

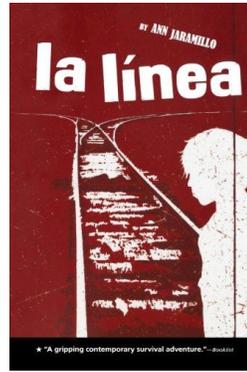
## Freshmen Summer Reading List

### On Level English I

#### *Black Like Me*

by John Howard Griffin

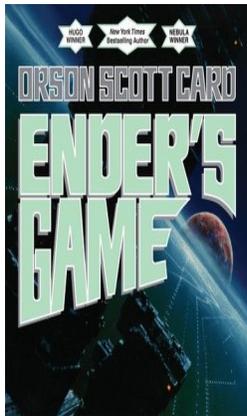
This book presents the true story of journalist John Howard Griffin who, in the 1950s, had his skin medically darkened and traveled through the Deep South in order to experience first hand the cruelty and injustice of segregation. **RL 7.0**



#### *La Linea*

by Ann Jaramillo

When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both. **RL 4.3**

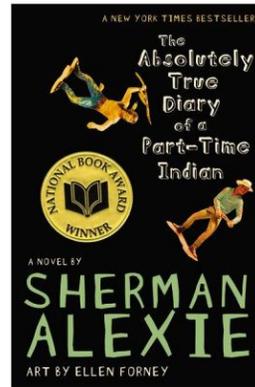


#### *Ender's Game*

by Orson Scott Card

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer games. But in reality, he is being trained to be the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien

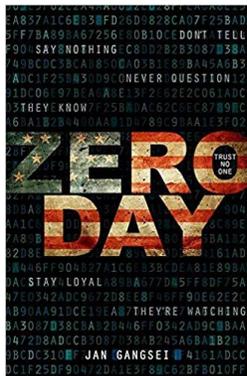
enemy. Book #1 **RL 5.5**



#### *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Sherman Alexie

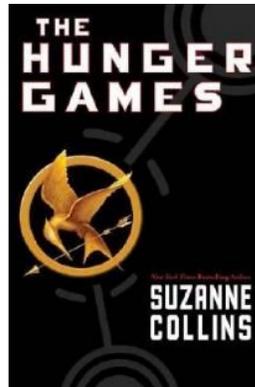
Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. The plot contains profanity and mature themes. **RL 4.0**



#### *Zero Day*

by Jan Gengse

Mysteriously returned to her family eight years after being kidnapped, 16-year-old Addie, whose parents are now the president and first lady, is spied on by her one-time best friend, who evaluates her as a potential threat to national security. **RL 5.0**

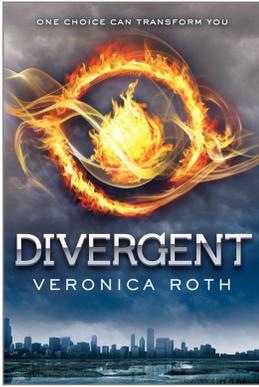


#### *Hunger Games*

Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16-year-old Katniss's skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place. The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence. Book #1 **RL 5.3**

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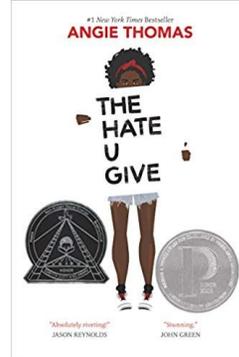


### ***Divergent***

Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice must choose one faction among five, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she does not fit into any one group. The plot contains graphic violence.

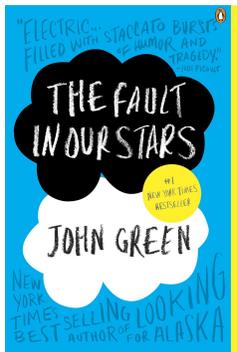
Book #1 RL 4.8



### ***The Hate U Give*** Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter, an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances, addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence,

heart, and unflinching honesty. The plot contains pervasive profanity and racial violence. RL 3.9

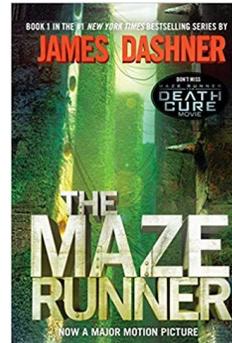


### ***The Fault in Our Stars***

John Green

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and, as they fall in love, they both wonder how they will be

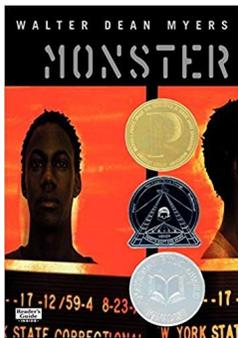
remembered. The plot contains profanity and sexual references. RL 5.5



### ***The Maze Runner*** James Dashner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he

finds himself if he is to escape. The plot contains violence. Book #1 RL 5.3



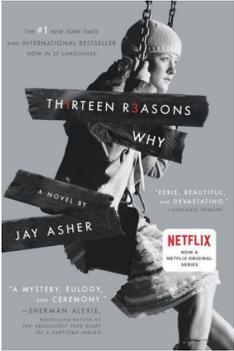
### ***Monster***

Walter Dean Myers

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, 16-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of

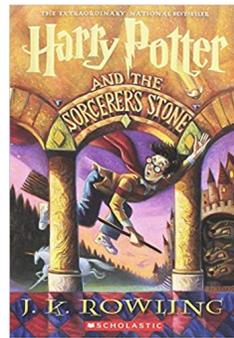
a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken. The plot contains sexual assault. RL 5.1

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### **Thirteen Reasons Why** Jay Asher

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a heartbreaking night listening to her recount the events leading up to her death. **RL 3.9**



### **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** J.K. Rowling

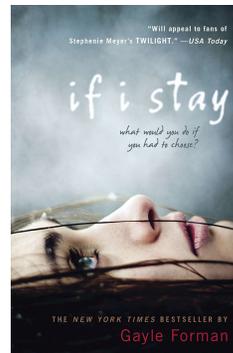
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Book #1 **RL 5.5**



### **Lord of the Flies** William Golding

After a plane crash strands them on a tropical island while the rest of the world is ravaged by war, a group of British schoolboys attempts to form a civilized society but

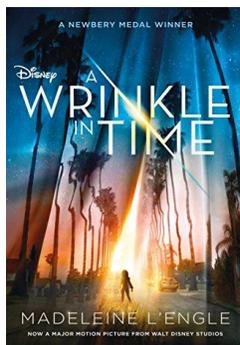
descends into brutal anarchy. **RL 5.0**



### **If I Stay** Gayle Forman

While in a coma following a horrific automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her

grief or join her family in death. The plot contains profanity. **RL 5.3**



### **A Wrinkle in Time** Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry and her family receive a surprise visit from an unearthly stranger out of another dimension in time. Book #1 **RL 4.7**



### **Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** Ransom Riggs

When sixteen-year-old Jacob discovers an abandoned orphanage, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive. The plot contains mild

profanity, sexual references, and violence. Book #1 **RL 5.7**

