# Rise to the Challenge Reading Program: Read a book that is the first in a series

Below are recommendations for books that is the first in the series



#### **Gideon the Ninth**

By Tamysn Muir

**Genre:** Science Fiction **Series:** The Locked Tomb

Descriptors: New Zealand, LGBTQIA, Action Packed, World-Building, Suspenseful



# **The Raven Boys**

by Maggie Stiefvater

Genre: Young Adult Fantasy

Series: Raven Cycle

Descriptors: Misfits, Complex, LGBTQIA, Creepy, Intricately Plotted, Compelling



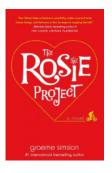
### The Shadow of the Wind

by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

Series: Cemetery of Forgotten Books

**Descriptors:** Books about books, Fast-Paced, Haunting, Romantic, Suspenseful, Compelling

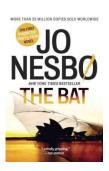


#### The Rosie Project

By Graeme Simsion

**Genre:** Fiction Romance **Series:** Rosie Novels

Descriptors: Opposites attract, Quirky, Fast-Paced, Funny, Heartwarming



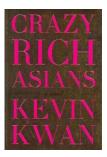
# The Bat

by Jo Nesbo

Genre: Mystery/Thriller

Series: Detective Harry Hole

Descriptors: Scandinavian, Brooding, Intricately Plotted, Suspenseful, Compelling

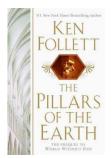


## **Crazy Rich Asians**

by Kevin Kwan

**Genre:** Fiction Romance **Series:** Rich Novels

Descriptors: Page to Screen, Own Voices, Fast-Paced, Drama, Engaging, Witty



#### **Pillars of the Earth**

By Ken Follett

**Genre:** Historical Fiction **Series:** Pillars of the Earth

Descriptors: Intricately Plotted, Plot-Driven, Dramatic, Descriptive, Richly Detailed



#### Next Year in Havana

by Chanel Cleeton

**Genre:** Historical Fiction **Series:** The Perez Family

**Descriptors:** Parallel Narratives, Intricately Plotted, Own Voices, Dramatic, Romantic



### One for the Money

by Janet Evanovich

**Genre:** Mystery

Series: Stephanie Plum

**Descriptors:** First Person Narrative, Funny, Upbeat, Banter-Filled, Conversational