FINANCIAL DISCOVERY LEADS TO A MURDER

When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates.

THE SEVENTH BILLION

A graphic novel about an adolescent boy in 1930s Chicago meeting in 1920 to their lives during the Jazz Age in Paris, but as Ernest struggles to find his literary voice, Hadley tries to define her role in their relationship as wife, friend, and muse.

THE BEAUTIFUL NEWS

In 1978, a high school senior is forced by her parents and sister, trying to survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in which all the old rules of living have vanished.

THE GHOST WATERS

After the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano, Alex must journey from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Illinois to find his parents who are killed in a car accident, but he learns that even the deepest sorrows and hurt can be healed when he is taken in by his tender and caring extended family.

THE MURDER OF BARRY KOLDA

A brief biography of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an African American gang member from Chicago who went on the run after shooting a girl and was later found dead, shot by members of his own gang.

THE JUNGLE

A graphic novel adaptation of Upton Sinclair's novel in which a young Lithuanian immigrant, hoping to create a good life for himself and his family in the early 1900s, is discouraged by the shocking conditions he encounters as a worker in the Chicago stockyards.

THE ROAD TO PERDITION

A graphic novel about an adolescent boy in 1930s Chicago whose curiosity about his father's work—enforcement for the Irish crime syndicate—leads to tragedy and a quest for revenge and redemption.

The Beast of Chicago: The Murderous Career of H. H. Holmes

The life and grisly career of serial killer H.H. Holmes, focusing on his life in Chicago, where he was responsible for an unknown number of deaths in the late nineteenth century.

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The Dresden Files

Harry Dresden, a wizard, is called by the Chicago Police Department to help investigate a double murder that he is committed with black magic, but his work doubles when he agrees to help find a missing husband who might have been playing with sorcery.

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Take What You Can Carry

Kevin C. Pyle

GN Pyle

The lives of two boys—one teen growing up in 1977 suburban Chicago who has a habit of shoplifting from the convenience store and another living in 1941 Berkeley whose family is forced into a Japanese American internment camp—intersect as they learn about compassion and loyalty.
Explores life in an inner city Chicago housing project discussing the residents' daily encounters with neighborhood violence, drugs, and gangs.

Devil in the White City
Erik Larson
364.1 Lar
Tells the parallel stories of Daniel Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, discussing the challenges Burnham faced in creating the White City, and how Holmes used the opportunities of the fair to lure victims to their deaths.

Getting Away With Murder: the True Story of the Emmitt Till Case
Chris Crowe
364.15 Cro
Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.

Switching Time: a Doctor's Harrowing Story of Treating a Woman with 17 Personalities
Richard K. Baer
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The author, a noted psychiatrist in the Chicago area, describes his treatment of Karen Overhill, a woman who was diagnosed with seventeen different personalities.

Monsters: the 1985 Chicago Bears & the Wild Heart of Football
Rich Cohen
796.332 Coh
An account of the 1985 Chicago Bears and the author's personal relationship with the football team.

We Are the Bears! : the Oral History of the Chicago Bears
Richard Whittingham
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Featuring exclusive interviews with the greatest players in team history.

Before the Curse: the Chicago Cubs' Glory Years
Randy Roberts
796.357 Bef
Recounts the early history of the Chicago Cubs through a collection of over two dozen vintage newspaper accounts and historical essays.

Game of My Life: the Chicago White Sox
Lew Freedman
796.357 Fre
Presents thirty stories from former and current players of the Chicago White Sox baseball team in which they remember highlights of their careers with the team.

Tales from the Chicago White Sox Dugout
Ron Kittle
796.357 Kit
A collection of stories from a former player of the Chicago White Sox baseball team about the team, players, coaches, and more.

Forever a Blackhawk
Stan Mikita
796.962 Mik
Stan Mikita discusses his life and hockey career with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights
Steve Sheinkin
940.54 She
Describes the fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.

The Great Fire
Jim Murphy
977.3 Mur
Photographs and text, along with personal accounts of actual survivors tell the story of the great fire of 1871 in Chicago.

Of Beetles and Angels
Mawi Asgedom
Bio Asgedom
Mawi Asgedom tells the story of how, at the age of three, he fled civil war in Ethiopia by walking with his mother and brother to a Sudanese refugee camp, and later moved to Chicago and earned a full scholarship to Harvard University.

One Day It'll All Make Sense
Michelle Obama
Bio Obama
Details the life of Michelle Obama, a Harvard Law School graduate and wife to United States senator Barack Obama, and describes her marriage, her career achievements, and her role as a mother.

Never Die Easy
Walter Payton
Bio Payton
An autobiography written in the last weeks of Walter Payton's life, in which the celebrated running back for the Chicago Bears discusses his childhood in Mississippi, his college years, his extraordinary football career, his business and charity endeavors, and his devotion to his family.

My Bloody Life
Reymundo Sanchez
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The author tells about his early life in Puerto Rico, how he became involved with the Latin Kings in Chicago, and discusses how the gang changed from heroes representing the struggle for Latino equality to cold-blooded murderers.

Black Boy
Richard Wright
Bio Wright
The autobiography of an African-American writer, recounting his early years and the harrowing experiences he encountered drifting from Natchez to Chicago to Brooklyn.