

Teen Fall Book Picks

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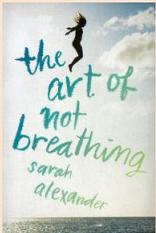
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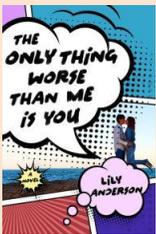
Awesome, Don't Pass Up



The Art of Not Breathing
Sarah Alexander

Since her twin brother, Eddie, drowned five years ago in the North Sea, sixteen-year-old Elsie Main has tried to remember what really happened that fateful day on the beach. One minute Eddie was there, and the next he was gone. She can remember only the time that followed: enduring her parents' wrecked marriage, bonding with her older brother, Dillon, and secretly talking to Eddie in her head.

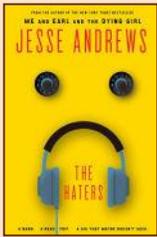
Five years later, Elsie is a girl who sneaks cigarettes, steals candy bars and daydreams during school – anything to distract herself from the sadness at home. Then she meets seventeen-year-old Tay McKenzie, a cute and mysterious boy, in her favorite boathouse hangout. When Tay introduces Elsie to the world of free diving, she vows to find the answers she seeks at the bottom of the sea. Recommendation: .



The Only Thing Worse Than Me is You
Lily Anderson

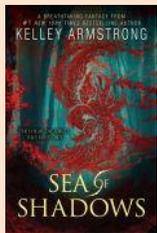
Trixie Watson has two very important goals for senior year: to finally save enough to buy the set of *Doctor Who* figurines at the local comic books store, and to place third in her class and knock Ben West down to number four. She will do anything to get her name ranked over Ben's, including give up sleep and comic books. After all, the war of Watson v. West is as vicious as the Doctor v. Daleks and Browncoats v. Alliance combined, and it goes all the way back to the infamous monkey bars incident in the first grade. Over a decade later, it's time to declare a champion once and for all.

The war is Trixie's for the winning, until her best friend starts dating Ben's best friend and the two are unceremoniously dumped together and told to play nice. Finding common ground is difficult, but Trixie and Ben's cautious truce slowly transforms into a fandom-based tentative friendship. When Trixie's best friend gets expelled for cheating and Trixie cries foul play, however, they have to choose who to believe and which side they are on, and they might not pick the same side. Recommendation: .



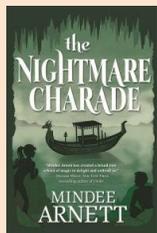
The Haters
Jesse Andrews

Wes and Corey are best friends, and there is nothing they can't hate on. When they are sent to jazz camp, it turns out to be lame - pretty much all dudes talking in Jazz Voice. But then they meet Ash, a girl who may even be a bigger and better hater than the two of them combined. She is a charismatic girl with an unusual sound, and the three just click. It is three and a half hours of pure musical magic, and Ash makes a decision: They need to run away, hit the road and form their own band. Before Wes and Corey know it, they are in Ash's SUV heading south, and The Haters Summer of Hate tour has begun. Recommendation: 📖.



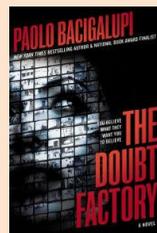
Sea of Shadows
Kelley Armstrong

Twin sisters Moria and Ashyn were marked at birth to become the Keeper and the Seeker of Edgewood, beginning with their sixteenth birthday. Trained in fighting and in the secret rites of the spirits, they lead an annual trip into the Forest of the Dead. There, the veil between the living world and the beyond is thinnest, and the girls pay respect to the spirits who have passed. But this year, their trip goes dreadfully wrong. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



The Nightmare Charade
Mindee Arnett

16-year-old Dusty Everhart breaks into houses late at night, but not because she is a criminal. No, she is a Nightmare. Literally. Dusty is a magical being who feeds on human dreams. Being the only Nightmare at Arkwell Academy, a boarding school for magickind, and living in the shadow of her mother's infamy is hard enough, not to mention the crazy events of the past year. Dusty may have saved the day, but there are many days left in the year, and with an old foe back to seek revenge, she'll need all her strength to defeat him and save her friends. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



The Doubt Factory
Paolo Bacigalupi

Everything Alix knows about her life is a lie at least according to the mysterious young man who's been stalking her. But could her dad *really* be a bad guy at the helm of an organization that covers up the deadly wrongdoings of some of the country's most rich and powerful? Alix has to make an impossible choice between her father and the mysterious young man she's not only falling for, but who's asking her to blow the whistle on the man who raised her. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



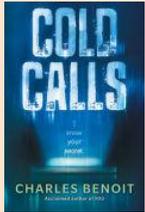
Six of Crows
Leigh Bardugo

(Older Teens)

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price, and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone.

Six dangerous outcasts. A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartreuder using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.

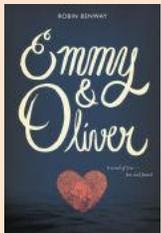
One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction if they don't kill each other first. Recommendation: 📖.



Cold Calls

Charles Benoit

Three high school students—Eric, Shelly, and Fatima—have one thing in common: “*I know your secret.*” Each one is blackmailed into bullying specifically targeted schoolmates by a mysterious caller who whispers from their cell phones and holds carefully guarded secrets over their heads. But how could anyone have obtained *that* photo, read *those* hidden pages, uncovered *this* buried past? Thrown together, the three teens join forces to find the stranger who threatens them before time runs out and their shattering secrets are revealed. Recommendation: 📖.



Emmy & Oliver

Robin Benway

Emmy and Oliver were going to be best friends forever, or maybe even more, before their futures were ripped apart. In Emmy's soul, despite the space and time between them, their connection has never been severed. But is their story still written in the stars? Or are their hearts like the pieces of two different puzzles—impossible to fit together? Emmy just wants to be in charge of her own life. She wants to stay out late, surf her favorite beach, go anywhere without her parents' relentless worrying. But Emmy's parents can't seem to let her grow up, not since the day Oliver disappeared.

Oliver needs a moment to figure out his heart. He had thought, all these years, that his dad was the good guy. He never knew that it was his father who had kidnapped him and kept him on the run. Discovering it, and finding himself returned to his old hometown, all at once, has his heart racing, and his thoughts swirling. Recommendation: 📖.

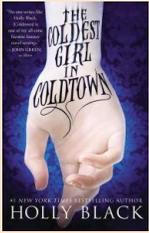


The Last Leaves Falling

Sarah Benwell

(Older Teens)

Abe Sora is going to die, and he's only seventeen years old. Diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), he's already lost the use of his legs, which means he can no longer attend school. Seeking a sense of normalcy, Sora visits teen chat rooms online and finally finds what he's been longing for: friendship without pity. As much as he loves his new friends, he can't ignore what's ahead. He's beginning to lose the function of his hands, and soon he'll become even more of a burden to his mother. Inspired by the death poems of the legendary Japanese warriors known as samurai, Sora makes the decision to leave life on his own terms. And he needs his friends to help him. Recommendation: 📖.



The Coldest Girl in Coldtown
Holly Black

Tana lives in a world where walled cities called Coldtowns exist. In them, quarantined monsters and humans mingle in a decadently bloody mix of predator and prey. The only problem is, once you pass through Coldtown's gates, you can never leave.

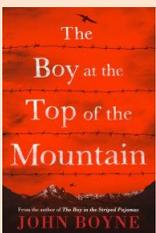
One morning, after a perfectly ordinary party, Tana wakes up surrounded by corpses. The only other survivors of this massacre are her exasperatingly endearing ex-boyfriend, infected and on the edge, and a mysterious boy burdened with a terrible secret. Shaken and determined, Tana enters a race against the clock to save the three of them the only way she knows how: by going straight to the wicked, opulent heart of Coldtown itself. Recommendation: 📖.



Midnight Thief
Livia Blackburne

Growing up on Forge's streets has taught Kyra how to stretch a coin. And when that's not enough, her uncanny ability to scale walls and bypass guards helps her take what she needs. But when the leader of the Assassins Guild offers Kyra a lucrative job, she hesitates. She knows how to get by on her own, and she's not sure she wants to play by his rules. But he is persistent-and darkly attractive, and Kyra can't quite resist his pull.

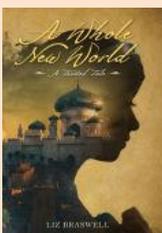
Tristram of Brancel is a young Palace knight on a mission. After his best friend is brutally murdered by the Demon Riders, a clan of vicious warriors who ride bloodthirsty wildcats, Tristram vows to take them down. But as his investigation deepens, he finds his efforts thwarted by a talented thief, one who sneaks past Palace defenses with uncanny ease. When a fateful raid throws Kyra and Tristram together, the two enemies realize that their best chance at survival-and vengeance-might be to join forces. And as their loyalties are tested to the breaking point, they learn a startling secret about Kyra's past that threatens to reshape both their lives. Recommendation: 📖.



The Boy at the Top of the Mountain
John Boyne

When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy Austrian household. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.

Pierrot is quickly taken under Hitler's wing and thrown into an increasingly dangerous new world: a world of terror, secrets, and betrayal from which he may never be able to escape. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



A Whole New World – A Twisted Tale
Liz Braswell

Aladdin is a street rat. There is really no getting around that. Like most, he is just trying to survive another day in impoverished Agrabah. Jasmine is a princess, one

who is about to enter into an arranged marriage. All she wants is to escape her fate, to see what lies beyond the palace walls. But everything changes when the sultan's trusted adviser, Jafar, suddenly rises to power. With the help of an ancient lamp, Jafar becomes determined to break the laws of magic and gain control over love and death. Soon Aladdin and the deposed princess Jasmine must unite the people of Agrabah in rebellion to stop the power mad ruler. But their fight for freedom grows costly when it threatens to tear the kingdom apart. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



Tell the Wind and Fire
Sarah Rees Brennan

In a city divided between opulent luxury in the Light and fierce privations in the Dark, a determined young woman survives by guarding her secrets. Lucie Manette was born in the Dark half of the city, but careful manipulations won her a home in the Light, celebrity status, and a rich, loving boyfriend. Now she just wants to keep her head down, but her boyfriend has a dark secret of his own, one involving an apparent stranger who is destitute and despised. Lucie alone knows the young men's deadly connection, and even as the knowledge leads her to make a grave mistake, she can trust no one with the truth.

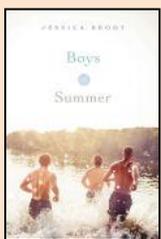
Blood and secrets alike spill out when revolution erupts. With both halves of the city burning, and mercy nowhere to be found, can Lucie save either boy or herself? Recommendation: 📖.



The Game of Love and Death (Older Teens)
Martha Brockenbrough

For centuries Love and Death have chosen their players. They have set the rules, rolled the dice, and kept close, ready to influence, angling for supremacy. And Death has always won. Always. Could there ever be one time, one place, one pair whose love would truly tip the balance?

Flora and Henry were born a few blocks from each other, innocent of the forces that might keep a white boy and an African American girl apart. Years later they meet again and their mutual love of music sparks an even more powerful connection. But what Flora and Henry don't know is that they are pawns in a game played by the eternal adversaries Love and Death. Can their hearts and their wills overcome not only their earthly circumstances, but forces that have battled throughout history? In the rainy Seattle of the 1920's, romance blooms among the jazz clubs, the mansions of the wealthy, and the shanty towns of the poor. But what is more powerful: Love or death? Recommendation: 📖.



Boys of Summer
Jessica Brody

Best friends Grayson, Mike and Ian were hoping for another epic summer on the Locks. But that was before Ian's dad never returned home from his last deployment. Before Mike had to take on more responsibility in order to help provide for family. Before Grayson's accident left him with an injured throwing arm and an uncertain future.

It is clear that summer on the island is shaping up to be very different from those that the boys have come to rely on. When the sacred code of never dating a friend's sister or ex is broken, it will push their friendship to the limit, testing their loyalties in a way that could either break or save them. Recommendation: 📖.



A Week of Mondays
Jessica Brody

Sixteen year old Ellison Sparks is having a bad case of the Mondays. She gets a ticket for running a red light; she manages to take the world's worst school picture, she bombs softball try-outs and her class election speech (note to self: never trust a cheerleader when she swears there are no nuts in her bake-sale banana bread); and, to top it all off, Tristan, her gorgeous rocker boyfriend suddenly dumps her. For no good reason! As far as Mondays go, it does not get much worse than this. And Ellie is positive that if she could just do it all over again, she would get it right.

So, when she wakes up the next morning to find she is reliving the *exact* same day, she knows what she has to do - stop her boyfriend from breaking up with her. But it seems no matter how many do-overs she gets or how hard Ellie tries to repair her relationship, Tristan always seems bent set on ending it. Will Ellie ever figure out how to fix this broken day? Or will she be stuck in this nightmare of a Monday forever? Recommendation: 📖.

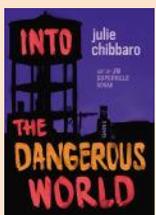


Essential Maps for the Lost
Deb Caletti

Sometimes people want to be lost. Madison, Mads to everyone who knows her, is trying her best to escape herself during one last summer away from a mother who needs more from her than she can give, and from a future that has been decided by everyone but her.

Sometimes the lost do the unimaginable, like the woman, the body, Mads collides with in the middle of the water on a traumatic morning that changes everything. And sometimes the lost are the ones left behind, like the son of the woman in the water, Billy Youngwolf Floyd.

Billy is struggling to find his way through each day in the shadow of grief. His one comfort is the map he carries in his pocket, out of his favorite book *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. When three lives - and one special, shared book - collide, strange things happen. Things like questions and coincidences and secrets, lots of secrets. Things like falling in love. But can two lost people telling so many lies find their way through tragedy to each other and to solid ground? Recommendation: 📖.



Into the Dangerous World (Older Teens)
Julie Chibbaro

At a family meeting, Ror declares her purpose. *I am an artist*. But she doesn't really know what that means. Raised on a commune, she's never attended a day of school, and has seen little of the outside world. What she knows best is drawing. To her, it's like breathing; it's how she makes sense of the world. When her father torches the commune, and himself, Ror's life changes. She, her mother and sister end up in a homeless residence in Manhattan, where she runs into trouble—and love—with Trey, the leader of Noise Ink, a graffiti crew.

On the city's streets, and in its museums and galleries, Ror finds herself pulled in different directions. Her father wanted her to make classic art. Noise Ink insists she stay within their lines.

Her art teacher urges her to go to college. What does *she* want? *What kind of artist am I?* Ror's journey is a seamless blend of words and pictures, cinematic in its scope—a sharp-edged, indelible work of art that will live inside your head. Recommendation: 📖.



Summerlost
Ally Condie

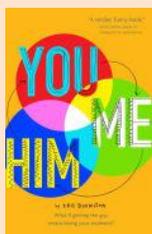
It's the first real summer since the accident that killed Cedar's father and younger brother, Ben. Cedar, and what's left of her family, is returning to the town of Iron Creek for the summer. They're just settling into their new house when a boy named Leo, dressed in costume, rides by on his bike. Intrigued, Cedar follows him to the renowned Summerlost theatre festival. Soon, she not only has a new friend in Leo and a job working concessions at the festival, but also she finds herself surrounded by mystery. The mystery of the tragic, too-short life of the Hollywood actress who haunts the halls of Summerlost. And the mystery of the strange gifts that keep appearing for Cedar. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



Mechanica
Betsy Cornwell

Nicolette's awful stepsisters call her "Mechanica" to demean her, but the nickname fits. She learned to be an inventor at her mother's knee. Her mom is gone now, and the stepsisters have turned her into a servant in her own home.

On her sixteenth birthday, Nicolette discovers a secret workshop in the cellar and begins to dare to imagine a new life for herself. Could the mysterious books and tools hidden there – and the mechanical menagerie led by a tiny metal horse named Jules – be the key to escaping her dreary existence? With a technological exposition and royal ball on the horizon, the timing might just be perfect for Nicolette to earn her freedom at last. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



You Me Him
Kris Dinnison

Maggie Bowers thinks she knows what to expect her junior year of high school. Sure, it would be nice if her mother didn't care so much about her weight. But at least she has Nash, her out-of-the-closet best friend and a cool afterschool job at the local record store. When Tom moves to town at the start of the school year they have something unexpected in common—feelings for the same guy. Up until now Maggie and Nash have always chosen each other, but what if winning someone's heart means losing their soul mate? Recommendation: 📖.



These Shallow Graves
Jennifer Donnelly

Jo Montfort is beautiful and rich, and soon, like all the girls in her class, she'll graduate from finishing school and be married off to a wealthy bachelor - which is the last thing she wants. Jo dreams of becoming a writer, a newspaper reporter like the trailblazing Nellie Bly. Wild aspirations aside, Jo's life seems perfect until tragedy strikes: her father is found dead. Charles Montfort shot himself while cleaning his pistol.

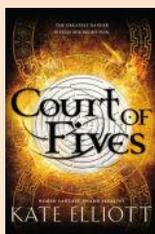
One of New York City's wealthiest men, he owned a newspaper and was a partner in a massive shipping firm, and Jo knows he was far too smart to clean a loaded gun. The more Jo hears about her father's death, the more something feels wrong. Suicide is the only logical explanation, and of course people have started talking, but Jo's father would never have resorted to *that*.

And then she meets Eddie, a young, smart, infuriatingly handsome reporter at her father's newspaper, and it becomes all too clear how much she stands to lose if she keeps searching for the truth. But now it might be too late to stop. The past never stays buried forever. Life is dirtier than Jo Montfort could ever have imagined, and this time the truth is the dirtiest part of all. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



Thief of Lies
Brenda Drake

Jumping into some of the world's most beautiful libraries would be a dream come true for Gia, if she weren't busy resisting her heart or dodging an exiled wizard seeking revenge on both the Mystik and human worlds. Add a French flirt obsessed with Arik and a fling with a young wizard, and Gia must choose between her heart and her head, between Arik's world and her own, before both are destroyed. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



Court of Fives
Kate Elliott

Jessamy's life is a balance between acting like an upper-class Patron and dreaming of the freedom of the Commoners. But away from her family she can be whoever she wants when she sneaks out to train for The Fives, an intricate, multilevel athletic competition that offers a chance for glory to the kingdom's best contenders. Then Jes meets Kalliarkos, and an unlikely friendship between two Fives competitors--one of mixed race and the other a Patron boy--causes heads to turn. When Kal's powerful, scheming uncle tears Jes's family apart, she'll have to test her new friend's loyalty and risk the vengeance of a royal clan to save her mother and sisters from certain death. Recommendation: 📖.



Until Friday Night
Abbi Glines

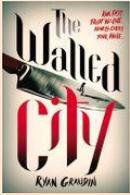
(Older Teens)

To everyone who knows him, West Ashby has always been *that guy*: the cocky, popular, way-too-handsome-for-his-own-good football god who led Lawton High to the state championships. But while West may be Big Man on Campus on the outside, on the inside he's battling the grief that comes with watching his father slowly die of cancer.

Two years ago, Maggie Carleton's life fell apart when her father murdered her mother. And after she told the police what happened, she stopped speaking and hasn't spoken since. Even the move to Lawton, Alabama, couldn't draw Maggie back out. So she stayed quiet, keeping her sorrow and her fractured heart hidden away.

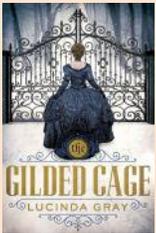
As West's pain becomes too much to handle, he knows he needs to talk to someone about his father. So in the dark shadows of a post-game party, he opens up to the one girl who he knows won't tell anyone else. He expected that talking about his dad would bring some relief, or at least

a flood of emotions he couldn't control. But he never expected the quiet new girl to reply, to reveal a pain even deeper than his own or for them to form a connection so strong that he couldn't ever let her go. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖



The Walled City
Ryan Graudin

Jin, Mei Yee, and Dai all live in the Walled City, a lawless labyrinth run by crime lords and overrun by street gangs. Teens there traffic drugs or work in brothels—or, like Jin, hide under the radar. But when Dai offers Jin a chance to find her lost sister, Mei Yee, she begins a breathtaking race against the clock to escape the Walled City itself. Recommendation: 📖.



The Gilded Cage
Lucinda Gray

After growing up on a farm in Virginia, Walthingham Hall in England seems like another world to sixteen year old Katherine Randolph. Her new life, filled with the splendor of upper class England in the 1820s, is shattered when she discovers the corpse of her brother George in a lake on the estate. The coroner reports that it was a tragic accidental drowning of a young man, despite the wound to George's head. Katherine is expected to observe the mourning customs and get on with her life, but she cannot accept that her brother's death was an accident.

A bitter poacher prowls the estate, and strange visitors threaten the occupants of the house. There is also rumor that a wild animal stalks the woods of Walthingham. Can Katherine retain her sanity long enough to find out the truth? Or will her brother's killer claim her life, too? Recommendation: 📖.



The Conspiracy of Us
Maggie Hall

Avery West's newfound family can shut down Prada when they want to shop in peace and can just as easily order a bombing when they want to start a war. Part of a powerful and dangerous secret society called the Circle, they believe Avery is the key to an ancient prophecy. Some want to use her as a pawn. Some want her dead.

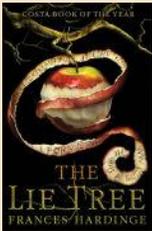
To unravel the mystery putting her life in danger, Avery must follow a trail of clues from the monuments of Paris to the back alleys of Istanbul with two boys who work for the Circle - beautiful, volatile Stellan and mysterious, magnetic Jack. But as the clues expose a stunning conspiracy that might plunge the world into World War 3, she discovers that both boys are hiding secrets of their own. Now she will have to choose not only between freedom and family, but between the boy who might help her save the world, and the one she's falling in love with. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖. Also available in the series – *Map of Fates*.





P.S. I Still Love You
Jenny Han

Lara Jean didn't expect to *really* fall for Peter. She and Peter were just pretending. Except suddenly they weren't. Now Lara Jean is more confused than ever. When another boy from her past returns to her life, Lara Jean's feelings for him return too. Can a girl be in love with two boys at once? Recommendation: 📖.



The Lie Tree
Frances Hardinge

Faith Sunderly leads a double life. To most people, she is reliable, dull, trustworthy - a proper young lady who knows her place as inferior to men. But inside, Faith is full of questions and curiosity, and she cannot resist mysteries: an unattended envelope, an unlocked door. She knows secrets no one suspects her of knowing. She knows that her family moved to the close-knit island of Vane because her famous scientist father was fleeing a reputation-destroying scandal. And she knows, when her father is discovered dead shortly thereafter, that he was murdered.

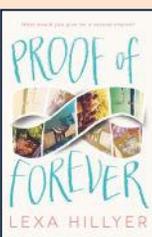
In pursuit of justice and revenge, Faith hunts through her father's possessions and discovers a strange tree. The tree bears fruit only when she whispers a lie to it. The fruit of the tree, when eaten, delivers a hidden truth. The tree might hold the key to her father's murder, or it may lure the murderer directly to Faith herself. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



Cure for the Common Universe
Christian McKay Heidicker

Sixteen-year-old Jaxon is being committed to video game rehab...ten minutes after meeting a girl. A living, breathing girl named Serena, who not only laughed at his jokes but actually kinda seemed excited when she agreed to go out with him. Jaxon's first date. ever.

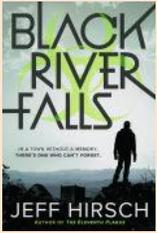
In rehab, Jaxon can't blast his way through galaxies to reach her. He can't slash through armies to kiss her sweet lips. Instead, he has four days to earn one million points by learning real-life skills. And he'll do whatever it takes—lie, cheat, steal, even learn how to cross-stitch—in order to make it to his date. If all else fails, Jaxon will have to bare his soul to the other teens in treatment, confront his mother's absence, and maybe admit that it is more than video games that stand in the way of a real connection. Recommendation: 📖.



Proof of Forever
Lexa Hillyer

(Older Teens)

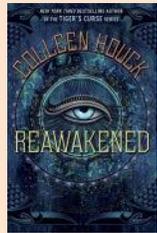
Joy, Tali, Luce, and Zoe were once best friends. Now they barely speak. That is, until the fateful flash of a photo-booth camera transports them back in time, to the summer they were fifteen during the summer everything changed. Photos fade. Friendships dissolve. Summers end. But this one will change the girls forever . . . again. Recommendation: 📖.



Black River Falls

Jeff Hirsch

Seventeen year-old Cardinal has escaped the virus that ravaged his town, leaving its victims alive but without their memories. He chooses to remain in the quarantined zone, caring for a group of orphaned kids in a mountain camp with the help of the former brutal school bully, now transformed by the virus into his best friend. But then a strong-willed and mysterious young woman appears, and the closed-off world Cardinal has created begins to crumble. Recommendation: 📖.



Reawakened

Colleen Houck

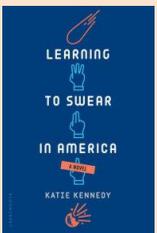
When seventeen-year-old Lilliana Young enters the Metropolitan Museum of Art one morning during spring break, the last thing she expects to find is a live Egyptian prince with godlike powers, who has been reawakened after a thousand years of mummification. And she really can't imagine being chosen to aid him in an epic quest that will lead them across the globe. But fate has taken hold of Lily, and she, along with her sun prince, Amon, must travel to the Valley of the Kings, raise his brothers, and stop an evil, shape-shifting god named Seth from taking over the world. From New York Times bestselling author Colleen Houck comes an epic adventure about two star-crossed teens who must battle mythical forces and ancient curses on a journey with more twists and turns than the Nile itself. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖. Also available: *Recreated*.



The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days

Michele Weber Hurwitz

Nina could have a quiet summer before high school reading in her hammock. But instead she decides to climb out and do more. To change things. Every day this summer, she'll do one secret thing for someone in her cul-de-sac and find out if doing good actually does any good. But she is also going to find out that her neighborhood and her family are full of surprises. There's a ghost story and romance. But most of all, Nina will find that there's a lot to discover in sixty-five days. Recommendation: 📖.



Learning to Swear in America

Katie Kennedy

An asteroid is hurtling toward Earth. A big, bad one. Maybe not kill-all-the-dinosaurs bad, but at least kill everyone in California and wipe out Japan with a tsunami bad. Yuri, a physicist prodigy from Russia, has been recruited to aid NASA as they calculate a plan to avoid disaster.

The good news is Yuri knows how to stop the asteroid. His research in antimatter will probably win him a Nobel prize if there's ever another Nobel prize awarded. But the trouble is, even though NASA asked for his help, no one there will listen to him. He is seventeen, and they have been studying physics longer than he has been alive.

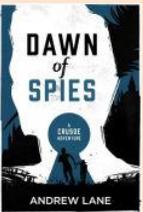
Then he meets Dovie, who lives like a normal teenager, oblivious to the impending doom. Being with her, on the adventures she plans when he's not at NASA, Yuri catches a glimpse of what it means to save the world and live a life worth saving. Recommendation: 📖.



The First Time She Drowned
Kerry Kletter

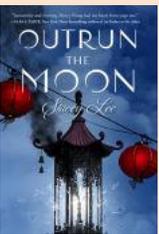
(Older Teens)

Placed in a psychiatric hospital at age 15 by her family, Cassie O'Malley has been trying to keep her head above water since birth. It has been two and one-half years since her mother committed her to a mental institution against her will. Now at 18, she is finally able to reclaim her life and begin college. She soon finds herself unable to cope with the expectations of college life and begins to retreat further into herself, risking her chance for a fresh start until new friend and a love interest encourage her to socialize. When she begins seeing the school counselor, Cassie's flashbacks point to a manipulative mother, absent father, and siblings caught in the middle of their mother's battles for affection and control. When more disturbing memories of the mother-daughter relationship threatens to pull her under once again, Cassie will have to decide whether to retreat into her mother's destructive realm or embrace her new friends and trust that she can be saved. Recommendation: 📖..



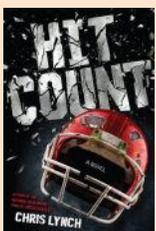
Dawn of Spies
Andrew Lane

Rescued from a deserted Caribbean island, 17-year-old Robinson Crusoe and his female friend, Friday, find themselves in late 1600s London, a bustling city that proves as treacherous for them to navigate as the remote island they just left behind. Thanks to their honed survival skills, Crusoe and Friday are recruited by a young writer named Daniel Defoe to work as agents for Segment W, a covert spy group that reports directly to the Crown. Crusoe, Friday, and Defoe must rescue the Countess of Lichfield from a kidnapping plot. They discover that a mystical and mysterious organization known as the Circle of Thirteen is plotting to destroy Segment W and change the course of history through a royal kidnapping. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



Outrun the Moon
Stacey Lee

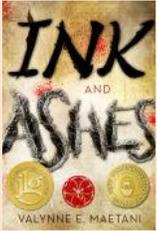
Fifteen year-old Mercy Wong is determined to break from the poverty of San Francisco's Chinatown in 1906, and an education at St. Clare's School for Girls is her best hope. Although St. Clare's is off-limits to all but the wealthiest white girls, Mercy gains admittance through a mix of cunning and a little bribery, only to discover that getting in was the easiest part. Not to be undone by a bunch of spoiled heiresses, Mercy stands strong until disaster strikes. On April 18, an historic earthquake rocks San Francisco, destroying Mercy's home and school. Now she is forced to wait with her classmates for their families in a temporary park encampment. Though fires might rage, and the city may be in shambles, Mercy cannot sit by while they wait for the army to bring help. She still has the "bossy" cheeks that mark her as someone who gets things done, but what can one teenage girl do to heal so many suffering in her broken city? Recommendation: 📖.



Hit Count
Chris Lynch

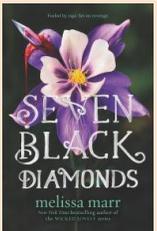
Arlo Brodie loves being on the football field, getting hit hard and hitting back harder. That's where he belongs, leading his team to championships, becoming "Starlo" on his way to the top. Arlo's dad cheers him on, but his mother quotes head-injury statistics

and refuses to watch. Arlo's girlfriend tries to make him see how dangerously he's playing; when that doesn't work, she calls time-out on their relationship. Even Arlo's coaches begin to track his hit count, ready to pull him off the field when he nears the limit. But Arlo's not worried about tallying collisions. The cheering crowds and the adrenaline rush convince him that everything is OK--in spite of the pain, the pounding, the dizziness, and the confusion. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖



Ink and Ashes
Valynne E. Maetani

Claire Takata has never known much about her father who passed away ten years ago. But on the anniversary of his death, she finds a letter from her deceased father to her stepfather. Before now, Claire never had a reason to believe they even knew each other. Struggling to understand why her parents kept this surprising history hidden, Claire combs through anything that might give her information about her father – until she discovers that he was a member of the yakuza, a Japanese organized crime syndicate. The discovery opens a door that should have been left closed. The race to outrun her father's legacy reveals secrets of his past that cast ominous shadows, threatening Claire, her friends and family, her newfound love and ultimately her life. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖



Seven Black Diamonds
Melissa Marr

Lilywhite Abernathy is a criminal. She is half human, half fae, and since the time before she was born her very blood has been illegal. A war has been raging between humans and faeries, and the Queen of Blood and Rage, ruler of the fae courts, wants to avenge the tragic death of her heir due to the actions of reckless humans.

Lily's father has always shielded her from the truth but, when she's sent to the prestigious St. Columba's school, she's delivered straight into the arms of a fae Sleeper cell - the Black Diamonds. The Diamonds are planted in the human world as the sons and daughters of the most influential families, and tasked with destroying it from within. Against her will, Lilywhite's been chosen to join them. Now more than ever, Lily's heritage puts her in peril and even the romantic attention of the fae rock singer Creed Morrison isn't enough to keep Lily from wanting to run back to the familiar world she knows. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖



Nil
Lynne Matson

On the mysterious island of Nil, the rules are set. You have exactly 365 days to escape or you die. Seventeen-year-old Charley doesn't know the rules. She doesn't even know where she is. The last thing she remembers is blacking out, and when she wakes up, she's naked in an empty rock field.

Lost and alone, Charley finds no sign of other people until she meets Thad, the gorgeous leader of a clan of teenage refugees. Soon Charley learns that leaving the island is harder than she thought,

and so is falling in love. With Thad's time running out, Charley realizes that she has to find a way to quickly beat the clock. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖. Also available in the series – *Nil Unlocked* (#2) and *Nil on Fire* (#3).



How To Hang A Witch
Adriana Mather

Salem, Massachusetts is the site of the infamous witch trials and the new home of Samantha Mather. Recently transplanted from New York City, Sam and her stepmother are not exactly welcomed with open arms. Sam is the descendant of Cotton Mather, one of the men responsible for *those* trials and almost immediately, she becomes the enemy of a group of girls who call themselves The Descendants. And guess who their ancestors were?

If dealing with that were not enough, Sam also comes face to face with a real live (well technically dead) ghost. A handsome, angry ghost who wants Sam to stop touching his stuff. But soon Sam discovers she is at the center of a centuries old curse affecting anyone with ties to the trials. Sam must come to terms with the ghost and find a way to work with the Descendants to stop a deadly cycle that has been going on since the first accused witch was hanged. If any town should have learned its lesson, it's Salem. But history may be about to repeat itself. Recommendation: 📖.



Soundless
Richelle Mead

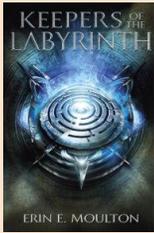
Fei lives in a mountain village whose inhabitants have been deaf for generations, relying on artists like her for their daily news. Isolated by rockslides and unable to descend the mountain, the villagers depend on food supplied via a pulley system from the kingdom below. The price of survival is the mountain's gold and silver, and the majority of the population works in the mines. But now Fei's people, including her beloved sister, are starting to go blind, which will mean their extinction. After a vivid dream, Fei wakes with the gift of hearing and struggles to comprehend the new sensation of sound. She and her childhood friend Li Wei embark on a desperate effort to avert her people's horrifying fate. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



The Orphan Queen
Jodi Meadows

When Princess Wilhelmina was a child, the Indigo Kingdom invaded her homeland. She and other orphaned children of nobility were taken to Skyvale, the Indigo capital. Ten years later, Wil and the other noble children who escaped are ready to fight back and reclaim Wil's throne. To do so, Wil and her best friend, Melanie, infiltrate the Indigo Kingdom palace with hopes of gathering information that will help them succeed. But enemies fill the palace and Melanie's behavior grows suspicious. With Osprey missions becoming increasingly dangerous and their leader more unstable. Wil can't trust anyone.

But Wil has a secret, one that could change everything. Although magic has been illegal for a century, she knows her ability could help her save her kingdom. But magic creates wraith, and the deadly stuff is moving closer and destroying the land. Soon it will reach the Indigo Kingdom. Wilhelmina's magic might be the key to stopping the wraith but if the vigilante Black Knife catches her using magic, she may disappear like all the others. Recommendation: 📖.



Keepers Labyrinth

Erin E. Moulton

Lilith Bennette runs at midnight. She scales walls in the dark and climbs without a harness. She hopes that if she follows exactly in the steps of her strong air force pilot mother, she'll somehow figure out the mystery of her mother's death—and the reason why her necklace of Greek symbols has been missing ever since.

So when Lil is invited to Crete for a Future Leaders International conference, the same conference her mom attended years ago, she jumps at the chance to find some answers. But things in Melios Manor are not what they seem. Lil finds herself ensnared in an adventure of mythological proportions that leads her and her friends through the very labyrinth in which the real Minotaur was imprisoned. And they're not in there alone. What secrets does the labyrinth hold, and will they help

Lil find the truth about her mother? Recommendation: 📖.



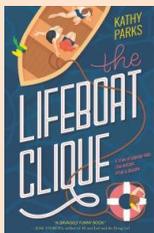
All the Bright Places

Jennifer Niven

Theodore Finch is fascinated by death. Every day he thinks of ways he might kill himself, but every day he also searches for, and manages to find, *something* to keep him here, and alive, and awake.

Violet Markey lives for the future, counting the days until graduation, when she can escape her small Indiana town and her aching grief in the wake of her sister's recent death.

When Finch and Violet meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, six stories above the ground, it is unclear who saves whom. Soon it is only with Violet that Finch can be himself. And it's only with Finch that Violet can forget to count away the days and start living them. But as Violet's world grows, Finch's begins to shrink. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖. (Soon to be a major motion picture.)



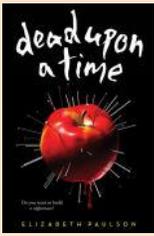
The Lifeboat Clique

Kathy Parks

Some people might say that Denver has a death wish. Why else would she dare to sneak into a Malibu beach party where she'd be surrounded by enemies, including her ex BFF, Abigail? Oh yeah. Croix. Denver never thought in a million years he'd ask her out, but who is she to question this miracle of fate? Well, that isn't the only surprise fate has in store.

During the party a tsunami hits the coast of California, and Denver and a handful of others escape death and are swept out to sea. Of course, one of her fellow castaways is none other than Abigail, who can barely stand the sight of her. Now that she is floating on the ocean, stuck on a small boat with the most popular kids in school and waiting to be rescued, Denver wonders what might kill her first: dehydration, sunstroke or the girl who she used to think of as a sister.

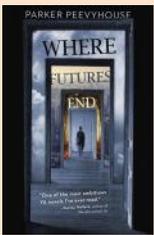
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Dead Upon a Time
Elizabeth Paulson

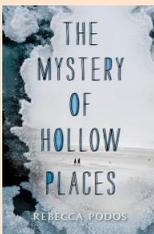
It's a fairy-tale nightmare. One girl is kept in a room where every day the only food she is given is a poisoned apple. Another is kept in a room covered in needles and, if she pricks her finger, she'll die. Then there is the brother and sister kept in a cell that keeps getting hotter and hotter.

A sinister kidnapper is on the loose in Kate's world. She's not involved until one day she heads to her grandmother's house in the woods and finds her grandmother has also been taken. Already an outcast, Kate can't get any help from the villagers who hate her. Only Jack, another outsider, will listen to what's happened. Then a princess is taken, and suddenly the king is paying attention even though the girl's stepmother would rather he didn't. It's up to Kate and Jack to track down the victims before an ever after arrives that's far from happy. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



Where Futures End
Parker Peevyhouse

Five teenagers, five futures, two worlds, one ending. Dylan develops a sixth sense that allows him to glimpse another world. Ten years from now, Brixney must get more hits on her social media feed or risk being stuck in a debtors' colony. Thirty years from now, Epony scrubs her entire online profile from the web and goes "High-Concept." Sixty years from now, Reef struggles to survive in a city turned virtual game board. And more than one hundred years from now, Quinn uncovers the alarming secret that links them all. These are stories about a world that is destroying itself, and about the alternate world that might be its savior. Unless it is just the opposite. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



The Mystery of Hollow Places
Rebecca Podos

All Imogene Scott knows of her mother is the bedtime story her father told her as a child. It's the story of how her parents met: he, a forensic pathologist; she, a mysterious woman who came to identify a body. A woman who left Imogene and her father when she was a baby, a woman who was always possessed of a powerful loneliness, a woman who many referred to as "troubled waters."

Now Imogene is seventeen, and her father, a famous author of medical mysteries, has struck out in the middle of the night and hasn't come back. Neither Imogene's stepmother nor the police know where he could've gone, but Imogene is convinced he's looking for her mother. And she decides it's up to her to put to use the skills she's gleaned from a lifetime of reading her father's books to track down a woman she's only known in stories in order to find him and, perhaps, the answer to the question she's carried with her for her entire life. Recommendation: 📖.



Surviving High School
Lele Pons

Lele sits alone at lunch until, overnight, her newfound digital fame catapults her into popularity. She goes from the bullied loser to the most popular kid in school. She now has to deal with the trials of the cliques, the drama, the cute boys, the mean girls – all while keeping her grades up and making her parents proud. Can she graduate without making a mess of things, especially with her new best friend transfer student Alexei? Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.

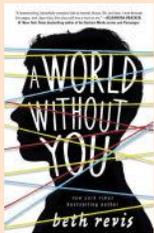


Remix
Non Pratt

Two girls test the strength of their friendship and their hearts over the course of a summer weekend in this contemporary novel perfect for fans of Morgan Matson and Rainbow Rowell.

Ruby and Kaz’s friendship has always worked like a well-oiled machine. Ruby is loud and acts impulsively, while Kaz is quiet and plans ahead for every scenario. Together, they are two halves of a whole. But when the girls run into their ex-boyfriends at a music festival, they suddenly find themselves acting out of character and navigating uncharted territory. Afraid of letting each other down, both girls start keeping secrets with disastrous consequences.

Recommendation: 📖.



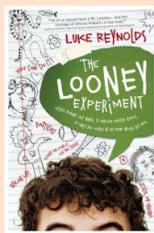
A World Without You
Beth Revis

(Older Teens)

Seventeen year-old Bo has always had delusions that he can travel through time. When he was ten, Bo claimed to have witnessed the *Titanic* hit by an iceberg. At fifteen, he found himself on a Civil War battlefield. So when his worried parents sent him to a school for troubled youth, he assumed he knew the truth – that he is actually attending Berkshire

Academy, a school for kids who, like Bo, have “superpowers.”

Bo falls in love with Sofia, a girl with a tragic past and the superpower of invisibility. Bo provides comfort to Sofia, who lost her mother and two sisters at a very young age. But even the strength of their love is not enough to help Sofia escape her deep depression, and she commits suicide. He is convinced that she is not actually dead and believes that she is stuck somewhere in time – that he somehow left her in the past, and it is his job to save her. As Bo becomes more and more determined to save Sofia, he has to decide whether to face his demons head-on, or succumb to a psychosis that will let him be with the girl he loves. Recommendation: 📖.



The Looney Experiment
Luke Reynolds

Atticus Hobart couldn’t feel lower. He’s in love with a girl who doesn’t know he exists, he is the class bully’s personal punching bag, and to top it all off, his dad has just left the family. Into this drama steps Mr. Looney, a 77-year-old substitute English teacher with uncanny insight and a most unconventional approach to

teaching. But Atticus soon discovers there is more to Mr. Looney’s methods than he had first thought. And as Atticus begins to unlock the truths within his own name, he finds that his hyper-imagination can help him forge his own voice, and maybe—just maybe—discover that the power to face his problems was inside him all along. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



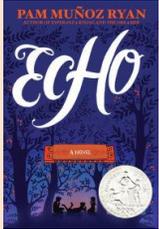
If I Was Your Girl
Meredith Russo

(Older Teens)

Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she’s determined not to get too close to anyone. When she meets sweet, easygoing Grant, Amanda cannot help but start to let him into her life. As they spend more time together, she realizes just

how much she is losing by guarding her heart. She finds herself yearning to share with Grant everything about herself, including her past. But Amanda is terrified that once she tells him the truth, he won't be able to see past it. The secret that Amanda's been keeping? It's that at her old school, she used to be Andrew. Will the truth cost Amanda her new life, and her new love?

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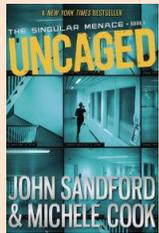


Echo

Pam Munoz Ryan

Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.

Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together. And ultimately, pulled by the invisible thread of destiny, their suspenseful solo stories converge in an orchestral crescendo. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖



Uncaged (The Singular Menace Series #1)

John Sandford/Michele Cook

(Older Teens)

Shay Remby arrives in Hollywood with \$58 and a handmade knife, searching for her brother, Odin. Odin's a brilliant hacker but a bit of a loose cannon. He and a group of radical animal-rights activists hit a Singular Corp. research lab in Eugene, Oregon. The raid was a disaster, but Odin escaped with a set of highly encrypted flash drives and a post-surgical dog.

When Shay gets a frantic 3 a.m. phone call from Odin talking about evidence of unspeakable experiments, and a ruthless corporation, and how he must hide, she's concerned. When she gets a menacing visit from Singular's security team, she knows: her brother's a dead man walking. What Singular doesn't know, yet, is that 16 year-old Shay is every bit as ruthless as their security force, and she *will* burn Singular to the ground, if that's what it takes to save her brother.

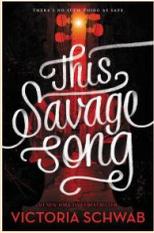
Recommendation: 📖.



The Blackthorn Key

Kevin Sands

Tell no one what I've given you." Until he got that cryptic warning, Christopher Rowe was happy, learning how to solve complex codes and puzzles and creating powerful medicines, potions, and weapons as an apprentice to Master Benedict Blackthorn with maybe an explosion or two along the way. But when a mysterious cult begins to prey on London's apothecaries, the trail of murders grows closer and closer to Blackthorn's shop. With time running out, Christopher must use every skill he has learned to discover the key to a terrible secret with the power to tear the world apart. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.

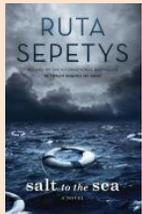


This Savage Song
Victoria Schwab

Kate Harker wants to be as ruthless as her father. After five years and six boarding schools, she is finally going home to prove that she can be.

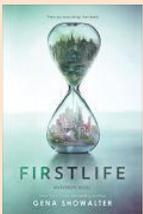
August Flynn wants to be human. But he isn't. He is a monster, one that can steal souls with a song. He is one of the three most powerful monsters in a city overrun with them. His own father's secret weapon.

Their city is divided. Their city is crumbling. Kate and August are the only two who see both sides, the only two who could do something. But how do you decide to be a hero or a villain when it's hard to tell which is which? Recommendation: 📖.



Salt to the Sea
Ruta Sepetys

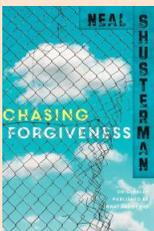
World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the *Wilhelm Gustloff*. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety. Just when it seems freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes. Not country, nor culture, nor status matter as all ten thousand people aboard, adults and children alike, must fight for the same thing: survival. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



Firstlife
Gena Showalter

Tenley "Ten" Lockwood is an average seventeen-year-old girl who has spent the past thirteen months locked inside the Prynne Asylum. The reason? Not her obsession with numbers, but her refusal to let her parents choose where she'll live after she dies. There is an eternal truth most of the world has come to accept: Firstlife is merely a dress rehearsal, and real life begins after death.

In the Everlife, two realms are in power: Troika and Myriad, longtime enemies and deadly rivals. Both will do anything to recruit Ten, including sending their top Laborers to lure her to their side. Soon, Ten finds herself on the run, caught in a wild tug-of-war between the two realms who will do anything to win the right to her soul. Who can she trust? And what if the realm she's drawn to isn't where the boy she's falling for lives? She just has to stay alive long enough to make a decision. Recommendation: 📖.

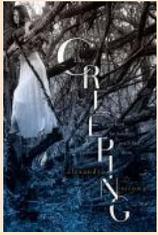


Chasing Forgiveness
Neal Shusterman

Preston Scott was only twelve years old when his father killed his mother. He never saw it coming. Despite his parents' constant fighting, Preston always thought they were perfect together. He never dreamed his father would be capable of murder.

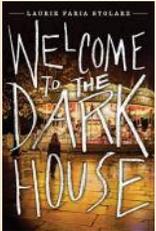
Then again, who could ever predict something like this?

Fast forward: Preston is now fourteen. His father has just been released from jail and is moving near his grandparents' house, where Preston and his younger brother Tyler have been living. His grandparents forgave his dad long ago for killing their daughter, and although Preston tries to feel the same kind of forgiveness, it's not easy: he'll never see his mother again, and yet, he still loves his father. How is that possible? Will Preston ever be able to reconcile his dueling feelings for his father, and move past this tragedy? Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



The Creeping
Alexandra Sirowy

Eleven years ago, Stella and Jeanie disappeared. Only Stella came back. Now all she wants is a summer full of cove days, friends and her gorgeous crush – until a corpse leads her down a path of ancient evil and secrets. Stella believes remembering what happened to Jeanie will save her. It won't. She used to know better than to believe in what slinks through the shadows. Not anymore. Recommendation: 📖.



Welcome to the Dark House
Laurie Faria Stolarz

For Ivy Jensen, it's the eyes of a killer that haunt her nights. For Parker Bradley, it's bloodthirsty sea serpents that slither in his sleep. And for seven essay contestants, it's their worst nightmares that win them an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at director Justin Blake's latest, confidential project. Ivy doesn't even like scary movies, but she is ready to face her real-world fears. Parker's sympathetic words and perfect smile help keep her spirits up - at least for now.

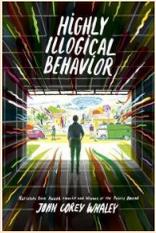
Not everyone is so charming, though. Horror-film fanatic Garth Vader wants to stir up trouble. It's bad enough he has to stay in the middle of nowhere with *this* group - the girl who locks herself in her room, the know-it-all roommate, "Mister Sensitive," and the one who's too cheery for her own good. Someone has to make things interesting. Except, things are already a little weird. The hostess is a serial-killer look-alike, the dream-stealing Nightmare Elf is lurking about, and the seventh member of the group is missing. By the time Ivy and Parker realize what's *really* at stake, it's too late to wake up and run. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.



The Geek's Guide to Unrequited Love
Sarvenaz Tash

Graham met his best friend, Roxy, when he moved into her neighborhood eight years ago, and she asked him which Hogwarts house he would be sorted into. He has been in love with her ever since.

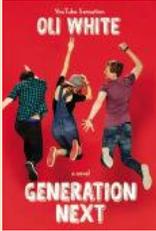
Now they are sixteen, still neighbors and best friends and have moved on from *Harry Potter* to a serious love of comic books. When Graham learns that the creator of their favorite comic is making a rare appearance at the New York Comic Con, he knows he must score tickets, and hopes that the event will be the perfect place to tell Roxy how he really feels about her. He has three days to woo her at the coolest, kookiest con full of superheroes and supervillains. But no one at a comic book convention is who they appear to be, even Roxy. Recommendation: 📖.



Highly Illogical Behavior
John Corey Whaley

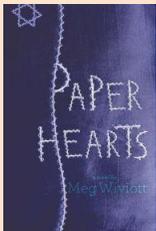
Sixteen-year-old Solomon is agoraphobic. He hasn't left the house in three years, which is fine by him.

Ambitious Lisa desperately wants to get into the second-best psychology program for college (she's being realistic). But how can she prove she deserves a spot there? Solomon is the answer. Determined to "fix" Sol, Lisa thrusts herself into his life, introducing him to her charming boyfriend Clark and confiding her fears in him. Soon, all three teens are far closer than they thought they'd be, and when their facades fall down, their friendships threaten to collapse, as well. Recommendation: 📖📖📖.



Generation Next
Oli White

What if your Instagram account grew by hundreds of thousands of followers overnight, and big companies were fighting each other to offer you photo shoots? When GenNext suddenly goes viral, Jack and his friends are thrust into a crazy world of fame which is as terrifying as it is awesome. It quickly becomes clear that someone out there is determined to trip Jack up at every step. If Jack does not find out who is trying to sabotage his life and fledgling business everyone he cares about – friends, family and the girl he loves – could be in danger of losing everything they have struggled so hard to achieve. Recommendation: 📖.



Paper Hearts
Meg Wiviott

Making a birthday card in Auschwitz was an act of defiance, a statement of hope, a crime punishable by death. But that is what Zlatka did in 1944 for her best friend, Fania. She stole and bartered for paper and scissors, secretly creating an origami heart. Then she passed it to every girl at the work tables to sign with their hopes and wishes for happiness, for love, and most of all, for freedom.

Fania knew what that heart meant for herself and all the other girls. And she kept it hidden, through the bitter days in the camp and through the death marches. She kept it always. This novel is based on the true story of Fania and Zlatka, the story of the bond that helped them both to hope for the best in the face of the worst. Recommendation: 📖📖📖📖.