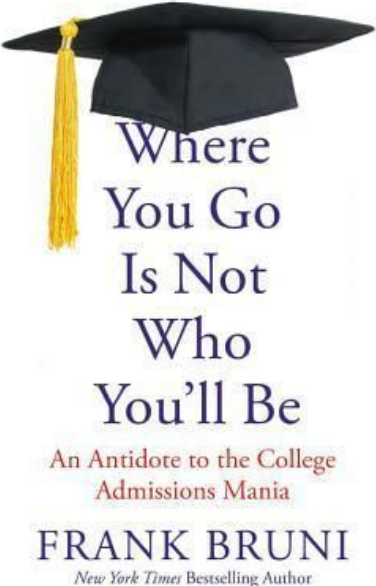



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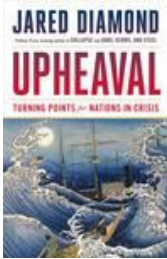

<p><b>Join the CCHS Community and READ</b>  <b><i>Where you go is not who you'll be</i>, by Frank Bruni</b></p> <p><b>This title was suggested by the CC Guidance Department and the Challenge Success committee.</b></p>	
<p><a href="#">Where you go is not who you'll be</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>By Frank Bruni</p> <p>Over the last few decades, Americans have turned college admissions into a terrifying and occasionally devastating process, preceded by test prep, tutors, all sorts of stratagems, all kinds of rankings, and a conviction among too many young people that their futures will be determined and their worth established by which schools say yes and which say no.</p> <p>That belief is wrong. It's cruel. In <i>WHERE YOU GO IS NOT WHO YOU'LL BE</i>, Frank Bruni explains why, giving students and their parents a new perspective on this brutal, deeply flawed competition and a path out of the anxiety that it provokes.</p> <p>Where you go <i>isn't</i> who you'll be. Americans need to hear that-and this indispensable manifesto says it with eloquence and respect for the real promise of higher education.</p>

<p><b>Recommended: Great books for summer reading</b></p>	
<p><a href="#">The Poet X</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>By Elizabeth Acevedo</p> <p>Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.</p>
<p><a href="#">Children of Blood and Bone</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>By Tomi Adeyemi</p> <p>Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.</p>

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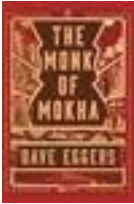
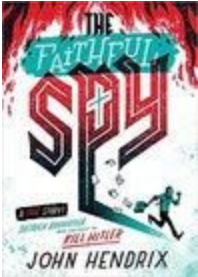
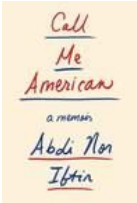
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<p><a href="#">Love, Hate, and Other Filters</a></p> 	<p>By Samira Ahmed Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents' world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.</p>
<p><a href="#">Upheaval: Turning Points for Nations in Crisis</a></p> 	<p>By Jared Diamond Diamond investigated how successful nations recover from crises while adopting selective changes -- a coping mechanism more commonly associated with individuals recovering from personal crises. Can we learn from lessons of the past?</p>
<p><a href="#">The Marrow Thieves</a></p> 	<p>By Cherie Dimaline "The indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow, which carries the key to recovering something the rest of the population has lost: the ability to dream. In this dark world, Frenchie and his companions struggle to survive as they make their way up north to the old lands. For now, survival means staying hidden... but what they don't know is that one of them holds the secret to defeating the marrow thieves"</p>

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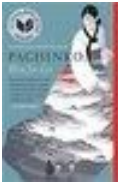



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<p><a href="#">Brightly Burning</a></p> 	<p>By Alexa Donne</p> <p>Two hundred years after a supervolcano causes an ice age on Earth, making the planet uninhabitable, seventeen-year-old mechanic Stella Ainsley accepts a position as governess on the Rochester, a private space ship orbiting the moon, falls in love with the ship's reclusive captain, befriends the secretive crew, and uncovers a plot that threatens the most vulnerable populations of the fleet.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Monk of Mokha</a></p> 	<p>By Dave Eggers</p> <p>The true story of a young Yemeni-American man, raised in San Francisco, who dreams of resurrecting the ancient art of Yemeni coffee but finds himself trapped in Sana'a by civil war.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler</a></p> 	<p>By John Hendrix</p> <p>Interweaving handwritten text and art, John Hendrix tells the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his fight against the oppression of the German people during World War II. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor and theologian who was shocked to watch the German church embrace Hitler's agenda of hatred. He spoke out against the Nazi party and led a breakaway church that rebelled against racist and nationalist beliefs of the Third Reich. Struggling with how his faith interacted with his ethics, Bonhoeffer eventually became convinced that Hitler and the Nazi Party needed to be stopped--and he was willing to sacrifice anything and everything to do so.</p>
<p><a href="#">Call Me American: A Memoir</a></p> 	<p>By Abdi Nor Iftin</p> <p>Looks at the life of Somalian refugee Abdi Nor Iftin and how immigrated to America.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Darius the Great is Not Okay</a></p> 	<p>By Abid Khorram Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.</p>
<p><a href="#">Pachinko</a></p> 	<p>By Min Jin Lee Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history.</p>
<p><a href="#">A Blade So Black</a></p> 	<p>By L.L. McKinney The first time the Nightmares came, it nearly cost Alice her life. Now she's trained to battle monstrous creatures in the dark dream realm known as Wonderland with magic weapons and hardcore fighting skills. Yet even warriors have a curfew. Life in real-world Atlanta isn't always so simple, as Alice juggles an overprotective mom, a high-maintenance best friend, and a slipping GPA. Keeping the Nightmares at bay is turning into a full-time job. But when Alice's handsome and mysterious mentor is poisoned, she has to find the antidote by venturing deeper into Wonderland than she's ever gone before. And she'll need to use everything she's learned in both worlds to keep from losing her head . . . literally.</p>
<p><a href="#">One of Us is Lying</a></p> 	<p>By Karen M, McManus When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.</p>
<p><a href="#">Long Way Down</a></p> 	<p>By Jason Reynolds As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother</p>

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	<p>Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.</p>
<p><a href="#">I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</a></p> 	<p>By Erika L. Sanchez          Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents' house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. And no one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out every possible way Julia has failed.</p>
<p><a href="#">Where'd You Go, Bernadette?</a></p> 	<p>By Maria Semple          When Bee aces her report card she claims her reward, which is a trip to Antarctica, but her mother, Bernadette, disappears due to her intensifying allergy to Seattle and people in general, which has made her so agoraphobic that a virtual assistant in India now runs her most basic errands and Bee uses emails, invoices, school memos, private correspondence, and other evidence to try and understand why her mother has left.</p>
<p><a href="#">Dry</a></p> 	<p>By Neal Shusterman          A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.</p>
<p><a href="#">The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives</a></p> 	<p>By Daska Slater          If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a</p>

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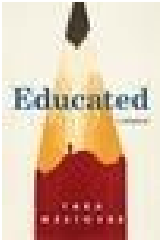
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	<p>mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.</p>
<p><a href="#">Dear Martin</a></p> 	<p>By Nic Stone Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.</p>
<p><a href="#">On the Come Up</a></p> 	<p>By Angie Thomas Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. Or at least make it out of her neighborhood one day. As the daughter of an underground rap legend who died before he hit big, Bri's got big shoes to fill. But now that her mom has unexpectedly lost her job, food banks and shutoff notices are as much a part of Bri's life as beats and rhymes. With bills piling up and homelessness staring her family down, Bri no longer just wants to make it—she has to make it.</p>
<p><a href="#">A Gentleman in Moscow</a></p> 	<p>By Amor Towle In 1922 Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After</a></p> 	<p>By Clemantine Wamariya Clemantine Wamariya was six years old when her mother and father began to speak in whispers when neighbors began to disappear, and when she heard the loud, ugly sounds her brother said were</p>

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	<p>thunder. It was 1994, and in 100 days more than 800,000 people would be murdered in Rwanda and millions more displaced. Clemantine and her fifteen-year-old sister, Claire, ran and spent the next six years wandering through seven African countries searching for safety. They did not know whether their parents were alive. At age twelve, Clemantine and Claire were granted asylum in the United States. This book captures the costs and aftershocks of war: what is forever lost, what can be repaired, the fragility and importance of memory.</p>
<p><a href="#">Educated: A Memoir</a></p> 	<p>By Tara Westover Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". Lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. <i>Educated</i> is an account of the struggle for self-invention.</p>