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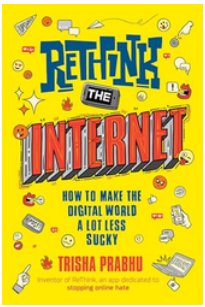
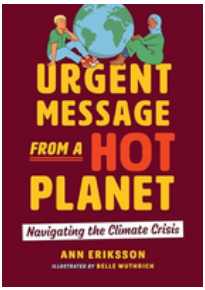
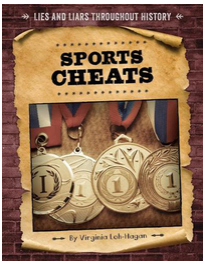


T 302.23 Prabhu - ReThink the Internet: How to Make the Digital World a Lot Less Sucky
by Trisha Prabhu
The 21 year-old CEO and inventor of #ReThink asks readers to consider the consequences before they post, tweet, comment, or text.

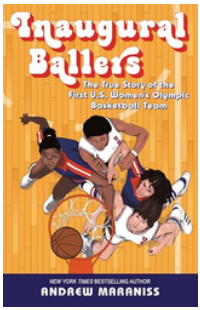


T 363.73 Eriksson - Urgent Message from a Hot Planet
by Ann Eriksson
Outlines the science behind global heating and its root causes, provides ways to take action and honors the efforts of the millions of people from around the world working tirelessly to help the planet.

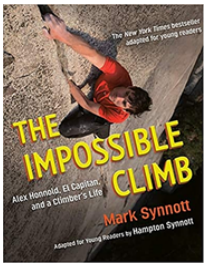
T 636.7 Weintraub - No Better Friend: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II
by Robert Weintraub
The incredible true story of Frank Williams, a radarman in Britain's Royal Air Force, and Judy, a purebred pointer, who met as prisoners of war.



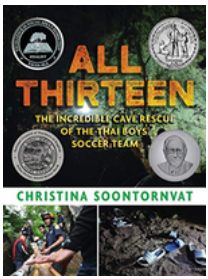
T 796 Loh-Hagan - Sports Cheats
by Virginia Loh-Hagan
What would you do to win? Find out how others answered in this look at famous sports cheating scandals.



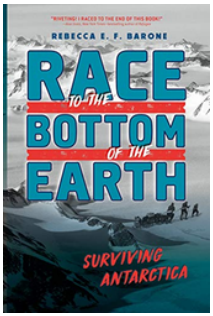
T 796.323 Maraniss - Inaugural Ballers: The True Story of the First US Women's Olympic Basketball Team
by Andrew Maraniss
Packed with black-and-white photos and thoroughly researched details about the beginnings of US women's basketball, Inaugural Ballers is the fascinating story of the women who paved the way for girls everywhere.



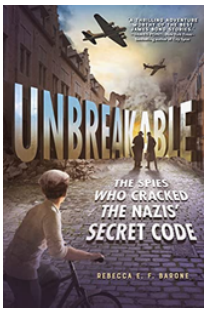
T 796.522 Synnott - The Impossible Climb: Alex Honnold, El Capitan, and a Climber's Life
by Mark Synnott
Recounts Alex Honnold's unprecedented solo climb of Yosemite's El Capitan, describing the feat along with the other climbing expeditions that populated his amateur and professional experiences.



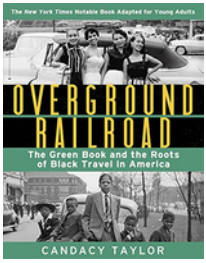
J 796.525 Soontornvat - All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team
by Christina Soontornvat
On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand. Before long, they are trapped, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation.



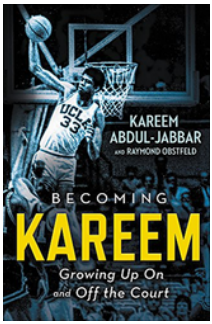
T 919.89 Barone - Race to the Bottom of the Earth: Surviving Antarctica
by Rebecca E. F. Barone
In 1910, Captain Robert Scott prepared his crew for a trip a journey to the South Pole! 108 years later, Captain Louis Rudd readied himself for the first solo crossing of Antarctica.



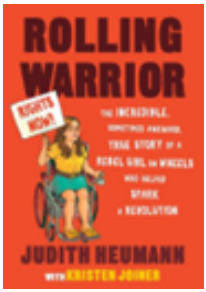
T 940.54 Barone - Unbreakable: The Spies Who Cracked the Nazis' Secret Code
by Rebecca E. F. Barone
A manuscript about a group of Allied spies and codebreakers that cracked the Nazis's infamous cypher, allowing them to read secret military messages and turn the tide of World War II.



T 973.0496 Taylor - Overground Railroad: the Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America
by Candacy Taylor
Chronicles the history of the Green Book, which was published from 1936 to 1966 and was known as the "Black travel guide to America."



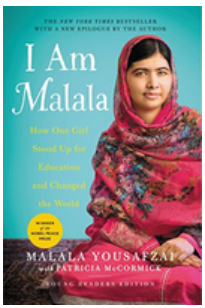
T-B Abdul-Jabbar - [Becoming Kareem: Growing Up on and Off the Court]
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming a basketball star, and getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.



T-B Heumann - [Rolling Warrior: the Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution]
by Judith Heumann
One of the most influential disability rights activists in US history tells her story of fighting to belong in school and society.

T-B Manley - [Baseball's Leading Lady: Effa Manley and the Rise and Fall of the Negro Leagues]
by Andrea Williams
Effa Manley led the Newark Eagles to win the Negro World Series in 1946. She devoted her life to Black empowerment, invested in community programs, and fought for her team's place on an unequal field.

T-B Williams - [Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James B. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon, and Activist]
by Barbara Binns
The Tuskegee Airmen heroically faced racist white officers barring them from the right to be officers of the US military to help defeat fascism. James Buchanan "JB" Williams refused to give in to the bigotry.



T-B Yousafzai - [I am Malala]
by Malala Yousafzai
Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala fought for her right to be educated.