

## Librarian's Shelf by Rachelle McPhillips

### Read It Before You See It

Film adaptations of young adult novels like *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Divergent*, and *The Hunger Games* have enjoyed success in recent years. Without fail, a movie will be compared to the book and it is important it hit the right notes with an audience that brings an emotional connection to the theater. Grasp this opportunity to fall in love with a book before you fall in love (or don't) with the movie. Stop in today to pick up one of these tales about and for young adults that will make the leap from page to screen in 2017.

Lauren Oliver's, "Before I Fall" is slated to hit theaters on March 3. This compelling, character-driven novel features Samantha, a popular high school student who dies in a car accident and then wakes up in her bed. She soon finds she's living her last day over and over. Empowered by the knowledge that she's going to die at the end of the day anyway, and she has nothing to lose, she discovers that she can behave differently and change the impact she has on people around her.

This emotional novel is a solid pick for fans of John Green, Jay Asher, and Gayle Forman. Publishers Weekly gave this book a starred review and wrote, "Samantha's best friends are funny, likable, and maddening, but readers will love Samantha best as she hurtles toward an end as brave as it is heartbreaking."

Fans of Jenny Han's romantic young adult novels are likely to enjoy "Everything, Everything" by Nicola Yoon. This story is about Madeline, a young woman who lives with an autoimmune disorder and is, basically, allergic to everything. Her home is a sterile and sealed environment that is safe for her, and she has only her mother and a nurse for company and face-to-face contact. A new family moves in next door and the boy is determined to talk to Madeline. Living in a bubble can't protect her heart when Olly finds a way to communicate and a serious crush develops. The movie adaptation of "Everything, Everything" is in post-production.

Kirkus gave this a starred review and said, "This heartwarming story transcends the ordinary by exploring the hopes, dreams, and inherent risks of love in all of its forms."

"Let It Snow" is a collection of related novellas by three popular young adult authors. John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle teamed up for three funny and heartwarming stories about teens that are brought together during a blizzard on Christmas Eve. Characters overlap and interact between stories, and each one wraps up story lines from the other two novellas.

School Library Journal's review for this collaborative effort states, "Tender without being mushy, these carefully crafted stories of believable teen love will leave readers warm inside for the holidays." "Let It Snow" should hit theaters in November.

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