

Milton High School's Community Book Discussions (2021-2022)



September 2

We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

A ripped-from-the-headlines novel of desperation, escape, and survival across the U.S.-Mexico border.. *

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

A novel written in verse about two girls, countries apart, who lose their father but find each other.

October 7

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Something is definitely wrong with both this house and this family. This is a tale of possession and madness unlike anything you have read before.

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

A trans boy determined to prove his gender to his traditional Latinx family summons a ghost who refuses to leave. *



November 4



True or False: A CIA Analyst's Guide to Spotting Fake News by Cindy L. Otis

A former CIA analyst unveils the true history of fake news and gives readers tips on how to avoid falling victim to it. *

You Call This Democracy?: How to Fix Our Government and Deliver Power to the People by Elizabeth Rusch

America is the greatest democracy in the world . . . isn't it? Author Elizabeth Rusch examines some of the more problematic aspects of our government but, more importantly, offers ways for young people to fix them. *



December 2

Skyhunter by Marie Lu

In a world broken by war, a team of young warriors is willing to sacrifice everything to save what they love. *

The Loop by Ben Oliver

Life inside The Loop-the futuristic death row for teens under eighteen-is one long repetitive purgatory. But when news of the encroaching chaos in the outside world reaches the inmates and disorder begins to strike, the prison becomes the least of their worries. *

January 6

Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

From award-winning, bestselling author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five comes a powerful YA novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully incarcerated. *

The Black Kids by Christina Hammonds Reed

As violent protests engulf LA and the city burns in reaction to the 1992 Rodney King beating and trial, Ashley tries to continue on as if life were normal. With her world splintering around her, Ashley, along with the rest of LA, is left to question who is the us? And who is the them? *



* Indicates summary taken from Goodreads

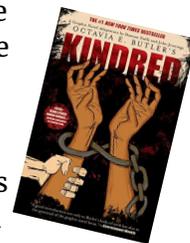
February 3

Kindred by Octavia E. Butler

In this first science-fiction novel written by a Black woman, Dana is ripped from the 1970s to the antebellum south where she is challenged with saving a White boy's life over and over again, all while facing the cruelties of slavery.

Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Damian Duffy (Adapted by), Octavia E. Butler, John Jennings (Illustrations)

This searing graphic-novel adaptation of Octavia E. Butler's science fiction classic is a powerfully moving, unflinching look at the violent disturbing effects of slavery on the people it chained together, both Black and White--and made kindred in the deepest sense of the word. *



March 3

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang

Gene understands stories—comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero *always* wins. What he doesn't understand is basketball. That all changes when the school he works at begins their championship journey. *

Golden Arm by Carl Deuker

In this riveting story about baseball and brotherhood, a boy from the wrong side of the tracks finds himself pitching his way out of poverty—one strike at a time. *

April 7

Grown by Tiffany Jackson

When Enchanted Jones wakes with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night, no one has more questions than she does. All she really knows is that this isn't how things are supposed to be. *

Jane Anonymous by Laurie Faria Stolarz

It's been three months since "Jane" escaped captivity and returned home. Three months of being that girl who was kidnapped, the girl who was held by a "monster." But, what if everything you thought you knew—everything you thought you experienced—turned out to be a lie? *



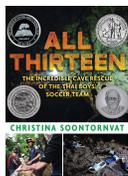
May 5

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

A unique account of the amazing Thai cave rescue told in a heart-racing, you-are-there style that blends suspense, science, and cultural insight. *

Found by Joseph Bruchac

A teenage survival expert finds all his skills tested as he's pursued through the Canadian wilderness by men determined to silence him. *



June 2

Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder

Part poignant cancer memoir and part humorous reflection on a motherless life, this debut graphic novel is extraordinarily comforting and engaging. *

Apple: Skin to the Core by Eric Gansworth

In this YA memoir-in-verse, Eric Gansworth tells the story of his life, of an Onondaga family living among Tuscaroras, and of Native people in America, including the damaging legacy of government boarding schools. In doing so, he grapples with the slur common in Native communities, for someone "red on the outside, white on the inside," and reclaims it. *

