YA NONFICTION



Check out some of the great YA Nonfiction books in our Collection.

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Buildings That Breathe

by Nancy F. Castaldo
Urban planners, architects, and scientists
are developing high-rise forests that seek
to balance human activity and natural
regeneration. Learn how green
infrastructure will impact climate change,
transform the urban landscape, and

change how we think about our future.



Black Internet Effect

by Shavone Charles
Shavone Charles explores how curiosity
and nerve led her to the most influential
spaces in the tech world. She hopes to
shape a future where people, particularly
women of color, feel empowered to make
space and challenge status quos.



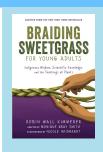
Future Tense

by Martha Brockenbrough Learn about the development of AI, exploring how it has touched every corner of our world, including education, healthcare, work, politics, war, international relations, and romance.



Down to Business

by Fenley Scurlock
Fenley and Jason started businesses by
the time they were in middle school. Here,
they interview leading innovators,
inventors, and executives to provide tips
for other youth entrepreneurs starting out.



Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults

by Robin Wall Kimmerer
The best-selling book Braiding
Sweetgrass is adapted for a young adult
audience, bringing Indigenous wisdom,
scientific knowledge, and the lessons of
plant life to a new generation.



What the Fact?

by Seema Yasmin

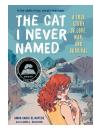
Tracing the spread of misinformation and disinformation through our fast-moving media landscape, a journalist, scientist, medical professional, and professor offer the skills to identify and counter poorly sourced clickbait/misleading headlines.



Votes of Confidence

by Jeff Fleischer

It can be hard to get good info about the election process, why it matters, or how to get involved. Civics education and information about how our government functions is necessary whether you're a longtime or soon-to-be voter.



The Cat I Never Named

by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess
A Muslim-Bosnian teen describes her
experiences during the Bosnian genocide
and her remarkable relationship with a
stray cat who followed her home and
saved the lives of her family members.



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Spirit Sleuths

by Gail Jarrow

After millions of people died during WWI and the 1918 influenza pandemic, the popularity of spiritualism soared. Desperate to communicate with loved ones, the bereaved fell prey to extortion by fraudulent mediums and fortune-

tellers. Angered by the exploitation, Harry Houdini set out to expose the ghost hoaxes. His head secret agent was a young New York private detective, Rose Mackenberg.



Death in the Jungle

by Candace Fleming

This a chilling chronicle of one of the most notorious cults in American history. Using riveting first-person accounts, the author reveals the makings of a monster: from Jones's humble origins... to his founding of a group whose idealistic promises attracted thousands... to his

relocation to Jonestown... to his transformation of Peoples Temple into a nefarious experiment in mind-control.



America redux : visual stories from our dynamic history

by Ariel Aberg-Riger

In this immersive experience, 21 visual stories reveal the extraordinary, unexpected, sometimes darker sides of history that reverberate in our society today, exploring themes that create our

shared sense of American identity and questioning the myths we've been telling ourselves for centuries.



Wired Differently

by Joe Wells

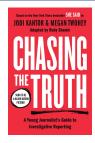
This empowering book showcases successful neurodivergent role models from the worlds of sport, art, science, music and more. It highlights their achievements and shows how their neurodivergent traits helped them.



Pigeons at War

by Connie Goldsmith
For more than five thousand years,
people all over the world have worked
with pigeons to send and receive
important messages. Discover how
pigeons were trained for use in World
Wars I and II. Learn about some of their
most daring flights, and find out what

other ways pigeons and humans work together.



Chasing the Truth

by Jodi Kantor

Two Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists inspire a new generation of investigative reporters as they offer tips and advice for writing stories that can make a difference.



Overground Railroad (YA Adaptation)

by Candacy Taylor

Because of segregation, Black travelers couldn't eat, sleep, or even get gas at most white-owned businesses. The Green Book listed hotels, restaurants, department stores, gas stations,

recreational destinations, and other businesses that were safe. It was a resourceful and innovative solution to a horrific problem. It took courage to be listed in the Green Book, and the stories from those who took a stand against racial segregation are recorded and celebrated.



Finding Refuge

by Victorya Rouse

What is a refugee? English teacher Victorya Rouse assembles a collection of true teen immigration stories essential for our times, complete with maps, context, and background on the refugees' home countries. Available digitally on Hoopla.

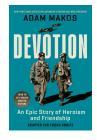


Climate and Environmental Injustice

by Gail Terp

Describes the history of climate and environmental injustice, including the history of climate and environmental injustice, climate issues today, key moments fighting climate injustice, and

possible ways to end climate and environmental injustice.



Devotion (Adapted for Young Adults)

by Adam Makos

A young adult adaptation of the national bestseller that details the true story of two Navy pilots from divergent racial and economic backgrounds who forge a deep friendship during the Korean War as they face extraordinary circumstances.