

***Don't Look Back* by Jennifer Armentrout**

Seventeen-year-old Sam has been missing for four days when she is found by a police officer near a state park. What's even worse is that Sam has amnesia and discovers that her best friend disappeared the same night as she did and is still missing, Sam becomes determined to remember what happened over those four days. The only problem is that the more Sam remembers, the less she likes the girl she used to be.



***Fake ID* by Lamar Giles**

This time his name is Nick. This time he's in Virginia. This time is his family's last chance. Nick's dad is in the Witness Protection Program, but he's not very good at staying out of trouble. If he messes up this time, that's it. Nick finds trouble himself when he runs into Reya his first day at Stepton High, but the real trouble begins when Eli ropes him into investigating strange happenings in the town of Stepton.

***Faking Normal* by Courtney C. Stevens**

Sixteen-year-old Alexi has nothing in common with her weird neighbor Bodee. However, after his mother dies, Bodee is sent to stay with Alexi's family. Alexi is hiding a huge secret which she hasn't told her two best friends, her older sister, or her parents. Alexi and Bodee begin a gradual friendship, and Bodee helps Alexi face her secret while Alexi helps him with his grief.

***Family Romanov, The* by Candace Fleming**

The Family Romanov traces the fall of the last czar of Russia, Nicholas II and contrasts his opulent life with the lives of peasants. The novel provides an intimate portrait of the reclusive Romanov family and shows that the royal couple was unprepared to rule. The impoverished lives of the common Russian, famous personalities of the time, and the roots of social change are told through diaries, firsthand accounts, and excerpts from letters.



***Gabi: A Girl in Pieces* by Isabel Quintero**

Gabi Hernandez has some tough things going on in her life. Her father is a drug addict. Her best friend is pregnant. Her best guy friend was kicked out of his home after coming out. In the midst of the mess, Gabi finds an outlet in poetry and begins to explore and release all her bottled up emotions. In diary entries that tell the story of her senior year, Gabi shares how she's dealing with the ups and downs of life as they relate to her family, friends, boys, and her future.

***Half Bad* by Sally Green**

In an alternate England, witches live alongside humans. The witches are divided into two factions, the white witches who believe in law and order, and the black witches, who believe in anarchy and chaos. The two groups are battling to exterminate each other. In this world, 16-year-old Nathan, who has the blood of both groups, is a threat to both sides and must fight for his survival.



***In Real Life* by Cory Doctorow & Jen Wang**

As a female gamer, Anda is accustomed to fighting for her place in the world; she is flattered to be asked to join a gamer's guild. When she gets to know a Chinese gold miner online and learns he plays to live, she is torn between supporting the guild and helping the boy survive.

***Kiss of Deception, The* by Mary Pearson**



Lia is the First Daughter of the House of Morrighan, but she may not have the "Gift," and she has been promised in marriage to a man she's never met. On the morning of her wedding, she runs. The prince is determined to track her down and an assassin has been hired to kill her. Neither one counted on falling in love with her.

***Naturals, The* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

Cassie is a natural at reading people. Her mom was murdered several years ago, and the crime has never been solved. When the FBI comes calling, offering to help her hone her skills as a Profiler, she jumps at the opportunity. She's part of a secret FBI program to help teens, like her, develop their special skills to crack cold cases. Maybe she will find some answers to her mom's case, but there's more to it than that.

***Next* by Kevin Waltman**

Derrick Brown, aka D-Bow, is a 6'3" freshman basketball phenom. He wants to be the starting point guard at Marion High in Indianapolis, but his attitude and an old-school coach could stand in his way. Everybody wants to play a part in shaping D-Bow, including his parents, ex-superstar basketball player Uncle Kid, his girlfriend, even the local high schools Marion High and the enemy, suburban Hamilton Academy. Will D-Bow leave Marion High and transfer to Hamilton Academy for a chance to win a state basketball championship?



***Nil* by Lynne Matson**

When Charley wakes up naked and alone on a deserted island, she has to figure out how to survive. She survives all alone until she meets Thad, the 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 off the island before his 365 days runs out.

***Noggin* by John Corey Whaley**

Travis Coates died at the age of sixteen from cancer. Imagine his surprise when he wakes up five years later to discover that he is alive once again. He is one of only two successful head transplant patients. However, now he has to finish high school with students he doesn't know well and figure out how he fits into a world that has left him 5 years behind. He also has to get used to this new body that was gifted to him through a medical science experiment.



***One Man Guy* by Michael Barakiva**

Fifteen-year-old Alek lives with his close-knit Armenian-American family, his mother, father and perfect older brother. Alek's parents demand excellence, so when he gets less than honor track grades, his mother demands that he miss the family's summer vacation and instead go to summer school to retake the course and bring his grade up. Alek thinks this will be the worst summer ever, but then he meets Ethan, a skateboarding slacker who is also in his summer school class. This might just be the best summer ever.

**Positive by Paige Rawl**

Paige Rawl didn't know that the pills she had to take every day made her different from everyone else. She didn't know that the virus she'd been living with since birth would eventually make her the target of intensely cruel bullies. She didn't know how she'd continue to live with all the pain the torment caused. However, she learned how to overcome and create a positive life in the face of adversity.

**Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo**

Alina is an orphan who considers herself a plain young woman until she discovers she possesses a unique magical ability to harness light. This power could be the salvation for the once thriving nation of Ravka that is slowly succumbing to a dark, impenetrable darkness known as the Shadow Fold. When her power is discovered, she is thrust into the world of the Grisha, the kingdom's magical elite led by the charismatic Darkling who wants to help Alina unlock her gift and fulfill her destiny. But the Darkling isn't all that he appears to be, and the lavish world of the Grisha might change Alina forever.

**Since You've Been Gone, by Morgan Matson**

Sloan is Emily's best-ever friend, the audacious alpha-girl who always seems to lead Emily to possibilities she hadn't considered. One day, Sloan and her family just disappear, moving away without warning. All Emily gets is a goofy list of slightly outrageous tasks for Emily to complete, like "kiss a stranger," "steal something" and "go skinny-dipping." Emily learns a lot about life and about herself as she dutifully checks the tasks off the list.

**Slated by Teri Terry**

Kyla has been slated, her mind and past erased. She remembers nothing and the government wants it that way. She will have a new mum and dad, a new town, and a second chance. But will the past leave her alone or will she risk everything to find out that which she's been forced to forget?

**Some Assembly Required by Arin Andrews**

Arin Andrews knew he was a boy at a very early age. He found comfort doing "manly" activities, like building forts, shooting guns and being the protective man of the house. Arin also imagined dating girls just like every other teen boy. The only problem was...Arin was born female.

**Through the Woods by Emily Carroll**

When you read the tales in *Through the Woods*, make sure your light is on. Since you may be sleepy after a long day, be careful when you reach over to turn out the light. Don't let yourself get caught in the shadows. However, don't get too comfortable on that path to your dreams either, because something is watching as you walk through the woods.

**Time to Dance, A by Padma Venkatraman**

Veda's dream since childhood has been to be an Indian classical dancer. After an accident leaves her an amputee, Veda must find a new way to dance. Exotic images of contemporary India overlay the familiar challenges of parents' and peers' expectations to create a fascinating verse novel.



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**All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven**

Two teens struggling with life and death meet on the school bell tower. One stops the other from jumping, and a friendship begins. Together they will tackle a "Wander Indiana" geography assignment where they will get to know their home state and themselves a little bit better. They will walk a tightrope between hope and hopelessness together.

**Avalon by Mindee Arnett**

Jeth Seagrave doesn't care about the politics or the law; all he cares about is earning money to buy back his parents' ship, Avalon, from his crime-boss employer and getting himself and his sister, Lizzie, the heck out of Dodge. But when Jeth finds himself in possession of information that both the crime bosses and the government are willing to kill for, he must decide how far he'll go to get the freedom he's wanted for so long.

**Beginning of Everything, The by Robyn Schneider**

Ezra Faulkner is a golden boy--he's on the tennis team, popular, and a shoo-in for Homecoming Court. But a car accident leaves him slightly crippled, ruining his future in tennis. His so-called "friends" drop him, and Ezra must start his senior year trying to re-identify himself. When a group of misfit students welcome him to their lunch table, Ezra learns about true friendship and remaking himself.

**Belzhar by Meg Wolitzer**

Thanks to an emotional breakdown, Jam Gallahue was sent to a therapeutic boarding school in Vermont called The Wooden Barn. While there, Jam was placed in a Special Topics class with four other students where she has to write in a journal. When journaling she is transported to Belzhar, a place where she can spend time with her dead boyfriend, Reeve. However, as she goes through the healing process, hidden truths come to light.

**Dear Killer by Katherine Ewell**

Kit is a notorious serial killer known in London as the "Perfect Killer." She is proud of her reputation and that she doesn't let sentimentality get in her way. When letters for her arrive via a secret mailbox, she chooses her targets and follows through with the murders. Being a killer is the only life she has ever known, and being the "Perfect Killer" means that she must live by the rules or risk discovery. Kit believes there is no right and there is no wrong; she is a moral nihilist. But what happens when she begins to doubt the very rules that keep her safe?

