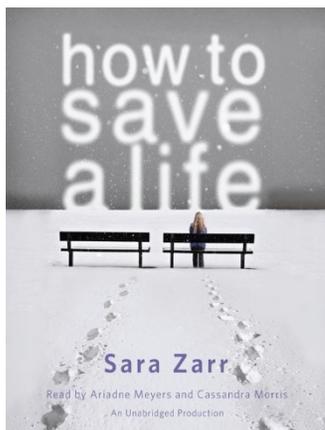


## **How to Save a Life** by Sara Zarr



Jill MacSweeny just wishes everything could go back to normal. But ever since her dad died, she's been isolating herself from her boyfriend, her best friends -- everyone who wants to support her. When her mom decides to adopt a baby, it feels like she's

somehow trying to replace a lost family member with a new one.

Mandy Kalinowski understands what it's like to grow up unwanted -- to be raised by a mother who never intended to have a child. So when Mandy becomes pregnant, one thing she's sure of is that she wants a better life for her baby. It's harder to be sure of herself. Will she ever find someone to care for her, too?

As their worlds change around them, Jill and Mandy must learn to both let go and hold on, and that nothing is as easy -- or as difficult -- as it seems.

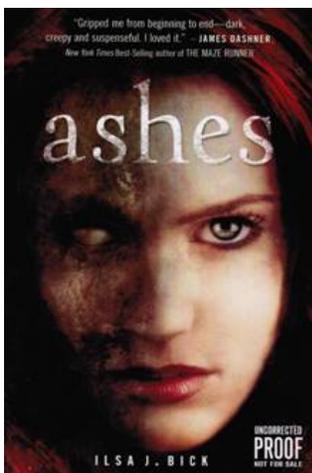
## **Ashes** by Ilsa J. Bick

*It could happen tomorrow . . .*

An electromagnetic pulse flashes across the sky, destroying every electronic device, wiping out every computerized system, and killing billions.

Alex hiked into the woods to say good-bye to her dead parents and her personal demons.

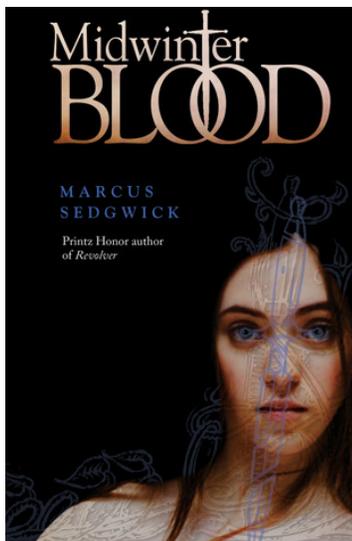
Now desperate to find out what happened after



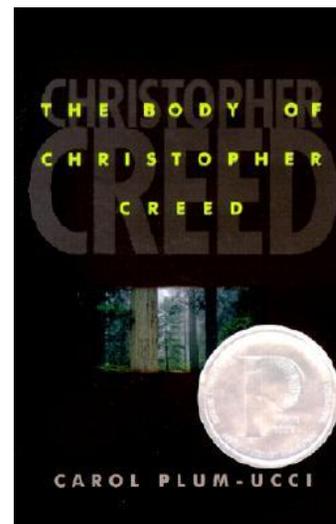
the pulse crushes her to the ground, Alex meets up with Tom—a young soldier—and Ellie, a girl whose grandfather was killed by the EMP. For this improvised family and the others who are spared, it's now a question of who can be trusted and who is no longer human. A terrifying and thrilling novel about a world that could be ours at any moment, where those left standing must learn what it means not just to survive, but to live amidst the devastation.

## **Midwinterblood** by Marcus Sedgwick

Seven stories of passion and love separated by centuries but mysteriously intertwined—this is a tale of horror and beauty, tenderness and sacrifice by a three-time Printz Award Honoree. An archaeologist who unearths a mysterious artifact, an airman who finds himself far from home, a painter, a ghost, a vampire, and a Viking: the seven stories in this compelling novel all take place on the remote Scandinavian island of Blessed where a curiously powerful plant that resembles a dragon grows. What binds these stories together? What secrets lurk beneath the surface of this idyllic countryside? And what might be powerful enough to break the cycle of midwinterblood? A book about passion and preservation and ultimately an exploration of the bounds of love. From award-winning author Marcus Sedgwick comes a book about passion and preservation and ultimately an exploration of the bounds of love.



## **The Body of Christopher Creed** by Carol Plum-Ucci



Chris Creed grew up as the class freak – the bullies' punching bag. After he vanished, the weirdness that had once surrounded him began spreading. And it tore the town apart. Sixteen-year-old Torey Adams's search for answers opens his eyes to

the lies, the pain, and the need to blame someone when tragedy strikes, and his once-safe world comes crashing down around him.



*All book talks/discussions take place at the Haledon Public Library at 4:00 p.m. on the dates listed. The Library is located at 510 Belmont Avenue, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Borough Municipal Building. You must register for the book talk.*

## 2018 Summer Reading

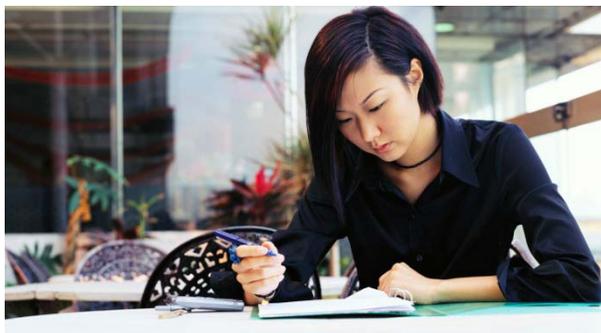
Students can participate in Summer Reading in two ways: attend a book talk/discussion at the Haledon Public Library, or complete a traditional Summer Reading assignment, available online and at school.



### “Speak Out”

These are book talk/discussion groups that take place at the Haledon Public Library (HPL). We strongly encourage our students to participate in at least one session. The more sessions students attend, the more high marks they’ll start the year with in English class.

Please register for the book talks so that Mrs. Morstatt can plan appropriately. You can register in person at the Haledon Public Library, by phone at 973-790-3808 or online at [www.haledonlib.org](http://www.haledonlib.org).



### “Traditional”

Students may complete a traditional summer reading assessment if attending a book talk isn’t possible. These assessments can be found on the MRHS website, [www.mrhs.net](http://www.mrhs.net) (see Summer Reading), and are available in hard-copy in the MRHS Main Office.

*The titles can be borrowed from the **MRHS Library** before school ends or from your public library. If you plan to borrow the book from your public library, make sure you have a current library card. Applications for public library cards must be completed in person at the local town libraries. Prospect Park residents can now get Haledon Library cards through the borough. And of course you can find the books from multiple sources, including [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com), and many other online locations.*



## 2018 MRHS Summer Reading Guide



**MRHS students are strongly encouraged to participate in summer reading.**

*Students that read at least one of the books described in this guide and attend a book talk will receive a homework pass and 10 points extra credit on an English class quiz. If all four books are read and all four talks are attended, students will receive a dress down day, two homework passes, and two 10 point extra credit cards.*

*See Mrs. Morstatt in the Library Media Center for more details.*

*The book talks will take place in the Haledon Public Library (510 Belmont Ave – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) at 4:00 p.m. on the following days:*

Title	Date
How to Save a Life	7/11/18
Ashes	7/26/18
Midwinterblood	8/9/18
The Body of Christopher Creed	8/16/18