

YA FICTION In English

This Poison Heart

By Kalynn Bayron

Read by Susan Spain

11 hours, 29 minutes)

Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, including poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives. Strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

In this version of "The Secret Garden," teenaged Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, even poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives.

[DB 104459](#)

Firekeeper's Daughter

By Angeline Boulley, **2024 NLS Summer Reading Author Talk Presenter**

Read by Isabella Star LaBlanc

14 hours 16 minutes

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

A groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who goes undercover to root out the crime and corruption threatening her community.

[BR 24040](#)

[DB 102762](#)

Skin of the sea

By Natasha Bowen

Read by Yetide Badaki

11 hours 30 minutes

"Transformed by the goddess Yemoja into a Mami Wati, an African mermaid charged with collecting the souls of those who die at sea, Simi goes against the gods to save a living boy, Kola, from drowning." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

[DB 110780](#)

Promise Boys

By Nick Brooks

Read by Brad Sanders, Jaime Lincoln Smith, Xenia Willacey, and Henriette Zoutomou

6 hours 32 minutes

"J.B., Ramâon, and Trey, students of the Urban Promise Prep School, must follow the school's strict rules, but when their principal is murdered, the three boys must band together to track down the real killer before they are arrested." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

[DB 113776](#)

Two Roads

By Joseph Bruchac

Read by Shaun Taylor-Corbett

7 hours 58 minutes

"It's 1932, and twelve-year-old Cal Black and his Pop have been riding the rails for years after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Cal likes being a "knight of the road" with Pop, even if they're broke. But then Pop has to go to Washington, DC--some of his fellow veterans are marching for their government checks, and Pop wants to make sure he gets his due--and Cal can't go with him. So Pop tells Cal something he never knew before: Pop is actually a Creek Indian, which means Cal is too. And Pop has decided to send Cal to a government boarding school for Native Americans in Oklahoma called the Challagi School. At school, the other Creek boys quickly take Cal under their wings. Even in the harsh, miserable conditions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, he begins to learn about his people's history and heritage. He learns their language and customs. And most of all, he learns how to find strength in a group of friends who have nothing beyond each other." -- Provided by publisher. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8.

[DB 115052](#)

Legendborn

By Tracy Deonn

Read by Joniece Abbott-Pratt

18 hours 57 minutes

After witnessing a magical attack, Bree infiltrates Legendborn, a secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights. She suspects the group is somehow connected to her mother's death. Strong language and some violence. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

[BR 23695](#)

[DB 100993](#)

Rima's rebellion

By Margarita Engle

Read by Adriana Sananes

2 hours 20 minutes

"In 1920s Cuba, Rima is bullied and shunned for her illegitimacy, but finds solace in riding her horse and forges unexpected friendships with others who share her dreams of freedom and suffrage. Includes historical note." -- Provided by publisher. For junior and senior high and older readers.

[DB 115548](#)

All of Us Villains

By Amanda Foody and Christine Lynn Herman

Read by Raphael Corkhill and Billie Fulford-Brown

12 hours 53 minutes

Every generation, seven families select a champion to compete in a tournament to the death for control of high magick. But this year, a salacious tell-all book draws everyone to Ilvernath to watch the bloody curse unfold. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

[DB 105811](#)

Lobizona

By Romina Garber

Read by Sol Madariaga

12 hours, 36 minutes

When her mother is arrested by ICE, sixteen-year-old Argentinian Manu--who thinks she is hiding in a Miami apartment because she is an undocumented immigrant--discovers that her

entire existence is illegal. Strong language and some violence. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

[DB 101837](#)

Boys I Know

By Anna Gracia

Read by Si Chen

9 hours 1 minute

"June Chu is the just good enough girl. Good enough to line the shelves with a slew of third-place trophies and steal secret kisses from her AP Bio partner, Rhys. But not good enough to meet literally any of her Taiwanese mother's unrelenting expectations or to get Rhys to commit to anything beyond a well-timed joke. While June's mother insists she follow in her (perfect) sister's footsteps and get a (full-ride) violin scholarship to Northwestern (to study pre-med), June doesn't see the point in trying too hard if she's destined to fall short anyway. Instead, she focuses her efforts on making her relationship with Rhys official. But after her methodically planned, tipsily executed scheme explodes on the level of a nuclear disaster, she flings herself into a new relationship with a guy who's not allergic to the word girlfriend." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers

[DB 109804](#)

Road Tripped

By Pete Hautman

Read by Christopher Carley

6 hours 56 minutes

"Seventeen-year-old Steven "Stiggy" Gabel tries to cope with his father's suicide, his mother's depression, and his girlfriend's departure by taking off down the Great River Road from Minnesota to Louisiana. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2019."

[DB 96108](#)

We'll Never Tell

By Wendy Heard

Read by Devon Hales, Hallie Ricardo, Eliana Marianes, Trevor Goble, and Brian Troxell

9 hours 29 minutes

"While investigating an infamous Hollywood murder mystery for their final YouTube episode, four teenagers visit the scene of the crime, but one does not come out alive, leaving the others to solve crimes old and new--or die trying. No one at Hollywood High knows who's behind We'll Never Tell--a viral YouTube channel where the anonymous creators trespass behind the scenes of LA's most intriguing locales. The team includes CASEY, quiet researcher and trivia champ; JACOB, voice narrator and video editor, who is secretly dating EDDIE, aspiring filmmaker; and ZOE, coder and breaking-and-entering extraordinaire..." -- Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

[DB 116932](#)

The Last Cuentista

By Barba Higuera

Read by Frankie Corzo

8 hours, 36 minutes

Petra Peña's world is ending, and only the chosen few will journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to discover that she alone remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has

taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

[BR 23967](#)

[DB 105729](#)

The Silence that Binds Us

By Joanna Ho

Read by Raechel Wong

11 hours 22 minutes

"In the year following their son's death, May Chen's parents face racist accusations of putting too much pressure on their son and causing his death by suicide, and May attempts to challenge the racism and ugly stereotypes through her writing, only to realize that she still has a lot to learn and that her actions have consequences for her family as well as herself." --

Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

[BR 24855](#)

[DB 111254](#)

Raybearer

By Jordan Ifueko

Read by Joniece Abbott-Pratt

13 hours, 51 minutes

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of Eleven. But her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook.

For senior high and older readers. 2020.

[DB 100566](#)

White Smoke

By Tiffany D. Jackson

Read by Marcella Cox

8 hours 59 minutes

When her mom accepts a new job that comes with a free house, one that Mari now has to share with her bratty little stepsister, Piper, they soon experience household items vanishing, lights turning off, and a foul smell. But worse, Piper keeps talking about a friend who wants Mari gone. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Marigold is running from ghosts. The phantoms of her old life keep haunting her, but a move with her newly blended family from their small California beach town to the embattled Midwestern city of Cedarville might be the fresh start she needs. Her mom has accepted a new job with the Sterling Foundation that comes with a free house, one that Mari now has to share with her bratty ten-year-old stepsister, Piper. The renovated picture-perfect home on Maple Street, sitting between dilapidated houses, surrounded by wary neighbors has its . . . secrets. That's only half the problem: household items vanish, doors open on their own, lights turn off, shadows walk past rooms, voices can be heard in the walls, and there's a foul smell seeping through the vents only Mari seems to notice. Worse: Piper keeps talking about a friend who wants Mari gone. But "running from ghosts" is just a metaphor, right? As the house closes in, Mari learns that the danger isn't limited to Maple Street. Cedarville has its secrets, too. And secrets always find their way through the cracks.

[DB 105467](#)

Walking in Two Worlds

By Wab Kinew

Read by Wab Kinew with Joelle Peters

7 hours, 39 minutes

Caught between her self-conscious feelings in the world and her confident alter ego in the virtual gaming world, Bugz, an Indigenous teen, bonds with fellow gamer Feng on the Rez. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

[DB 105807](#)

Red, White, and Whole

By Rajani LaRocca

Read by Priya Ayyar

2 hours 41 minutes

A novel in verse. As her school's only Indian American student, Reha feels torn between worlds. Then Reha finds out that her mother is sick. She'll even try to be the perfect daughter if it means saving her mom's life. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

[DB 105732](#)

A Pho Love Story

By Loan Le

Read by Ryan Do and Vyvy Nguyen

9 hours 56 minutes

High school seniors Bao and Linh, whose feuding families own competing Vietnamese restaurants, conceal their budding romance, as well as Linh's desire to become an artist. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

[DB 108093](#)

A Magic Steeped in Poison

By Judy I. Lin

Read by Carolyn Kang

11 hours 14 minutes

"Ning enters a cutthroat magical competition to find the kingdom's greatest master of the art of brewing tea, but political schemes and secrets make her goal of gaining access to royal physicians to cure her dying sister far more dangerous than she imagined." -- Provided by publisher.

Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

[DB 109863](#)

A Very Large Expanse of Sea

By Tahereh Mafi

Read by Priya Ayyar

6 hours 45 minutes

A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life. Then she meets a boy in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

[DB 92882](#)

The Knockout

By Sajni Patel

Read by ?

? hours ? minutes

(No book number: DB in process)

Otherworld

By Jason Segel, Kirsten Miller

Read by Jason Segel

10 hours 35 minutes

After the newest set of virtual-reality gear hits the market, Simon can't wait to test it out. When his best friend, Kat, and other gamers are suddenly in trouble because of the game, Simon races to uncover the corporate conspiracy. Some violence, strong language. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2017.

"After the newest set of virtual reality gear hits the market, Simon can't wait to test it out. But, when his friend Katherine suddenly disappears after being seen with men from the same gaming company, Simon must decide how far in the game he's willing to go to save her"--

Provided by publisher.

[DB 89669](#)

The Girls I've Been

By Tess Sharpe

Read by Tess Sharpe

9 hours, 51 minutes

When seventeen-year-old Nora O'Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

[DB 107357](#)

Those Summer Nights

By Laura Silverman

Read by Eva Wilhelm

8 hours, 45 minutes

"After recovering from a soccer injury that ended her Olympic dreams and still grieving the death of her beloved grandmother, seventeen-year-old Hannah Klein must navigate a new summer job working with her ex-best friend, her younger brother, and her brother's suddenly attractive best friend." -- Provided by publisher. Strong language and descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers.

[DB 115556](#)

Boys of the beast

By Monica Zepeda

Read by Shawn Hertel

5 hours 33 minutes

Three teenage boy cousins on a road trip through California and the Southwest come to terms with truths about their families and themselves." -- Provided by publisher.

Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 2022.

[DB 108769](#)

Iron Widow

By Xiran Jay Zhao

Read by Rong Fu

? hours ? minutes

"The boys of Huaxia dream of the celebrity status that comes with piloting Chrysalises - giant transforming robots that battle the aliens beyond the Great Wall. No one cares that their female co-pilots must serve as concubines and sacrifice their lives. When 18-year-old Zetian offers

herself up as a concubine-pilot, her plan is to assassinate the man responsible for her sister's death. But on miraculously emerging from the cockpit unscathed after her first battle, she has a new plan. The time has come to overturn the entire patriarchal military system." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.
DB 119143 in process

Spanish or Bilingual

Furia

By Yamile Saied Méndez

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

English Reading Time: 8 hours, 47 minutes

Spanish Reading Time: 10 hours, 50 minutes

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her father's wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego. Strong language and some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

"En Rosario, Argentina, Camila Hassan vive una doble vida. En casa es una hija cuidadosa que vive dentro de las estrechas expectativas de su madre, en la sombra de su hermano quien a su vez también es una estrella del fútbol en ascenso, y bajo las reglas estrictas y casi abusivas de su padre malhumorado. En el campo, ella es La Furia, una potencia de habilidad y talento.

Cuando su equipo clasifica para el torneo sudamericano, Camila tendrá la oportunidad de ver hasta dónde puede llevarla su talento. En sus sueños más locos, obtendría una beca deportiva para una universidad norteamericana. Pero el camino por delante no será fácil. Sus padres desconocen su pasión. No le permitirían jugar fútbol a una niña, y ella necesita su permiso para poder avanzar. Y el chico al que una vez amó está de regreso en la ciudad..." -- Amazon.com.

Traducido de la edición en inglés de 2020. Contiene lenguaje ofensivo y algunas descripciones de índole sexual. Para lectores de alta secundaria y mayores.

[BR 23408](#), English

[DB 101185](#), English

[DB 111919](#), Spanish

Cemetery Boys

By Aiden Thomas

Read by Avi Roque

13 hours 50 minutes

Yadriel, who is transgender, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

Yadriel, que es transgénero, quiere demostrar que es un brujo, y no una bruja, a su familia conservadora. Convoca al espíritu enfadado del chico malo de su colegio, y acepta ayudarlo a descubrir cómo murió para probarlo. Traducido de la edición en inglés de 2020. Contiene lenguaje ofensivo y algunas descripciones de violencia y de índole sexual. Audiolibro comercial. Para lectores de alta secundaria y mayores. NLS foreign language annotation.

[DB 101679](#), English

[DB 103849](#), Spanish

YA NONFICTION

Can't Stop, Won't Stop: A Hip-Hop History (Young Adult Edition)

By Jeff Chang with Dave "Davey D" Cook

Read by Jeff Chang with Dave "Davey D" Cook
12 hours 33 minutes

The award-winning authors explore hip-hop, a generation-defining movement that transformed American politics and culture. Based on original interviews with DJs, b-boys, rappers, activists, and gang members. An American Book Award winner adapted for young adults. Strong language and some violence. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.
[DB 102758](#)

The True Story of the First US Women's Olympic Basketball Team

By Andrew Maraniss

Read by Nicole Lewis

7 hours 12 minutes

"Twenty years before women's soccer became an Olympic sport and two decades before the formation of the WNBA, the '76 US women's basketball team laid the foundation for the incredible rise of women's sports in America at the youth, collegiate, Olympic, and professional levels. Though they were unknowns from small schools such as Delta State, the University of Tennessee at Martin and John F. Kennedy College of Wahoo, Nebraska, at the time of the '76 Olympics, the American team included a roster of players who would go on to become some of the most legendary figures in the history of basketball. From Pat Head, Nancy Lieberman, Ann Meyers, Lusia Harris, coach Billie Moore, and beyond--these women took on the world and proved everyone wrong." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers.

[DB 110512](#)

Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice

By Tommie Smith, Derrick Barnes, and Dawud Anyabwile

Read by Corey Jackson

"On October 16, 1968, during the medal ceremony at the Mexico City Olympics, Tommie Smith, the gold medal winner in the 200-meter sprint, and John Carlos, the bronze medal winner, stood on the podium in black socks and raised their black-gloved fists to protest racial injustice inflicted upon African Americans. Both men were forced to leave the Olympics, received death threats, and faced ostracism and continuing economic hardships. In his first-ever memoir for young readers, Tommie Smith looks back on his childhood growing up in rural Texas through to his stellar athletic career, culminating in his historic victory and Olympic podium protest. Cowritten with Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Author Honor recipient Derrick Barnes and illustrated with bold and muscular artwork from Emmy Award-winning illustrator Dawud Anyabwile, Victory. Stand! paints a stirring portrait of an iconic moment in Olympic history that still resonates today." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. YALSA Award for Excellence in Non-Fiction for Young Adults; Coretta Scott King Award Honor Book; National Book Award Finalist. For junior and senior high and older readers. DB 118889 in process

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants

By Robin Wall Kimmerer

read by ?

? hours ? minutes

"Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer's best-selling book Braiding Sweetgrass is adapted for a young adult audience by children's author Monique Gray Smith, bringing Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For junior and senior high readers.

DB 118676 in process

