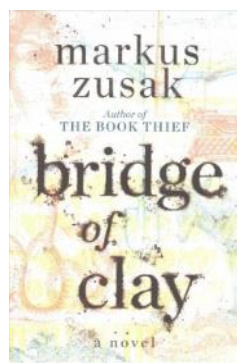
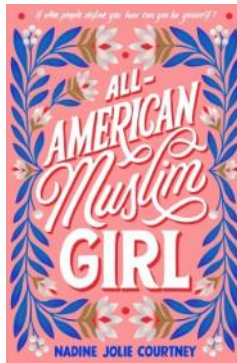


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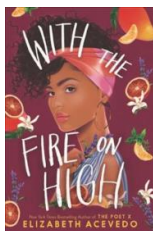
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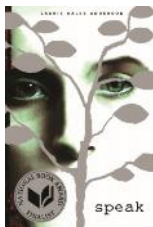
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YA Ace - [With the Fire on High](#)

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Navigating the challenges of finishing high school while caring for a daughter, talented cook Emoni Santiago struggles with a lack of time and money that complicate her dream of working in a professional kitchen.



YA And - [Speak](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

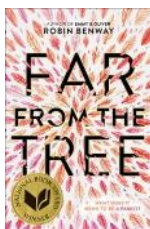
A traumatic event in the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year of high school.



YA And - [Me and Earl and the Dying Girl](#)

by Jesse Andrews

Seventeen-year-old Daphne has spent her entire life honing her body and mind into that of a warrior, hoping to be accepted by the unyielding people of ancient Sparta. But an unexpected encounter with the goddess Artemis, who holds Daphne's brother's fate in her hands, upends the life she's worked so hard to build.



YA Ben - [Far from the Tree](#) by Robin Benway

Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child between an embittered older brother and an outspoken younger sister.



YA Cho - [Yolk](#) by Mary H. K. Choi

Jayne and June Baek are nothing alike. Once thick as thieves, these sisters who moved from Seoul to San Antonio to New York together now don't want anything to do with each other.



YA Cou - [All-American Muslim Girl](#)

by Nadine Courtney

Sixteen-year-old Allie, aged seven when she knew her family was different and feared, struggles to claim her Muslim and Arabic heritage while finding her place as an American teenager.



YA Gla - **You'd Be Home Now** by Kathleen Glasgow
After she and her stoner older brother are involved in a car accident that killed Candy MontClaire, Emory, who has always been told who she is, must decide for herself who she wants to be in a town riddled with secrets.



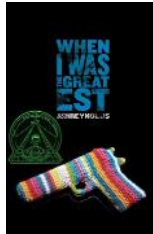
YA Gra - **Rez Ball** by Byron Graves
When the varsity basketball team members take him under their wing, Tre Brun, representing his Ojibwe reservation, steps into his late brother's shoes as star player. He soon learns he can't mess up--not on the court, not in school and not in love.



YA Gre - **Will Grayson Will Grayson**
by John Greene
When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.



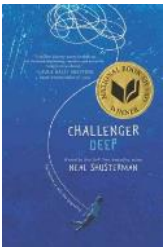
YA Niv - **All the Bright Places** by Jennifer Niven
Meeting on the ledge of their school's bell tower, misfit Theodore Finch and suicidal Violet Markey find acceptance and healing that are overshadowed by Finch's fears about Violet's growing social world.



YA Rey - **When I Was the Greatest** by Jason Reynolds
Avoiding the violence that has given his neighborhood a bad name, Ali spends his days in school, boxing, and helping his family while looking out for a troublesome friend and a Tourette's-afflicted brother only to be targeted in the aftermath of a misunderstanding.



YA Row - **Fangirl** by Rainbow Rowell
Being consummate fans of the Simon Snow series helped Cath and her twin sister, Wren, cope as little girls whose mother left them, but now, as they start college but not as roommates, Cath fears she is unready to live without Wren holding her hand--and without her passion for Snow.



YA Shu - **Challenger Deep** by Neal Shusterman
A teenage boy struggles with schizophrenia. A brilliant journey across the dark sea of mental illness; frightening, sensitive, and powerful.



YA Tho - **On the Come Up** by Angie Thomas
Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11, but her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince.

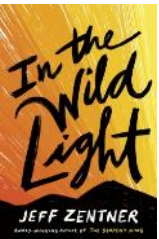


YA Viv - **The List** by Siobhan Vivian
Enduring a cruel annual ritual through which an anonymous list is posted naming each grade's prettiest and ugliest girl, eight selected high school girls explore how they see themselves and each other.

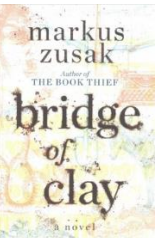


YA Graphic Fiction Yin - **Hungry Ghost**
by Victoria Ying

Valerie Chu is quiet, studious, and above all, thin. No one, not even her best friend Jordan, knows that she has been bingeing and purging for years. When tragedy strikes, Val finds herself taking a good, hard look at her priorities, her choices, and her own body.



YA Zen - **In the Wild Light** by Jeff Zentner
When his best friend, Delaney, gets them both full rides to an elite prep school in Connecticut, Cash must choose between his need to love and protect Delaney and his loyalty to his grandparents and their small Appalachian town.



YA Zus - **Bridge of Clay** by Markus Zusak
Upon their father's return, the five Dunbar boys, who have raised themselves since their mother's death, begin to learn family secrets, including that of fourth brother Clay, who will build a bridge for complex reasons, including his own redemption.