

The Girl Who Married a Skull in Young People's Fiction at the Oak Ridge Public Library

A skull who borrows a skeleton to trick a beautiful girl into marriage, the friendship between a snake and a frog, and learning how to befriend a lion are just three tales you can fall in love with in ***The Girl Who Married a Skull, and Other African Stories: a Cautionary Fairytales & Fables Book***. In this graphic anthology of fifteen African folktales playfully interpreted by modern cartoonists, cultural stories are told in a variety of styles and tones. (YP 741.500)

The year is 1889. The city of Paris is going through extraordinary changes full of mystery, decadence, and dangerous desires. When the ever-powerful Order of Babel seek an ancient artifact, they offer Séverin Montagnet-Alarie the one treasure he never imagined he'd get his hands on: his own inheritance. Séverin calls upon a ragtag team of experts to help him with this mission: an engineer, a historian, a dancer, and a brother in arms. In Roshani Chokshi's ***The Gilded Wolves***, this team explores the dark, glittering heart of Paris in search of their key to a better life. (YPF)

Love sucks. That's one of the harshest realities in life to learn. In ***Dear Heartbreak***, today's popular YP authors respond to letters sent in to "Heartbreak" with stories about the dark side of love you may have to face: break-ups, betrayal, cheating, loneliness, and violence. (YPSS)

When she was seven, Echo saved a white wolf from a trap only to have her face marked by his claws. Years later, her father mysteriously disappears, just after remarrying. Echo thought he was lost forever until she finds him six months later, half-frozen, guarded by the very same wolf. In ***Echo North*** by Joanna Ruth Meyer, Echo is presented with an offer from him: her father will remain safe if Echo agrees to live with the wolf for a year. But, there is more to the wolf than she realizes. (YPF)

Spensa has dreamed of attending flight school since she was a little girl. She wants to become a pilot and prove her bravery like the heroes before her, but her chances of achieving this dream are slim to none. Her father was a pilot and a traitor, one who wound up killed by his own team, and no one will let her forget it. In ***Skyward*** by Brandon Sanderson, Spensa happens upon a wrecked ship she believes she can fix, and her dreams may finally become reality. (YPF)

How many dates will it take to find The One? After a string of poor decisions, Korean Jisu is sent to a private boarding school in San Francisco. There, her parents expect her to excel in school and get into a good college, all while going on dates set up by a matchmaker until she finds the one. In ***29 Dates*** by Melissa de la Cruz, Jisu finds her passion, new friendships, and possibly love while looking towards the future. (YPF)

Other new YP available at the library:

- Even If I Fall (YPF) by Abigail Johnson
- Standing Up Against Hate (YP 940.541) by Mary Cronk Farrell
- A Sky for Us Alone (YPF) by Kristin Russell
- Life of Frederick Douglass (YP 921.000) by David Walker
- Halo: Battle Born (YPSF) by Cassandra Rose Clarke
- Junk Drawer Geometry: 50 Awesome Activities That Don't Cost a Thing (YP 516.000) by Bobby Mercer