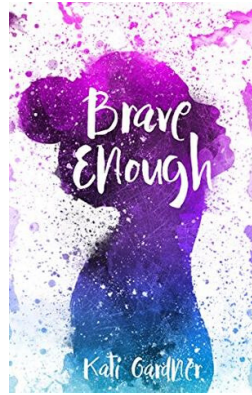


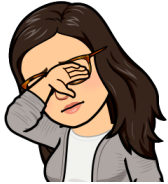
CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS...

Brave Enough
by Kati Gardner

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NOT CRYING



Sometimes you need a good cry, right? In the tradition of *The Fault In Our Stars*, this story follows two teens affected by cancer: one is a ballerina sidelined by bone cancer; the

other is a cancer survivor and a recovering addict who volunteers at the hospital that saved him. This book was highly recommended by a member of teen book club and I'm so glad I finally got around to it. The author is a cancer survivor and amputee, which makes the this [#OwnVoices](#) story even more compelling.



Look Both Ways
by Jason Reynolds

Available as an e-book
& audiobook on the
Libby app

This book made me feel a little bit of everything. Each of the ten chapters is a different character's perspective of the walk home from school one day. It's funny, sweet, sad, and silly, sometimes all at once. What a great reminder that you never know the backstory that a person is carrying around with them as they walk past you on the street.

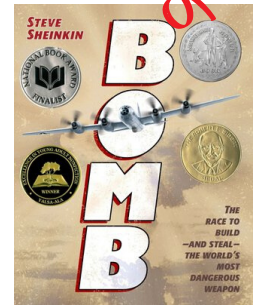
Actor LeVar Burton (from Reading Rainbow!) is doing a livestream version of his podcast [LeVar Burton Reads](#) on Twitter. YA stories are featured every Wednesday at 6pm. Get a taste of *Look Both Ways* as he [reads the first chapter here](#).

JULIE RECOMMENDS...



Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon
by Steven Sheinkin

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This one is for my fellow history buffs out there! Most people know that the U.S. was the first country to develop an atomic bomb but do you know the

fascinating true story of how America came to have the scientific knowledge and technology to make that happen? It's a thrilling international tale of sabotage and risk-taking, the repercussions of which changed the world forever.



On the Come Up
by Angie Thomas

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On the Come Up is the second book from Angie Thomas, the author of one of our most checked out books, *The Hate U Give*. In this book, 16-year-old Bri wants to become a hip-hop legend just like her dad, who died right before he hit it big. But when her first song goes viral, Bri has to grapple with the disconnect between how the media portrays her and who she knows herself to be.

Angie Thomas tells Bri's story with the same trademark heart, humor, and honesty that made *The Hate U Give* so moving and powerful. As I write this, there is no waiting list for the audiobook version and I doubt it will stay available long, so head over to our [digital library collection](#) and check it out ASAP!

Click one of our pictures to email us your recs!