

New Arrivals

"When it all syncs up" by Maya Ameyaw

A Black teen dancer with dreams of

landing a spot in a prestigious ballet company must learn to dance on her own terms in this explosive debut about the healing power of art and friendship.



"Zhara" by S. Jae-Jones

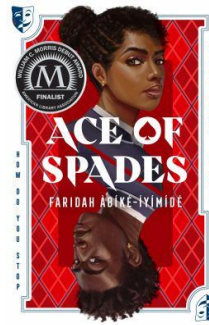
Forbidden from practicing magic and burdened by her

responsibilities, Jin Zhara's life takes an unexpected turn when she becomes involved with the Guardians of Dawn, a group dedicated to fighting a demonic plague that is corrupting magicians.

"Ace of Spades" by Àbíké-Íyímídé

Faridah At Niveus Private Academy, Devon, and Chiamaka are the only Black students chosen to be Senior Prefects, making

them targets of anonymous texts revealing their secrets to the entire student body. Both students were on track toward valedictorian and bright college futures, but this prank quickly turned into a dangerous game as it looked like things could turn deadly.



Upcoming Events

Creative Kits - Register on the first Monday of the month for a free monthly take-home craft kit that includes supplies and instructions.

November - Felted Acorns

December - Box Chain Paper Wreath

January - Macrame Snowflake

February - Kusudama Flower

Riddles

One -

What has roots as nobody sees,
Is taller than trees,
Up, up it goes,
And yet never grows?

Two -

Voiceless it cries,
Wingless flutters,
Toothless bites,
Mouthless mutters.

Three-

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt,
Cannot be heard, cannot be smelt.
It lies behind stars and under hills,
And empty holes it fills.
It comes out first and follows after,
Ends life, kills laughter.

Four-

This thing all things devours;
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats mountains down.





A Daily Dose of Knowledge

by Tad

Hello, readers!
Today I will review a graphic novel called *Snapdragon*, by Kat Leyh.

Snapdragon is an amazingly drawn

graphic novel starring a perpetually grumpy and strong-willed girl named, you guessed it, Snapdragon. In the book, Snapdragon's town is rumored to have a resident witch, but Jacks is just a croc-wearing, whip-smart, internet-savvy older lady with a super cool past and a spookish habit of selling skeletons of roadkill online. Snapdragon needs a favor from Jacks and soon realizes that Jacks may have real magic, as well as a family connection to Snapdragon! Personally, I think either Jacks or Snapdragon are my favorite characters. I think Snapdragon's mother is really awesome, too.

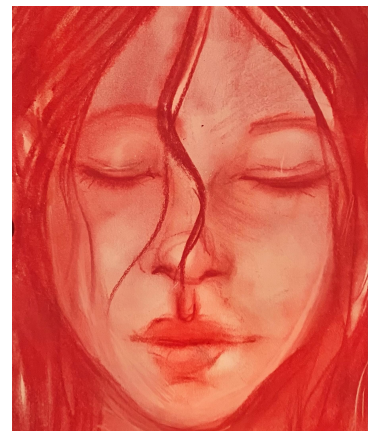
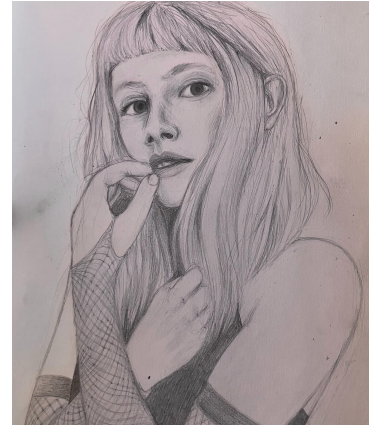
The cool thing about this graphic novel is the way the author provides morsels of information throughout the book about character backgrounds. Instead of explicitly stating information, the book requires the reader to piece together these clues to understand the character's motives, almost every time you read through the book you notice more clues and learn something new once you put the pieces together. I have not read many books like that, but I enjoyed it, and I think it is really cool figuring it all out.

As always, I hope you have enjoyed my review. If you enjoy *Snapdragon*, maybe check out the other works of Kat Leyh, such as the *Lumberjanes*. Both are available right here in our public library, in the Young Teens section!

Art

by Elizabeth

(Top left) "Fishnets"
(bottom left) "RED"
(right) "Last Day on Earth"



Riddle Answers: (1) mountain, (2) wind, (3) dark, (4) time

Riddles by J.R.R Tolkien

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