

Advanced English 9

Summer Reading

Choose TWO novels

One Contemporary

One Classic

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Understanding Lexile

LEXILE TEXT RANGES TO GUIDE READING FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

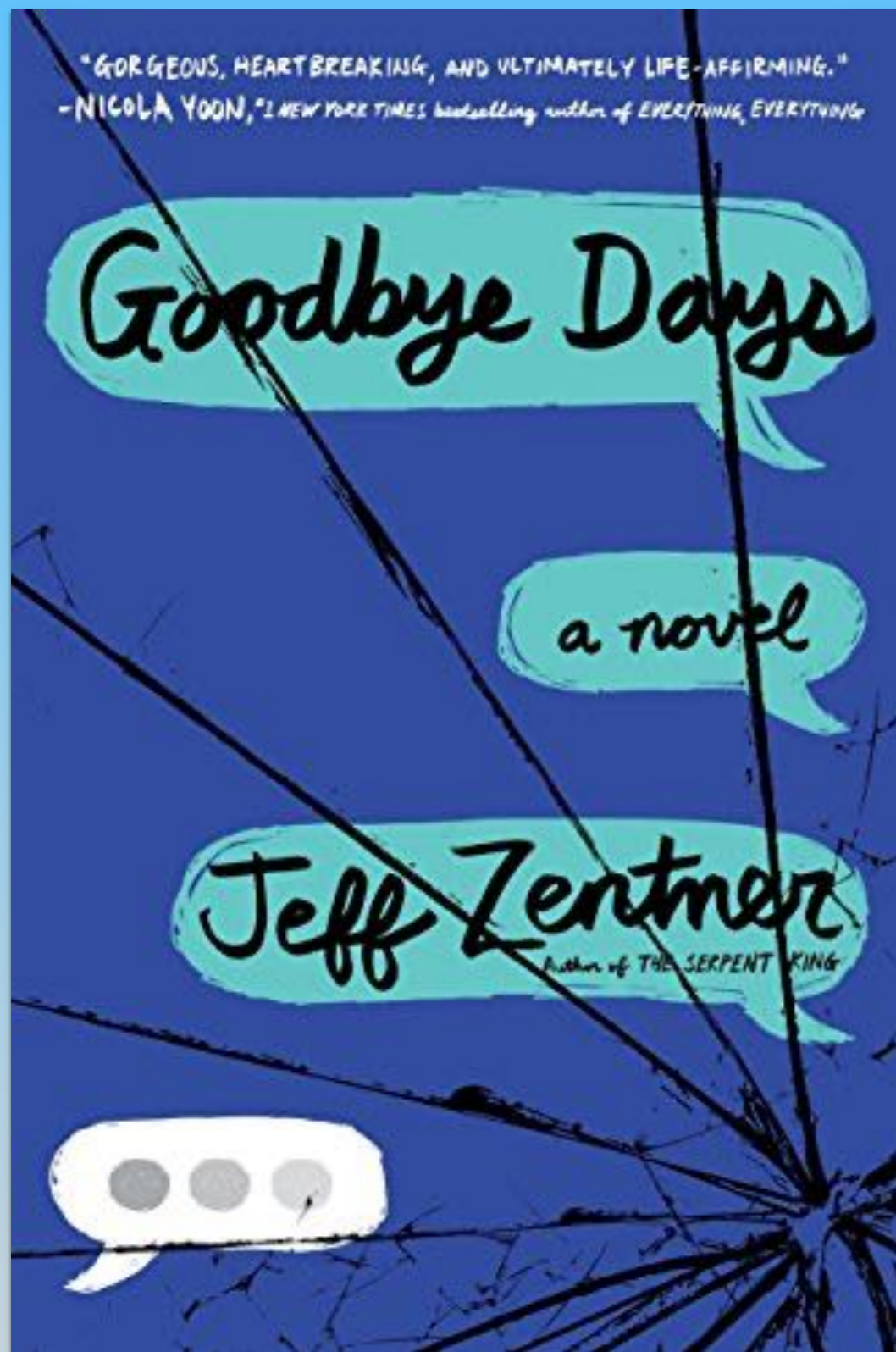
GRADES	CCSS LEXILE TEXT RANGE
11-12	1185L-1385L
9-10	1050L-1335L
6-8	925L-1185L
4-5	740L-1010L
2-3	420L-820L
1	190L-530L

The Lexile level of a text lets a reader know what the comprehension difficulty is based on grade levels.

The higher the Lexile level, the more difficult the text will be to comprehend.

When choosing books for your summer reading assignment, pay attention to the Lexile Level. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself if a book has a high Lexile but sounds interesting.

Contemporary Choices:
Choose **ONE** of the
following five novels



Carver Briggs never thought a simple text would cause a fatal crash, killing his three best friends, Mars, Eli, and Blake. Carver can't stop blaming himself for the accident, and a judge is pressuring the district attorney to open up a criminal investigation.

Eli's girlfriend, Carver's therapist, and Blake's grandmother ask Carver to spend a "goodbye day" with them to share their memories and say a proper farewell. As other families ask for their own goodbye day with Carver, will it mean making peace with their losses, or bring Carver one step closer to a complete breakdown-- and possibly prison?

**Realistic
Fiction**

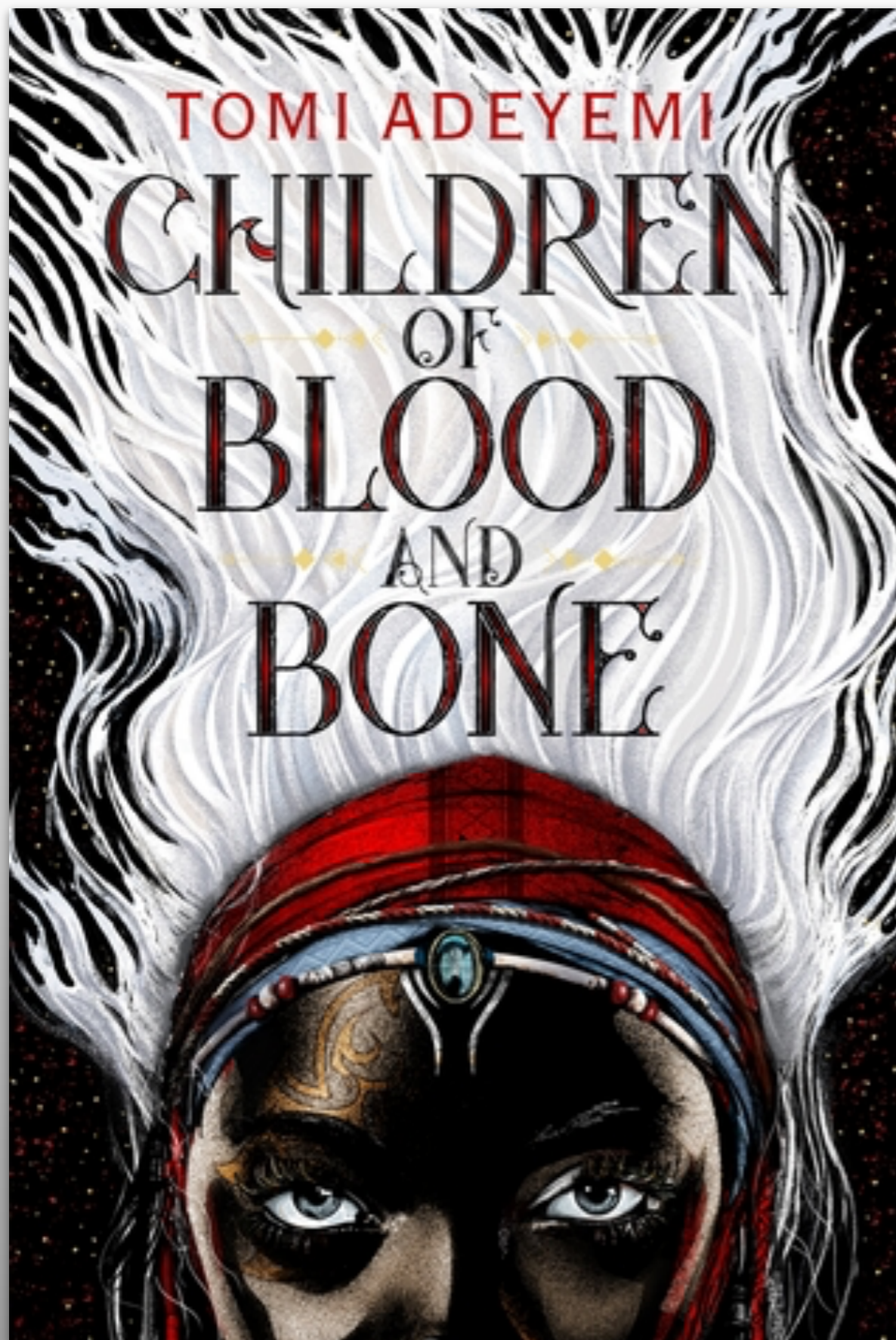
Book Details

Interest Level: 7-12

Lexile Level: HL620

Page Count: 404

Publication Date: 2017



They killed my mother.
They took our magic.
They tried to bury us.

Now we rise.

Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls.

But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope.

Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Fantasy

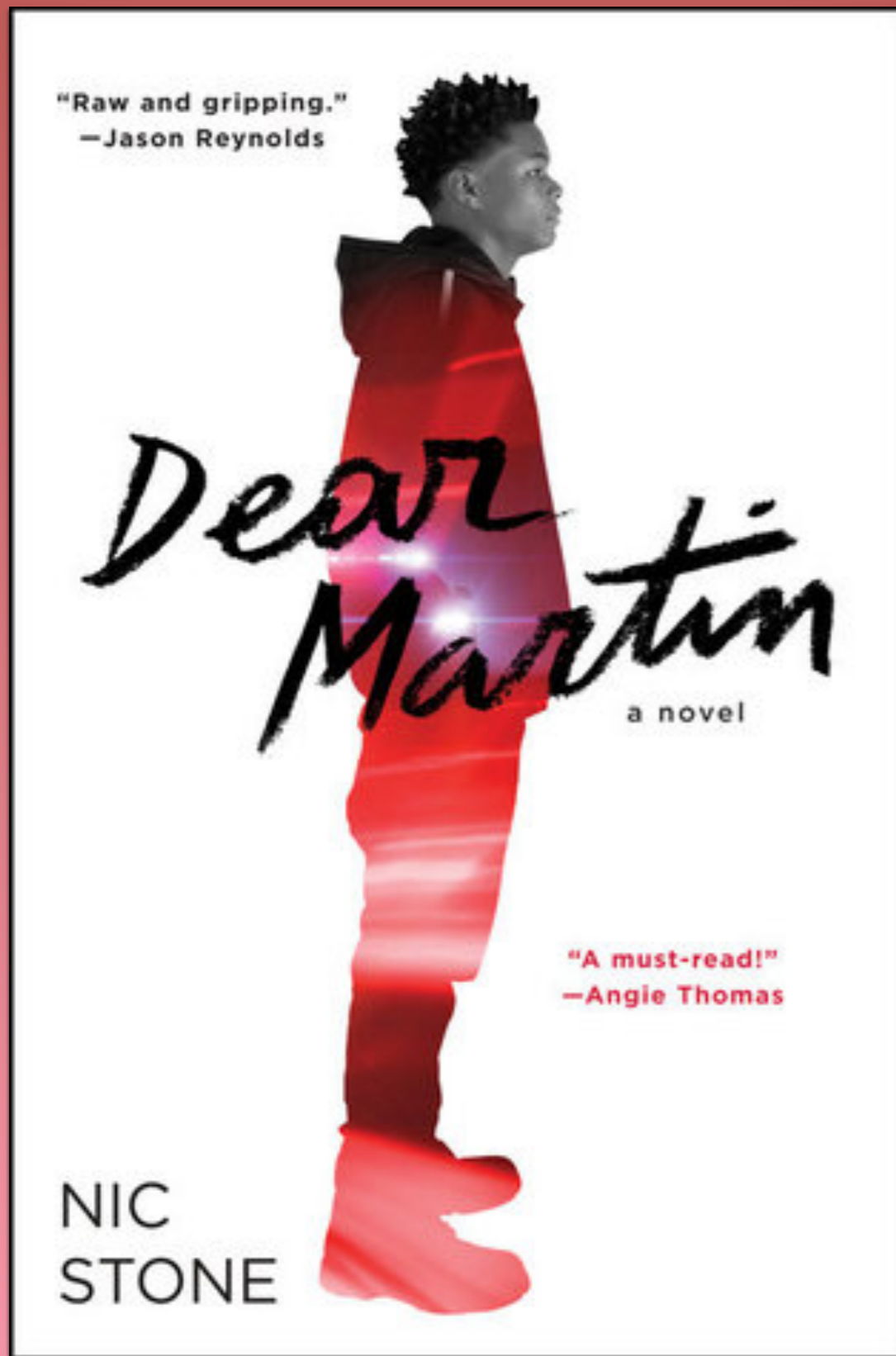
Book Details

Interest Level: 9-12

Lexile Level: HL670

Page Count: 544

Publication Date: 2018



Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs.

And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't 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.



Book Details

Interest Level: 9-12

Lexile Level: HL720

Page Count: 224

Publication Date: 2017



Amsterdam, 1943. Hanneke spends her days procuring and delivering sought-after black market goods to paying customers, her nights hiding the true nature of her work from her concerned parents, and every waking moment mourning her boyfriend, who was killed on the Dutch front lines when the Germans invaded. She likes to think of her illegal work as a small act of rebellion.

On a routine delivery, a client asks Hanneke for help. Expecting to hear that Mrs. Janssen wants meat or kerosene, Hanneke is shocked by the older woman's frantic plea to find a person - a Jewish teenager Mrs. Janssen had been hiding, who has vanished without a trace from a secret room. Hanneke initially wants nothing to do with such dangerous work, but is ultimately drawn into a web of mysteries and stunning revelations that lead her into the heart of the resistance, open her eyes to the horrors of the Nazi war machine, and compel her to take desperate action.

**Historical
Fiction**

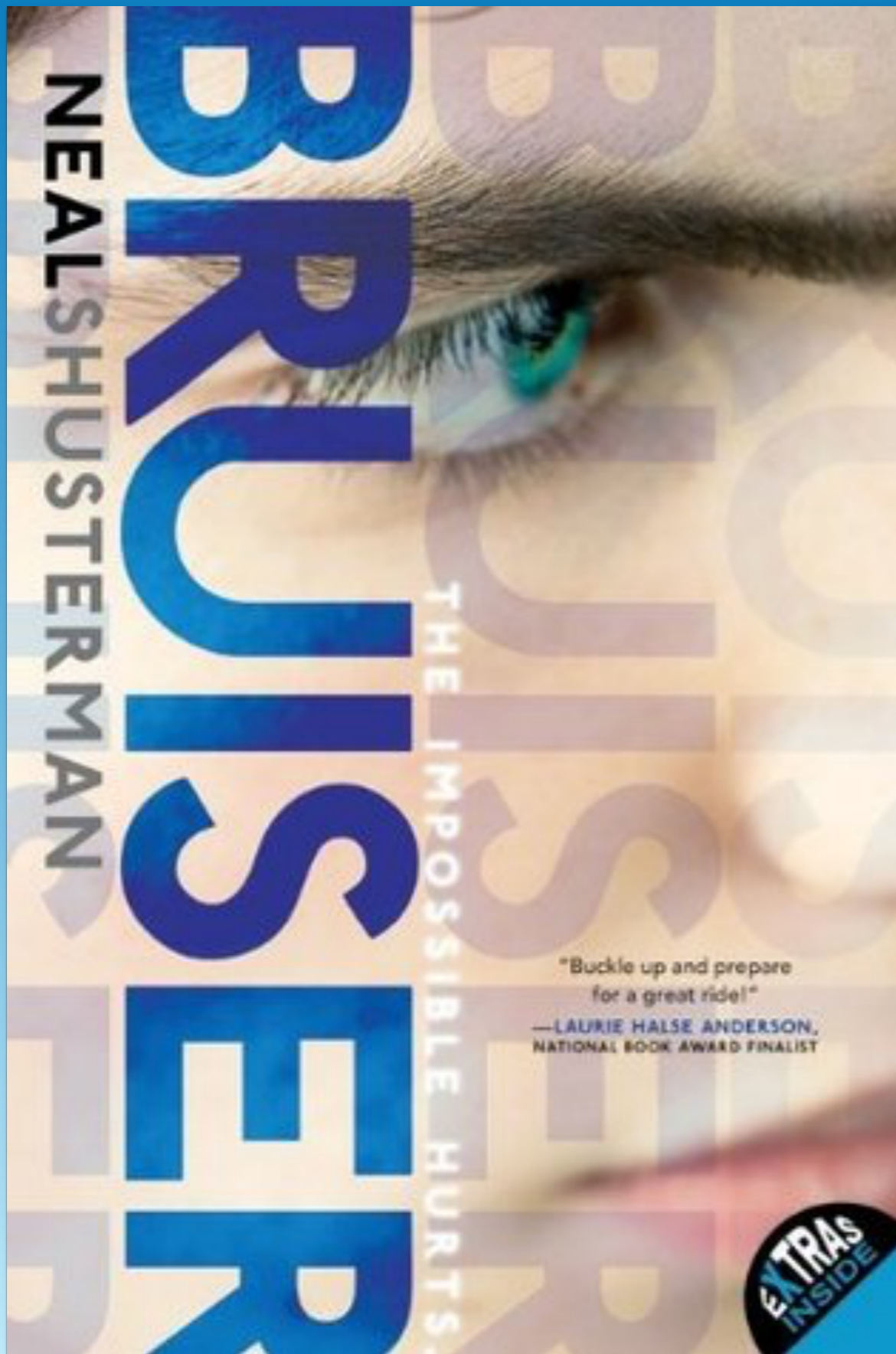
Book Details

Interest Level: 7-12

Lexile Level: 720

Page Count: 320

Publication Date: 2017



When Brontë starts dating Brewster “Bruiser” Rawlins – the guy voted “Most Likely to Get the Death Penalty” her twin brother, Tennyson, isn’t surprised.

But then strange things begin to occur. Tennyson and Brontë’s scrapes heal unnaturally fast, and cuts disappear before their eyes.

What at first seems like their good fortune turns out to be more than they bargained for...much more.



Book Details

Interest Level: 9-12

Lexile Level: 820

Page Count: 352

Publication Date: 2011

Classic Choices:

Choose **ONE** of the
following four novels



A pull of the *Time Machine's* lever propels him to the age of a slowly dying Earth. There he discovers two bizarre races—the ethereal Eloi and the subterranean Morlocks—who not only reflect the two sides of human nature, but offer a terrifying portrait of the men of tomorrow as well.

When the scientist's time machine vanishes, it becomes clear he must search these tunnels if he is ever to return to his own era.



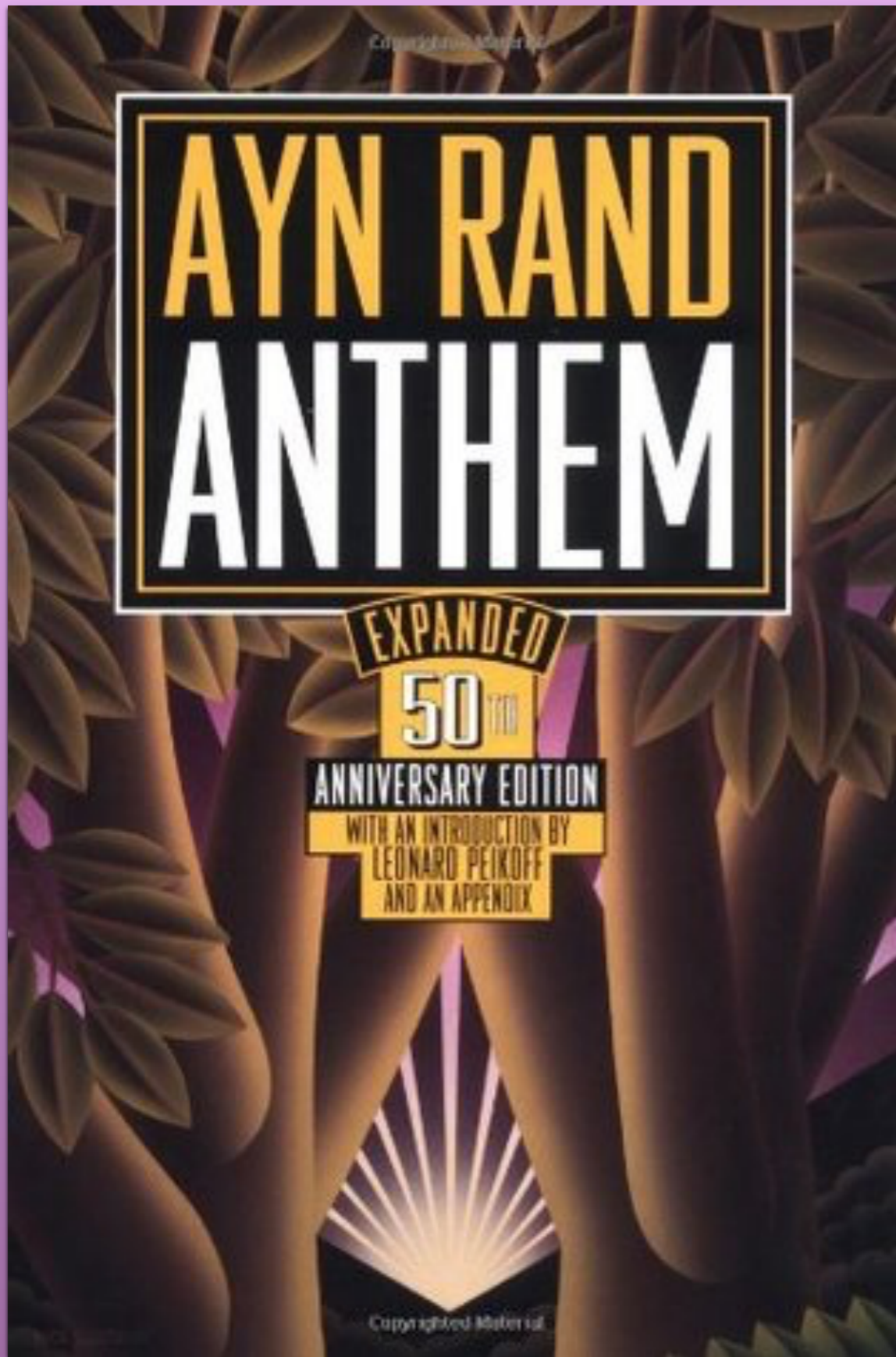
Book Details

Interest Level: 7-12

Lexile Level: HL530

Page Count: 84

Publication Date: 1895



In *Anthem*, Rand examines a frightening future in which individuals have no name, no independence, and no values.

Equality 7-2521 lives in the dark ages of the future where all decisions are made by committee, all people live in collectives, and all traces of individualism have been wiped out.

Despite such a restrictive environment, the spark of individual thought and freedom still burns in him...



Book Details

Interest Level: 7-12

Lexile Level: 880

Page Count: 105

Publication Date: 1938

60TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION



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RAY BRADBURY

Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out.

His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities: BOOKS.

Montag never questions his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television 'family'.

But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse...

Dystopian
Sci-Fi

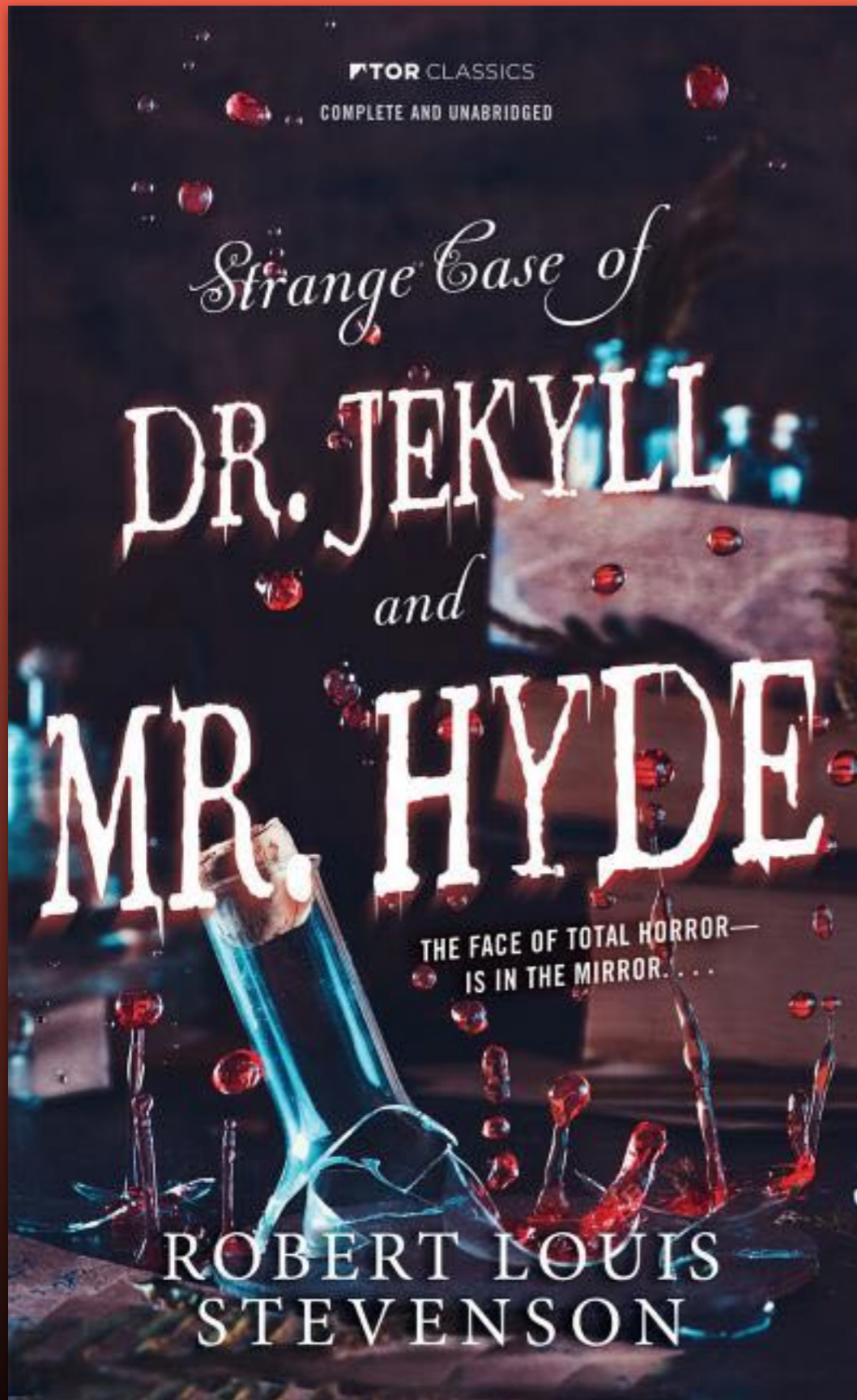
Book Details

Interest Level: 7-12

Lexile Level: 890

Page Count: 249

Publication Date: 1953



Dr. Henry Jekyll is a well-known gentleman living in London. He seems perfectly normal—that is, until he wills his estate to Mr. Edward Hyde, a wicked figure who had assaulted a young girl. Dr. Jekyll's lawyer and friend, Mr. Utterson finds this decision alarming, but Dr. Jekyll calms his fears.

For a while, all is well, but then a witness sees Mr. Hyde commit a murder, and soon after Dr. Jekyll begins to act strangely. When Dr. Jekyll suddenly refuses to leave his laboratory, Mr. Utterson is left to uncover the truth, discovering that the respected Dr. Jekyll and the crude Mr. Hyde are not so different after all.

**Horror
Mystery**

Book Details

Interest Level: 7-9

Lexile Level: 1010

Page Count: 65

Publication Date: 1886