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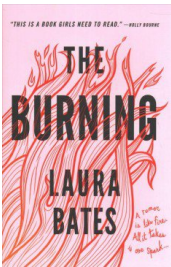
reading challenge



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"Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color."

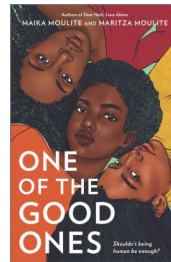
Cicely Lewis, creator of the Read Woke reading challenge



The burning

by Laura Bates

The founder of the Everyday Sexism Project presents the story of a girl whose effort to start over in a new town and school in the aftermath of a devastating social media mistake is complicated by rumors and the centuries-old story of a local victim of witchcraft fervor.

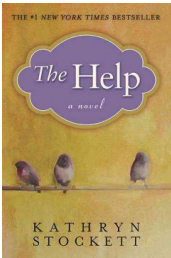


One of the good ones : Shouldn't Being Human Be Enough?

by Maika Moulite

"When teen social activist and history buff Kezi Smith is killed under mysterious circumstances after attending a social justice rally, her devastated sister Happi and their family are left reeling in the

aftermath. As Kezi becomes another immortalized victim in the fight against police brutality, Happi begins to question the idealized way her sister is remembered"

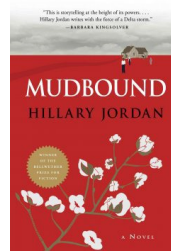


The help

by Kathryn Stockett

Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African-American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend, and a recently graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project against a backdrop of

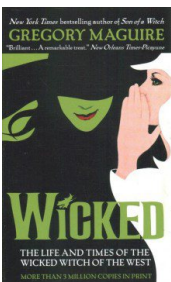
the budding civil rights era.



Mudbound : a novel

by Hillary Jordan

In 1946, Laura McAllan tries to adjust after moving with her husband and two children to an isolated cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta

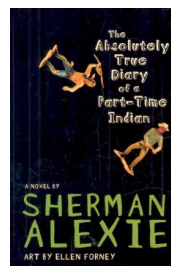


Wicked : the life and times of the Wicked Witch of the West : a novel

by Gregory Maguire

Set in an Oz where a morose Wizard battles suicidal thoughts, the story of the green-skinned Elphaba, otherwise known as the Wicked Witch of the West, profiles her as an animal rights activist striving to

avenge her dear sister's death.



The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian

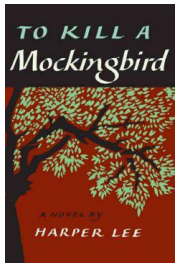
by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot



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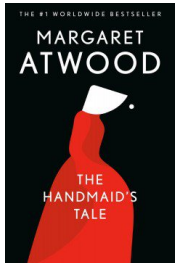
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To kill a mockingbird

by Harper Lee

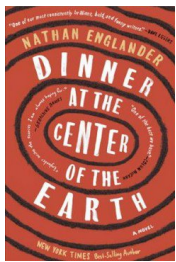
The explosion of racial hate and violence in a small Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape



The handmaid's tale

by Margaret Atwood

A chilling look at the near future presents the story of Offred, a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, once the United States, an oppressive world where women are no longer allowed to read and are valued only as long as they are viable for reproduction.

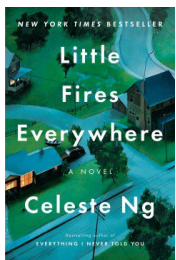


Dinner at the center of the earth

by Nathan Englander

The Pulitzer Prize-finalist author of For the Relief of Unbearable Urges presents a work of political suspense set in the highly charged territory of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that pivots on a complex relationship between a secret

prisoner and the guard who has watched him for more than a dozen years.

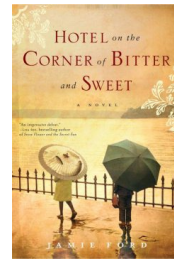


Little fires everywhere : a novel

by Celeste Ng

Fighting an ugly custody battle with an artistic tenant who has little regard for the strict rules of their progressive Cleveland suburb, a straitlaced family woman who is seeking to adopt a baby becomes obsessed with exposing the tenant's past, only to trigger devastating

consequences for both of their families.

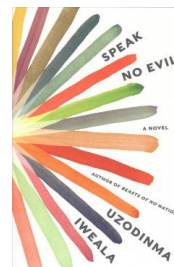


Hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet : a novel

by Jamie Ford

When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at Seattle's Panama Hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a personal quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a

city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment and of Keiko, a Japanese girl whose love transcended cultures and generations.



Speak no evil : a novel

by Uzodinma Iweala

An Ivy League-bound star athlete from a prestigious private school in Washington, D.C., and his best friend, the daughter of prominent government insiders, struggle with brutal responses to the young man's sexual orientation before finding themselves speeding toward a violent

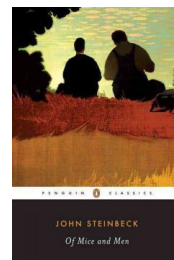
and senseless future.



The swallows : a novel

by Lisa Lutz

When a creative writing assignment leads to unsettling allegations about her school's indifference to sexual assault, a new teacher organizes a group of marginalized girls in an escalating gender war..



Of mice and men

by John Steinbeck

The tragic story of the friendship between two migrant workers, George and mentally retarded Lenny, and their dream of owning a farm