

## I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

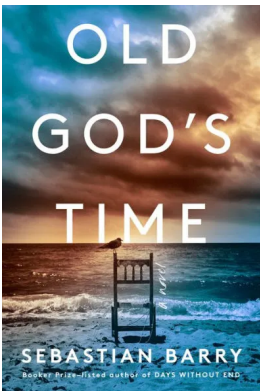
Attention history lovers, this one is for you! It's 1989, and Cristian Florescu lives in Romania, ruled by the tyrant Nicolae Ceaușescu. When Cristian becomes an informer for the government against his will, he joins the revolution and shows the world the oppression in his country. With her masterful storytelling skills, bestselling author Ruta Sepetys sheds light on the deprivation in communist Europe and the incredible grit and resilience of the Romanian people.



## My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor

'My Father's House' is the lightly fictionalised story of Msgr. Hugh O'Flaherty, who was part of a group that ran the Rome Escape Line during the Nazi occupation of Rome. They did heroic and dangerous work and risked their own lives to hide people fleeing Nazi persecution in safe places (including parts of the Vatican), and then found ways to get them out of the country.

As he's done so many times in his previous novels such as 'Ghost Light', O'Connor takes real characters and creates the most convincing world, motivations, and internal monologues for them. It's tense, full of crackling writing, and reads at times like a modern-day thriller. He swaps between fantastically vivid characters time and again - it's both proper edge of the seat stuff and gorgeously vivid in creation of time and place. One of his best.



## Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry

You simply cannot miss this book. In Sebastian Barry's new novel Old God's Time, Tom Kettle is entering a new life as a recently retired policeman in a small flat by the sea in Dalkey. He sees no-one apart from glimpses of his landlord and his neighbour for months and then, one evening, there's a knock at the door that drags him back into an old, unsolved case.

Sounds simple, right? Of course it's not. 'Old God's Time' is, yes, part unsolved police case, but that's by no means the sum of its parts. As the story unwinds we find out more about Tom, his past work, his family and the Ireland he grew up in. Quite simply, it is the novel that the rest of 2023 has to live up to.

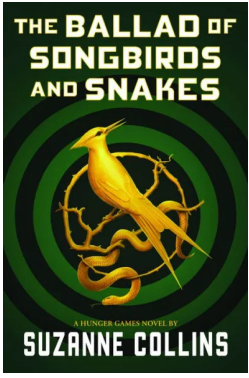


## What Love Looks Like by Jarlath Gregory

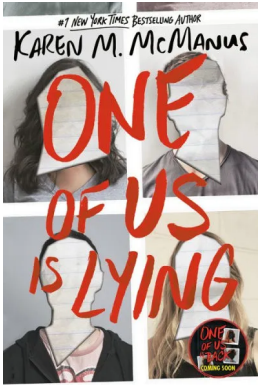
Ben Brennan, is 17, gay, and happy most of the time. He's finished school and is on track to a great career – all that's missing is falling in love. Romantic but a little naïve, Ben meets Peter online. But the guy of his dreams is still in the closet, his pal Soda is suddenly more interested in nights in than nights out, and his old school bully seems determined to ruin his life. Then, on top of everything else, his best friend, Chelsea, goes AWOL – just when he needs her most. Everything is changing and Ben's not sure what to do. But change brings all kinds of possibilities. You just have to be ready to see them.

Can Ben navigate the pitfalls of modern gay dating, with all its highly sexualised expectations, and be true to himself?

# The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, by Suzanne Collins



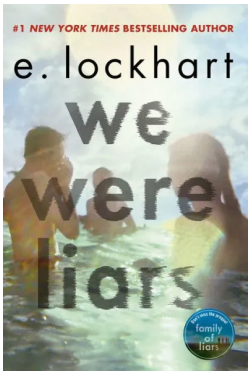
Ambition will fuel him. Competition will drive him. But power has its price. It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute.



## Karen M McManus, One of us is Lying

This addictive whodunit centers around four teenagers, who are suspected of killing their classmate. The unexpected plot-twist at the very end will have you speechless. Pay close attention and you might solve this.

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?



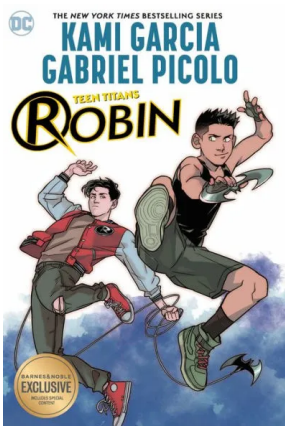
## We were Liars, by E Lockhart

Hauntingly mysterious and completely captivating, *We Were Liars* is a story of incredible wealth, privilege and, of course, the many layers of deception that come along with it.

A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive.

A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth.

Read it. And if anyone asks you how it ends, just LIE.



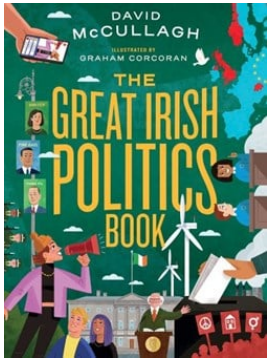
## Teen Titans, Kami Garcia and Gabriel Pico

Kami Garcia and Gabriel Pico have done it again with the next thrilling installment in the Teen Titans graphic novel series, exploring the relationship between Bruce Wayne's biological son, Damian, and his adopted son, Dick Greyson. Teen Titans: Robin is a must read for DC Comics fans.

Raven Roth, Garfield Logan, Maxine Navarro, and Damian Wayne are on the run...from Slade Wilson, from H.I.V.E., and from the horrible experiments H.I.V.E. conducted at their expense.

But where will they go? Who can they trust?

One thing is for sure—they all need answers and there is only one person that might be able to help them defeat H.I.V.E. for good.



## The Great Irish Politics Book by David McCullagh, illustrated by Graham Corcoran

Join political buff David McCullagh and illustrator Graham Corcoran as they guide you through all the things that make our country work. Why do we have a president and a Taoiseach? What is the Seanad and why can only some citizens vote in its elections? Who makes the rules for Ireland and how are they enforced? And what do we do if we want to change them?

This is the perfect book for anyone with an interest in politics, and it's a great one to dip in and out of. The Great Irish Farm Book is also a great shout!



## Ireland: The People, The Places, The Stories by Rachel Pierce

A stunning celebration of the rich culture and fascinating history of Ireland featuring ten Irish illustrators. Discover everything that makes the Irish isle so special – from its famous landmarks to its myths and legends, from its epic battles to its incredible music ... and everything in between.

Beautiful, full-colour illustrations. With sections including Haunted Ireland, Magical Ireland and the Culture of Ireland, it's a fascinating read.



## Ready Player One, by Ernest Cline

Ready Player One is a spectacularly genre-busting, ambitious, and charming debut.

A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? It's the year 2044, and the real world has become an ugly place. We're out of oil. We've wrecked the climate. Famine, poverty, and disease are widespread.

Like most of humanity, Wade Watts escapes this depressing reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia where you can be anything you want to be, where you can live and play and fall in love on any of ten thousand planets.

And like most of humanity, Wade is obsessed by the ultimate lottery ticket that lies concealed within this alternate reality: OASIS founder James Halliday, who dies with no heir, has promised that control of the OASIS - and his massive fortune - will go to the person who can solve the riddles he has left scattered throughout his creation.



## You're Next, by Kylie Schachte

When a girl with a troubled history of finding dead bodies investigates the murder of her ex, she uncovers a plot to put herself---and everyone she loves---on the list of who's next.

Flora Calhoun has a reputation for sticking her nose where it doesn't belong. After stumbling upon a classmate's body years ago, the trauma of that discovery and the police's failure to find the killer has haunted her ever since. One night, she gets a midnight text from Ava McQueen, the beautiful girl who had ignited Flora's heart last summer, then never spoke to her again.

Just in time to witness Ava's death from a gunshot wound, Flora is set on a path of rage and vengeance for all the dead girls whose killer is never found. Her tunnel-visioned sleuthing leads to valuable clues about a shocking conspiracy involving her school and beyond, but also earns her sinister threats from the murderer. She

has a choice---to give up the hunt for answers, or keep digging and risk her loved ones' lives. Either way, Flora will regret the consequences. Who's next on the killer's list?