



High School Reads

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What If It's Us

by Becky Albertalli

Y/Fic/Albertalli

When Arthur and Ben meet-cute at the post office, what exactly does the universe have in store? Maybe nothing. After all, they get separated. Maybe everything. After all, they get reunited. But what if they can't quite nail a first date, or a second first date, or a third? What if life really isn't like a Broadway play? But what if it is?

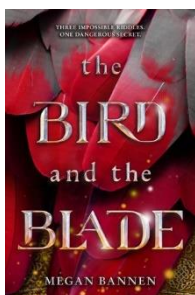


Aftermath

by Kelley Armstrong

Y/Fic/Armstrong

Three years after losing her brother Luka in a school shooting, Skye is moving home. But there's no sympathy for Skye and her family because Luka was a shooter. The shooting cost Jesse his brother and his best friend—Skye. But the closer Skye and Jesse get to the truth, the closer they get to a new killer.



The Bird and the Blade

by Megan Bannen

Y/Fic/Bannen

Jinghua has lost everything: her home, her family, her freedom. Until she finds herself aiding the escape of Prince Khalaf across the Mongol Empire. On the run, Jinghua's feelings for Khalaf evolve. But Khalaf seeks to restore his kingdom by marrying Turandokht. Turandokht requires all potential suitors to solve three impossible riddles to win her hand—and if they fail, they die.

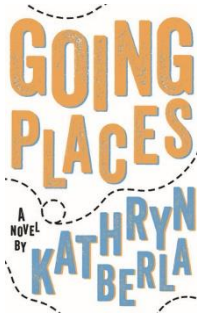


The History of Jane Doe

by Michael Belanger

Y/Fic/Balanger

Ray knows everything about the legends and lore of his Connecticut hometown. But the most interesting thing about the present is the new girl—call her Jane Doe. Inscrutable, and mysterious, Jane seems as determined to hide her past as Ray is to uncover it. As fascination turns to something more, Ray is certain he knows Jane's darkest secrets and Jane herself—from past to present. But when the unthinkable happens, Ray is forced to acknowledge that history can only tell us so much.

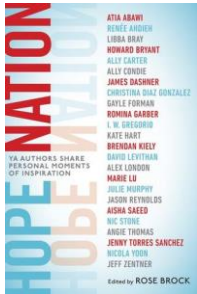


Going Places

by Katheryn Berla

Y/Fic/Berla

Everyone had high expectations for Hudson. His fourth grade teacher even wrote to that Hudson was "going places." But everything went downhill after his father died on the battlefield of Iraq. Now facing his senior year of high school without his best friends by his side, Hudson seizes homeschooling as an opportunity to retreat from the world. But what happens during this year will prove to be anything but a retreat.



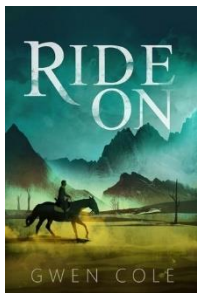
Hope Nation:

YA Authors Share Personal Moments of Inspiration

by Rose Brock (editor)

Y/Fic/Hope

We all experience moments when we struggle to understand the state of the world. The teens of today are the caretakers of tomorrow, and yet it's difficult for many to find joy or comfort in such a turbulent society. But in trying times, words are power.



Ride On

by Gwen Cole

Y/Fic/Cole

In the near post-apocalyptic future, the skies are always gray and people are constantly searching for the sun. For outlaw Seph, it's the only world he's ever known. With his horse, his pistol, and his knowledge for survival, Seph knows it's safer to be alone. But after a run-in with a local gang and being wrongly accused of murder, Seph finds Avery: a girl whose brother has been taken by the same gang.

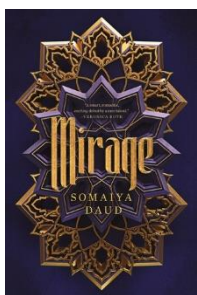


Moonrise

by Sarah Crossan

Y/Fic/Crossan

With little money or support, Joe Moon, seventeen, travels to Texas to help the older brother he barely knows through his last few weeks before being executed for murder.



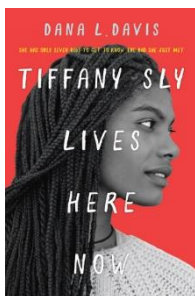
Mirage

(Mirage #1)

by Somaiya Daud

Y/Fic/Daud

Amani dreams of what life was like before the occupation; she dreams of writing poetry; she dreams of receiving a sign from Dihya that one day, she, too, will have adventure. But when adventure comes, it is not what she expects: she is kidnapped and taken to the royal palace, where she discovers that she is nearly identical to Princess Maram. The princess is so hated by her people that she requires someone to appear in public for her, ready to die in her place.

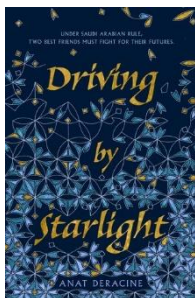


Tiffany Sly Lives Here Now

by Dana L. Davis

Y/Fic/Davis

For Tiffany Sly, life hasn't been safe or normal for a while. She lost her mom to cancer, and now she has to live with the dad she's never known. She tries to make the best of things, but she doesn't fit into her new luxurious, super-strict, home. And Tiffany has a secret. Another man claims he's Tiffany's real dad—and she only has seven days before he shows up to demand a paternity test and the truth comes out.

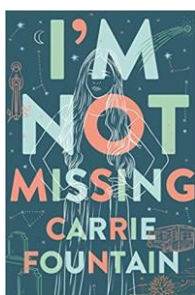


Driving by Starlight

by Anat Deracine

Y/Fic/Deracine

Leena and Mishie are best friends. They delight in small rebellions against the Saudi cultural police—secret Western clothing, forbidden music, flirtations. In their world, it's illegal for women to drive, and a ten-year-old boy might be the guardian of a fatherless woman. But Leena wants college, independence—she wants a new life.



I'm Not Missing

by Carrie Fountain

Y/Fic/Fountain

When Miranda's mother abandoned her, she took everything, and Miranda found shelter in her friendship with Syd. When Syd runs away suddenly, Miranda is abandoned once again, left to untangle the questions of why Syd left, where she is—and if she's even a friend worth saving. Her only clue is Syd's discarded pink leopard print cell phone and a single text contained there from the mysterious HIM.

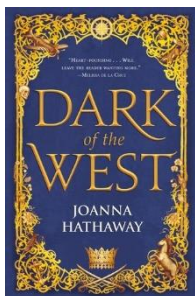


Strange Grace

by Tessa Gratton

Y/Fic/Gratton

Long ago, a village made a bargain with the devil: to ensure their prosperity, when the Slaughter Moon rises, the village must sacrifice a young man. And this year, the Slaughter Moon has risen early. Bound by duty, secrets, and the love they share for one another, Mairwen, a witch; Rhun, the saint; and Arthur, an outcast, will each have a role to play as the devil demands a body. But the devil they find is not the one they expect, and the lies they uncover will turn their town inside out.



Dark of the West

(Glass Alliance #1)

by Joana Hathaway

Y/Fic/Hathaway

Aurelia is a princess of Etania, a small kingdom in the North, raised in privilege. Athan is a fighter pilot longing for a life away from the front lines. When Athan's mother is shot and killed, his father devises a plot to overthrow the Queen—a plot which sends Athan undercover to Etania.



Heretics Anonymous

by Katie Henry

Y/Fic/Henry

When Michael, an atheist, transfers to a Catholic school in eleventh grade, he quickly connects with a secret support group intent on exposing the school's hypocrisies one stunt at a time.



Nine

by Zach Hines

Y/Fic/Hines

In an alternate world startlingly close to our own, humans have nine lives, and each death is equal to one physical and mental upgrade. Still, Julian is determined to stay on his first for as long as he can. But the regime has death incentives aimed at controlling overpopulation, and Julian realizes that he's going to have to burn at some point—especially when he becomes a target for Nicholas, the manipulative leader of the Burners, the school's suicide club.

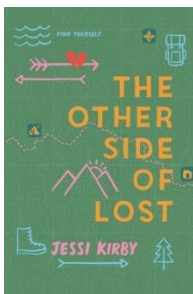


Monday's Not Coming

by Tiffany D. Jackson

Y/Fic/Jackson

Claudia and Monday have always been inseparable—more sisters than friends. So when she doesn't show for the second day—or second week of school Claudia knows that something is wrong. As Claudia digs deeper into her friend's disappearance, she discovers that no one seems to remember the last time they saw Monday. How can a girl just vanish without anyone noticing that she's gone?



The Other Side of Lost

by Jessi Kirby

Y/Fic/Kirby

Mari Turner's life is perfect to her thousands of followers who have helped her become an internet star. But when she breaks down and posts a video confessing she's been living a lie—that she isn't the happy, in-love, inspirational girl she's been trying so hard to portray—it goes viral and she receives major backlash. To get away from it all, she makes an impulsive decision: to hike the entire John Muir trail.

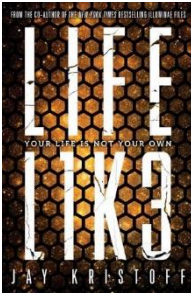


Love Me, Love Me Not

by S.M. Koz

Y/Fic/Koz

When Hailey is put into foster care Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and their son, Brad, welcome Hailey with open arms. As Hailey begins to adjust, she and Brad grow closer. For the first time, Hailey feels like she might have a real shot at happiness. Soon, Hailey realizes her relationship with Brad has crossed the line. But being with Brad would mean giving up the perfect life that Hailey has waited so long to have.



Lifelike

by Jay Kristoff
Y/Fic/Kristoff

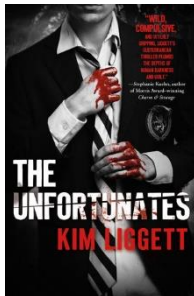
When Eve discovers the ruins of an android boy in the scrap pile she calls home, her entire world comes crashing down. With her best friend and her robotic conscience, Cricket, in tow, she and Ezekiel will trek across deserts of irradiated glass, infiltrate towering megacities and scour the graveyard of humanity's greatest folly to save the ones Eve loves, and learn the dark secrets of her past.



Sawkill Girls

by Claire Legrand
Y/Fic/Legrand

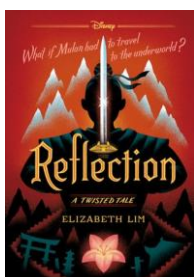
Marion: the new girl, steady and dependable. Zoey: the pariah, hurting but hiding it. Val: the queen bee, ruthless and regal. Their stories come together on the island of Sawkill Rock. Where kids whisper the legend of an insidious monster at parties and around campfires. Where girls have been disappearing for decades, stolen away by a ravenous evil no one has dared to fight... until now.



The Unfortunates

Kim Liggett
Y/Fic/Liggett

When senator's son Grant is involved in a fatal accident, all he wants to do is face the consequences of what he's done. But the truth soon becomes clear: he's going to get away with murder. Grant takes a caving trip to stage an accident and never come back. But the cave collapses, trapping him beneath the surface with four other teens. They struggle to survive, and just when it seems they might find a way out, they realize there's something else down there. And it's hunting them.



Reflection

by Eliabeth Lim
Y/Fic/Lim

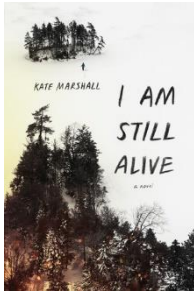
When Captain Shang is mortally wounded by Shan Yu in battle, Mulan must travel to the Underworld, Diyu. But King Yama is not willing to give Shang up easily. Mulan must find Shang's spirit and leave by sunrise—or become a prisoner forever. Moreover, Mulan is still disguised as the soldier called Ping, wrestling with the decision to reveal her true identity.



Sanctuary ***(Sanctuary #1)***

by Caryn Lix
Y/Fic/Lix

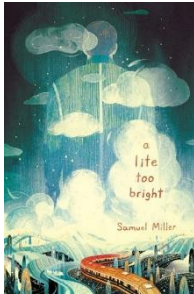
Prison-guard-in-training Kenzie is taken hostage by the superpowered criminals of the Sanctuary space station—only to have to band together with them when the station is attacked by mysterious creatures.



I Am Still Alive

by Kate Alice Marshall
Y/Fic/Marshall

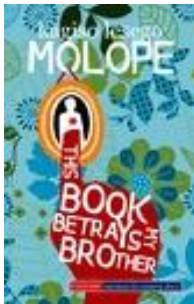
Jess hadn't seen her survivalist dad in over a decade. But after a car crash killed her mother, she was forced to move to his cabin in the remote Canadian wilderness. Just as Jess was beginning to get to know him, a secret from his past paid them a visit, leaving her father dead and Jess stranded. She knows if she doesn't act fast, the cold will kill her before she has time to worry about food. But she is still alive—for now.



A Lite Too Bright

by Samuel Miller
Y/Fic/Miller

Arthur the Third has been stripped of his college scholarship, is losing his grip on reality, and has been sent away to live with his aunt and uncle. He discovers a journal written by his grandfather, the first Arthur, an author who went missing the last week of his life. Using the journal as a guide, Arthur embarks on a cross-country train ride to relive his grandfather's last week.



This Book Betrays My Brother

by Kagiso Lesego Molohe
Y/Fic/Molohe

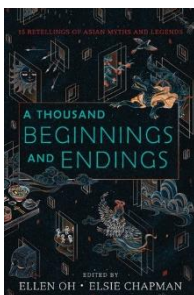
All her life, Naledi has been in awe of Basi, her charming and outgoing older brother. They've shared childhood laughter, secrets and alliances, the quirks of their parents, and stories of the adventurous boys from Kasi. At thirteen, Naledi is beginning her own adventures: Kitsano asks her to the matric dance, and she revels in a flurry of excited anticipation. Then, unexpectedly, Naledi sees Basi in an act that contradicts everything she believes about him.



Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe

by Preston Norton
Y/Fic/Norton

Cliff 'Neanderthal' Hubbard has nobody at school, and life has been even worse ever since his brother's suicide. Then quarterback Aaron returns to school after a near-death experience saying that God gave him a list of things to. And God said there's only one person who can help: Neanderthal.



A Thousand Beginnings and Endings

by Ellen Oh (editor)
Y/Fic/Thousand

Two sisters transform into birds to escape captivity. A young man learns the true meaning of sacrifice. A young woman leads the dead to their final resting place. From fantasy to science fiction to contemporary, from romance to tales of revenge, these stories will beguile readers from start to finish.

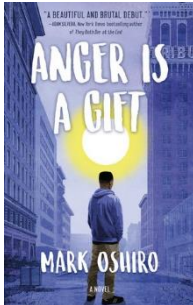


Broken Things

by Lauren Oliver

Y/Fic/Oliver

Everyone thinks Mia and Brynn killed their best friend. That driven by their obsession with a novel called *The Way Into Lovelorn* the three girls had imagined themselves into the magical world where their fantasies became twisted, even deadly. The only thing is: they didn't do it. On the anniversary of Summer's death, the girls must confront what really happened in the woods all those years ago.

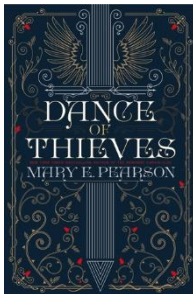


Anger is a Gift

by Mark Oshiro

Y/Fic/Oshiro

Six years ago, Moss's father was murdered by an Oakland police officer. Now, in his sophomore year of high school, Moss and his fellow classmates find themselves increasingly treated like criminals in their own school. Constant intimidation and Oakland Police Department stationed in their halls. When tragedy strikes, Moss must face a difficult choice: give in to fear and hate or realize that anger can actually be a gift.



Dance of Thieves

(Dance of Thieves #1)

by Mary E. Pearson

Y/Fic/Pearson

When outlaw leader meets reformed thief, a cat-and-mouse game of false moves ensues, bringing them intimately together in a battle that may cost them their lives—and their hearts.

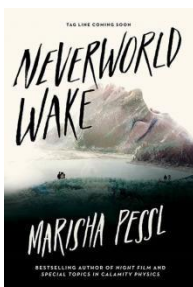


All of This is True

by Lygia Day Peñaflor

Y/Fic/Penaflor

When Long Island teens Miri, Soleil, Penny, and Jonah befriend a bestselling YA novelist, they find their deepest, darkest secrets in the pages of her next novel, with devastating consequences. Told from different perspectives as interviews, journal entries, and book excerpts.

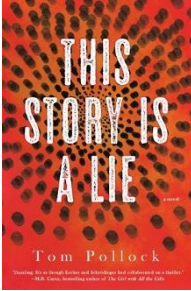


Neverworld Wake

by Marisha Pessl

Y/Fic/Pessl

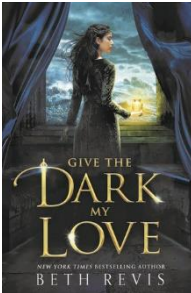
A group of teens who all attended the same elite prep school reunite a year after graduation. After a night on the town, the teens are faced with an impossible choice—only one of them can live and the decision must be unanimous.



This Story is a Lie

by Tom Pollock
Y/Fic/Pollock

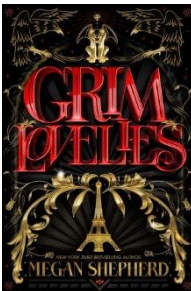
Dragged into a strange world where state and family secrets intertwine, Pete has to use his extraordinary analytical skills to find his missing sister, uncover the mystery of his mother's life's work, and track down the people who attacked her--all the while fighting to keep a grip on the fear response that threatens to overwhelm him.



***Give the Dark My Love* (Give the Dark My Love #1)**

by Beth Revis
Y/Fic/Revis

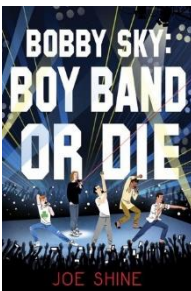
Told in two voices, seventeen-year-old alchemy student Nedra turns to dark magic when a deadly plague sweeps through her homeland leaving her new friend, Grey, to pull her from the darkness.



Grim Lovelies

by Megan Shepherd
Y/Fic/Shepherd

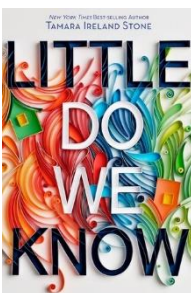
When their mistress is murdered, Anouk and her fellow beasties have only three days until their enchantment ends and they are transformed back into animals, but in seeking to remain human, they threaten the hierarchy imposed by the society of magic handlers in Paris called the Haute.



Bobby Sky: Boy Band or Die

by Joe Shine
Y/Fic/Shine

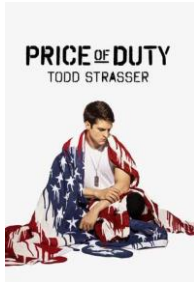
After two grueling years of training to be a Shadow, a top-secret guardian, sixteen-year-old Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson's first assignment is to join a boy band and protect its world-famous front-man, Ryo Enomoto. Hutch must change his name to Bobby Sky, and protect this Future Important Person (FIP)... even if it means becoming a teen pop sensation.



Little Do We Know

by Tamara Ireland Stone
Y/Fic/Stone

Next-door neighbors and ex-best friends Hannah and Emory haven't spoken since the fight where they said things they couldn't take back. Emory is trying to make the most of the months she has left with her boyfriend, Luke, before they head off to separate colleges. Hannah is dealing with her family's financial problems, turning to unexpected people for answers while she questions her faith. Then Hannah finds Luke doubled over in his car outside her house.

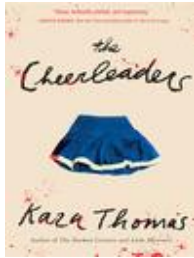


Price of Duty

by Todd Strasser

Y/Fic/Strasser

The military is awarding Jake a Silver Star for his heroic achievements—a huge honor for the son of a military family. Now he's home, recovering from an injury, but the war has followed him back. He doesn't know what to do; nothing makes sense anymore. There is only one thing that Jake knows for certain: he is no hero.

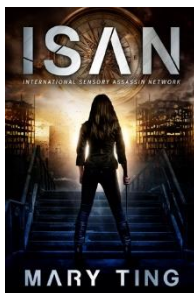


The Cheerleaders

by Kara Thomas

Y/Fic/Thomas

First there was the car accident. Not long after, the murders happened. Two girls were killed by the man next door. The police shot him, so no one will ever know why. Monica's sister was the last cheerleader to die. And Monica just wants to forget. But there are the letters in her stepdad's desk, an unearthed, years-old cell phone, a strange new friend at school. Whatever happened five years ago isn't over.



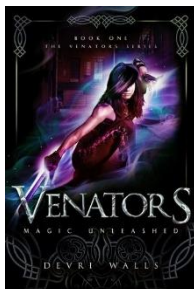
ISAN

(International Sensory Assassin Network #1)

by Mary Ting

Y/Fic/Ting

Struggling to survive, Ava is selected for a new life—with a catch. She must be injected with an experimental serum and join a program controlled by ISAN, the International Sensory Assassin Network.



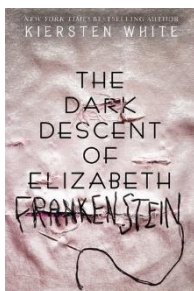
Magic Unleashed

(Venators #1)

by Devri Walls

Y/Fic/Walls

Grey was attacked by strange creatures, and since then, he's hidden new abilities. Rune has an anger that builds up whenever she's around anything supernatural. The pressure is growing and her control is slipping. By order of an unknown council, they are pulled into a land where creatures of myth and legend exist.



The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein

by Kiersten White

Y/Fic/White

Elizabeth hasn't had a proper meal in weeks, and she is on the verge of being thrown into the streets... Until she is brought to the home of Victor Frankenstein, an unsmiling boy who has everything except a friend. Elizabeth does everything she can to make herself indispensable. She is taken in and rewarded with a warm bed, food, and beautiful dresses. But her new life comes at a price.

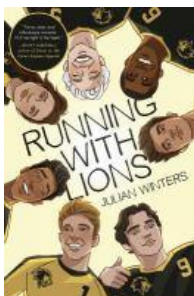


Always Never Yours

by Emily Wibberley

Y/Fic/Wibberley

All Megan's exes find their one true love right after dating her. But Megan refuses to waste time feeling sorry for herself. Instead, she focuses on fulfilling her dream school's acting requirement in the smallest role possible. But her plans quickly crumble when she's cast as Juliet and meets Owen, who agrees to help her attract the attention of a cute stagehand in exchange for help writing his new script.



Running With Lions

by Julian Winters

Y/Fic/Winters

Bloomington High School Lions' star goalie Sebastian should be excited about his senior year: his teammates are amazing, and he's got a coach who doesn't ask anyone to hide their sexuality. But then his estranged childhood-best-friend Emir shows up. Determined to reconnect with Emir for the sake of the Lions, he sets out to regain his trust. But to his surprise, days on the pitch and bonding on the weekends spark more than just friendship between them.

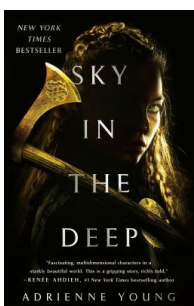


Bring Me Their Hearts

by Sara Wolf

Y/Fic/Wolf

Controlled by a witch who keeps her heart in a jar, Zera is compelled to infiltrate the court of Crown Prince Lucien and seduce him in order to exchange his heart for her own. And if she's discovered infiltrating the court, Nightsinger will destroy Zera's heart.



Sky in the Deep

by Adrienne Young

Y/Fic/Young

Raised to be a warrior, seventeen-year-old Eelyn fights alongside her clansmen in an ancient rivalry against the Riki clan, but when faced with her brother's betrayal, and driven by a growing love for her brother's friend Fiske, she attempts to unite the clans.

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