

Ritter, William

Jackaby

After arriving in New England in 1892, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R.F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings. Together, they take on the case of a serial killer, with Jackaby convinced the culprit is not human.

Shull, Megan

The Swap

Ellie is a seventh grader slowly sliding off the bottom rung of the social ladder. Jack is a boys' boy in a family obsessed with hockey, workouts and winning. On the worst day of both of their lives, each feeling the other must have it so easy, they make a wish and switch lives just in time to go home for the weekend.

Smith, Andrew

Grasshopper Jungle

Austin Szerba and his best friend, Robby, are living an aimless, small-town teen life. Everything changes when they accidentally unleash an army of giant, unstoppable bugs and uncover the secrets of a decades-old experiment gone terribly wrong. **Smith is also the author of another Rave-worthy 2014 book, *100 Sideways Miles*.**

Van Wagenen, Maya

Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek

At age 13, Maya Van Wagenen comes across **Betty Cornell's *Teenage Popularity Guide*** from 1951 and decides to take on a secret project: follow the advice for a year and see how it affects her popularity as a modern middle school student in Brownsville, Texas. Her strange year, recorded in her diary, has become an amusing, thoughtful memoir.

Walton, Leslye J.

The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender

A multi-generational drama that rides a river of heartache and tragedy from France to New York to Seattle, where Ava Lavender enters the world with a highly developed set of wings. Isolated by her family, yet intent on exploring what she can of the world, Ava's impact is unique.

Westerfeld, Scott

Afterworlds

In alternating chapters, 18-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide. Both face many challenges and both fall in love.

Whaley, John Corey

Noggin

After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' is back. His head—detached and frozen five years ago—has been attached to another body and Travis is back home. He quickly discovers, however, there are downsides to still being a 16-year-old on the inside when everyone, and everything, else has moved on.

Woodson, Jacqueline

Brown Girl Dreaming

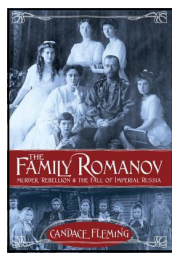
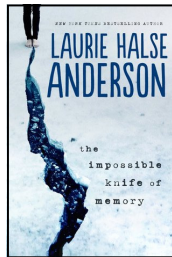
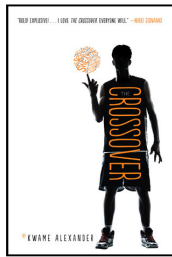
In a moving memoir in verse, Woodson explores what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. As she finds her place in the world, she reflects on the joy of reading and of finding her voice through writing stories.

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Alexander, Kwame

The Crossover

Josh Bell is a basketball phenom and the son of a former pro player, who has style on and off the court. The road to basketball greatness does not run true, as he missteps with his twin brother, his team, and his father.

Anderson, Laurie Halse

The Impossible Knife of Memory

Hayley Kincaid and her Iraq War vet father, Andy, are being pulled deeper into the post-traumatic stress disorder that leaves him depressed, drunk, and unable to work. Bouyed by a couple of friends from school and her new love interest, Finn, Hayley struggles to keep herself and Andy from falling into the abyss.

Fleming, Candace

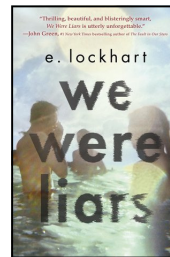
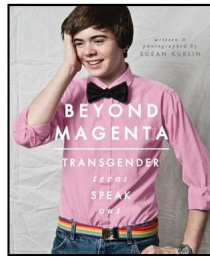
The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia

Russia's final tsar, Nicholas, was astoundingly ill-suited for the job. He is alternately infuriating and heart-rending as his country dissolves and he is forced to abdicating his throne. The author sets his story against the backdrop of the Russian revolution, World War I, and the misery of the lives of the peasants over which Nicholas cruelly ruled.

Giles, Gail

Girls Like Us

Quincy and Biddy, recent grads from their high school special ed program, are thrown together in their first "real world" apartment. Each deeply damaged in their own way, they have to learn to depend on each other and figure out how to heal.



Johnston, E.K.

The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim

In an alternate world, legions of killer dragons attack cars, oil fields, and other sources of carbon emissions. Unwilling to give up fossil fuels, the world depends on a network of dragon slayers—of which Owen is a member in training, trying to balance his duties with life as a high school student in a small town in Canada and breaking in his new bard, Siobhan.

King, A.S.

Glory O'Brien's History of the Future

There are many things Glory O'Brien still doesn't understand as high school graduation approaches—her mother's suicide, her connection to the commune across the street. As she begins having terrifying visions of a dystopian future, a more complete picture of her present also emerges.

Kuklin, Susan

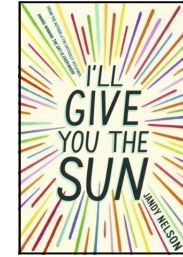
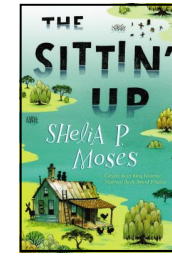
Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out

Six transgender teens tell their personal stories, covering their childhoods, their journey to understanding their transsexual identities, and their experiences living as transgender. Included photos also help tell the story.

Lockhart, E.

We Were Liars

Cadence returns to the private island hideaway where her wealthy family spends their summers, but things are different this year — her 17th summer. Two years ago, she was hurt on this island. Her injuries still plague her. The details of her accident still elude her. This summer, she is here to heal and to try to remember.



Moses, Shelia P.

The Sittin' Up

Twelve-year-old Bean mourns the loss of Mr. Bro Wiley, the last man living in Low Meadows who was born into slavery. Along with his heartbreak come keen observations about a community where the long-established divide between white and black is shifting.

Nelson, Jandy

I'll Give You the Sun

Once closely bonded, twins Jude and Noah have seen their world unravel over the course of a few years as their family has disintegrated in the face of terrible grief and buried secrets. Told in two voices from before and after the tragedy, the story is both heart-rending and beautiful. **Winner of the 2015 Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.**

Nix, Garth

Clariel

Eleven years after the last entry into the Abhorsen, Nix has thrilled fans with a new tale. This prequel, set 600 years before the birth of Sabriel, tells the story of how Clariel, a restless 16-year-old, became a Free Magic sorcerer against the backdrop of growing chaos in the Old Kingdom.

Quintero, Isabel

Gabi, A Girl in Pieces

Gabi is a survivor who copes by being straight-up funny. Her father is an addict, her best friend is pregnant, her brother is becoming a juvenile delinquent, her mother is judgmental, and Gabi is stressed about being too fat, not Latina enough, and not ready enough for college. Through it all, she demonstrates humor and resilience.