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His father wants Holling and his sister to be their best friends: the success of his depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs, a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling finds Motivation's Big Man the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself. Callie loves theater. And while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of Moon Over Mississippi, she can't really sing. Instead she's the set designer for the drama department stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry, ticket sales are down, and the crew members are having trouble working together? Not to mention the onstage AND offstage drama that occurs once the actors are chosen. And when two cute brothers enter the picture, things get even crazier! August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kidbut his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Starting at a new school is scary, even more so with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Ceces class was deaf. Here she is different. She is sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher. Too bad it also seems certain to repel potential friends. Then Cece makes a startling discovery. With the Phonic Ear she can hear her teacher not just in the classroom, but anywhere her teacher is in school in the hallway in the teachers lounge in the bathroom! This is power. Maybe even superpower! Cece is on her way to becoming El Deafo, Listener for All. But the funny thing about being a superhero is that its just another way of feeling different and lonely. Can Cece channel her powers into finding the thing she wants most, a true friend? Miles Pudge Halter is done with his safe life at home. His whole life has been one big non-event, and his obsession with famous last words has only made him crave the Great Perhaps even more (Francois Rabelais, poet). He heads off to the sometimes crazy and anything-but-boring world of Culver Creek Boarding School, and his life becomes the opposite of safe. Because down the hall is Alaska Young. The gorgeous, clever, funny, sexy, self-destructive, screwed up, and utterly fascinating Alaska Young. She is an event unto herself. She pulls Pudge into her world, launches him into the Great Perhaps, and steals his heart. 15-year-old Seans got no one to look up to, and nothing left to loseuntil hes arrested. The only way for Sean to pay his dues is to perform community service on Mr. Hasslers farm. He can do just what he has to, or he can confront the mess his life has become. Its his choice? Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalils name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr doesor does notsay could upend her community. It could also endanger her life. What if you arent the Chosen One? The one whos supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever the heck this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if youre like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this weeks end of the world, and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. The only sort of risk 18-year-old Laila Piedra enjoys is the peril she writes for the characters in her stories: epic sci-fi worlds full of quests, forbidden love, and robots. Her creative writing teacher has always told her she has a special talent. But three months before her graduation, hes suddenly replacedby Nadiya Nazarenko, a Pulitzer Prizewinning novelist who is sadistically critical and perpetually unimpressed. At first, Nazarenkos eccentric assignments seem absurd. But before long, Laila grows obsessed with gaining the womans approval. Soon Laila is pushing herself far from her comfort zone, discovering the psychedelic highs and perilous lows of nightlife, temporary flings, and instability. Dr. Nazarenko has led Laila to believe that she must choose between perfection and sanitybut rejecting her all-powerful mentor may be the only way for Laila to thrive. 10:00 a.m. The principal of Opportunity High School finishes her speech, welcoming the entire student body to a new semester and encouraging them to excel and achieve. 10:02 a.m. The students get up to leave the auditorium for their next class. 10:03 a.m. The auditorium doors wont open. 10:05 a.m. Someone starts shooting. Told from four different perspectives over the span of fifty-four harrowing minutes, terror reigns as one students calculated revenge turns into the ultimate game of survival. Seventeen-year-old Bianca Piper is cynical and loyal, and she doesnt think shes the prettiest of her friends by a long shot. Shes also way too smart to fall for the charms of slimy school hottie Wesley Rush. In fact, Bianca hates him. And when he nicknames her the Duff, she throws her Coke in his face. But things arent so great at home right now, and Bianca is desperate for a distraction. She ends up kissing Wesley. Worse, she likes it. Eager for escape, Bianca throws herself into a closeted enemies-with-benefits relationship with him. Until it all goes horribly awry. It turns out Wesley isnt such a bad listener, and his life is pretty screwed up, too. Suddenly Bianca realizes with absolute horror that shes falling for the guy she thought she hated more than anyone. Jerry Renault ponders the question on the poster in his locker: Do I dare disturb the universe? Refusing to sell chocolates in the annual Trinity school fund-raiser may not seem like a radical thing to do. But when Jerry challenges a secret school society called The Vigils, his defiant act turns into an all-out war. Now the only question is: Who will survive? Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy Leaguebut none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he cant escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned upway up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, its Justyce who is under attack. Melinda is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party. Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: dont stand outunder any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changesfor Leo and for the entire school. After 15 years of home schooling, Stargirl bursts into tenth grade in an explosion of color and a clatter of ukulele music, enchanting the Mica student body. But the delicate scales of popularity suddenly shift, and Stargirl is shunned for everything that makes her different. Somewhere in the midst of Stargirls arrival and rise and fall, normal Leo Borlock has tumbled into love with her. Hailsham seems like a pleasant English boarding school, far from the influences of the city. Its students are well tended and supported, trained in art and literature, and become just the sort of people the world wants them to be. But, curiously, they are taught nothing of the outside world and are allowed little contact with it. Within the grounds of Hailsham, Kathy grows from schoolgirl to young woman, but its only when she and her friends Ruth and Tommy leave the safe grounds of the school (as they always knew they would) that they realize the full truth of what Hailsham is. The critically acclaimed debut novel from Stephen Chbosky, Perks follows observant wallflower Charlie as he charts a course through the strange world between adolescence and adulthood. First dates, family drama, and new friends. Sex, drugs, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Devastating loss, young love, and life on the fringes. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie must learn to navigate those wild and poignant roller-coaster days known as growing up. 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. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayersepecially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. With Mamis determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her schools slam poetry club, she doesnt know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out, much less speak her words out loud. But still, she cant stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent. On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview Highs notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention, Simons dead. And according to investigators, his death wasnt an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, hed 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 whos still on the loose? Its 1993 and Paul Polydoris tends bar at the only gay club in a university town thrumming with politics and partying. He studies queer theory, has a dyke best friend, makes zines, and is a fleur with a rich dating life. But Pauls also got a secret: hes a shapeshifter. Oscillating wildly from Riot Grrrl to leather cub, Womens Studies major to trade, Paul transforms his body at will in a series of adventures that take him from Iowa City to Boystown to Provincetown and finally to San Franciscoa journey through the deep queer archives of struggle and pleasure. Dennis Ouyang has always struggled in the shadow of his parents expectations. His path is laid out for him: stay focused in high school, become a gastroenterologist. It may be hard work, but it isnt complicated until suddenly it is. Between his fathers death, his academic burnout, and his deep (and distracting) love of video games, Dennis is nowhere near where his family wanted him to be. In fact, hes just been kicked out of college. And thats when things get weird. Four adorableand bossyangels, straight out of a sappy greeting card, appear and take charge of Denniss life. And so Dennis finds himself herded back onto the straight and narrow: the path to gastroenterology. But nothing is ever what it seems when life, magic and video games collide. At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henrys fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight, a longtime bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henrys gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners team captain and Henrys best friend, realizes he has guided Henrys career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guerts daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. Henry Mulcahy, a literature instructor at progressive Jocelyn College, is informed that his appointment will not be continued. Convinced he is disliked by the president of Jocelyn because of his abilities as a teacher and his independence of mass opinion, Mulcahy believes he is being made the victim of a witch-hunt. Plotting vengeance, Mulcahy battles to fight for justice and, in the process, reveals his true ethical nature. At seventeen, Mei should be in high school, but skipping fourth grade was part of her parents master plan. Now a freshman at MIT, she is on track to fulfill the rest of this predetermined future: become a doctor, marry a preapproved Taiwanese Ivy Leaguer, produce a litter of babies. With everything her parents have sacrificed to make her cushy life a reality, Mei cant bring herself to tell them the truththat she (1) hates germs, (2) falls asleep in biology lectures, and (3) has a crush on her classmate Darren Takahashi, who is decidedly not Taiwanese. But when Mei reconnects with her brother, Xing, who is estranged from the family for dating the wrong woman, Mei starts to wonder if all the secrets are truly worth it. Can she find a way to be herself, whoever that is, before her web of lies unravels? Gnossus Pappadopoulos weaves his way through the psychedelic landscape [of the Sixties], encounteringamong other thingsmescaline, women, art, gluttony, falsehood, science, prayer, and, occasionally, truth. For Penny Lee high school was a total nonevent. Her friends were okay, her grades were fine, and while she somehow managed to land a boyfriend, he doesnt actually know anything about her. When Penny heads to college in Austin, Texas, to learn how to become a writer, its seventy-nine miles and a zillion light years away from everything she cant wait to leave behind. Sams stuck. Literally, figuratively, emotionally, financially. He works at a caf and sleeps there too, on a mattress on the floor of an empty storage room upstairs. He knows that this is the god-awful chapter of his life that will serve as inspiration for when hes a famous movie director but right this second the seventeen bucks in his checking account and his dying laptop are really testing him. When Sam and Penny cross paths its less meet-cute and more a collision of unbearable awkwardness. Still, they swap numbers and stay in touchvia textand soon become digitally inseparable, sharing their deepest anxieties and secret dreams without the humiliating weirdness of having to see each other. Caths sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath cant let go. She doesnt want to. Now that theyre going to college, Wren has told Cath she doesnt want to be roommates. Cath is on her own, completely outside of her comfort zone. Shes got a surly roommate with a charming, always-around boyfriend, a fiction-writing professor who thinks fan fiction is the end of the civilized world, a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words And she cant stop worrying about her dad, whos loving and fragile and has never really been alone. For Cath, the question is: Can she do this? Toru, a quiet and preternaturally serious young college student in Tokyo, is devoted to Naoko, a beautiful and introspective young woman, but their mutual passion is marked by the tragic death of their best friend years before. Toru begins to adapt to campus life and the loneliness and isolation he faces there, but Naoko finds the pressures and responsibilities of life unbearable. As she retreats further into her own world, Toru finds himself reaching out to others and drawn to a fiercely independent and sexually liberated young woman. Chabon presents a hilarious and heartbreaking workthe story of the friendship between the wonder boysGrady, an aging writer who has lost his way, and Crabtree, whose relentless debauchery is capsizing his career. Under the influence of their charismatic classics professor, a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. But when they go beyond the boundaries of normal morality they slip gradually from obsession to corruption and betrayal, and at last inexorably into evil. Howard Belsey, a Rembrandt scholar who doesnt like Rembrandt, is an Englishman abroad and a long-suffering professor at Wellington, a liberal New England arts college. He has been married for thirty years to Kiki, an American woman who no longer resembles the sexy activist she once was. Their three children passionately pursue their own paths: Levi quests after authentic blackness, Zora believes that intellectuals can redeem everybody, and Jerome struggles to be a believer in a family of strict atheists. Faced with the oppressive enthusiasms of his children, Howard feels that the first two acts of his life are over and he has no clear plans for the finale. Or the encore. Nestled in the heart of the Midwest, amid cow pastures and waving fields of grain, lies Moo University, a distinguished institution devoted to the art and science of agriculture. Here, among an atmosphere rife with devious plots, mischievous intrigue, lusty liaisons, and academic one-upmanship, Chairman X of the Horticulture Department harbors a secret fantasy to kill the dean: Mrs. Walker, the provosts right hand and campus information queen, knows where all the bodies are buried; Timothy Nonahan, associate professor of English, advocates eavesdropping for his creative writing assignments; and Bob Carlson, a sophomore, feeds and maintains his only friend: a hog named earl Butz. Gaudy Night takes Harriet and her paramour, Lord Peter, to Oxford University. Harriets alma mater, for a reunion, only to find themselves the targets of a nightmare of harassment and mysterious, murderous threats. [This Side of Paradise] traces the early life of Amory Blaine from the end of prep school through Princeton to the start of an uncertain career in New York City. Alternately self-confident and self-effacing, torn between ambition and idleness, the self-absorbed, immature Amory yearns to run with Princetons rich, fast crowd and become one of the gods of the campus. Hopelessly romantic, he learns about love and sex from a series of beautiful young flappers, women who leave him both exhilarated and devastated. Fitzgerald describes it all in intensely lyrical prose that fills the novel with a heartbreaking sense of longing, as Amory comes to understand that the sweet-scented springtime of his life is fragile and fleeting, disappearing into memory even as he reaches for it. If youre ready to graduate, check out 7 Books That Will Make Your Work-Life Better. Maybe spending this much time thinking about school makes you want to leave the planet. In that case, Id recommend 50 Must-Read Books Set In Space. What are your favorite books set in schools? Let us know in the comments!

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