The Secret, Book, & Scone Society**

by Ellery Adams

Miracle Springs is a place for starting over. After a man is found dead, local bookstore owner Nora gathers a group of women (with dark, secret pasts) to solve the crime.



### **In the Face of the Sun**

by Denny S. Bryce

The past reverberates through generations of a family in this story of two interweaving historical tales, one from 1920s Los Angeles and one from 1960s Chicago.



### **Every City is Every Other City**

by John McFetridge

Gord Stewart is aimless until a coworker asks him to locate her missing uncle, who is presumed dead. With the help of his movie connections, Gord takes on the case—and more than he bargained for.



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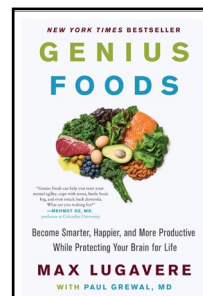
## 9 Life-Changing Books for Seniors' Month



### Successful Aging

by Daniel J. Levitin

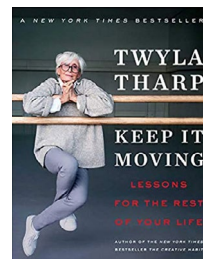
What factors contribute to successful aging? This evidence-based manual provides invaluable insights into how to build resilience and enhance the quality of life.



### Genius Foods

by Max Lugavere

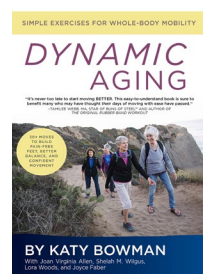
We are what we eat. This informative guide explores the genius foods that can help prevent cognitive decline and boost brain power.



### Keep It Moving

by Twyla Tharp

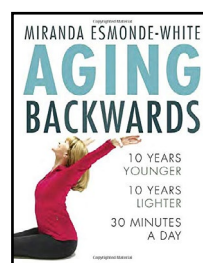
Age is just a number. As a well-known choreographer, Twyla Tharp encourages readers to make smart lifestyle choices and keep moving.



### Dynamic Aging

by Katy Bowman

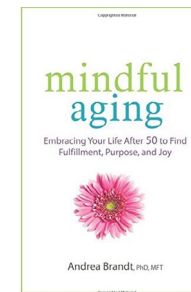
Become the best version of yourself! This resource features easy-to-follow exercises to help improve mobility and flexibility.



### Aging Backwards

by Miranda Esmonde-White

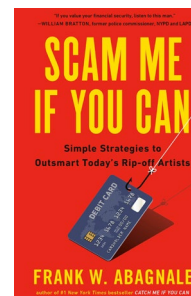
It takes only 30 minutes a day to prevent and reverse the negative effects of aging. In this engaging guide, the author shows how to stay strong and healthy.



### Mindful Aging

by Andrea Brandt

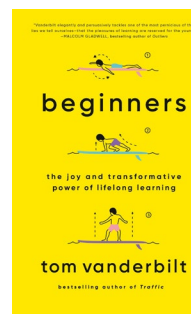
How to find meaning and joy in later life? In this thought-provoking book, the author provides helpful tools for practicing mindfulness and cultivating a sense of purpose.



### Scam Me If You Can

by Frank W. Abagnale

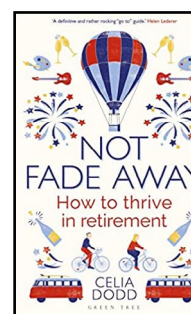
How to avoid becoming a fraud victim? In this comprehensive resource, the author shares practical advice on how to recognize the signs of a scam and keep yourself safe.



### Beginners

by Tom Vanderbilt

It's never too late to explore and acquire new skills. Inspiring and straightforward, this book unveils the benefits of lifelong learning.



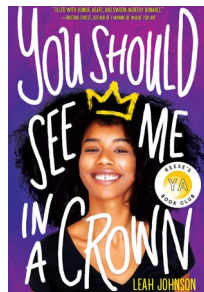
### Not Fade Away

by Celia Dodd

Retirement is a phase of new experiences and challenges. Uplifting and accessible, this book shows how to maintain a positive attitude and thrive in your golden years.

# FOR TEENS

## 8 Spectacular Stories about Senior Year



### **You Should See Me in a Crown**

by Leah Johnson

When Liz Lighty's college plans go awry, she decides to run for prom queen in hopes of getting the scholarship that comes with the crown. But can a poor, queer, Black girl be prom queen? A feel-good story celebrating individuality.



### **Pumpkin**

by Julie Murphy

When Waylon's audition tape for a popular drag TV show is leaked and he is nominated for prom queen as a joke, he decides to own it and stay in the competition. A heartfelt novel that touches on serious topics with humour.



### **Kill All Happies**

by Rachel Cohn

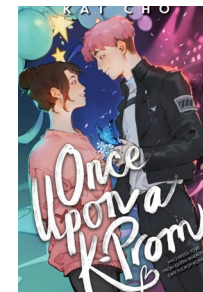
It's the end of high school and Vic Navarro is feeling lost, so she channels her energy into planning the ultimate graduation party. A raunchy, laugh-out-loud tale of one epic night.



### **A Prom to Remember**

by Sandy Hall

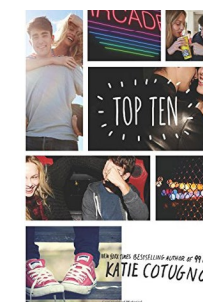
Told from the perspectives of a diverse group of teens, this book encompasses all the romance, excitement, and anxiety of senior prom.



### **Once Upon a K-prom**

by Kat Cho

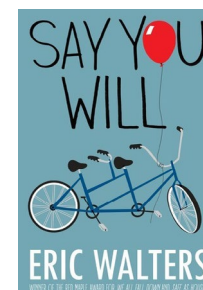
Elena would rather fundraise to save the local community centre than go to prom, until her childhood friend Robbie, now a K-pop star, shows up to honour their pact to go to prom together. A slow-burn romance perfect for K-pop fans.



### **Top Ten**

by Katie Cotugno

This thoughtful and romantic novel looks back on the relationship between mismatched best friends Ryan and Gabby as they prepare to graduate high school.



### **Say You Will**

by Eric Walters

Gifted student Sam struggles to fit in with his classmates and tries to come up with the perfect promposal to get the girl of his dreams in this relatable, character-driven novel.



### **Epically Earnest**

by Molly Horan

In this light and engaging adaptation of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, high school senior Jane tries to work up the courage to ask her crush, Gwen, to the prom.



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# 10 Reads for Pride Month



## Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster

by Andrea Mosqueda

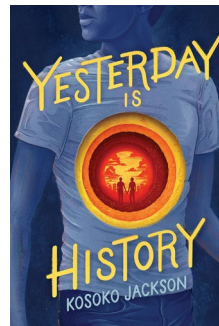
Maggie Gonzalez finds herself in a love web when trying to decide who to bring to her sister's quinceañera: her longtime best friend, her ex-boyfriend, or the new girl?



## The Heartbreak Bakery

by A.R. Capetta

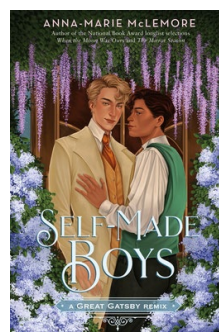
Syd is a baker at the best queer bakery in Austin. But when their post-breakup brownies turn out to be magical and cause widespread breakups, they'll need help getting everyone back together.



## Yesterday is History

by Kosoko Jackson

A liver transplant grants Andre the ability to time travel, and soon he is caught between two potential loves. Is his true love Michael in 1969, or Blake in 2021?



## Self-Made Boys

by Anna-Marie McLemore

The Great Gatsby, but make it trans! In this remix of the classic, Nick and Jay are both trans boys, and Nick finds himself falling for Jay as he helps him reclaim his lost love.



## Never Ever Getting Back Together

by Sophie Gonzales

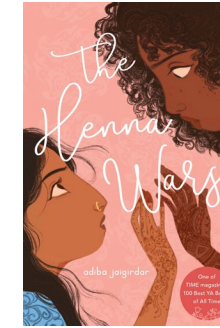
Revenge goes wrong (or maybe right) in this reality TV-inspired story, in which Maya attempts to get back at her cheating ex—and ends up falling for the girl he cheated with.



## The Black Flamingo

by Dean Atta

Michael is Greek, Jamaican, and British, but never feels like he's enough. Discovering the local drag scene helps him find his place, and soon the Black Flamingo is born.



## The Henna Wars

by Adiba Jaigirdar

Muslim teen Nishat struggles with her sexuality and acceptance from her family, with the help of friend/rival/love interest Flávia, and a school project based on henna.



## A Million Quiet Revolutions

by Robin Gow

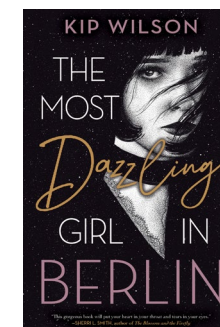
Two trans boys are inspired by the story of two trans soldiers from the American Revolution in this contemplative romance about identity and first love.



## The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester

by Maya MacGregor

Sam, an autistic nonbinary teen, gets caught up in a 30-year-old murder mystery when they move to a new town. Can they put these ghosts behind them and lead a full life?



## The Most Dazzling Girl in Berlin

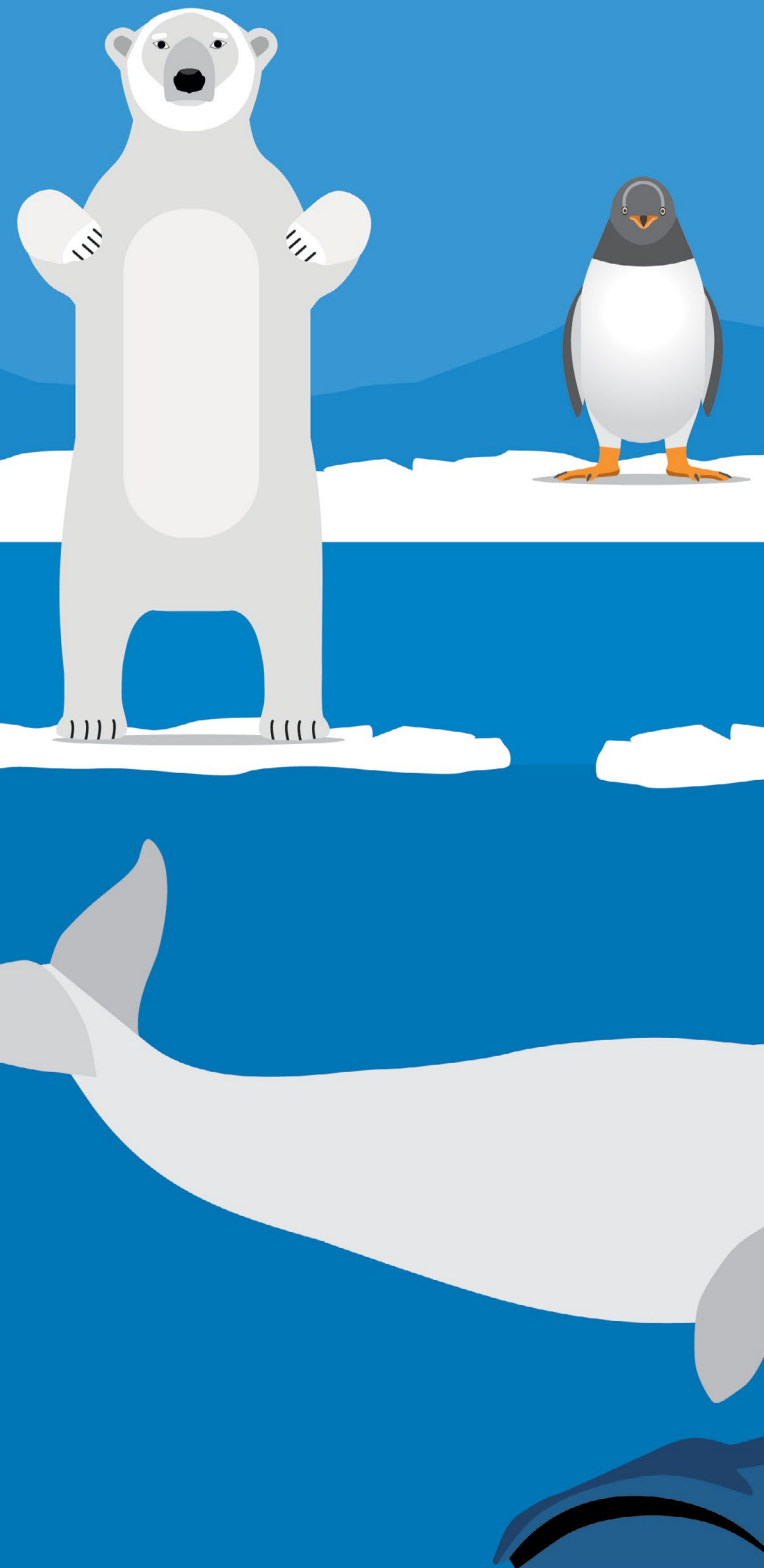
by Kip Wilson

It's 1930s Berlin, and the queer cabaret scene is flourishing. 18-year-old Hilde leaves her orphanage for the flashy clubs of the city, and discovers her true self in the process.



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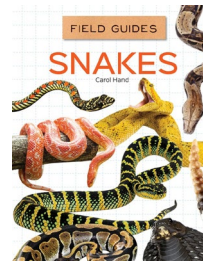
## 9 Books to Dive into the Beautiful Animal World



### Animal Architects

by Libby Romero

It turns out some animals are master architects. See how they can build incredible structures without any machines. Vibrant and accessible, this is a great read for future engineers and architects.



### Snakes

by Carol Hand

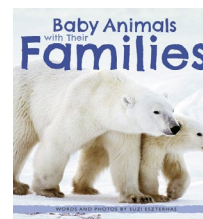
This book features snakes found in different parts of the world. Let's take a close-up look at these stunning reptiles and reveal their secrets.



### Animal Records

by Kathy Furgang and Sarah Wassner

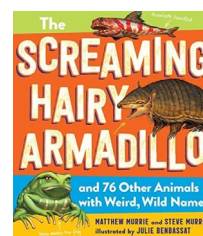
From the biggest and fastest to the grossest and smelliest, this entertaining manual will inspire readers to learn all about record-breaking animals and celebrate their achievements.



### Baby Animals With Their Families

by Suzi Eszterhas

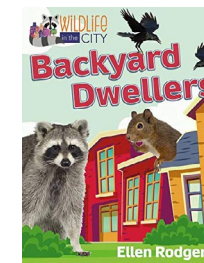
Baby animals need the support of their families as they learn how to survive in the wilderness. Packed with amazing photographs, this is a sweet book to curl up with and read aloud.



### The Screaming Hairy Armadillo and 76 Other Animals With Weird, Wild Names

by Matthew Murrie and Steve Murrie

Have you ever wondered how scientists name animals? Get ready to meet over 70 fascinating creatures with bizarre, fierce, magical, and funny names.



### Backyard Dwellers

by Ellen Rodger

Many animal species enjoy living near or with humans. From squirrels and raccoons to opossums and skunks, this book introduces our young readers to the world of urban wild animals.



### Polar Lands

by Sean Callery

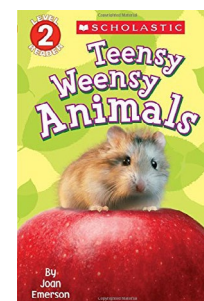
Put on your coat and embark on a journey to polar habitats. In this engaging book, you'll find out which animals live there and learn about their life cycles.



### Animal Groups

by Jill Esbaum

What do you call the group of zebras or cheetahs? This highly visual and comprehensive guide shares interesting facts about various animal gatherings and their behaviors.



### Teensy Weensy Animals

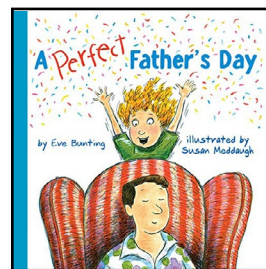
by Joan Emerson

Discover the most adorable and tiniest animals found in the natural world. With eye-catching illustrations and gentle text, this book will definitely warm your heart.



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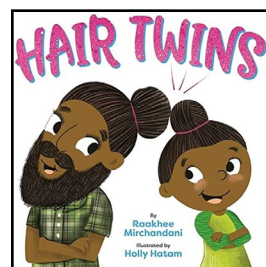
# 10 Picture Books that Celebrate Dads



## A Perfect Father's Day

by Eve Bunting

In this engaging and funny book, a little girl takes her dad out for the "perfect Father's Day" that just happens to involve visiting all her favourite places.



## Hair Twins

by Raakhee Mirchandani

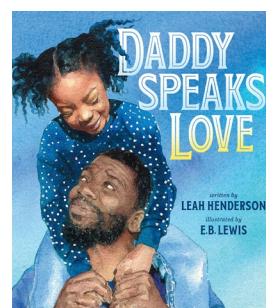
In this sweet picture book that champions diversity, a Sikh father and daughter share a special bond.



## The Day Dad Joined My Soccer Team

by Maureen Fergus

In this laugh-out-loud role-reversal story, a very enthusiastic dad joins his son's soccer team, and the child teaches his father how to be a team player.



## Daddy Speaks Love

by Leah Henderson

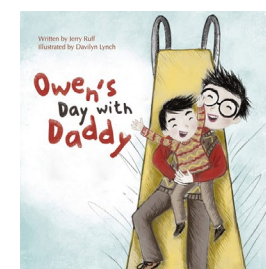
This lyrical picture book with beautiful watercolour illustrations celebrates the loving relationships between fathers and their children.



## Papa, Daddy, & Riley

by Seamus Kirst

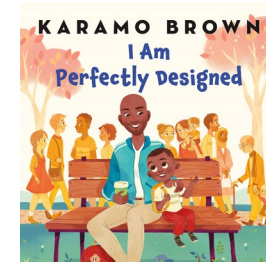
Riley's classmate insists a family means a mother and a father. Will she have to choose between her two dads? An endearing and upbeat story about the meaning of family.



## Owen's Day with Daddy

by Jerry Ruff

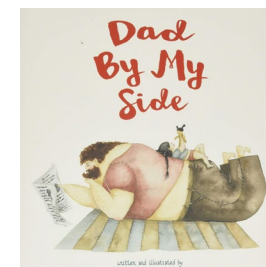
When Owen has a hard time adjusting to becoming a big brother, his dad plans a special day for just the two of them. A simple story about patience and dealing with emotions.



## I Am Perfectly Designed

by Karamo Brown

As a father and son explore their neighbourhood, they reminisce about the boy's childhood and look to the future. A cheerful and brightly illustrated look at the unconditional love between father and child.



## Dad By My Side

by Soosh

In this tender tale of father-daughter love, a little girl describes all the ways her father supports and takes care of her.



## Together We Ride

by Valerie Bolling

A charming story, told in simple rhyming text, about a proud dad teaching his daughter to ride a bike.



## Dad and the Dinosaur

by Gennifer Choldenko

Nicholas always keeps his toy dinosaur with him so that he can be brave like his dad. When the dinosaur goes missing, his father knows exactly what to do. A relatable story about overcoming fears.



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