

10th Grade Reading List 2023



Abike-lyimide, Faridah. Ace of Spades, 2021. TEEN

Chamiaka and Devon, who both attend a prestigious private school, are chosen to be the head girl and head boy of their senior class, which greatly helps further their goals. However, soon after they have been chosen, someone going by the name Aces starts spreading their secrets around school, jeopardizing their positions and futures.



Avecedo, Elizabeth. Clap When You Land, 2020. TEEN

Written in verse and told in two perspectives, Camina and Yahaira are sisters living in different places and who have never met. This all changes when their father dies in a plane crash, and the sisters find each other while grieving. With new struggles and unveiled family secrets, both girls must navigate their forever altered reality.



Brooks, Nick. **Promise Boys**, 2023. TEEN

After the principal of Urban Promise Prep School has been found dead, three students of color—JB, Ramone, and Trey—become prime suspects as they all were seen having issues with the principle before his death. With all three maintaining their innocence, they must band together to find the real culprit, whether the culprit be inside or outside the group.



Deonn, Tracy. Legendborn, 2020. TEEN

Bree starts a new program at her mother's college for excelling teens after her mother dies in a car accident. On campus, Bree witnesses a magical attack and discovers a secret society that hunts down monsters. This triggers hidden memories of the night her mother died as well as magical powers, which she then uses to find out what truly happened to her mother.



Hicks, Faith E. Hockey Girl Loves Drama Boy, 2023. TEENGN

After getting into a fight with the team captain of her hockey team, Alix's future as a hockey player is put on hold. Needing to learn how to control her anger, she asks Ezra, a popular theatre student who agrees to help her. With the two spending more and more time together, their budding friendship could potentially turn into something deeper.



Lee, Deb JJ. In Limbo, 2023. TEENBIO LEE, D L478i

In this graphic memoir, Deb reflects on her high school experience and how she longed to fit in. Coming from South Korea, being different, and having nowhere to go to feel safe caused her mental health to take a nosedive. With some help and guidance, Deb gains a deeper understanding about herself and learns self-acceptance and forgiveness.



Lim, Elizabeth. Her Radiant Curse, 2023. TEEN

After Channi's father unsuccessfully sacrifices her to the demon witch, Angma, to save her mother, Channi is left with a face covered in snake scales. Soon after, Angma demands Channi's sister Vanna to be delivered to him or else her family will die. Channi must now defend her sister against Angma while also facing threats along the way.



Meddings, Lize. The Sad Ghost Club, 2020. TEENGN

Two lonely ghosts who struggle with mental health issues find each other at a party and leave together. They both form The Sad Ghost Club, for people who feel like they are alone and feel like they can't fit in. This story showcases the power of friendship and community and how they can help people feel less alone in their struggles.



Nguyen, Trung Le. The Magic Fish, 2020. TEENGN

Tien checks out fairy tale stories that he takes home and reads to his mother. They find the stories enjoyable, but the tales also help his mother learn English. One story in particular interests his mother. It reminds her of life back home and the hardships she faced as well as how she met Tien's father. During this, Tien is navigating his first love as well as how to come out to his parents.



Oseman, Alice. Heartstopper, 2020. TEENGN

Charlie is a shy teenager in an all-boys school who constantly gets bullied because he is openly gay. One day, a popular rugby player named Nick sits next to Charlie in class and they form a friendship. As their friendship blooms, feelings start to develop. Now, they both have to explore their growing feelings while navigating high school.



Reyes, Sonora. The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School, 2022. TEEN

Yamilet is starting Catholic school where she is known for being the only Mexican in a mostly all-white school. Although bothersome, she'd rather be known as Mexican than gay, which she keeps secret. This gets hard to keep concealed when she meets Bo, the only openly queer girl at school who catches her attention.



nORDINARY Uru-chan. Unordinary, 2023. TEENGN

This WEBTOON adaptation follows John, a teenager in a high school where the social elites possess magical powers. He prefers to stay out of the spotlight and often gets bullied. His friend Seraphina usually defends him, but one day she gets suspended, leaving John alone to deal with his classmates, who try to dig at his mysterious past. If they dig too deep, they just might land him in trouble.