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# FALLING FOR COLLECTIONS

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## Reading List

### Robin Brenner

Robin E. Brenner is the Teen Librarian at the Brookline Public Library in Massachusetts. She has created and leads a successful Japanese manga and anime club for teens. She is a member of the ALA/YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens Selection List Committee, a list she was chosen to help establish, and she co-authored the RUSA graphic novel reviewing guidelines and the Getting Graphic at Your Library workshop guidelines. In addition, she reviews manga for Booklist, reviews Japanese anime for Video Librarian, and she regularly speaks and conducts workshops on graphic novels, manga, and anime. She also hosts a Web site on graphic novels, [noflyingnotights.com](http://noflyingnotights.com), and two sister sites (Sidekicks, for children thru age 12 and the Lair, for adults).

#### Understanding Manga and Anime

Teens love it. Parents hate it. Librarians are confused by it, and patrons are demanding it. Libraries have begun purchasing both manga and anime, particularly for their teen collections. But the sheer number of titles available can be overwhelming, not to mention the diversity and quirky cultural conventions. In order to build a collection, it is important to understand the media and its cultural nuances. Many librarians have been left adrift, struggling to understand this unique medium while trying to meet patron demands as well as protests. This book gives the novice background information necessary to feel confident in selecting, working with, and advocating for manga and anime collections; and it offers more experienced librarians some fresh insights and ideas for programming and collections.

### Jessica Crockett-Estevao

A nearly life-long resident of the Granite State, Jessie naturally adores black flies, 98% humidity, and snow banks taller than the average grandmother. When not working on her next murderous adventure she enthusiastically combs the beach and throws parties. She lives with her dark and mysterious husband and exuberant children in a village so small many other New Hampshire residents have never heard of it. Her debut mystery, *Live Free or Die*, won the 2011 Daphne du Maurier Award for Mainstream Mystery. Hearing from readers makes the winters seem shorter so please visit at [jessiecrockett.com](http://jessiecrockett.com).

#### Writing as Jessie Crockett

##### Live Free or Die

Life in tiny Winslow Falls, New Hampshire is pretty darn good until an arsonist decides to ruin everyone's Christmas.

##### Drizzled with Death

Meet Dani Greene—a fourth-generation maple syrup maker dealing with a first-class troublemaker...

##### Maple Mayhem

In Sugar Grove, New Hampshire, people are serious about their maple syrup—especially Dani Greene, whose family owns the Greener Pastures sugarhouse. But when murder disrupts the small-town sweetness, Dani pores over clues to draw out a killer...

##### A Sticky Situation

The author of *Maple Mayhem* returns to Sugar Grove, New Hampshire, where the Greene family—including Dani's irksome Aunt Hazel—are busy preparing for the annual Maple Festival. But nothing kills the festive spirit like murder...

#### Writing as Jessica Estevao

##### Whispers Beyond the Veil

First in a dazzling new historical mystery series featuring Ruby Proulx, a psychic with a questionable past who suddenly finds her future most uncertain...

##### Whispers of Warning

Ruby Proulx's new life in Orchard Beach, Maine, faces some sinister complications in the next *Change of Fortune Mystery* by Jessica Estevao...

Descriptions from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [fantasticfiction.com](http://fantasticfiction.com)

## Virginia Macgregor

After spending ten years working as a teacher of English Literature and Creative Writing in boarding schools around the UK, Virginia Macgregor now lives in Concord, New Hampshire, with her husband, their two young daughters, her beloved cat, and writes full time. Virginia writes both adult and young adult fiction. Virginia writes contemporary fiction rooted in family life; her stories often told through multiple-points of view, center on important social issues from adoption to eating disorders and are characterized by warmth and humor. She is currently working on her fourth adult novel, *Forgetting You*, which will be out in 2018 and her second YA novel, *As Far As The Stars*, out in 2019.

### Wishbones (YA)

*Wishbones* tells the story of fourteen-year-old Feather Tucker who comes home one New Year's Eve to find her mother in a diabetic coma. Jo, Feather's mother, is one of Britain's most obese woman and hasn't left the house in years. Feather sets out to save her mum's life but as her mum refuses to co-operate, Feather realizes that there are problems that run deeper than her mum's weight problems.

### The Return of Norah Wells

Powerful, emotional and perceptive, *The Return of Norah Wells* is a novel about what it takes to hold a family together and what you're willing to sacrifice for the ones you love.

### What Milo Saw: A wise and surprising story about families and seeing the world

Insightful, wise and surprising, *What Milo Saw* is filled with big ideas and simple truths. Milo sees the world in a very special way and it will be impossible for you not to fall in love with him and then share his story with everyone you know.

### Before I was Yours (November 2017)

An emotional family drama that asks the question: how far would you go for a child who isn't yours?

## Erin Moulton

Erin E. Moulton's books have been selected and nominated for national and state award lists, such as the Amelia Bloomer list, the Kentucky Bluegrass Master List and the Isinglass Teen Read Award List. *FLUTTER* was a 2011 Kid's Indie Next pick. Erin works as a teen librarian at the Derry Public Library where she maintains a collection of awesome YA books and leads teen programming and the Derry Author Fest. Erin loves fostering new voices, which makes her an active school visitor, mentor and workshop leader to writers of all ages. She is a proud VCFA alum. You can find her online at [erinemoulton.com](http://erinemoulton.com)

### Flutter

Big things are about to happen at Maple's house. Mama's going to have a baby, which means now there will be four Rittle sisters instead of just three. But when baby Lily is born too early and can't come home from the hospital, Maple knows it's up to her to save her sister. So she and Dawn, armed with a map and some leftover dinner, head off down a river and up a mountain to find the Wise Woman who can grant miracles. Now it's not only Lily's survival that they have to worry about but also their own. The dangers that Maple and Dawn encounter on their journey makes them realize a thing or two about miracles - and about each other.

### Tracing Stars

A charming novel about sisterhood, self-identity, and friendship from the author of *Flutter*.

### Chasing the Milky Way

In a book that pairs science with mental illness and heart with adventure, Erin E. Moulton delivers a moving story about family, friendship and the lengths we go to for the people we love.

### Keepers of the Labyrinth

Lilith Bennette runs at midnight. She scales walls in the dark and climbs without a harness. She hopes if she follows exactly in the steps of her strong air force pilot mother, she'll somehow figure out the mystery of her mother's death - and the reason why her necklace of Greek symbols has been missing ever since. When Lil is invited to Crete for a Future Leaders International conference, the same conference her mom attended years ago, she jumps at the chance to find some answers. What secrets does the labyrinth hold, and will they help Lil find the truth about her mother?

### Things We Haven't Said

Statistically, teens make up the demographic most affected by rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse, and yet the topic is shrouded by stigma and silence. *Things We Haven't Said* seeks to make a change by providing teens with stories that engage, questions for further discussion, and resources that could save a life. These twenty stories - coming from a diverse

but uniformly impressive group of women and men - open the door to new conversations on one of the hardest topics we will ever have to address. But it's a conversation that we need to start having now.