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MS/HS

Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Two sisters, Scarlett and Tella, leave their cruel father to attend Caraval--a faraway once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show--and, along the way, Tella is kidnapped and Scarlett is aided by a mysterious sailor and finds herself enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic. (1st in series)



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Daughter of the Pirate King by Tricia Levenseller

When her father, the ruthless pirate king, discovers that a legendary treasure map can be found on an enemy ship, Alosa knows that there's only one pirate for the job - herself. Leaving behind her beloved ship and crew, Alosa deliberately facilitates her own kidnapping to ensure her welcome on the ship.



Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known.



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The Forgetting by Sharon Cameron

Canaan is a quiet city on an idyllic world, hemmed in by high walls, but every twelve years the town breaks out in a chaos of bloody violence, after which all the people undergo the Forgetting, in which they are left without any trace of memory of themselves, their families, or their lives. But Nadia has never forgotten.



The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.



HS

RESIENZ teen

The Inexplicable Logic of My Life by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

A story set on the American border with Mexico, about family and friendship, life and death, and one teen struggling to understand what his adoption does and doesn't mean about who he is.



HS

Kill All Happies by Rachel Cohn

In this contemporary suburban odyssey, Victoria Navarro has one night to throw the ultimate graduation party, say goodbye to lifelong friends, and make sure her long-time crush never forgets her.



MS

The Marvels by Brian Selznick

In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900. Nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle who tends a mysterious house in London.



Nyxia by Scott Reintgen

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk. (1st in series)



Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. (1st in series)



Refugee by Alan Gratz

Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three teens, separated by continents and decades, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.



HS

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Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of a fugitive billionaire, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her best friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. Aza is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.



MS

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Wax by Gina Damico

Seventeen-year-old Poppy stumbles into a secret workshop at the infamous Grosholtz Candle Factory and soon, a wax boy called Dud is helping her uncover an evil plot that threatens her hometown of Paraffin, Vermont.



We All Looked Up by Tommy Wallach

The lives of four high school seniors intersect weeks before a meteor is set to pass through Earth's orbit, with a 66.6% chance of striking and destroying all life on the planet.