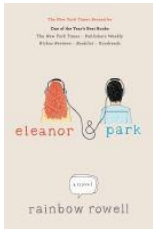


## YA FICTION



### **PEAK** by Roland Smith

Peak Marcello is 14 years old and in trouble for scaling skyscrapers. Peak's mother ships him off to Thailand to stay with his dad, a famous mountaineer, who wants him to be the youngest climber to reach the summit of Mount Everest. A riveting story of adventure and character, Peak is a thrilling tale for readers of many ages.



### **ELEANOR AND PARK** BY Rainbow Rowell

Eleanor and Park are misfits who sit next to each other in silence day after day on the school bus. The two bond over comic books and find true friendship and love as their relationship progresses. An immensely readable and engrossing character study written by a talented young author.



### **THE WEDNESDAY WARS** by Gary Schmidt

Holling Hoodhood is forced to stay in his classroom every Wednesday afternoon while his classmates are in religious education. His teacher, Mrs. Baker, assigns Shakespeare's plays for Holling to read and share with her on their afternoons together. Initially, Holling finds the assignment torturous but unearths many unexpected truths about himself and those around him during those Wednesday afternoons. Schmidt's humorous prose and depth of character shine throughout this novel set in a tumultuous time in recent American history.