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13 Books to Read Before They Hit Theaters



There's a great lineup of books due for their big screen debuts in 2015, from classics like *The Jungle Book* and *Frankenstein* to new bestsellers such as *Insurgent* and *The Scorch Trials*. The best part? All of these titles are available for download in **Learning Ally's audiobook library** for members with a certified print disability such as blindness or dyslexia. So grab your popcorn and a pair of headphones, then get reading!

Young adult

The Last Apprentice

by Joseph Delaney

For years, Old Gregory has been the Spook for the county, ridding the local villages of evil. Now his time is coming to an end. But who will take over for him? Twenty-nine apprentices have tried—some floundered, some fled, some failed to stay alive. Only Thomas Ward is left. He's the last hope, the last apprentice.

Movie release: Feb. 6, 2015.

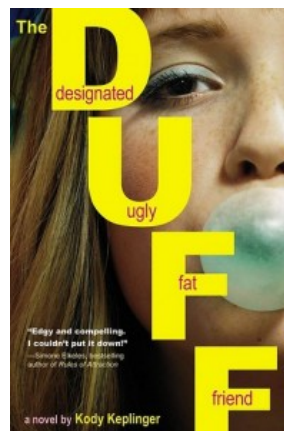


The DUFF

by Kody Keplinger

Seventeen-year-old Bianca Piper suddenly realizes with absolute horror that she's falling for the slimy school hottie that she thought she hated. Turns out, he's not a bad listener. Soon, Bianca realizes how harmful her unhealthy way of dealing with her problems has been, and finds a way to confront them head on.

Movie release: Feb. 20, 2015.



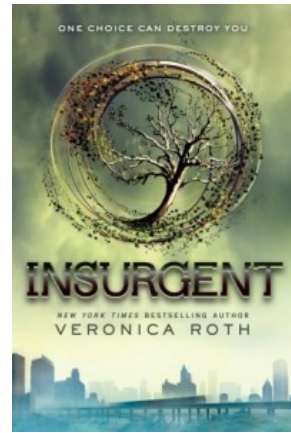
Insurgent

by Veronica Roth

As the sequel to the 2011 bestseller *Divergent*, *Insurgent* continues the story of Tris

Prior and the dystopian post-apocalyptic version of Chicago. Following the events of the previous novel, a war now looms as conflict between the factions and their ideologies grows. While trying to save the people that she loves, Tris faces questions of grief, forgiveness, identity, loyalty, politics, and love.

Movie release: Mar. 20, 2015.



Paper Towns

by John Green

Quentin Jacobsen has spent a lifetime loving the magnificently adventurous Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life—dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge—he follows. After she goes missing the next day, Quentin realizes Margo is more of a mystery than he ever imagined.

Movie release: June 19, 2015.



The Scorch Trials

by James Dashner

In this sequel to bestseller *The Maze Runner*, Thomas was sure that escape from the Maze would mean freedom for him and the Gladers. Solving the Maze was supposed to be the end. No more puzzles. No more variables. And no more running. But no one really knew what sort of life they were going back to. In the Maze, life was easy. They had food, and shelter, and safety . . . until Teresa triggered the end. In the world outside the Maze, however, the end was triggered long ago.

Movie release: Sept. 18, 2015.



The Jungle Book

by Rudyard Kipling

The Jungle Book introduces Mowgli, the human foundling adopted by a family of wolves. It tells of the enmity between him and the tiger Shere Khan, who killed Mowgli's parents, and of the friendship between the man-cub and Bagheera, the black panther, and Baloo, the sleepy brown bear, who instructs Mowgli in the Laws of the Jungle.

Movie release: Oct. 9, 2015.



Mockingjay (Part 2)

by Suzanne Collins

Katniss Everdeen, girl on fire, has survived, even though her home has been destroyed. Gale has escaped. Katniss's family is safe. Peeta has been captured by the Capitol. District 13 really does exist. There are rebels. There are new leaders. A revolution is unfolding. The second movie installment based on the final book in the series comes out next winter.

Movie release: Nov. 20, 2015.



Adult

Still Alice

by Lisa Genova

Fifty-year-old Alice Howland, a Harvard professor of cognitive psychology, is at the top of her game. Her kids are grown, her marriage secure, her career on fire when suddenly, after mere months of forgetfulness, she finds herself in the rapidly downward spiral of early onset Alzheimer's Disease. With no cure or treatment, Alice struggles to find meaning and purpose in her everyday life as her concept of self gradually slips away.

Movie release: Jan. 16, 2015.

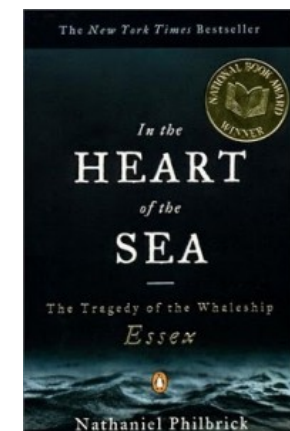


In the Heart of the Sea

by Nathaniel Philbrick

In the Heart of the Sea brings to new life the incredible story of the wreck of the whaleship Essex—an event as mythic in its own century as the Titanic disaster in ours, and the inspiration for the climax of *Moby-Dick*. In a harrowing page-turner, Nathaniel Philbrick restores this epic story to its rightful place in American history. A true tale of man versus nature.

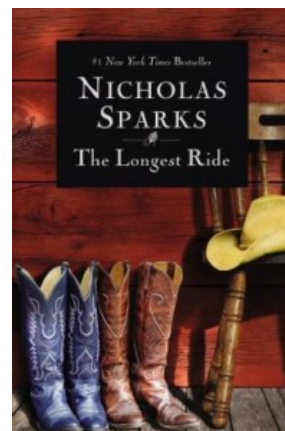
Movie release: Mar. 13, 2015.



The Longest Ride

by Nicholas Sparks

In the tradition of his beloved first novel, *The Notebook*, #1 New York Times bestselling author Nicholas Sparks returns with the remarkable story of two couples whose lives intersect in profound and surprising ways. Ira and Ruth. Sophia and Luke. Two couples who have little in common, and who are separated by years and experience, yet their lives will converge with unexpected poignancy.



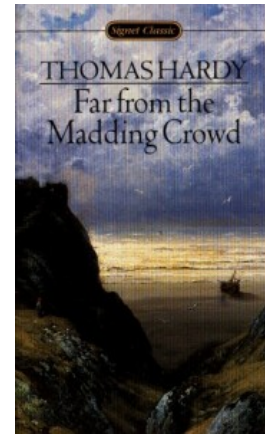
Movie release: April 10, 2015.

Far from the Madding Crowd

by Thomas Hardy

Independent and spirited Bathsheba Everdene has come to Weatherbury to take up her position as a farmer on the largest estate in the area. Her bold presence draws three very different suitors: the gentleman-farmer Boldwood, soldier-seducer Sergeant Troy and the devoted shepherd Gabriel Oak. Each, in contrasting ways, unsettles her decisions and complicates her life. Then tragedy ensues, threatening the stability of the whole community.

Movie release: May 1, 2015.

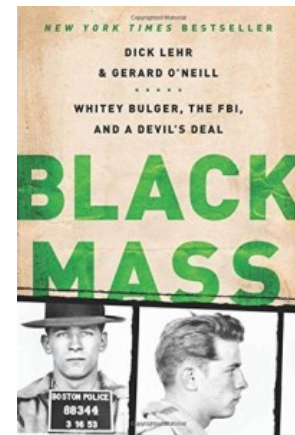


Black Mass

by Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill

John Connolly and James "Whitey" Bulger grew up together on the streets of South Boston. Decades later, in the mid 1970s, they would meet again. By then, Connolly was a major figure in the FBI's Boston office and Whitey had become godfather of the Irish Mob. What happened next — a dirty deal to bring down the Italian mob in exchange for protection for Bulger — would spiral out of control, leading to murders, drug dealing, racketeering indictments, and, ultimately, the biggest informant scandal in the history of the FBI.

Movie release: Sept. 18, 2015.

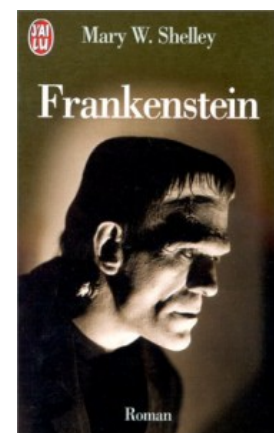


Frankenstein

by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Few creatures of horror have seized readers' imaginations and held them for so long as the anguished monster of Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The story of Victor Frankenstein's monstrous creation and the havoc it caused has enthralled generations of readers and inspired countless writers of horror and suspense.

Movie release: Oct. 2, 2015.



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