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| *WLMA 2015 – Spice Up Your Collection* |  |  |
| Get in Touch with your Inner Boy |  |  |
| Battlesaurus: Rampage at Waterloo | Falkner | 5—8 |
| What if Napoleon had dinosaurs at Waterloo? Not a question I have ever asked myself, but if I had, here is the answer. Crazy fun to think of how it would have gone down. Denton Little's Deathdate | Rubin | 9--12 |
| In this world, everyone gets a note from a government agency notifying them of their death date. Denton’s is coming up soon, actually, the night of his prom. He has a few things to get done before he dies, namely, he’d like to be with a girl. As the appointed time gets closer, he finds more and more he’d like to do… And there’s the purple rash spreading all over his body. Super funny.Noble Warrior | Sitomer | 8--12 |
| Book two following *Caged Warrior*. McCutcheon Daniels (MD) is in witness protection with his sister, but then he finds out Kaitlyn, the girl he loves and left behind, is in trouble from the gang he testified about. He convinces the Feds to send him in to prison to find out what is going on and make his small group he cares about safe. Tons of fighting action.Pull | Waltman | 6--12 |
| Derrick is hyped for his junior year of basketball. He is the man on his team and in his league, but things keep conspiring to keep him off the court, like his teammate having pot in his car, injury, and an old school coach. Derrick grows as a leader and as a player over the course of the book. Great basketball action.Rule of 3 - Fight for Power | Walters | 7--12 |
| Adam and Herb, with their other neighbors, have secured their neighborhood from attack, but they are still vulnerable, and the Compound (a group of ex-military men) is coming back, with a potential traitor in the neighborhood. Gripping, exciting action/adventure. bk #2 of seriesStick | Harmon | 8--12 |
| Stick is given that nickname because footballs just seem to “stick” to his hands. But he is disturbed with some football team members and the coach, because they treat Preston, an intelligent kid, poorly. It leads to him quitting the team and walking away from all of his work, but then, there is a chance he can play for a rival team, with a coach that he admires, but it won’t be easy. Great anti-bullying theme and sports action galore!The Orphan Army | Maberry | 5--8 |
| Milo knows nothing about his Bayou home except that they are constantly fighting and evading the bugs, aliens who ceaselessly roam the skies, looking to imprison or exterminate humans. Milo is also having dreams about a strange lady that says he will be part of the solution, along with the Nightsiders, creatures of the Earth, usually hidden from human view. Together, they will attack the bugs in their own spaceship!The Sixth Man | Feinstein | 6--10 |
| Alex Myers is in basketball season now, after his successful football season. He is not the main man, but an important part of the team. There’s a new hotshot who just transferred in, and he seems to be a great guy, but some of the older players resent his coming and replacing a veteran. Then, the new guy drops a bombshell that could tear the team apart, or pull them together.Kid Owner | Green | 4--8 |
| Ryan found out his estranged father just passed away, but even more surprisingly, since Ryan did not know him, his father left him ownership of the Dallas Cowboys. There is a court battle over the will, as well as a battle in Ryan’s head to get over himself, since he is now important. However, his friends will keep him grounded, as he becomes an owner, and plays on his local football team. Unrealistic, but pretty fun too. |  |  |
| Get in Touch with your Inner Girl |  |  |
| Dumplin'  | Murphy | 8--12 |
| Willowdean Dickson is pleasantly plump, and she works at a fast food place with a dude she has the hots for - Bo. Bo returns her affections, but instead of being pleased, Willowdean seems to doubt herself more and more. Her pageant-queen mother is no help, being busy organizing the local pageant again. Willowdean decides to join her mother’s pageant, despite not being “the pageant type” and craziness ensues.Galgorithm | Karo | 8--12 |
| Just like an algorithm can solve a math problem, high school senior Shane’s Galgorithm can get a hopeless guy a girl. Things go well for a while, but then, things fall apart and Shane is in big trouble, with his teacher, with his girlfriend, and with his clients.No Parking at the End Times | Bliss | 8--12 |
| Abigail lives in a van with her parents, who’ve joined an end-times church, and her brother Aaron, who is angry with his parents for their decisions. The church is getting more and more out of control, her family is eating at soup kitchens and church charity programs, and yet her parents are still supporters of the church. Abigail feels like she is the one holding her family together.Queen of Bright and Shiny Things | Aguirre | 6--12 |
| Sage is keeping busy, keeping involved, keeping perfect. She doesn’t have time for, or a desire for, a relationship with a guy like Shane. He’s anti-social and just wants to play his guitar. They both are broken, in different ways, and love can’t solve all those things.Saint Anything | Dessen | 7--12 |
| Sydney is recovering from her brother drunk-driving and crippling another driver. She’s always been the good kid, her brother always gets all the attention. Now, she is struggling to find her place and she finds comfort in a loud family that runs a pizza parlor, including her new boyfriend.The Truth About Twinkie Pie | Yeh | 6--10 |
| GiGi lives with her older sister DiDi who has been caring for them since their mother died. DiDi has moved them to New York, meaning a new school for GiGi where she immediately hits it off with a cute boy, earning her enmity with a mean girl at the school. But then, the mean girl develops a mentor relationship with GiGi’s sister DiDi. Also, GiGi finds out more about her family secrets and that her mother might actually still be alive...Things that We Know By Heart | Kirby | 8--12 |
| Quinn is tracking down all of the organ recipients who got transplants from her deceased boyfriend. One of them got the heart, Colton. She just wanted to see him, but circumstances forced them together, they hit it off, and then she has a secret that she cannot tell Colton about why she met him. Has neat factoids/quotes about the heart at the beginning of each chapter.We are All Made of Molecules | Nielsen | 7--10 |
| Ashley is popular at school, Stewart is not, yet their families are merging, because Ashley’s world is falling apart. Her dad came out as gay, and her parents divorced. Stewart is a brainiac, but with no social skills, Ashley doesn’t want to like him, but he does seem to be a good person. Eventually, they must learn to live together, and Ashley must forgive her father. |  |  |
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| Keep It Real for Real Power (Fiction Stories -- Real Life) |  |  |
| A Night Divided | Nielsen | 5--9 |
| Gerta, her brother Fritz and her mother are separated from her other brother and her father when the East German wall goes up overnight while they are on a business trip. They are sure things will work out to reunite the family very soon. But soon, Fritz’s turn to join the military is coming up, Gerta has received a puzzling message from her father over the wall, and they decide to take escape into their own hands.All the Bright Places | Niven | 10--12 |
| Violet is saved from a suicidal impulse by Finch, who has struggled with that himself. Everyone thinks that she saved him instead, which he lets them go on thinking. As they get paired up in a class project and spend time travelling to places for their project, Violet learns more about Finch and finds out he is more than his unstable reputation.Biggie | Sullivan | 8--12 |
| Biggie is given his name for his 300-lb weight. He is not an athlete, though both his dad and step-dad are famous for local HS athletics. Because Annabelle, his crush, thinks he should, he goes out for baseball and finally gains a measure of respect from others, but it is his own respect that is hardest for him to get...Down from the Mountain | Fixmer | 8--12 |
| Eva is part of a strict religious group called the Righteous Path. She and her mother have obeyed the prophet and leader Ezekiel for quite a while. Only in making jewelry and going to sell it in town at local fairs to make money for the group can she get out of the compound. There, she finds out that not everything Ezekiel says seems to be correct.Husky | Sayre | 6--8 |
| Being 12 years old isn't easy. It's particularly difficult if you're overweight. Davis is trying to prove to himself, his family and his friends that he's more than just his pant size. A sweet, funny, sometimes sad look at adolescence.I'll Give You the Sun | Nelson | 9--12 |
| Noah and Jude are twins with an incredibly close relationship. But things have changed and Noah and Jude take turns telling what happened, Noah first, from a 13-year old perspective, and Jude later from a 16-year old perspective. Only between the two stories does the truth about their relationship and the tragedy that tore it apart come to life.The Devil you Know | Doller | 10--12 |
| Cadie breaks from her normal routine to accept an offer to travel across the state with two handsome brothers. But she soon finds out that they are not what they seem and in fact, one of them may have nefarious plans for her. The reader never knows which one till the very end, and both have a romantic spark with her and competition for her hand.Violent Ends | Hutchinson | 8--12 |
| Kirby walked into his school with a loaded gun and shot classmates and a teacher. 17 contemporary YA authors each take a chapter with a different central character who was affected that day. Shooter, victim, teacher, classmate, even the gun has a chapter from its perspective. Powerful and affecting, especially as shootings mount up in our country.We All Looked Up | Wallach | 10--12 |
| 4 disparate teens all have pressures and daily concerns, until they find out, along with the rest of the world, that a meteor is coming to wipe out the earth. Suddenly, planning and working for the future doesn’t seem like that much of a priority, and they have to figure out what to do with their remaining time.What We Saw | Hartzler | 9--12 |
| Kate went home from the party early and a little drunk with her crush Ben. She didn’t see what happened with her friend Stacey until she saw it on social media later. She starts investigating to figure out who did what, but all of the young men involved are basketball players on the high school team. Including Ben. The district and school administrators take the side of the players, Kate feels alone in advocating for Stacey. All copies of the social media have been eliminated, or so they thought, until Kate gets a copy and all hell breaks loose.When I Was the Greatest Reynolds 7--10  |  |  |
| Ali and Noodles, his best friend. live in Bed-Stuy. Their neighborhood can be rough, but they are about having fresh clothes and fresh haircuts. They even get invited to a happening party. It’s at that party that Noodle’s brother Needles (for his knitting) who has Tourette’s, gets them in trouble. Even though the boys are clean, they have a price on their heads that they have to satisfy, or get beaten badly. |  |  |
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| Deal in Facts and You'll Know the Real Deal! (Non-Fiction) |  |  |
| Battle of the Bulge | Atkinson | 7--12 |
| Rick Atkinson has taken his book about the Battle of the Bulge for adults and adapted it for younger readers. It is very readable, even in one setting, and is full of pictures and explanations, as well as maps that make it suitable for research. Kids will enjoy reading articles that explain why a particular German offensive succeeded or failed, what Hitler’s strategy was, and how close the Nazis came to winning.Big Top Burning Woollett 5--8The Hartford circus fire of 1944 killed 167 people unusually quickly. Many pictures and intense description of the event will inspire students interested in forensics.Boys in the Boat | Brown | 5--12 |
| Another adaptation of an adult book. Joe Rantz and 8 others from the University of Washington crew/rowing team not only beat the East Coast snobby teams, but also went to the Olympics and beat the German squad, winning the gold medal. Possibly because of their humble beginnings - loggers, shipyard workers and farmers, they had a grit that allowed them to overcome quite a lot.Dead Wake  | Larson | Adult |
| You think you know the story of the Lusitania? Did you know that a secret British unit was tracking the U-Boat that finally shot it down? Did you know the Lusitania was the fastest passenger boat on the seas at the time? Larson will give you several fresh looks at the well-known incident, bringing new information on board (pun intended). Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary Jarrow 5--12The story of Mary Mallon, the cook who spread Typhoid wherever she went. A glossary, timeline and an author’s note bring extra material to those who would like to use the book as a research book too.Hitler’s Last Days O’Reilly 4--8Once everyone knew things were over in WWII, even if not officially, the endgame began to emerge. Hitler bunkered down belowground in Berlin with his new wife Eva Braun, and their dog. Here, Bill O’Reilly gives the details of the last hours of Hitler’s life, as well as the winding up of the war.Human Body Theater | Wicks | 4--8 |
| A cartoon skeleton presents the workings of the body as a play, with all the different parts of the body represented in at times silly and entertaining and at times very informative ways. Perfect for middle school health classes (I bought copies for my department to use!) and anyone who wants a lighthearted but biologically accurate explanation of the body.I Will Always Write BackA middle-class American girl of 12 began writing through a class pen-pal program to a 14-year old boy in a Zimbabwean slum. At first, their letters were superficial, but as they continued to write, they began to connect more and more, and the American girl’s family begins to help the boy, a top student, continue in school. Both lives were changed for the better.Iron Rails, Iron Men and the Race to Link the Nation Sandler 7--12 | Sandler | 5--12 |
| 1,800 miles separated the West Coast from the Missouri river in the 1860’s, full of deserts, plains and mountains. If that 1,800 miles could be covered by railroad tracks, the nation would be connected from the East Coast to the West Coast. The Central Pacific (CP) and Union Pacific (UP) companies began a race to see who could lay the most track, as they were paid by the mile. Huge engineering problems had to be solved quickly, lest the company fall behind. Super informative and full of amazing pictures.Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War | Sheinkin | 5--9 |
| Anything Steve Sheinkin does is amazing, and this is no exception. The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his role in getting the Pentagon papers published, awakening the American public to what was really going on in Vietnam.Taking Flight – From War Orphan to Star Ballerina DePrince 6--12DePrince was born in the war-ravaged country of Sierra Leone, orphaned at 3, adopted into the United States, overcame racial ideas that black girls (especially those with Vitiligo, a skin disease that mottles the skin) could not become top dancers. She persevered to become the principal dancer for a major ballet group.Terrible Typhoid Mary | Bartoletti | 6--12 |
| Bartoletti always gets it right with non-fiction and this is no exception. Mary Mallon, a lower-class cook for a wealthy family apparently passed typhoid to them, although she was a carrier and never exhibited symptoms. An astute, determined health worker found her, although she had taken off after the wealthy family fell sick. She refused to cooperate, even running several times, but he found her each time and eventually quarantined her against her will, raising constitutional issues. A fantastic story about a real historical event. |  |  |
| The Boys Who Challenged Hitler | Hoose | 6--12 |
| Knut and the other teenagers who lived in Denmark were upset that their country pragmatically caved to Germany. They decided to make a club, called the Churchill club, to harry the Germans. They made bike runs with molotov cocktails, stole German weapons from soldiers in their town and cut telegraph cables. Captured after 6 months, they were put in Danish jail, saving them from German jail and execution. A great story of brave teens.The Call of the Osprey Patent 4--6Three University of Montana researchers follow a group of Ospreys as they fish and fly in their native habitat. This habitat has been disturbed by mining, so levels of mercury are high, causing impacts on the health of the Ospreys. Solid research book showing how high-level environmental science is done.The Making of a Navy Seal | Webb | 7--12 |
| For kids interested in the military, or what it takes inside (mental toughness) to become a Navy seal. Webb gives the story of his training and candidacy, his work as a sniper, then his training of other SEALS that went on to kill Osama and do many other missions. Exciting, crazy details about how tough and dedicated these men are to their country and their job.This Side of Wild Paulsen 5--8Gary Paulsen writes this surprising non-fiction book about the animals he has depended on at various times in his life. A poodle that helped him run the Iditarod in his 60’s – check. A dog that got him through an unhappy stretch in the military – check. Even birds and bees (real ones, this is not a metaphor for talking of sex!) take over a rest stop and defend their turf in a story. Those who share Paulsen’s affinity for animals will love this book.Tommy - the Gun that Changed America Blumenthal 6--12 |  |  |
| When John Thompson developed the gun that carries his name, he only wanted to help the United States win on the battlefield against its enemies. Instead, the army waffled on purchasing it, while the criminal underworld jumped all over it. Machine Gun Kelly probably didn’t use one much, but the world was ready for details about this explosive gun, so his star rose, aided by his felonious wife.Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall Silver 4--8Focuses on the relationship of Goodall and the chimps she was working with. Has sidebars about the research and her mentor relationship with Louis Leakey. Beautiful, intuitive layout and color photographs make this an excellent science purchase.Wreck of the Whaleship Essex | Chase | 7--12 |
| Ever tried to read Moby Dick and couldn’t finish it? Read this book instead, and you will have the source material for Melville down pat. Compulsively readable account, with many pictures, of whales that were enraged at being hunted who took down whaling ships by butting them with their heads and breaking them apart with their massive tails.Symphony for the City of the Dead | M.T. Anderson | 8--12 |
| The story of Dmitri Shostakovich, composer whose music was credited with lifting Russian spirits in the worst of their battle with the Germans in WWII. Begins as a Shostakovich biography, then spends quite a bit of time on Stalin, his disastrous purges, and the siege of Leningrad, with all the starvation and misery. Ends after the war, with Shostakovich a beloved composer whose music remains popular today. |  |  |
| The Only Limit to your Impact is your Imagination – Sci-Fi  |  |  |
| Armada | Cline | 7--12 |
| Zack Lightman is shocked when an exact replica of the starship he flies in his favorite online video game picks him up from school and delivers him to space, where he is to become one of the most important fighters battling the armada of alien space ships coming to Earth. Many other surprises await in the snarky, fun, fast-paced alien attack book. |  |  |
| Seven Second Delay | Easton | 8--12 |
| This book will make kids with ADHD think they have drunk too much coffee. The action never stops. Mila sneaks into the wealthy side of the segmented society, is captured and wakes in a government secret facility with an implant that allows them to see what she sees through her eyes, but seven seconds later. When she escapes and runs, she always has to think about what her handlers can see through her own eyes to capture her back. Crazy pace throughout.The Leveller | Durango | 6--10 |
| Teenager Nixy is hired by parents to go into immersive games and bring out other teens who have refused to come out of the immersive MEEP world of gaming and return to the real world. When she is hired to grab the son of the creator of the MEEP from a game, she takes the contract, not knowing that this situation is different and may cost her life.Uncaged | Sandford and Cook | 8--12 |
| When an animal rights group breaks into a Eugene, OR research facility, they discover that the Singular Corporation is conducting dangerous and illegal animal and human experimentation. This sends the group on the run, staying just ahead of Singular's para-military security force.World Without Us Stevenson 9--12 |  |  |
| Jeremy & Mel are standing on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. They have agreed to jump together, but now Mel is not so sure. Jeremy decides to jump anyway. The repercussions of that decision have dramatic effects on both Jeremy & Mel.Zeroboxer | Fonda Lee | 7--12 |
| Carr is a rising star in the world of zero-gravity cube fighting, a sport popular on Earth and off. He has just received a branding expert who will work with him on his career, which is nearly as important as his fighting ability. However, despite all his skills and hard work, a secret from his past may destroy him as he goes off-world to further his career |  |  |
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| Fantasize about your Reading Success (Fantasy) |  |  |
| A Court of Thorns and Roses | Maas | 8--12 |
| Feyre kills a wolf to protect her household, only to find it was a shape-shifting fairy. To satisfy the debt, she must go to the fairy land as a payment to Tamlin, a fairy who comes to avenge the wolf. They have an adversarial relationship at first, but Feyre doesn’t understand who Tamlin is and what he does. She grows to like him more as she sees the forces he is fighting against.American Fairy | Zellel | 7--10 |
| Set in the Midwest and Hollywood in the 1920s & 30s and steeped in the Jazz age, we follow Callie LaRoux (mixed race and half fairy) as she tries to avoid getting in the middle of warring fairy factions and competing bootleggers.An Ember in the Ashes | Tahir | 7--12 |
| Laia is masquerading as a slave, Elias is a star student at the military academy in his town. Neither of them are free, they are pawns in a game played by those with much more power. Laia is sent by rebels to infiltrate the administration of the academy where Elias runs into her. Neither is pleased by their position, so they team up to some degree, plus there might be a little relationship heat there too. highly recommendedBone Gap Ruby 10--12 Finn saw his brother’s girlfriend Roza’s kidnapper, but can’t give anything useful to the police. Everyone else believes she ran away. As Finn continues on in the small town of Bone Gap, hefinds more clues about where she might have gone, and he figures out more about why hecannot help the police more. Roza’s kidnapper is no mere criminal, there is an element of magicafoot, which Finn gets to the bottom of. Carry On Rowell 9--12In Fangirl, we met the fictional Simon Snow and his classmates at Watford School of Magicks. This is Simon's last year at the school, and the Mage wants him to leave the school to protect him and his friends from the Humdrum who is sucking the magic out of England. But he wants to stay on and face the threat head on -- after all, he is the 'Chosen One'. Crimson Bound | Hodge | 8--12 |
| Rachelle strayed into the Great Forest when she was younger, despite all the warnings she had heard about the evil forest. Because of this, she is bound to the forest and given special powers, though she works for the realm against the forest to the best of her ability. Forced to protect a young prince she has no respect for, she finds out that he is more than she expected.Drift and Dagger | Kulper | 7--12 |
| Mal is a blank, an eraser of magic in a world full of it. Because of this, people are scared of him and he keeps it a secret. Except from childhood friend Essie, a witch in training. She betrays him and he goes on the road, seeking magical artifacts for sale with his partner, always wanting to return home to take revenge on Essie, now the powerful town witch. Evil Librarian | Knudsen | 9--12 |
| The new high school librarian has everyone captivated. He's handsome and charismatic, but Cyn suspects something is just not right. When she spies him drawing pentagrams and chanting in the library late one afternoon, she comes to the conclusion that he is a demon with evil plans for the students.Firefight | Sanderson | 7--12 |
| Killing Steelheart in bk. 1 was supposed to make David feel better about his father’s death. Instead, he is steered to Babylon Restored (old Manhattan) with the rest of the Reckoners because a high epic named Regalia has flooded the city and is wreaking havoc on the innocent people. There, he will try to free the city and find his missing crush (herself an evil epic), but also keep the professor from turning evil himself.Hellhole | D'Amico | 8--12 |
| Max is squeaky clean, and a hard worker, even taking care of his sick mother when not at school or work. He does steal a small charm from his work to cheer up his mother, bringing a devil closer to him, which he then unwittingly leads home. Burg, the devil he attracted, now lives in his basement and refuses to wear pants. Max can get him to leave, but it will take some doing.Icebreaker | Tanner | 4--8 |
| 12-year old Petrel lives on the Oyster, a boat that has been continuously sailing the waters of the arctic as long as anyone can remember. She doesn’t fit in with the below-decks people, neither with the officers above. Her only friends are two speaking rats. When she is involved in bringing a boy found on an ice-floe onto the ship, the delicate balance of the ship is in danger, as the ship might be too.Magnus Chase - The Sword of Summer | Riordan | 4--10 |
| Magnus finds out that he is the offspring of a minor Norse god and that a lot of people want to kill him or take what he has, the Sword of Summer, given to him by his father. He doesn’t know much, but when he gets to Valhalla, he meets a crew that travels Yggdrasil with him and helps him figure out what to do. Very much like Percy, but with the Norse. Newt's Emerald | Nix | 6--12 |
| Lady Truthful is presented with the Newington Emerald at a dinner, where it is promptly stolen from her in storm-based confusion. To get it back, she goes in male disguise to London in this regency magical romp, along with a hottie military captain. The magic makes it fun, the relationships and regency times make it special.Prairie Fire | Johnston | 7--12 |
| Book two of Owen, the Dragon-Slayer of Trondheim. Owen and Siobhan are sent to the Oil Watch, where someone seems to have it in for Owen, and Siobhan struggles to prove that while injured, she is still worth having on the team. They train and struggle, having some setbacks, but also triumphs and kills that no one else can accomplish. A worthy sequel to the great original.Red Queen | Aveyard | 8--12 |
| Mare is a Red, destined to serve the superior Silvers. But, when abilities formerly only held by the Silvers seem to burst out of her in view of the ruling family, she is quickly taken in. She seems to be a Red/Silver hybrid and she finds out the politics of the ruling Silvers are no joke, plus she is trying to communicate with the Red resistance that she used to be involved with. Frenetic energy fuels this dystopian fantasy.Six of Crows  | Bardugo | 6--12 |
| Kaz and his crew of rejects are given a task they must complete to reach their goals. They must break into an impregnable fortress and retrieve a man who holds a secret that could change the world. Their only ally? A man who wants nothing more than to see them captured and tortured. Magic and politics collide in this excellent fantasy work set in the Grisha world of *Shadow and Bone*.Stranger | Smith | 7--12 |
| Prospector and relic hunter Ross ends up half dead in Las Anclas, a town barely hanging on under the threat of armed gangs that roam this dystopian landscape. The villagers, themselves changed by a mysterious cataclysmic event into having some strange powers, take Ross in and nurse him back to health, earning the attention and enmity of some armed gangs. Neat world imagined with strange creatures and dangers.The Copper Gauntlet | Black | 4--9 |
| Book two of the Magisterium (the Iron Trial). Call is back at school, but soon leaves, looking for the Alkahest, a powerful magical relic that has been stolen, possibly by Call’s father. Enemies at the school send dire magical creatures after them, intending to stop their search, or maybe, to stop their breathing!The Devil's Dreamcatcher Hosie 7--12 |  |  |
| Book Two of the Devil’s Intern. Medusa Pallister has arrived in Hell and is trying to get a job with Septimus so that she can figure out why she saw Mitchell and company in her time, back when she was alive. Once they find out that her former abusive father is now an Unspeakable in Hell who has escaped and grabbed an object called the Devil’s Dreamcatcher, they must drop everything to find it and find him too, even though Medusa never wants to see him again. The Glass Arrow | Simmons | 9--12 |
| Aya has spent her whole life in the hills with her family, trying to stay out of the cities, where women, because of their rarity, are now owned and passed around to increase fertility. However, trackers found her and she is now imprisoned in a facility where she is trained to be a perfect possession. She is constantly plotting to get out, but she will need help, like from the mute boy who works at the facility.The Glass Magician | Holmberg | 7--12 |
| Ceony and Thane are back together, working at her magic, but Ceony is hiding that she can also do Glass Magic, which should be impossible. Some of her enemies are back from book one, trying for vengeance, since Ceony defeated and removed some of their compatriots. Using advanced Paper Magic and newly gained Glass Magic skills, Ceony and Thane must get to the bottom of things, while keeping themselves and their relationship alive. |  |  |
| The Paper Magician | Holmberg | 7--12 |
| Ceony is graduating magic school and being given a specialty that matches her abilities. She will only be able to practice this type of magic the rest of her life. She gets an internship in Paper Magic. Emery Thane, her master teacher, is a quirky sort and soon has her regretting her original anger at being placed there. She must use her newfound paper skills to rescue Thane, who has had his heart ripped out by an Excisioner, an illegal user of outlawed blood magic.The Rest of Us Just Live Here | Ness | 8--12 |
| Bad people are doing their normal thing and trying to destroy the world, but there are superheroes whose job it is to foil that. Mikey and his friends are more concerned about graduating and moving to the next part of life. Except the big heroes are failing and it is going to fall to Mikey and his friends to solve things, with their small talents. Mikey’s friend is the son of a goddess, and can control/demand the allegiance of all feline creatures. Very tongue in cheek, probably better for advanced readers.The Scorpion Rules | Bow | 7--12 |
| Greta and the kids she lives with under the control of a super-computer, is a “child of peace.” They are so-named because they are hostages of the ruling elites of countries in the world. If their parents stray and begin war, the hostages will be eliminated, making going to war a personal decision. A new boy hostage comes, and they all get to know him, but his country appears ready to go to war, which will mean the end for the hostages…The Tournament at Gorlan | Flanagan | 5--9 |
| A prequel from Flanagan this time, when Halt is a younger man, without Will as an apprentice. In fact, Morgarath is just rising, having taken the king in as a hostage, sowing indignation by putting a false prince out in the countryside to rile up the people. Halt and his friend Crowley, a ranger, pick up other falsely discredited rangers to put up a fight against Morgarath.The Witch Hunter | Boecker | 7--12 |
| Elizabeth Gray is a witch hunter, sworn to eliminate witchcraft and especially the minions of Nicholas Perevil from all of England. Then, when accused of being a witch herself, she is kicked out and in danger of being executed herself. Only Nicholas Perevil can help her save herself, if she is able to work with him to right things. Fast-moving, magical version of London is great!This Broken Wondrous World Skovron 8--12 |  |  |
| Book two of *Man Made Boy*. Boy comes back to the theater where his kind hide in plain sight and things are not right. Moreau (the doctor of Island fame) is raising an army of beasts to take over the world. Boy and his community must rise up to protect the human world. To Hold the Bridge | Nix | 9--12 |
| A collection of short stories, some from the Old Kingdom world of Sabriel. Some feature witches, some vampires, others are about a penniless kid trying to make it as a new bridge guard. As always, Nix is entertaining and the stories draw the reader in. Updraft | Wilde | 7--12 |
| Kirit and her friends are just about to take their tests to get a job and be able to fly. However, she is picked to be a Singer, a secretive, powerful group that live in the Spire, a central bone tower among all the other towers that keeps the peace. Once there, the training is difficult, but the politics are worse, and Kirit is right in the middle of it.Walk on Earth a Stranger Carson 7--12Teenager Lee can sense gold in the ground, walking straight to it with no issues. This makes her quite valuable, which is why her family hides her secret. But you can’t hide from family, and when a tragedy happens, Lee strikes out for California, following behind her friend and would-be fiancé, hoping to meet up with him, while being chased on the path by durn no-goods.  |  |  |
| Woven | King /Jensen | 5--9 |
| Nels wants to be a knight, strong and powerful, but then he is killed by a duplicitous official. He becomes a ghost and attaches to a stuck-up princess, Tyra, who only agrees to help him to get him off her back. They are connected by a magical thread, if Tyra is able to complete a few tasks, things can be made right. |  |  |
| Diane's Top 5 books for Personal Edification and Growth |  |  |
| Last Flight of Poxl West | Torday | 10--12 |
| Elijah has always admired his Uncle Poxl, so he is very proud that his uncle's memoir of being the "only Jewish pilot in Hitler's army" becomes a best seller. Unfortunately, as his uncle's fame increases, their relationship suffers.Perfect Son | Claypole-White | ? |
| When Ella has a near fatal heart attack that renders her bedridden, her husband must take over as caretaker for their son, Harry. Harry has a number of health & development issues, including Tourette's, and his father has primarily been detached from Harry's day-to-day life. Ella's health issues have changed everything.Polaris | Arnett | 7--12 |
| In this sequel to *Avalon*, Jeth and his team are trying to make a living while still on the ITA's "most wanted" list. They team up with the crew of the Polaris to clear their name and to rescue Jeth's family.Tsar of Love and Techno Marra 10--12 |  |  |
| Seventeen short stories about 1930s Russia that center around a painting, an artist, a ballerina, and a pair of brothers all connected in some way to a pastoral paintingGo Set A Watchman Lee Adult, but ALEX appeal |  |  |
| First draft of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Now published controversially. Scout is 26 and coming back from the big city, finding her old town backward and stifling. She has a beau she is serious about, but both he and Atticus are involved with a quasi-KKK group and Scout is disgusted with both of them. Worth a read. Don’t be a literary snob. |  |  |
| Mike's Top 5 books for Personal Edification and Growth |  |  |
| Ink and Bone | Caine | 7--12 |
| Jess and his fellow initiates are new students just accepted at the Great Library of Alexandria, which was not destroyed. They all have their own reasons for being there (Jess is meant to be a mole for his book-smuggling family), but all are blown away by the hugeness and power of the library, which controls all information everywhere around the globe. The library is also fighting Burners, who want information to be uncontrolled and free to anyone. A new, very creative world and a fascinating form of magic.The Six Alpert 7--12 |  |  |
| The first and only book I have come across that has six handicapped people as the main characters of the book. They are all terminal and volunteer for a project to remove their consciousness and go all digital, being put in mechanical bodies. They train and are meant to take on digital threats for the military, especially an escaped, evolved digital supercomputer that has grown a personality.The Serpent King | Zentner | 8--12 |
| Dill has to face the embarrassment of being his father’s son every day in the small town where he lives. His father was a snake-handling, extremely conservative preacher who was found guilty of possessing child pornography. He and his extremely close two friends are graduating and making plans for the next year, which is causing Dill stress. A tragedy occurs that almost shatters Dill, but eventually he has to come out of it and move forward.Jackaby  | Ritter | 6--10 |
| Think Sherlock Holmes and Willy Wonka and Buffy the Vampire Slayer, all mixed. Abigail becomes an assistant for a peculiar detective who has a hard time keeping assistants, mostly because he claims to be able to solve crimes by seeing/knowing magical creatures that are behind the crimes. The local police hate him, but he is able to solve things they can’t. Rule of 3 | Walters | 7--12 |
| Adam’s old car is one of the only ones that work when all technology nationwide goes dark, all at once. His neighbor, Herb, immediately swings into action, taking Adam with him to purchase as many items as he can, as fast as he can. Herb, a former CIA agent, knows that the rule of three says things will break down after three days. He’s right and Adam, his mother and Herb must fortify their neighborhood to protect what is theirs. |  |  |
| Visualize these Titles, Cause you can't have them yet! (Anxiously Awaited Titles) |  |  |
| Bluescreen | Wells | 8--12 |
| A drug called Bluescreen is attached to the feed that all people have in this futuristic society. It causes the user to overdose and pass out, which is a pleasurable feeling. It also installs a pernicious code, which Marisa and her friends find almost by accident. As they trace it, bad things happen from powerful people; they are not meant to get to the bottom of things. It allows users of bluescreen to be controlled like zombies.Burning Midnight | McIntosh | 6--12 |
| Sully and Hunter look every day for spheres, the spherical objects that all of a sudden appeared a decade ago. Held to the temples in two’s, they grant the user a skill or talent (Extra Height, intelligence, number sense, speed, etc…). Needless to say, they can be lucrative. When Sully and Hunter find a big, new color, they are square in the sights of a man who controls most of the market and is willing to do anything to control the rest of it.The Keeper of the Mist Neumeier 6--12Keri, a baker’s assistant, is suddenly thrust into the ruling position on the death of her father, the former King of Nimmira. Nimmira is a small country, only unconquered because of a magical mist that obscures entry into their country. Keri is now responsible for upkeeping that mist. But it is getting less and less thick every day, and foreign forces are gathering at the boundary. She only has a little while to restore it before sure invasion happens.Into the Dim | Taylor | 8--12 |
| Hope is bereft at losing her mother in an earthquake. For a change of pace, she goes to stay with relatives overseas in Scotland, and finds out that her family is involved in time travel. In fact, her mother is not dead, but is alive in the 12th century, where Hope must venture if she wants to save her.Passenger Bracken 7--12 |  |  |
| Etta loses an old friend, and finds out that she has been thrust into a dangerous world, all in one night. She is a time-traveler, a distant part of the Ironwood family, but her mother stole something from the Ironwoods in an act of rebellion, and Etta has been brought to the past to retrieve it, or else. She is joined by a black sailor, also a ward of the Ironwoods, who dislikes being tied to the scion of the Ironwoods, who has plans to use their abilities for gain.Rule of 3 - Will to Survive (bk. 3) Walters 7--12 |  |  |
| Adam and his neighborhood have had some success against forces arrayed against them, but now it is personal. A person kicked out of their neighborhood wants to destroy them, and will stop at nothing. He must be met in battle, lest he destroy everything they have built. Adam and Herb plan their response and lay several traps, but it might not be enough…The Death and Life of Zebulon Finch | Kraus | 10--12 |
| Zebulon Finch, an accomplished teen street thug, is killed, then he rises – alive, but not really alive. He lives, unchanged, for decades, in a Forrest Gump sort of way. He fights in WWI, he works in a carnival, he volunteers for strange medical experiments with a crackpot doctor. Very long and very strange.The Memory of Light | Stork | 9--12 |
| Vicki has been put in a mental ward after several suicide attempts, with other unstable people. Dr. Desai is her doctor, she is a quiet woman with real strength, who helps the diverse people in her therapy group to get better. Part of their therapy is to go to Dr. Desai’s ranch, where they will be away from the world for closer introspection. Partly inspired by Stork’s own brush with depression.When We Collided | Lord | 8--12 |
| Vivi comes to a quiet seaside town like a hurricane. Her personality is outsized. Jonah lives with his huge family, trying to run the restaurant their father left behind when he died. They begin dating, and Vivi inserts herself into his family life seamlessly. But, she has issues, which is why she and her mother moved to town, and she has stopped taking her medicine for manic depression, because it makes her feel dull…Wolf by Wolf | Graudin | 7--12 |
| What if the Nazis had won, and they instituted a long, merciless, deadly motorcycle race every year – to entertain the people and show Nazi superiority? What if the winner got to shake Hitler’s hand and be awarded a medal? Wouldn’t that be a great way to get Yael, a holocaust camp medical experiment survivor close to Hitler, so that she can kill him for the rebellion?The Borden Murders | Miller | 5--10 |
| Quiet, mild-mannered Lizzie Borden came from an upper-class family. Her parents were killed in a gruesome ax-murder that captivated the rest of the country for years. Soon, she was a suspect. Even with the support of her sister, she was found guilty, then released on appeal. Her name was tainted for the rest of her life. This book goes inside all the small details and makes this case very readable. |  |  |
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| No Need to Visualize - (Graphic Novels) |  |  |
| First Man - Reimagining Matthew Henson Schwarz 6--10 |  |  |
| A fictional account of how things might have gone down in the Arctic as Matthew Henson, a real-life valet for Robert Peary, accompanied him to the North Pole, perhaps becoming the first man to set foot at the top of the world. Compelling art and Inuit legends combine to add more to the story that many know.Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans Brown 7--12 A graphic novel that pulls no punches about the inept response to Hurricane Katrina. Conditions at the Superdome, the hospitals, looting in the streets, police response, and difficulties in the FEMA response are all examined. The artwork is dark and murky too, much like the water that buried much of the city. Required purchase.Nanjing - the Burning City Young 5--10  |  |  |
| Two Chinese soldiers are stuck in a building in Nanjing, a Chinese city under attack by the Japanese during WWII. Things are dire, both for the soldiers and for the citizens stuck there. Violence is apparent, but not celebrated in this touching story about a historical event not many know about.Omaha Beach on D-Day Morvan 6--12 |  |  |
| A famous picture, taken on Omaha beach on D-Day is finally explained fully, with the soldier in the photo identified, the photographer interviewed and everything explained in careful detail. Very approachable for those who are reading of this event for the first time. Princess de Composia Watson 6--10 |  |  |
| The Princess has been running the kingdom while her father, the King, is bedridden with a mysterious illness. When the cook quits, she hires a new chef – a vampire – to run the kitchen.  Count Spatula is amazing and has captivated everyone’s palate and the Princess’s heart with his creations.Steve Jobs - Insanely Great Hartland 7--12 |  |  |
| As you can tell from the title, perhaps not the most unbiased take on Steve Jobs, yet some of his negative aspects are still mentioned, along with his amazing achievements. Pixar, Macintosh, the iPad, iPhone, iPod etc… Really neat, messy artwork with lots of text, but it doesn’t feel like the reader is drowning in text. Fun and informative.Sunny Side Up Holm 4--6Sunny is sent to live with her Grandparents in Florida, where there are a lot of old people and amusement parks aren’t everywhere like she thought. But, she does meet another young person, Buzz, and the two of them are having adventures and looking to solve why Sunny was sent to Florida in the first place.Terrorist - Gavrilo Princip - the Assassin Who Ignited WWI Rehr 8--12If you have any students who want to understand how badly Princip and his anarchist buddies blew the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, yet still somehow succeeded, this is your graphic novel. How Princip came to believe this action must be taken, as well as humanizing of the Archduke is accomplished, long before the actual shooting takes place in the book. Complexly drawn, willing to go deep into explaining Princip’s upbringing and beliefs, this is a serious work. |  |  |
| The Nameless City Hicks 3--7 |  |  |
| Kai and Rat are from different cultures, but they both live in the Nameless city, a city so great and desirable that it has been conquered many times through the years, acquiring so many names that it has no real name. They meet on the rooftops, Rat a girl whose city was just conquered, Kai part of the conquerors. They soon learn they both love the city and might just need to save it with the information they have.The Other Side of the Wall Schwarz 6--10 |  |  |
| Simon Schwarz, born in 1982 in East Germany, tells the real story of his family attempting to move out of authoritarian East Germany. They had to deal with the Stasi and were persecuted for wanting to go, then they got to West Germany and felt unwelcome and alone there, overwhelmed by the different culture. Black and White simple drawings leave the focus on the story. |  |  |
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| Get off the Couch and Pick Up This Book (Action/Adventure/Suspense) |  |  |
| All Fall Down Carter 8--12 |  |  |
| Grace lives on embassy row with her other privileged friends, and she is sure of a few things. Her mother was just murdered, and Grace will be the one to bring justice. However, politics and power are not very far away when you are an ambassador’s kid, so things get very difficult very quickly.Charlie, Presumed Dead Heltzel 9--12 |  |  |
| Charlie presumably died in the explosion that left only his bloody jacket. But, at the funeral, both Lena and Aubrey discover that they were dating Charlie, and he had said he loved them both. Soon, they are on a trip to various exotic places around the world to find out Charlie’s past, as well as if he is still alive…Endangered Giles 9--12 |  |  |
| Lauren considers herself Karma, catching classmates and teachers alike in compromising positions with her camera, then posting them anonymously, but of course, only if they deserve it. She is caught herself by someone who finds out her identity and then blackmails her to keep the secret. She participates, but then a death makes her realize she is in over her head and she must figure it out to survive.I Am Princess X Priest 7--10 |  |  |
| Libby and May were best friends, constantly spinning stories of Princess X, even drawing certain symbols to represent her. When Libby died, her materials were put away, and May was shocked to see the symbols she had developed with her dead friend appear online years later. She investigates, as no one else could have written this online material, or known the symbol. There is a lot going on behind the scenes and it moves quickly to resolution.Ink and Ashes Maetani 7--12 |  |  |
| Claire discovers old letters from her deceased father that hint he might have had a past where he was involved with the Yakuza, the Japanese mafia. Her digging brings interest from long-forgotten parts of her dad’s past, and soon she is being followed by a strange car, receiving symbolic flowers that hint of her coming death. Neat mystery with a Japanese flair.Kalahari Khoury 8--12 |  |  |
| Sarah is in the desert with her educational tour when they are attacked by a lion seemingly made of mercury. Barely surviving the attack, they look for safety and come across a shredded lab, where they discover the genesis of the mercury lion, a virus that cannot be controlled and might already be spreading all over the world.Lockwood and Co - The Hollow Boy Stroud 5--9 |  |  |
| Lockwood, George and Lucy are back, doing paranormal investigations. Their expertise is needed, because more and more ghosts are appearing on the street, it cannot be tolerated. They get a tip to check out a particular building, but something horrible would have to have happened there to make this many ghosts manifest. Plus, there is trouble on the homefront, because Lockwood has hired another helper, and Lucy is jealous.Mark of the Thief Nielsen 4--8 |  |  |
| Nic, a mine slave forced by his owner to enter a cursed chamber looking for treasure, finds a “Bulla” which he puts around his neck after barely surviving the encounter with the treasure’s guardians. It turns out to be perhaps the most powerful magical artifact and it places him directly in the sights of Roman senators who are jockeying for power, all of whom want him on their side, or else… |  |  |
| Need Charbonneau 7--10 |  |  |
| Kaylee joins NEED, an online social network that promises anything that any member needs, mostly to help out a friend. At first, it is great, but then people are asked to complete tasks to continue getting what they think they need. Now a student is dead, and Kaylee knows that she is in danger, because she wants out and wants justice. Her classmates, her friends, no one can be trusted.Rise of the Wolf Nielsen 4--8 |  |  |
| More from Nic and the Roman senators. He is going to have to battle his biggest enemy in the Roman circus, in the Colosseum, but he doesn’t know how to fully use his powers, and his enemy has shown complete mastery of them. In fact, he must fight or give up the Bulla, because his friends have been captured and will be killed if he doesn’t show.The Arctic Code Kirby 4--7 |  |  |
| Eleanor’s mom was studying the climate in the Arctic, because the world has fallen into a freeze, which is why Eleanor lives in Tucson, one of the places still habitable. Her mom disappears and Eleanor is brought to the Arctic to see if she can figure out where her mom has gone. Soon, she is in the middle of a mystery that could threaten the whole earth, if she can’t solve the problem.The Beastly Bones Ritter 6--10 |  |  |
| Abigail and Jackaby are back at it, investigating crimes that no one else can even see, except for the bloody bodies. This time, they are literally digging up the crime scene on an archeology dig, because bones have been disappearing. Hot young policeman Charlie Cane is back too, to Abigail’s delight.The Dogs Stratton 6--12 |  |  |
| Atmospheric horror/fright. Cameron and his mother have been on the run from Cameron’s father for years. This time, they are living in a small town, in a rented house that might have some history. In fact, his mother and her new boyfriend are worried about Cameron, because he is claiming to have seen a ghost of a young boy, where a murder occurred years earlier. Also, Cameron is a bit unstable because he wants to see his father again, and maybe his father isn’t someone to be avoided like his mom thinks…The Fearless Pass 6--12 |  |  |
| This is like Smith’s *Furnace* series, all roaring action and not burdened by character development. Trucks could be driven through the holes in the plot, but some teens won’t care. Cass is a teen living on an island, where they have been safe since the night the fearless invaded, injecting everyone they could reach with the virus, or biting them and turning them into mindless freaks. Until the Fearless reach the island and steal her brother, forcing her to leave the relative safety of the island to get her brother back before it is too late.The Young Elites Lu 8--12 |  |  |
| Adelina is one of the elites, so called because they survived the Blood Fever and were marked with some kind of physical mark. They also got strange powers. Teren is the head of the force that is tasked with finding and eliminating the elites. Enzo is the head of the Dagger Society, rebelling against the current government. Adelina must decide how to develop her power, whom to trust and whom to fight against.Undertow Buckley 8--12 |  |  |
| Lyric is there to witness it when 30,000 Alpha come out of the ocean at Coney Island, wanting to mix with human society. It causes all sorts of xenophobia and problems mixing at the local high school. The Alpha are a vicious, warlike, proud people, so the mixture is causing some problems at school. Lyric is tasked with tutoring Fathom in the ways of humans. Romance ensues, but the shocker is that something from even deeper in the ocean is forcing the Alpha out, and they are coming now…Vanishing Girls Oliver 9--12 |  |  |
| Nick and Dara are sisters, very close to each other. That was before the accident that badly hurt Dara and left Nick shaking. They now live together, but are no longer close. Then Dara disappears, along with another local young girl. Nick must hurry to piece together clues to figure out where her sister went before it is too late.Vengeance Road Bowman 6--10 |  |  |
| Middle school cowboy Western! Kate Thompson’s dad is killed by the Rose Riders, a gang of outlaws in the West. They wanted his journal, which they believe will detail the location of a gold mine that only he knows about. Kate dresses as a young man and heads out after them, joining up with two young men heading in the same direction. She has revenge on her mind. True grit for the middle school set! (almost rhymes) |  |  |
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| Make your Inner Child read this Adult Book (ALEX) |  |  |
| Book of Speculation Swyler 9--12 |  |  |
| Simon’s mom, a mermaid, died in a carnival accident of drowning. His sister ran away and reads tarot card with a carnival. Then, a mysterious old book arrives, with entries about a mermaid that died at a carnival of drowning, along with several articles that convince Simon his sister is about to die on the same date, but years later, that her mom did. Can he solve things and rescue his sister in time?Speak Hall 10--12 |  |  |
| The Cloud Atlas has to be mentioned here, because the novels are somewhat set up the same, but that is where the similarities end. Hall takes five diverse characters from radically different times and examines what it is to be human. An unhappy married person in the past, Alan Turing around WWII, all the way to a Silicon Valley engineer breaking AI rules to design a child, all are tied together from the same examination of what humanity is in changing times.The Water Knife Baciagalupi 10--12 |  |  |
| Paulo hit the timeliness lottery, this one is all about water rights and what happens in the future when there isn’t enough. Angel works for his boss as a “water knife” helping to cut off water by securing rights from the original rights holders, by any means necessary. He teams with a journalist, Lucy, and a party girl, Maria, when things get out of hand and he realizes his own people are trying to terminate him based on a discovery he made. A well-imagined world. |  |  |
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| Power Not From Volume, but Strength (Quiet Gems) |  |  |
| Boy in the Black Suit Reynolds 7--12 |  |  |
| Matt’s life is crappy. His mother just died, and his father is handling it poorly, drinking heavily and being put in the hospital after being hit by a car. The only two bright spots for Matt are his job at a mortuary (hence the black suit) and Lovey, a girl he met with her own issues, but a steely resolve to make it. Mr. Ray, the mortuary owner and co-worker of Matt’s provides timely advice and a father figure role. A neat book.Goodbye Stranger Stead 6--8 |  |  |
| Bridge survived a serious car wreck that almost took her life. Sherm saw it and was deeply affected. Now, he likes being around her and would like their friendship to be more. Bridge is confused about why she survived the wreck and what she should be doing now. Her friendships are changing as she enters middle school and she is worried they won’t last. A quiet book about friendships and change.Orbiting Jupiter Schmidt 7--12 |  |  |
| Joseph, 13-year old new father and troubled, withdrawn teen, comes to live on the farm with a foster family, having left his new daughter, Jupiter, behind. At first he won’t speak to 12-year old Jack, or anyone, but the animals and the rough, simple honesty of Jack’s family win him over and they slowly hear his story and his desire to be reunited with the daughter that was taken away from him by his lover’s family, supposedly for the baby’s own good. Well drawn relationships make this a powerful book. |  |  |
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| Ask the Universe for a Partner (Romance/Girls) |  |  |
| A Blind Spot for Boys Chen 9--12 |  |  |
| After another devastating breakup, Shana decides she is on a boy moratorium. But that is quickly followed by running into (literally) Quattro, a 16-year old irrepressible boy that she kind of likes. However, she finds her dad, who she is very close to, is slowly going blind and they decide to go to Machu Picchu while they still can go and photograph it. Even in Peru, she can’t get away from Quattro and she must decide if the ban is still on.PS, I Still Love You Han 7--12 |  |  |
| Followup to *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before*. Lara Jean is still with Peter, but things are a little tenuous, then another boy from her past that got a letter returns and asks her more about her feelings back then. She definitely feels a spark with him and Peter seems to be having trouble staying away from Gen, a female friend of his since childhood. She and Peter break up and get back together several times. A worthy companion to the first book.The Improbably Theory of Ana and Zak Katcher 7--12 |  |  |
| Ana is uptight and always working on her resume and college applications, the only reason why she is doing Quiz Bowl. Zak is only doing it because he is made to, or he will be expelled. Ana doesn’t respect Zak, because his attitude is bad. When Ana’s younger brother, also on Quiz Bowl runs away to a ComicCon, Zak is recruited to help get him back because he knows everything about Cons. After a madcap night, they get the brother back and Zak gets Ana. |  |  |
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| Challenger Deep Shusterman 8--12 |  |  |
| Written together with his son, who has struggled with depression and mental illness, this is a moving book, at least at the parts where the reader can tell what is going on. Alternately, Caden Bosch is on a ship, heading for Challenger Deep, the deepest part of the Marianas Trench, as an artist in residence, or a high schooler who is lying about being on the track team and instead walking for hours around the neighborhood. He cannot decide whether he should pledge allegiance to the Captain of the ship, or mutiny. There are arguments both ways.I Crawl Through It King 9--12 |  |  |
| Four teens are under a lot of pressure at their school. There are almost daily bomb threats and one of them is suspected. One of them is building an invisible helicopter to take them away, another swears they can see it. Another cannot remove their lab coat and the last has hair that is growing larger and out of control with lies. Each teen is broken, that much is clear, but not much else is.The Alex Crow Smith 9--12 |  |  |
| Ariel and Max, brothers, are sent to summer camp to detox from electronic devices. Ariel survived a massacre in his village in an unnamed country before being adopted. Smith weaves this story along with a company bringing back extinct animals, a crazy u-haul driver and an ill-fated Arctic sailing ship. It is nuts, but will appeal to certain readers.The Bunker Diary Brooks 10--12 |  |  |
| Linus is a runaway, and he wakes from being chloroformed to find himself in a below-ground concrete bunker, alone. No explanation. Soon, others join, but there is never a way to get out, or even to find out why he is there. The bunker occupants are toyed with, drugged and starved at times. Dark, grim fiction here.The Nest Oppel 5—10Steve is jealous of his baby brother, but at the same time, quite worried, because his little brother is sick. Steve spends quite a bit of time worrying, and even begins to talk to the wasps inside a giant nest being built in the eaves outside his bedroom window. They promise they can take care of everything, if he is just willing to give up his little brother. Hard to understand for younger readers. |  |  |
| Murder Complex Series (plus sequels) Cummings 9--12 |  |  |
| Meadow has been trained by her father in Florida to fight, to protect the family, Zephyr is an unhappy assassin. He works for the Initiative, helping to keep down overpopulation in this dystopian, blood-soaked world. They meet by chance, or is it chance? Meadow will find out more about her family’s secrets and Zephyr will be placed in a tough situation where he must obey his commanders, or pay the price. |  |  |
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