For this issue I have some holiday reading selections:


This is the second book by the author of the very successful *The Martian*. *Artemis* is set in the more distant future and takes place on the moon. The protagonist is a heroine who works through a series of mental and physical tests to achieve her goals. The author suggests this is “economic fiction,” but there is a lot of science fact and fiction mixed in, making an enjoyable read.


The title of this book comes from the acronym THUG LIFE, a rap band of the early 1990s. This book follows the maturation of a 16-year-old from timid young woman to activist after she witnesses the killing of a childhood friend. Like S. E. Hinton’s *The Outsiders*, this book is raw and full of teenage emotion. I predict it will join the canon of required reading for young adults very soon.


Here is another Robert Langdon thriller. While some of the novel is predictable based on prior knowledge of the author’s writing, there is a good twist at the end that will either make you look forward to the future, or be very afraid of it.

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