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Reading recommendations from your local Librarians

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Browse our virtual bookshelf until you can browse in person. Below are some of our staff's favourite newly arrived and on-order books.

OUR SPOTLIGHT TITLE:

BLOOM
by **Kenneth Oppel**

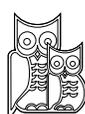
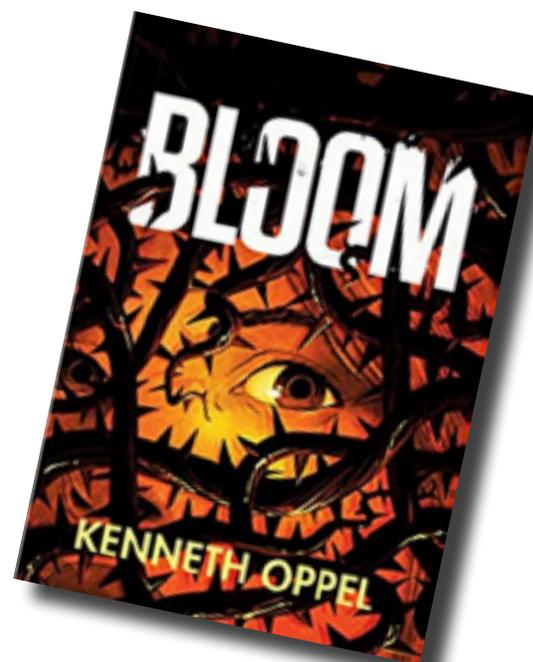
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What if the biggest threat to humanity wasn't climate, disease, war, or monsters... but plants?

Thick, seemingly invincible black grass starts growing all over the world. It invades crops, destroys houses, and emits a dangerous pollen that everyone is allergic to. Everyone except for three young teens from British Columbia: Anaya, Petra, and Seth.

Two other new breeds of invasive plants appear, each more violent and bizarre than the last: a pit plant that lures people into its mouth, puts them to sleep, and digests them. And a grotesquely beautiful water lily that spits acidic seeds like a machine gun. The three immune teens get drawn into a top secret military mission that will have readers rushing to get to the end. Where did the plants come from? Why are these kids immune? And can anyone save the world from certain invasion?

The imagination, character development, and pacing of Bloom is what really sets it apart from other dystopian teen novels. Kenneth Oppel writes with both mindblowing excitement and masterful insight. I highly recommend Bloom for readers of any age who enjoy Hunger Games or other intense adventure stories. Look out for the second book in the trilogy, Hatch, coming this Fall.



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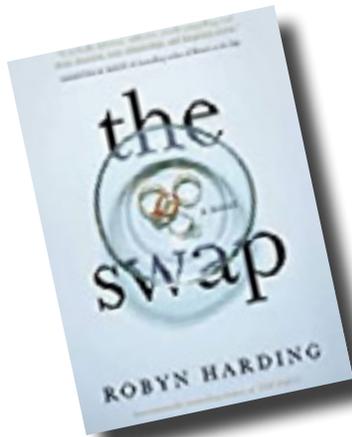
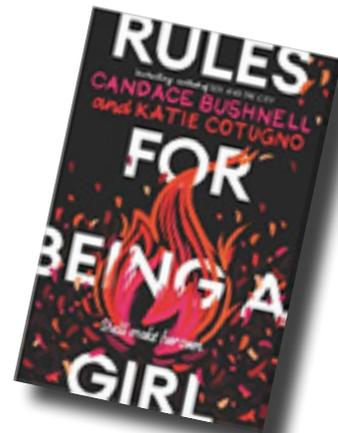
ALSO TRY:

RULES FOR BEING A GIRL

by **Candace Bushnell and Katie Cotugno**

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When high school senior Marin publishes an op-ed about gender discrimination in her school newspaper, she doesn't quite get the supportive reception she was hoping for. This emotional and gutsy coming of age novel will speak to young feminists everywhere.



THE SWAP by Robyn Harding

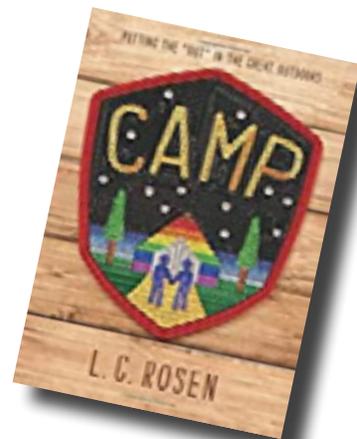
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This gut-wrenching story of glamour, female friendship, and obsession begins after two couples swap partners for a night. Fans of domestic thrillers and character development will especially love this one. This would be an excellent choice for book clubs.

CAMP by L. C. Rosen

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Randy is ready to have the best summer of his life at his LGBTQ summer camp. Even if that includes skipping out on musical theatre and reinventing himself to attract his mega-crush, Hudson. But what will happen if Hudson discovers Randy's secret?



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT by Meryl Wilsner

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Sparks fly on the red carpet when famously reserved A-list actor Jo brings her assistant Emma as her date. All the tabloids want to know if they're together... but they aren't. Yet.

