

## Forever Youngish 2025-2026 Voting Options

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*(Forever Youngish is an adult book group for individuals who enjoy reading young adult material. Interested in joining? Email Samm at [souellette@nevinslibrary.org](mailto:souellette@nevinslibrary.org) for information.)*

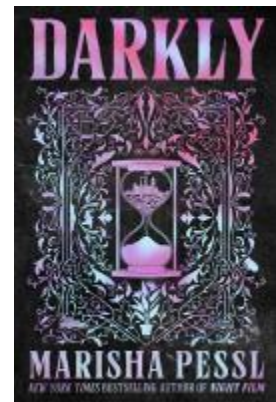
### **Visitations by Corey Egbert**

Corey's mom has always made him feel safe. Especially after his parents' divorce, and the dreaded visitations with his dad begin. But as Corey grows older, he can't ignore his mother's increasingly wild accusations. Her insistence that Corey act as his sister's protector. Her declaration that Corey's father is the devil. Soon, she whisks Corey and his sister away from their home and into the boiling Nevada desert. There, they struggle to survive with little food and the police on their trail. Meanwhile, under the night sky, Corey is visited by a flickering ghost, a girl who urges him to fight for a different world—one outside of his mother's spoon-fed tales, one Corey must find before it's too late.



### **Darkly by Marisha Pessl**

When high schooler Arcadia unexpectedly secures the notorious game-maker's internship, she and the other interns become players in the most twisted game yet.



### **Midnights with You by Clare Osongco**

Seventeen-year-old Deedee longs to escape the stifling world her Filipino mom has created since her husband died, so when Jay, the boy next door, offers to teach her to drive it seems like a way out--but both of them are haunted by family ghosts and traumas that force them apart.



### **The Invocations by Krystal Sutherland**

To get what they want most, Zara and Jude search for Emer, an orphaned witch with dark and deadly powers, but when a serial killer targets Emer's clients, the three girls form an uneasy alliance to hunt the killer before they meet the same fate.



### **Phoebe's Diary by Phoebe Wahl**

Drawing on her own diaries, Phoebe Wahl presents the illustrated journal of a teenage girl careening through the turmoil and ecstasy of adolescence amid school plays, art projects, favorite bands, blossoming friendships, and new love.



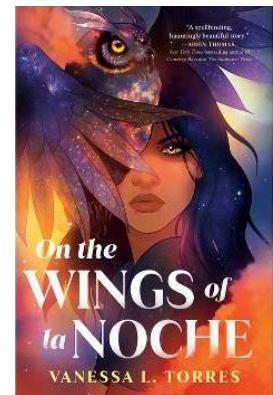
### **Darker by Four by June CL Tan**

Rui has one goal in mind, honing her magic to avenge her mother's death. Yiran is the black sheep of an illustrious family. The world would be at his feet, had he been born with magic. Nikai is a Reaper, serving the Fourth King of Hell. When his master disappears, the underworld begins to crumble, and the human world will be next if the King is not found. When an accident causes Rui's power to transfer to Yiran, everything turns upside down. Without her magic, Rui has no tool for vengeance. With it, Yiran finally feels like he belongs. That is, until Rui discovers she might hold the key to the missing death god and strikes a dangerous bargain with another King. As darkness takes over, three paths intersect in the shadows. And three lives bound by fate must rise against destiny before the barrier between worlds falls and all Hell breaks loose, literally.



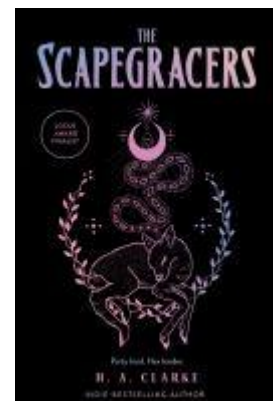
### **On the Wings of La Noche by Vanessa L. Torres**

Seventeen-year-old Noche, who serves as an avian guide to the afterlife, suffers inner turmoil between falling for a new boy in town and letting go of her late girlfriend's soul.



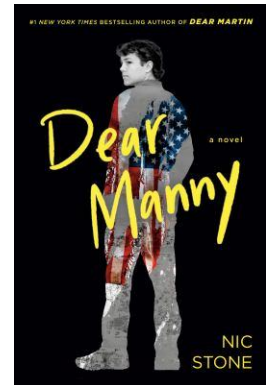
### **The Scapegracers by Hannah Abigail Clarke**

As a witch, lesbian, and lifelong outsider, Sideways Pike has had a hard time making friends. But when the three most popular girls pay her to cast a spell at their Halloween party, Sideways gets swept into a new clique. The unholy trinity are sugar-coated rattlesnakes, and now-- unbelievably-- Sideways' best friends. The four form a ferocious and powerful coven. They plan parties, cast curses on dudebros, try to find Sideways a girlfriend, and elude the fundamentalist witch hunters hellbent on stealing their magic. But who knew that balancing human interaction with supernatural peril could be so complicated?



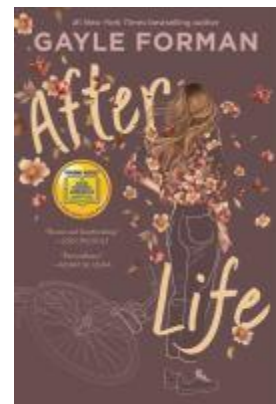
### Dear Manny by Nic Stone

While running for junior class president at his university, Jared falls for his opponent who has a similar platform based on equity and inclusion, and processes his feelings by writing letters to his deceased friend Manny.



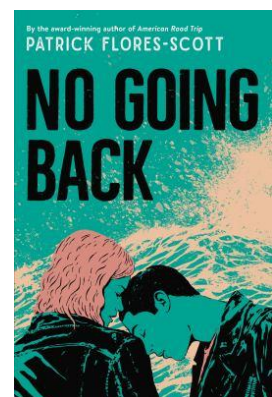
### After Life by Gayle Forman

One spring afternoon after school, Amber arrives home on her bike. It's just another perfectly normal day. But when Amber's mom sees her, she screams. Because Amber died seven years ago, hit by a car while on the very same bicycle she's inexplicably riding now. This mysterious return doesn't impact only Amber. Her sister, Melissa, now seven years older, must be a new kind of sibling to Amber. Amber's now-estranged parents are battling over her. And the changes ripple further and further out: Amber's friends, boyfriend, and even people she met only once have been deeply affected by her life and death. In the midst of everyone's turmoil, amber is struggling with herself. What kind of person was she? Why was she given this second chance? This magnificent tour de force by acclaimed author Gayle Forman brilliantly explores the porous veil between life and death, examines the impact that one person can have on the world, and celebrates life in all its beautiful complexity.



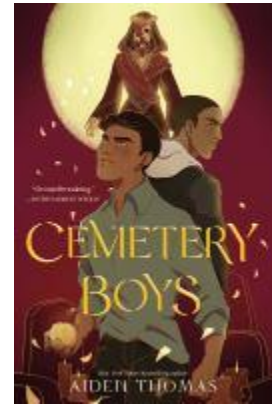
### No Going Back by Patrick Flores-Scott

Told over the course of forty-eight hours, seventeen-year-old Tony heads back to his old life in Des Moines, Washington after being released from a youth detention center, but toxic old relationships and unforeseen challenges make staying on the straight-and-narrow nearly impossible.



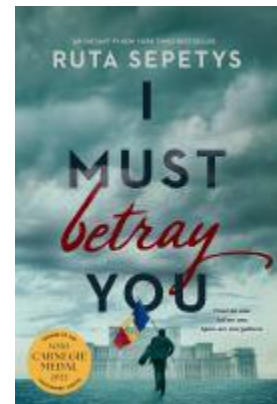
### **Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas**

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.



### **I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys**

In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.



### **As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows by Zoulfa Katouh**

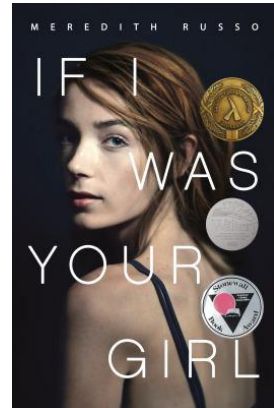
Eighteen-year-old Salama Kassab, a pharmacy student volunteering at the hospital in Homs, is desperate to find passage on a refugee boat for herself and her pregnant best friend, but first she must learn to see the events around her for what they are--not a war, but a revolution.





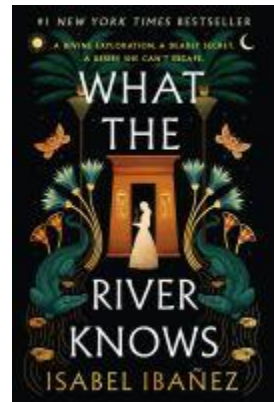
### **If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo**

Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.



### **What the River Knows by Isabel Ibanez**

Set in 1884, nineteen-year-old Inez travels to Egypt after the sudden death of her parents to uncover the truth about their deaths, and as she attempts to unravel the mysteries her parents sought, she becomes a pawn in a larger game that threatens to kill her.



### **Thirsty by Jas Hammonds**

In the summer before college, eighteen-year-old Blake Brenner works to join the exclusive Serena Society with her girlfriend, and turns to alcohol to cope with the pressure of pledging, as her pursuit of success begins to strain her relationships.

