

- The Hate U Give
  - When 16-year-old Starr Carter witnesses a shooting that killed her childhood best friend Khalil by a police officer while Khalil was unarmed. Starr is conflicted on whether to say nothing about the murder in the courtroom and allow the police and the local drug lord to suppress her. Or will Starr stand and say something in the courtroom and in public that could put Starr and her family endanger. Either way the question on everyone's mind is what happened that night.
- I am Alfonso Jones
  - Alfonso Jones was buying his first suit when an off-duty police officer shoots Alfonso, mistaking a clothing hanger for a gun. When Alfonso wakes up, he is on a ghost train with well-known police shooting victims who teach him about the subterranean spiritual world. In the meantime, Alfonso's family and friends struggle with the grief and seek justice for Alfonso. As they continue with their new realities, both Alfonso and his love ones work on the road ahead for justice.
- Children of Blood and Bone by Tony Medina
  - Zélie Adebola remembers when her world was full of magic and her mother would summon forth souls. But everything changed the night magic was banned under the orders of a ruthless king and anyone who used magic would be killed. Which left Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy with the help of rogue princess. In order to do so, Zélie needs to outsmart and outrun the crown prince, who is also hell-bent on eradicating magic for good. Dangers lurks everywhere in Orisha where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to control her powers—and her growing feelings for an enemy.
- Stamped-racism, antiracism, and you
  - This book talks about the history of racism in America and inspires hope for a better future, one that does not have racism. It also shows why we feel, how we feel, and why the cloud of racism still lingers. And talks about the evil forms of racist ideas and ways people can identify and ease the racist thoughts out of their daily lives.
- The Violets of March by Sarah Jio
  - Ten years ago, Emily Wilson was on top of the world: she had written a bestselling novel, a husband plucked from the pages of GQ, and a one-way ticket to happily ever after. Now, the tides have turned on Emily's good fortune. So, when her great-aunt Bee invited her to spend the month of March on Bainbridge Island in Washington State, Emily accepts, wanting to be healed by the sea. Researching for her next book, Emily discovers a red velvet diary, dated 1943, whose contents reveal shocking connections to her own life.
- Bold Women of Medicine
  - These 21 women have dedicated their lives to helping and saving lives. It just so happened that they also changed history in the process. For example, Kathy Magliato a woman who went through walls and obstacles in order to become a brilliant surgeon in a male- dominated world of heart transplant surgeons. If you want to learn more about her and 20 more women just like Kathy Magliato then read this book.
- The Black Witch by Laurie Forest

- Elloren Gardner's grandmother drove back the enemy forces in the last Realm War. While Elloren's people believe she will follow in her grandmother's footsteps and become the next Blak Witch of prophecy, Elloren is lacking power in a society that praises magical ability above all else. When Elloren is granted the opportunity to pursue her dream of becoming an apothecary she goes to Verpax University with her brothers. But she soon grasps that the University may be more dangerous place of all for the granddaughter of the Black Witch. Elloren's best hope of survival may be among a secret band of rebels... if only she can find the courage to trust those she's taught to fear.
- Warcross by Marie Lu
  - For many people who log into Warcross it isn't a game—it's a way of life. It was created 10 years ago, and its fan base now spans the globe, some eager to escape from reality and others hoping to make a profit. Teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter in order to make ends meet, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. Needing to make some quick cash, Emika takes a risk and hacks into the opening game of the international Warcross Championships – only to accidentally glitch herself into the action and become an overnight sensation. Thinking she's going to be arrested, Emika gets a shocking call from the game's creator, the elusive young billionaire Hideo Tanka, with an offer that she cannot resist. He wants Emika to spy inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem. With no time to lose, Emika's whisked off to Tokyo and thrust into a world of fame and fortune that she's dreamed of. But soon her investigation uncovers a sinister plot, with major concern for the entire Warcross empire.
- Pitch Dark by Courtney Alameda
  - Tuck Morgan and his crew have slept in stasis aboard the USS John Muir for centuries. Their ship harbors the last minerals of Earth, which is the last hope for the failing human race. Laura Cruz is a ship-raider searching the galaxy for the history that was scattered to the stars. Once her family locates the John Muir and its precious cargo, they are certain human civilization is saved. When Tuck's and Laura's worlds collide-literally- the two teens must outwit their enemies, evade brutal monsters that kill with sound, and work together to save the John Muir... and the whole human race.
- Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton
  - Aaron Zimmerman was the cool quarterback in school, one day he was in a near-death experience and while he was unconscious, he says that he saw God and he gave Aaron a list of things to do to make Happy Valley High School a better place. God also said that there is only one person who can help: Neanderthal. With the help of Cliff, a student who hates Aaron, a vindictive English teacher, a mysterious computer hacker, a decidedly unchristian cult of Jesus Teens, the local drug dealers, and the meanest bully at HVHS (Happy Valley High School) they go through the List. But fixing a broken school is going to be harder than they thought. Can they do it? And what will happen if they do complete the List?
- Far from the Tree by Robin Benway
  - Grace was has adopted when she was young and has discovered she is the middle child in her biological family. After putting her own baby up for adoption, she goes looking for her biological family, including Maya, her chattering younger bio sister, who grew up in

a house of chipper redheads. And Joaquin, their stoic older bio brother, who has no interest in bonding over their shared biological mother. After 17 years in the foster care system, he's learned that there are no heroes, and secrets and fears are best kept close to the vest, where they can't hurt anyone but him.

- Peot X by Elizabeth Acevedo
  - Xiomara Batista is an introvert that wants to be heard and feels as though she cannot hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since she became a woman, she has learned to allow her fists and her fierceness do talk for her. But Xiomara wants to speak out and she pours her emotions onto pages of a leather notebook, rereading the words to herself as though they are prayers. When her mother's determination for Xiomara to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara knows that her thoughts are best kept to herself, especially since she catches feelings for a boy named Aman. When she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she is conflicted with whether she could even attend without her mom knowing, much less speak about her feelings out loud. But she wants to be heard and refuses to be silent.
- Hey Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
  - Jarrett's family is complicated in kindergarten, his mother is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery- Jarrett doesn't know where he is, or even what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents, both are very loud, loving, and opinionated people who had thought they were done raising children until Jarrett came along. Jarrett tries to make his childhood as normal as possible. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father.
- Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson
  - Jade believes she must get out of her neighborhood in order to be successful. Her mother says she must take every opportunity and she has. Jade accepted a scholarship to a mostly white private school and even Saturday morning test prep opportunities. But some opportunities feel more demeaning than helpful. Like an invitation to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for "at-risk" girls. Except it's mainly for black girls from "bad" neighborhoods. But Jade doesn't need support and just because her mentor is black doesn't mean she understands Jade. And possibly there are some things Jade could show these successful women about the real world and finding ways to make a real difference.
- Eliza and her Monsters by Francesca Zippa
  - Eliza Mirk is an introvert, strange, and friendless in the real world. Online, she's the anonymous creator of the wildly popular webcomic, *Monstrous Sea*. Eliza can't see herself enjoying the real world as much as the online one, and she has no desire to try. Then transfer student, Wallace Warland, *Monstrous Sea*'s biggest fanfiction writer now goes to her school. Wallace believes Eliza is just another fan, and as he draws her out of her shyness, she begins to wonder if a life offline might not be so bad. But when Eliza's secret is shared with the world, everything she's built—her story, her relationship with Wallace, and even her sanity begins to fall apart. Will her life ever be the same again? And can she fix the relationship with her and Wallace or is it ruined?
- The Summer of Jordi Perez by Amy Spalding

- Abby Ives is 17, fashion-obsessed, gay, and has always been the sidekick in other people's lives. While her friends and sister have plunged headfirst into the world of dating and romances, Abby has stayed focused on her plus-size style blog and her dreams of taking the fashion industry by storm. When she lands a prized internship at her favorite local boutique, she's thrilled to take her first step into her dream career. She doesn't expect to fall in love for her fellow intern, Jordi Perez. Abby knows it's a big no-no to fall for a colleague. She also knows that Jordi documents her whole life in photographs, while Abby would prefer to stay behind the scenes. Then again, nothing is going as expected this summer. She's competing against Jordi to win a paid job at the boutique. She's somehow managed to befriend Jax, a lacrosse playing bro type who needs help in a project that involves eating burgers across L.A.'s eastside. Suddenly, she doesn't feel like a sidekick. But when Jordi's photography puts Abby in the spotlight, it feels like a betrayal, rather than a starring role. Can Abby find a way to reconcile her positive yet private sense of self with the image that other people have of her?
- Love a la Mode by Stephanie Kate Stroh
  - Rosie Radeke believes that happiness can be found at the bottom of a mixing bowl. But she never thought that she would be accepted to celebrity chef Benis Laurent's school in Paris, the most prestigious cooking program for teens in the entire world in Paris. However, it isn't all cream puff and crepes. Faced with a challenging curriculum and a nightmare professor, Rosie begins to doubt her dishes. Henry Yi grew up in his dad's restaurant in Chicago, and his lifelong love affair with food landed him a coveted spot in Chef Laurent's school. He quickly connects with Rosie, but academic pressure from home and his jealousy over Rosie's growing friendship with another boy named Bodie Tal makes Henry lash out and push his dream girl away. Desperate to prove themselves, Rosie and Henry cook like never before with sparks flying between them. But as they reach their limits, they wonder if they have what it takes to become real chefs.
- Monster by Walter Dean Myers
  - Steve Harmon is 16 years old and on trial for murder. A drugstore owner was shot and killed in his store, and the word is that Steve served as the lookout. Guilty or innocent, Steve becomes a pawn in "the system", cluttered with cynical authority figures and unscrupulous inmates, who will turn in anyone to shorten their own sentences. As a way of coping with the horrific events that entangle him, Steve, an amateur filmmaker, decides to transcribe his trial into a script, just like in the movies. He writes it all down, scene by scene, the story of how his life was turned around in an instant. But despite his efforts, reality is blurred, and he can no longer tell who he is or what is the truth.
- Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison
  - Georgia's dad is mentally challenged, and her cat is trying to consume the poodle next door. Also, her best friend believes she looks like an alien because Georgia accidentally shaved off her eyebrows. Plus add a stalking a boy, baiting a teacher, and making out with a sex God, and Georgia's year might turn to be the best year ever.
- Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs
  - 15-year-old Victor Flores attempts to "cross the wire" from Mexico into the United States so that he can find work and send money home after his family is threatened with starvation. Victor must struggle to survive as he jumps trains, stows away on

trucks, and hikes grueling miles through the Arizona desert. Will he make it to his destination? What will happen to his family? And will he be caught?

- The Acorn People by Ron Jones
  - Ron expected his time as a counselor at Camp Wiggin to be filled with sunny days spent hiking, swimming, and boating. But he didn't anticipate having to care for children who can barely walk, see, or retain the use of their limbs. At first, the severity of the camper's disabilities seemed too much to bear. But everything changed once Ron gets to know his group of kids that call themselves "the Acorn People". The campers teach Ron that, inside, they are the same as any average kid, and with a encouragement, determination, and friendship, nothing is impossible.
- Midnight Sun by Stephanie Meyer
  - Next book in the Twilight Saga. This tale is told through Edward's eyes. Meeting Bella was both the most unnerving and intriguing event he has experienced in all his years as a vampire. You'll learn more about the fascinating details about Edward's past and understand his inner thoughts. For example, how can he justify following his heart if it meant leading Bella into danger?
- Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen
  - Sarny is a slave at the Waller plantation, she sees Nightjohn for the first time when he is brought with a rope around his neck, and his body covered in scars. Nightjohn had escaped north to freedom, but he came back to teach reading. Knowing that the penalty for reading is dismemberment Nightjohn still returned to slavery to teach others how to read. And 12-year-old Sarny is willing to take the risk to learn.
- Sarny: A life remembered by Gary Paulsen
  - A sequel of the book Nightjohn it is based on Sarny and what happened to her after she escaped. To find out who Sarny is and what happened read Nightjohn.