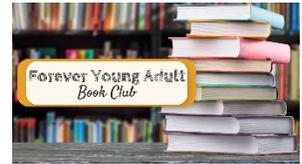


2023 Forever Young Adult Book Discussion Group



This year's theme is "Past & Present". Each month we will be alternating between YA classics and recently published works, to explore how books for young people have changed over time.

Monday, January 16

***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton**

Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

Monday, February 20

***Happily Ever Afters* by Elise Bryant**

Tessa has rarely seen herself reflected in the pages of the romance novels she loves. The only place she's a true leading lady is in her own writing, in the swoony love stories she shares only with her best friend Caroline. When Tessa is accepted into a prestigious creative writing program, she's excited to finally let her stories shine. But when she goes to her first workshop, the words are just...gone. Fortunately, Caroline has a solution: Tessa just needs to find some inspiration in a real-life love story of her own.

Monday, March 20

***Forever...* by Judy Blume**

Katherine and Michael meet at a New Year's Eve party. They're attracted to each other, they grow to love each other. And once they've decided their love is forever, they make love. It's the beginning of an intense and exclusive relationship, with a future all planned. Until Katherine's parents insist that she and Michael put their love to the test with a summer apart...

Monday, April 17

***Anna K: A Love Story* by Jenny Lee**

Dazzlingly opulent and emotionally riveting, *Anna K.: A Love Story* is a brilliant reimagining of Leo Tolstoy's timeless love story, *Anna Karenina*—but above all, it is a novel about the dizzying, glorious, heart-stopping experience of first love and first heartbreak.

Monday, May 15

***Annie on My Mind* by Nancy Garden**

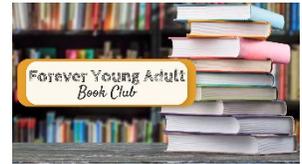
This groundbreaking book is the story of two teenage girls whose friendship blossoms into love and who, despite pressures from family and school that threaten their relationship, promise to be true to each other and their feelings.

Monday, June 19

***You Know Me Well* by Nina LaCour & David Levithan**

Mark and Kate have sat next to each other for an entire year, but have never spoken. For whatever reason, their paths outside of class have never crossed. That is, until Kate spots Mark miles away from home, out in the city for a wild, unexpected night. Kate is lost, having just run away from a

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chance to finally meet the girl she has been in love with from afar. Mark, meanwhile, is in love with his best friend Ryan, who may or may not feel the same way.

Monday, July 17

***The Midnight Club* by Christopher Pike**

Rotterdam Home, a hospice where teenagers with terminal illnesses went to die, was home to the Midnight Club--a group of five young men and women who met at midnight and told stories of intrigue and horror. One night they made a pact that the first of them to die would make every effort to contact the others . . . from beyond the grave.

Monday, August 21

***Ace of Spades* by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé**

Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light. Talented musician Devon buries himself in rehearsals, but he can't escape the spotlight when his private photos go public. Head girl Chiamaka isn't afraid to get what she wants, but soon everyone will know the price she has paid for power. Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...

Monday, September 18

***Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer**

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Monday, October 16

***The Diviners* by Libba Bray**

After humiliating her parents with her unrestrained behavior at a party, privileged young Evie O'Neill is sent to live with her eccentric uncle in New York City -- a "punishment" that utterly delights Evie, who can't wait to mix with Ziegfeld girls and sneak into some big-city speakeasies. But when her Uncle Will, curator of the Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, is called on to help solve a rash of bizarre, other-worldly murders, Evie is drawn in to the investigations because of a special ability she's tried to keep secret

Monday, November 20

***Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertali**

Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he's pushed out--without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met.