

# Forever Young Adult

## Book Club

2020 schedule

Forever Young Adult is held the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Ames Room, unless otherwise noted

- January 20      ***Sadie*** by Courtney Summers  
Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.
- February 17      ***Daughter of Smoke & Bone*** by Laini Taylor  
Seventeen-year-old Karou moves deftly between her relatively normal high-school life in Prague and the strange world of the chimaera, in which she collects the human and animal teeth that the wishmonger, Brimstone, painstakingly sorts. The chimaera are the only family Karou has known, and when access to their world suddenly disappears behind smoldering black handprints, she vows to find them.
- March 16      ***All of This is True*** by Lygia Day Peñaflo  
Four teens at an exclusive private school in New York meet their favorite author, 22-year-old Fatima Ro. Miri, Soleil, Penny, and Jonah become friends with Fatima and their lives soon revolve around the magnetic and reclusive author. But Ro is under pressure to produce a second book, and uses the teens' lives as fodder for it, with tragic results.
- April 20      ***The Astonishing Color of After*** by Emily X.R. Pan  
In the wake of her mother's suicide, 15-year-old Leigh travels from the U.S. to Taiwan, where she hopes to come to terms with the tragedy while getting to know the maternal grandparents she has never met. Convinced that her mother has been reincarnated as a great red bird and eager to understand what happened, Leigh looks for symbols and meaning in the world around her; a stack of incense sticks grants her visions that allow insight into her mother's past and family history.
- May 18      ***Dreamland Burning*** by Jennifer Latham  
Rowan wants to enjoy one day of summer before her internship begins, but that ends when contractors working on her house find a skeleton in an outbuilding. Suddenly she's caught up in the mystery of who the dead man was, why he was killed almost a century before, and how his death relates to a brutal race riot that wiped out the black Tulsa neighborhood of Greenwood in 1921.
- June 15      ***Girls on the Verge*** by Sharon Biggs Waller  
Camille, ready to spend her summer at an advanced drama camp, is horrified to find herself pregnant from her first and only sexual encounter, and unwilling to give her future up for a baby with a boy she's never spoken to again. Knowing she would be disappointing her parents and unwilling to tell them, Camille tries repeatedly to solve her problem, before setting off with two friends determined to help her.

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- July 20 ***Beauty Queens*** by Libba Bray  
This inventive satire mocks celebrity culture while celebrating the resilience of teen girls. When the plane carrying the 50 Miss Teen Dream Pageant contestants crashes on a remote desert island the survivors must channel the skills that made them successful on runways to keep themselves alive until they can be rescued.
- August 17 ***Code Name Verity*** by Elizabeth Wein  
Captured Scottish spy has agreed to tell her tale—and reveal any confidential information she knows—in exchange for relief from being tortured by the Nazis. Her story, which alternates between her early friendship with a pilot named Maddie and her recent sufferings in prison, works both as a story of cross-class friendship and as a harrowing spy story.
- September 21 ***Radio Silence*** by Alice Oseman  
Frances Janvier, a high-achieving but largely friendless British student, has been a fan of Universe City since its first episode, even creating fan art for the show under the online persona of Toulouse. Aled Last, the boy next door, turns out to be Universe City's creator, and, soon after each realizes who the other is, the two collaborate on the podcast and develop a much-needed friendship.
- October 19 ***Slasher Girls and Monster Boys*** edited by April Genevieve  
In this gruesome collection of horror stories, 14 authors including Leigh Bardugo, Marie Lu, Jonathan Maberry, and Carrie Ryan take inspiration from movies, books, songs, and television, twisting, reworking, and combining them to create something terrifying and new.
- November 16 ***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak  
Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.