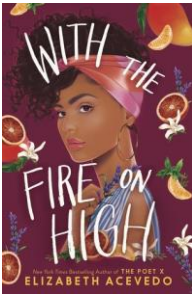


HIGH SCHOOL READS

new, upcoming, and **recommended** for summer 2019



With the Fire on High

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Y/Fic/Acevedo

With her daughter to care for and her abuela to help support, high school senior Emoni has to make the tough decisions. The one place she can let go is in the kitchen, where she adds a little something magical to everything she cooks. Still, she knows she doesn't have enough time for her school's new culinary arts class and shouldn't still be dreaming of someday working in a real kitchen.

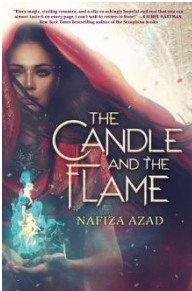


Love from A to Z

by S.K. Ali

Y/Fic/Ali

When Zayneb gets suspended for confronting her racist teacher, she heads to her aunt's house in Doha, Qatar, for an early start to spring break. Then her path crosses with Adam's. Since he got diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in November, Adam's stopped going to classes, intent, instead, on perfecting the making of things. Intent on keeping the memory of his mom alive for his little sister.



The Candle and the Flame

By Nafiza Azad

Y/Fic/Azad

Fatima lives in the city of Noor, protected by the Ifrit, djinn of order and reason, and by their commander, Zulfikar. But when one of the most potent of the Ifrit dies, Fatima is changed in ways she cannot fathom, ways that scare even those who love her.



The Beckoning Shadow

by Kathryn Blair

Y/Fic/Blair

Vesper Montgomery can summon your worst fear and turn it into a reality—but she's learned the hard way that it's an addicting and dangerous power. One wrong move and you could hurt someone you love. But when she earns a spot in the Tournament of the Unraveling, where competitors battle it out for a chance to rewrite the past, Vesper finally has a shot to reverse the mistakes that have changed her forever.



The Meaning of Birds

by Jaye Robin Brown
Y/Fic/Brown

Before, Jessica has always struggled with anger issues, but come sophomore year that all changes when Vivi crashes into her life. As their relationship blossoms, Vivi not only helps Jess deal with her pain, she also encourages her to embrace her talent as an artist. And for the first time, it feels like the future is filled with possibilities. After In the midst of senior year, Jess's perfect world is erased when Vivi suddenly passes away.



Last Bus to Everland

by Sophie Cameron
Y/Fic/Cameron

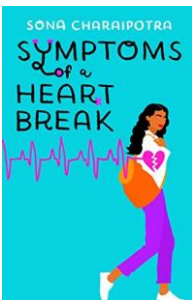
Brody Fair feels like nobody gets him. Then he meets Nico, an art student who takes Brody to Everland, a "knock-off Narnia" that opens its door at 11:21pm each Thursday. Here Brody finds his tribe and a weekly respite from a world where he feels out of place. But when the doors to Everland begin to disappear, Brody is forced to make a decision: He can say goodbye to Everland and to Nico, or stay there and risk never seeing his family again.



Hungry Hearts: 13 Tales of Food & Love

by Elsie Chapman
Y/Fic/Chapman

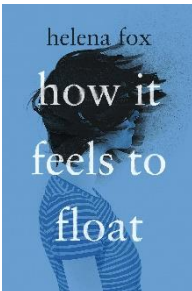
Welcome to Hungry Hearts Row, where the answers to most of life's hard questions are kneaded, rolled, baked. Where magic and food and love are sometimes one and the same. Told in interconnected short stories, *Hungry Hearts* explores the many meanings food can take on.



Symptoms of a Heartbreak

by Sona Charaipotra
Y/Fic/Charaipotra

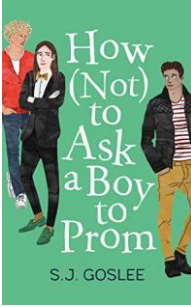
Fresh from med school, sixteen-year-old medical prodigy Saira arrives for her first day at her new job: treating children with cancer. She's always had to balance family and friendships with her celebrity as the Girl Genius—but she's never had to prove herself to skeptical adult co-workers while adjusting to real life-and-death stakes. And life gets complicated when Saira finds herself falling in love with a patient.



How it Feels to Float

by Helena Fox
Y/Fic/Fox

Biz knows how to float. She has her people, her mom and the twins. She has Grace. And she has her dad, who tells her about the little kid she was, who loves her so hard, and who shouldn't be here but is. So Biz doesn't tell anyone anything. Not about her dark, runaway thoughts, not about kissing Grace or noticing Jasper, the new boy. And she doesn't tell anyone about her dad. Because her dad died when she was six.

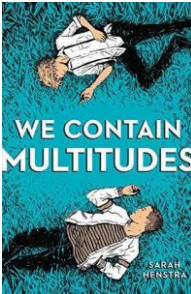


How Not to Ask a Boy to Prom

by S.J. Goslee

Y/Fic/Goslee

When his big sister stages an elaborate “prom-posal” so Nolan can ask out his not-so-secret crush, Nolan freezes. He's saved from further embarrassment by bad boy Bern, who, for his own reasons, offers to fake-date Nolan. Nolan thinks it's the perfect way to get Daphne off his back. But what he doesn't think about is Bern's ex-girlfriend, who seriously wants to kill him.

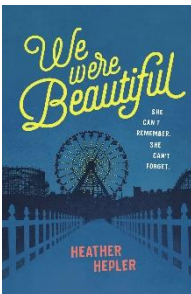


We Contain Multitudes

by Sarah Henstra

Y/Fic/Henstra

Jonathan Hopkirk and Adam “Kurl” Kurlansky are partnered in English class, writing letters to one another in a weekly pen pal assignment. With each letter, the two begin to develop a friendship that eventually grows into love. But with homophobia, bullying, and devastating family secrets, Jonathan and Kurl struggle to overcome their conflicts and hold onto their relationship—and each other.

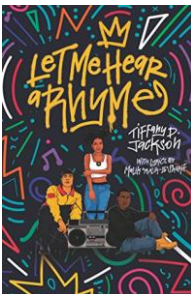


We Were Beautiful

by Heather Hepler

Y/Fic/Hepler

It's been a year since Mia was in the car crash that killed her older sister and left her terribly scarred. All Mia wants to do is hide from the world, but then she meets Fig—blue-haired, friendly, and vivacious—who takes Mia under her wing. As Mia gets to know Fig and her friends—including Cooper, the artistic boy who is always on Mia's mind—she realizes that she's not the only one with a painful past.

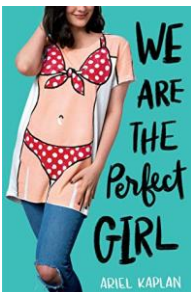


Let Me Hear a Rhyme

by Tiffany D. Jackson

Y/Fic/Jackson

Biggie Smalls was right. Things done changed. But that doesn't mean that Quadir and Jarrell are okay letting their best friend Steph's tracks lie forgotten in his bedroom after he's killed—not when his beats could turn any Bed-Stuy corner into a celebration, not after years of having each other's backs. Enlisting the help of Steph's younger sister, Jasmine, Quadir and Jarrell come up with a plan to promote Steph's music under a new rap name: The Architect.



We Are the Perfect Girl

By Ariel Kaplan

Y/Fic/Kaplan

Aphra Brown is bold and outgoing. Her best friend, Bethany, is achingly beautiful. Individually, they could both do a little better in the self-esteem department, but together? Together, they have what it takes to win over Greg D'Agostino, a proverbial “ten,” who happens to be fluent in six languages.

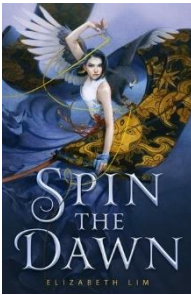


The Things She's Seen

by Ambelin Kwaymullina

Y/Fic/Kwaymullina

Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since the day she died. Her dad is drowning in grief. He's also the only one who has been able to see and hear her since the accident. But now she's got a mystery to solve, a mystery that will hopefully remind her detective father that he is still alive, that there is a life after Beth that is still worth living.



Spin the Dawn

by Elizabeth Lim

Y/Fic/Lim

Maia Tamarin dreams of becoming the greatest tailor in the land, but as a girl, the best she can hope for is to marry well. When a royal messenger summons her ailing father, once a tailor of renown, to court, Maia poses as a boy and takes his place. She knows her life is forfeit if her secret is discovered, but she'll take that risk to achieve her dream. There's just one catch: Maia is one of twelve tailors vying for the job.

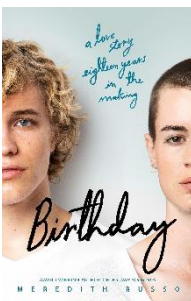


Sorcery of Thorns

by Margaret Rogerson

Y/Fic/Rogerson

All sorcerers are evil. Elisabeth has known that as long as she has known anything. Raised as a foundling in one of Austermeer's Great Libraries, Elisabeth has grown up among the tools of sorcery—magical grimoires that whisper on shelves and rattle beneath iron chains. If provoked, they transform into grotesque monsters of ink and leather. She hopes to become a warden, charged with protecting the kingdom from their power. Then an act of sabotage releases the library's most dangerous grimoire. Elisabeth's desperate intervention implicates her in the crime, and she is torn from her home to face justice in the capital.

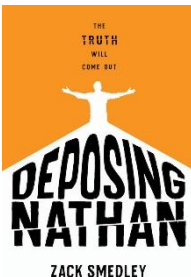


Birthday

by Meredith Russo

Y/Fic/Russo

Two kids, Morgan and Eric, are bonded for life after being born on the same day at the same time. We meet them once a year on their shared birthday as they grow and change: as Eric figures out who he is and how he fits into the world, and as Morgan makes the difficult choice to live as her true self.



Deposing Nathan

by Zack Smedley

Y/Fic/Smedley

Nate never imagined that he would be attacked by his best friend, Cam. Now, Nate is being called to deliver a sworn statement that will get Cam convicted. The problem is, the real story isn't that easy or convenient—just like Nate and Cam's friendship.

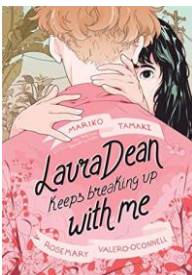


The Exact Opposite of Okay

by Laura Steven

Y/Fic/Steven

Izzy O'Neill is an aspiring comic, an impoverished orphan, and a Slut Extraordinaire. Or at least, that's what the malicious website flying round the school says. Izzy can try all she wants to laugh it off—after all, her sex life, her terms—but when pictures emerge of her doing the dirty with a politician's son, her life suddenly becomes the centre of a national scandal.

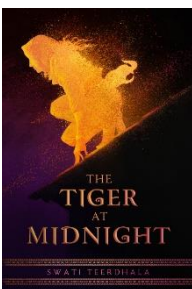


Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me

by Mariko Tamaki

Y/Graphic/Laura

Laura Dean, the most popular girl in high school, was Frederica Riley's dream girl: charming, confident, and SO cute. There's just one problem: Laura Dean is maybe not the greatest girlfriend. Reeling from her latest break up, Freddy finds the Seek-Her, a mysterious medium, who leaves Freddy some cryptic parting words: break up with her.

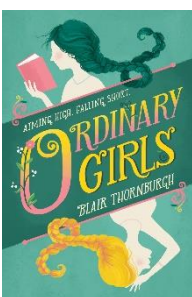


The Tiger at Midnight

by Swati Teerdhala

Y/Fic/Teerdhala

Esha is a legend, but no one knows. It's only in the shadows that she moonlights as the Viper, the rebels' highly skilled assassin. Kunal has been a soldier since childhood, training morning and night to uphold the power of King Vardaan. Then Esha's and Kunal's paths cross—and an unimaginable chain of events unfolds.



Ordinary Girls

by Blair Thornburgh

Y/Fic/Thornburgh

For two sisters as different as Plum and Ginny, getting on each other's nerves is par for the course. But when the family's finances hit a snag, the two drift even further apart. Plum, a self-described social outcast, strikes up a secret friendship with the class jock, while Ginny's usual high-strung nature escalates to pure hysterics. But this has always been the sisters' dynamic. So why does everything feel different this year?

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