



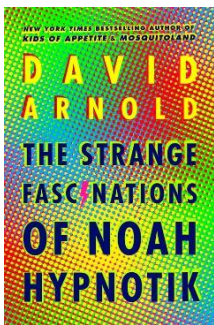
High School Reads

New, Upcoming, & Recommended for Summer 2018

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Genre Key

Adventure	AD	Humor	HU
Dystopia	DY	Mystery	MY
Fantasy	FA	Realistic	RE
Historical Fiction	HF	Sci-Fi	SF
Horror	HR	Sports	SP



The Strange Fascinations of Noah Hypnotik

by David Arnold

Y/Fic/Arnold

FA

Noah Oakman is having a rough year. There's the issue of his bad back, which has pretty much blown his champion swimming career out of the water (or has it?). And then there are the strange incongruities that keep popping up after he gets very drunk at a party one night and ends up hanging out with the son of a dead inventor (or does he?). A new scar on his mother's cheek, a clumsy dog that's suddenly cured, a best friend who is suddenly into Marvel instead of DC Comics—all these bizarre occurrences create a patchwork of confusion and dread. What happened to him the night of the party?



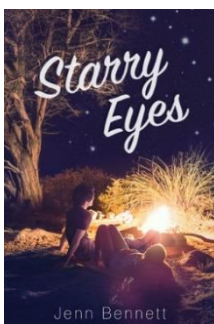
Grace and Fury

by Tracy Banghart

Y/Fic/Banghart

FA

In a world where women have no rights, sisters Serina and Nomi Tessaro face two very different fates: one in the palace, the other in prison. Serina has been groomed her whole life to become a Grace—someone to stand by the heir to the throne as a shining, subjugated example of the perfect woman. But when her headstrong and rebellious younger sister, Nomi, catches the heir's eye, it's Serina who takes the fall for the dangerous secret that Nomi has been hiding.



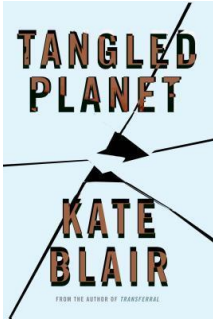
Starry Eyes

by Jenn Bennett

Y/Fic/Bennett

RE

Ever since last year's homecoming dance, best friends-turned-best enemies Zorie and Lennon have made an art of avoiding each other. It doesn't hurt that their families are the modern day, Californian version of the Montagues and Capulets. But when a group camping trip goes south, Zorie and Lennon find themselves stranded in the wilderness. Alone. Together. What could go wrong? With no one but each other for company, Zorie and Lennon have no choice but to hash out their issues via witty jabs and insults as they try to make their way to safety.



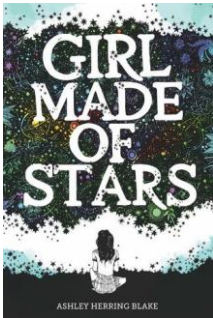
Tangled Planet

by Kate Blair

Y/Fic/Blair

SF

It's taken four hundred years of travel, but the starship Venture has finally arrived at its destination, Beta Earth, an uninhabited, untouched planet. The first night seventeen-year-old engineer Ursa is on Beta Earth, she encounters a dead body. She's positive she saw a large creature with sharp teeth, something that shouldn't even be on the planet, but nobody believes her. As injuries and bodies start piling up, Ursa must figure out who to trust when her fellow crewmates start taking sides between maintaining Venture's safety and the hope of creating a home on Beta Earth.



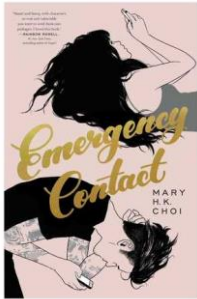
Girl Made of Stars

by Ashley Herring Blake

Y/Fic/Blake

RE

"I need Owen to explain this. Because yes, I do know that Owen would never do that, but I also know Hannah would never lie about something like that." Mara and Owen are about as close as twins can get. So when Mara's friend Hannah accuses Owen, Mara doesn't know what to think. Can the brother she loves really be guilty of such a violent crime? Torn between the family she loves and her own sense of right and wrong, Mara is feeling lost, and it doesn't help that things have been strained with her ex and best friend since childhood, Charlie. As Mara, Hannah, and Charlie navigate this new terrain, Mara must face a trauma from her own past and decide where Charlie fits in her future.



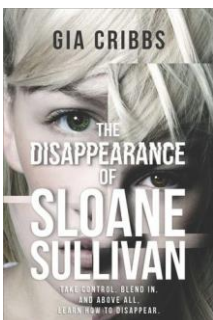
Emergency Contact

by Mary H.K. Choi

Y/Fic/Choi

RE

For Penny Lee high school was a total nonevent. Her friends were okay, her grades were fine, and while she somehow managed to land a boyfriend, he doesn't actually know anything about her. Sam's stuck. Literally, figuratively, emotionally, financially. He works at a café and sleeps there too, on a mattress on the floor of an empty storage room upstairs. He knows that this is the god-awful chapter of his life that will serve as inspiration for when he's a famous movie director, but right this second it's really testing him. When Sam and Penny cross paths it's less meet-cute and more a collision of unbearable awkwardness. Still, they swap numbers and stay in touch—via text—and soon become digitally inseparable, sharing their deepest anxieties and secret dreams without the humiliating weirdness of having to see each other.



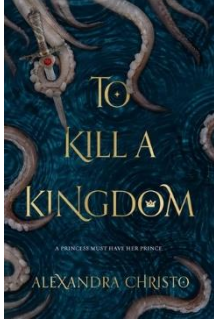
The Disappearance of Sloane Sullivan

by Gia Cribbs

Y/Fic/Cribbs

MY

No one wants me to tell you about the disappearance of Sloane Sullivan. Not even the boy who loved her more than anyone. And most certainly not the United States Marshals Service. You know, the people who run the witness protection program or, as it's officially called, the Witness Security Program? Yeah, the WITSEC folks definitely don't want me talking to you. But I don't care. I have to tell someone. If I don't, you'll never know how completely wrong things can go. How a single decision can change everything. How, when it really comes down to it, you can't trust anyone. Not even yourself. You have to understand, so it won't happen to you next.



To Kill a Kingdom
by Alexandra Christo
Y/Fic/Christo

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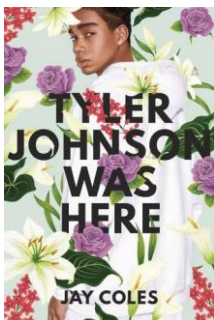
Princess Lira is siren royalty and the most lethal of them all. With the hearts of seventeen princes in her collection, she is revered across the sea. Until a twist of fate forces her to kill one of her own. To punish her daughter, the Sea Queen transforms Lira into the one thing they loathe most—a human. Robbed of her song, Lira has until the winter solstice to deliver Prince Elian's heart to the Sea Queen or remain a human forever. The ocean is the only place Prince Elian calls home. Hunting sirens is more than an unsavory hobby—it's his calling. When he rescues a drowning woman in the ocean, she's more than what she appears. She promises to help him find the key to destroying all of sirenkind for good—But can he trust her?



A Conspiracy of Stars (Faloiv #1)
by Olivia A. Cole
Y/Fic/Cole

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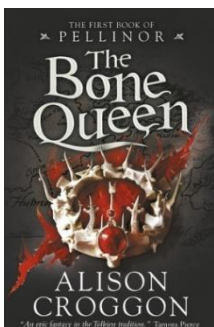
Octavia has only ever had one goal: to follow in the footsteps of her parents and become a prestigious scientist who studies the natural wonders of Faloiv. The secrets of the jungle's exotic plants and animals are protected fiercely in the labs by the Council of N'Terra, so when the rules suddenly change, allowing students inside, Octavia should be overjoyed. But something isn't right. When Octavia witnesses one of the Faloii—the indigenous people of Faloiv—attacked in front of her, she knows the Council is hiding something. They are living in separate worlds on a shared planet, and their fragile peace may soon turn into an all-out war. With the help of Rondo, a quiet boy in class with a skill for hacking, and her inquisitive best friend, Alma, Octavia is set on a collision course to discover the secrets behind the history she's been taught, the science she's lived by, and the truth about her family.



Tyler Johnson Was Here
by Jay Coles
Y/Fic/Coles

RE

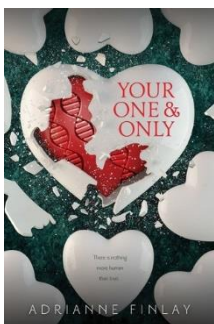
When Marvin Johnson's twin, Tyler, goes to a party, Marvin decides to tag along to keep an eye on his brother. But what starts as harmless fun turns into a shooting, followed by a police raid. The next day, Tyler has gone missing, and it's up to Marvin to find him. But when Tyler is found dead, a video leaked online tells an even more chilling story: Tyler has been shot and killed by a police officer. Terrified as his mother unravels and mourning a brother who is now a hashtag, Marvin must learn what justice and freedom really mean.



The Bone Queen
by Alison Croggon
Y/Fic/Croggon

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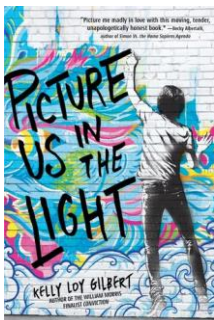
Cadvan of Lirigon, one of the most powerful Bards of his time, has been exiled from the School of Lirigon for a grievous crime that unleashed the power of the Bone Queen. Isolated and guilt-ridden, he is burdened by memories of his dealings with the Dark. Meanwhile, across Edil-Amarandh, a number of disturbing events suggest that the Bone Queen may not have been successfully banished, as was previously believed. The Light is under threat, but does Cadvan have the strength to face the Bone Queen again?



Your One & Only
by Adrienne Finlay
Y/Fic/Finlay

SF

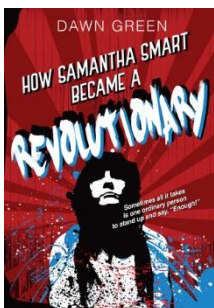
Jack is a walking fossil. The only human among a sea of clones. It's been hundreds of years since humanity died off in the slow plague, leaving the clones behind to carry on human existence. Over time they've perfected their genes, moving further away from the imperfections of humanity. But if they really are perfect, why did they create Jack? While Jack longs for acceptance, Althea-310 struggles with the feeling that she's different from her sisters. Her fascination with Jack doesn't help. As Althea and Jack's connection grows stronger, so does the threat to their lives. What will happen if they do the unthinkable and fall in love?



Picture Us in the Light
by Kelly Loy Gilbert
Y/Fic/Gilbert

RE

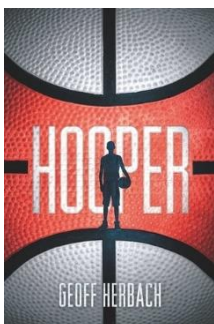
Danny Cheng has always known his parents have secrets. But when he discovers a taped-up box in his father's closet filled with old letters and a file on a powerful Silicon Valley family, he realizes there's much more to his family's past than he ever imagined. Danny has been an artist for as long as he can remember and it seems his path is set, with a scholarship to RISD. Still, contemplating a future without his best friend, Harry Wong, by his side makes Danny feel a panic he can barely put into words. Harry and Danny's lives are deeply intertwined and as they approach the one-year anniversary of a tragedy that shook their friend group to its core, Danny can't stop asking himself if Harry is truly in love with his girlfriend, or if there might be something more between the two of them.



How Samantha Smart Became a Revolutionary
by Dawn Green
Y/Fic/Green

DY

Now: the Elite Guard, policing force of the newly elected President King, has captured and imprisoned Samantha as a revolutionary. Then: Samantha Smart lives a typical college existence, until President King's election, which results in eroding human rights, constructing a wall, and limiting access to information—all in an effort to combat terrorism, unemployment, and food shortages. When Samantha and her roommate Kayla go to a football game, Samantha becomes the face of the revolution when she saves a young girl and carries Kayla's limp body out of the stadium after a bombing. Now: Samantha faces execution as a traitor to her country.

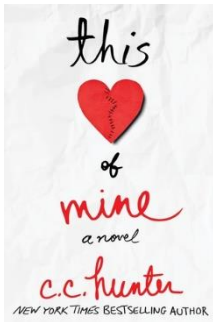


Hooper
by Geoff Herbach
Y/Fic/Herbach

SP

For Adam Reed, basketball is a passport. Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. When he's tapped to play on a select AAU team along with some of the best players in the state, it just confirms that basketball is his ticket to the good life: to new friendships, to the girl of his dreams, to a better future. But life is more complicated off the court. When an incident with the police threatens to break apart the bonds Adam's finally formed after a lifetime of struggle, he must make an impossible choice between his new family and the sport that's given him everything.

MY



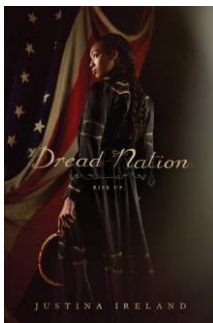
This Heart of Mine

By C.C. Hunter

Y/Fic/Hunter

RE

Seventeen-year-old Leah MacKenzie is heartless. An artificial heart in a backpack is keeping her alive. However, this route only offers her a few years. And with her rare blood type, a transplant isn't likely. Living like you are dying isn't all it's cracked up to be. But when a heart becomes available, she's given a second chance at life. Except Leah discovers who the donor was—a boy from her school—and they're saying he killed himself. Plagued with dreams since the transplant, she realizes she may hold the clues to what really happened.



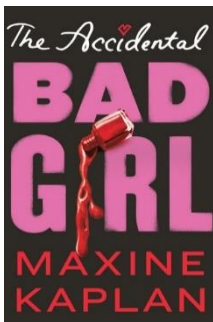
Dread Nation

by Justina Ireland

Y/Fic/Ireland

AD

Jane was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg—derailing the War Between the States and changing America forever. In this new nation, safety for all depends on the work of a few, and laws like the Native and Negro Reeducation Act require certain children attend combat schools to learn to put down the dead. But there are also opportunities—Jane is studying to become an Attendant, trained in both weaponry and etiquette to protect the well-to-do. But when families around Baltimore County begin to go missing, Jane is caught in the middle of a conspiracy, one that finds her in a desperate fight for her life.



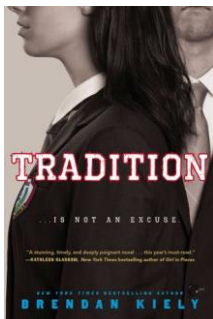
The Accidental Bad Girl

by Maxine Kaplan

Y/Fic/Kaplan

MY

After getting caught hooking up with her best friend's ex on the last day of junior year, Kendall starts senior year friendless and ostracized. And after discovering her online identity has been hacked and she's being framed for stealing from a dealer, Kendall is drawn into a tenuous partnership with the mastermind of a drug ring lurking in the shadows of her Brooklyn private school. If she wants to repair her reputation and save her neck, she'll have to decide who she really is. But the longer she plays the role of "bad girl," the more she becomes her new reputation. Friends and enemies, detectives and drug dealers—no one is who they appear to be. Least of all Kendall.



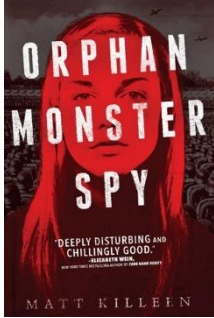
Tradition

by Brendan Kiely

Y/Fic/Kiely

RE

Prestigious. Powerful. Privileged. This is Fullbrook Academy, an elite prep school where history looms in the leafy branches over its brick walkways. But some traditions upheld in its hallowed halls are dangerous. Jules just wants to keep her head down, avoid distractions, and get into the right college. She wants freedom, but ex-boyfriends and ex-best friends are determined to keep her in place. Jamie feels like an imposter at Fullbrook, but the hockey scholarship that got him in has given him a chance to escape his past. When Jamie and Jules meet, they recognize in each other a similar instinct for survival, but at a school where girls in the student handbook are rated by their looks, the stakes couldn't be higher.



Orphan Monster Spy

by Matt Killeen

Y/Fic/Killeen

HF

After her mother is shot at a checkpoint, fifteen-year-old Sarah—blonde, blue-eyed, and Jewish—finds herself on the run from a government that wants to see every person like her dead. Then Sarah meets a mysterious man with an ambiguous accent, a suspiciously bare apartment, and a lockbox full of weapons. He's a spy, and he needs Sarah to become one, too, to pull off a mission he can't attempt on his own: infiltrate a boarding school attended by the daughters of top Nazi brass, befriend the daughter of a key scientist, and steal the blueprints to a bomb. With years of training from her actress mother in the art of impersonation, Sarah thinks she's ready. But nothing prepares her for her cutthroat schoolmates, and soon she finds herself in a battle for survival unlike any she'd ever imagined.



Cadaver & Queen

by Jessi Kirby

Y/Fic/Kirby

AD

The ancient land of Éirinn is mired in war. Ciara, Princess of Mide, has never known a time when Éirinn's kingdoms were not battling for power, or Northmen were not plundering their shores. The people of Mide have thankfully always been safe because of Ciara's unearthly ability to control her enemies' minds and actions. But lately, a mysterious crow has been appearing to Ciara, whispering warnings of an even darker threat. Although her clansmen dismiss her visions as pagan nonsense, Ciara fears this coming evil will destroy not just Éirinn, but the entire world. Then the crow leads Ciara to Leif, a young Northman leader. Leif should be Ciara's enemy, but when Ciara discovers that he, too, shares her prophetic visions, she knows he's something more.



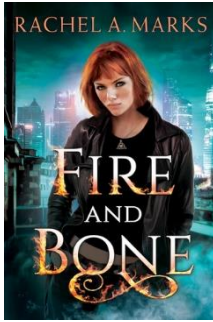
Furyborn (Empirium #1)

by Claire Legrand

Y/Fic/Legrand

FA

When assassins ambush her best friend, Rielle risks everything to save him, exposing her ability to perform all seven kinds of elemental magic. The only people who should possess this extraordinary power are a pair of prophesied queens: a queen of light and salvation and a queen of blood and destruction. To prove she is the Sun Queen, Rielle must endure seven trials to test her magic. If she fails, she will be executed...unless the trials kill her first. A thousand years later, the legend of Queen Rielle is a mere fairy tale to bounty hunter Eliana Ferracora. When the Undying Empire conquered her kingdom, she embraced violence to keep her family alive. Now, she believes herself untouchable—until her mother vanishes without a trace, along with countless other women in their city. To find her, Eliana joins a rebel captain on a dangerous mission and discovers that the evil at the heart of the empire is more terrible than she ever imagined.



Fire and Bone (Otherborn #1)

by Rachel A. Marks

Y/Fic/Marks

FA

Sage is eighteen, down on her luck, and struggling to survive on the streets of Los Angeles. Everything changes the night she's invited to a party—one that turns out to be a trap. Thrust into a magical world hidden within the City of Angels, Sage discovers that she's the daughter of a Celtic goddess, with powers that are only in their infancy. Now that she is of age, she's asked to pledge her service to one of the five deities, all keen on winning her favor by any means possible. As loyalties shift, and as the two men vie for her attention, Sage tries to figure out who to trust in a realm she doesn't understand. One thing's for sure: the trap she's in has bigger claws than she thought. And it's going to take a lot more than magic for this demigoddess to make it out alive.



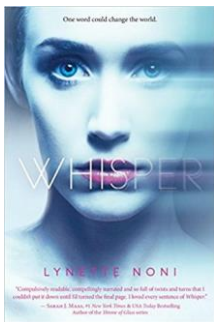
Flight Season

by Marie Marquardt

Y/Fic/Marquardt

RE

Back when they were still strangers, TJ Carvalho witnessed the only moment in Vivi Flannigan's life when she lost control entirely. Now, TJ can't seem to erase that moment from his mind, no matter how hard he tries. Vivi doesn't remember any of it, but she's determined to leave it far behind. But when Vivi returns home from her first year away at college, her big plans and TJ's ambition to become a nurse land them both on the heart ward of a university hospital, facing them with a long and painful summer together—three months of glorified babysitting for Ángel, the problem patient on the hall. Sure, Ángel may be suffering from a life-threatening heart infection, but that doesn't make him any less of a pain. As it turns out, though, Ángel Solís has a thing or two to teach them about all those big plans, and the incredible moments when love gets in their way.



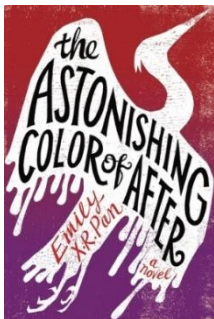
Whisper (Whisper #1)

By Lynette Noni

Y/Fic/Noni

SF

For two years, six months, fourteen days, eleven hours and sixteen minutes, Subject Six-Eight-Four—'Jane Doe'—has been locked away and experimented on, without uttering a single word. As Jane's resolve begins to crack under the influence of her new—and unexpectedly kind—evaluator, she uncovers the truth about Lengard's mysterious 'program', discovering that her own secret is at the heart of a sinister plot... and one wrong move, one wrong word, could change the world.



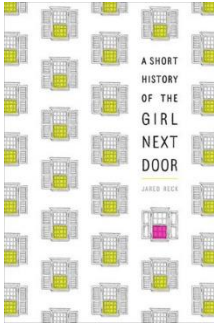
The Astonishing Color of After

by Emily X.R. Pan

Y/Fic/Pan

RE

Leigh Chen Sanders is absolutely certain about one thing: When her mother died by suicide, she turned into a bird. Leigh, who is half Asian and half white, travels to Taiwan to meet her maternal grandparents for the first time. There, she is determined to find her mother, the bird. In her search, she winds up chasing after ghosts, uncovering family secrets, and forging a new relationship with her grandparents. And as she grieves, she must try to reconcile the fact that on the same day she kissed her best friend and longtime secret crush, Axel, her mother was taking her own life.



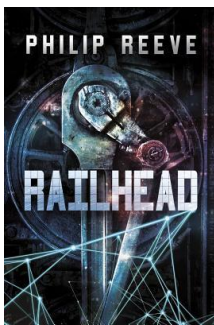
A Short History of the Girl Next Door

by Jared Reck

Y/Fic/Reck

RE

Fifteen-year-old Matt Wainwright is in turmoil. He can't tell his lifelong best friend, Tabby, how he really feels about her; his promising basketball skills are being overshadowed by his attitude on the court, and the only place he feels normal is in English class, where he can express his inner thoughts in quirky poems and essays. Matt is desperately hoping that Tabby will reciprocate his feelings; but then Tabby starts dating Liam Branson, senior basketball star and all-around great guy. Losing Tabby to Branson is bad enough; but, as Matt soon discovers, he's close to losing everything that matters most to him.



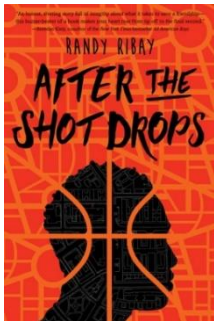
Railhead (Railhead #1)

by Phillip Reeve

Y/Fic/Reeve

SF

The Great Network is a place of drones and androids, maintenance spiders and Station Angels. The place of the thousand gates, where sentient trains criss-cross the galaxy in a heartbeat. Zen Starling is a petty thief, a street urchin from Thunder City. So when mysterious stranger Raven sends Zen and his new friend Nova on a mission to infiltrate the Emperor's train, he jumps at the chance to traverse the Great Network, to cross the galaxy in a heartbeat, to meet interesting people—and to steal their stuff. But the Great Network is a dangerous place, and Zen has no idea where his journey will take him.



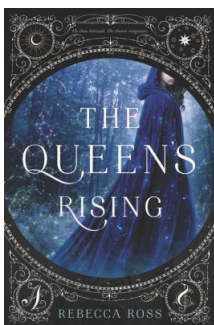
After the Shot Drops

by Randy Ribay

Y/Fic/Ribay

SP

Bunny and Nasir have been best friends forever, but when Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, Nasir feels betrayed. While Bunny tries to fit in with his new, privileged peers, Nasir spends more time with his cousin, Wallace, who is being evicted. Nasir can't help but wonder why the neighborhood is falling over itself to help Bunny when Wallace is in trouble. When Wallace makes a bet against Bunny, Nasir is faced with an impossible decision—maybe a dangerous one.



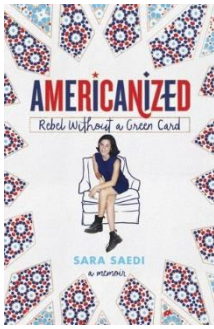
The Queen's Rising

by Rebecca Ross

Y/Fic/Ross

FA

When her seventeenth summer solstice arrives, Brienna desires only two things: to master her passion and to be chosen by a patron. Growing up in the southern Kingdom of Valenia at the renowned Magnalia House should have prepared her for such a life. While some are born with an innate talent for one of the five passions—art, music, dramatics, wit, and knowledge—Brienna struggled to find hers until she belatedly chose to study knowledge. However, despite all her preparations, Brienna's greatest fear comes true—the solstice does not go according to plan and she is left without a patron. Months later, her life takes an unexpected turn when a disgraced lord offers her patronage. Suspicious of his intent, and with no other choices, she accepts. But there is much more to his story, and Brienna soon discovers that he has sought her out for his own vengeful gain.



Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card

by Sara Saedi

Biog/Saedi

NF

Americanized follows Sara's progress toward getting her green card, but that's only a portion of her experiences as an Iranian-"American" teenager. From discovering that her parents secretly divorced to facilitate her mother's green card application to learning how to tame her unibrow, Sara pivots gracefully from the terrifying prospect that she might be kicked out of the country at any time to the almost-as-terrifying possibility that she might be the only one of her friends without a date to the prom. This moving, often hilarious story is for anyone who has ever shared either fear.



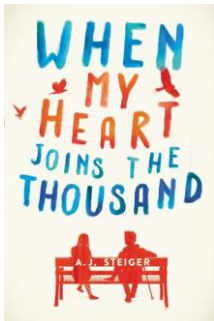
In Her Skin

by Kim Savage

Y/Fic/Savage

MY

Sixteen-year-old con artist Jo Chastain is about to take on the biggest scam of her life: impersonating a missing girl. Life on the streets of Boston these past few years hasn't been easy, and Jo is hoping to cash in on a little safety, a little security. She finds her opportunity in the Lovecrafts, a wealthy family with ties to the unsolved disappearance of Vivienne. When Jo takes on Vivi's identity and stages the girl's miraculous return, the Lovecrafts welcome her back with open arms. They give her everything she could want: love, money, and proximity to their intoxicating and unpredictable daughter, Temple. But nothing is as it seems in the Lovecraft household—and some secrets refuse to stay buried.



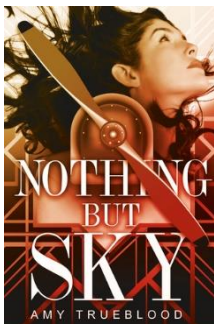
When My Heart Joins the Thousand

by A.J. Steiger

Y/Fic/Steiger

RE

Alvie Fitz doesn't fit in, and she doesn't care. She's spent years swallowing meds and bad advice from doctors and social workers. Adjust, adapt. Pretend to be normal. It sounds so easy. If she can make it to her eighteenth birthday without any major mishaps, she'll be legally emancipated. But if she fails, she'll be sent back to the group home. Then she meets Stanley, a boy who might be even stranger than she is—a boy who walks with a cane, who turns up every day with a new injury, whose body seems as fragile as glass. Without even meaning to, she finds herself getting close to him. But Alvie remembers what happened to the last person she truly cared about. Her past stalks her with every step, and it has sharp teeth.



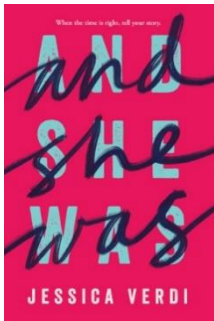
Nothing but Sky

by Amy Trueblood

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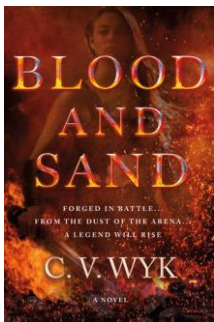
Grace Lafferty only feels alive when she's dangling 500 feet above ground. As a post-World War I wing walker, Grace is determined to get to the World Aviation Expo, proving her team's worth against flashier competitors and earning a coveted Hollywood contract. No one's ever questioned Grace's ambition until Henry Patton, a mechanic with plenty of scars from the battlefield, joins her barnstorming team. With each new death-defying trick, Henry pushes Grace to consider her reasons for being a daredevil. Annoyed with Henry's constant interference, and her growing attraction to him, Grace continues to test the powers of the sky. But when a stunt goes wrong, Grace must decide whether Henry, and her life, are worth risking for one final trick.



And She Was
By Jessica Verdi
Y/Fic/Verdi

RE

Dara's lived a sheltered life with her single mom, Mellie. Now, at eighteen, she's dreaming of more. When Dara digs up her never-before-seen birth certificate, her world implodes. Why are two strangers listed as her parents? Dara confronts her mother, and is stunned by what she learns: Mellie is transgender. The unfamiliar name listed under "father"? That's Mellie. She transitioned when Dara was a baby, shortly after Dara's birth mother died. But Dara still has more questions than answers. Reeling, she sets off on a road trip with her best guy friend, Sam. She's determined to find the extended family she's never met. What she discovers—and what her mother reveals, piece by piece over emails—will challenge and change Dara more than she can imagine.



Blood and Sand
by C.V. Wyk
Y/Fic/Wyk

HF

The Republic of Rome is on a relentless march to create an empire—an empire built on the backs of the conquered, brought back to Rome as slaves. Attia was once destined to rule as the queen and swordmaiden of Thrace, the greatest warrior kingdom the world had seen since Sparta. Now she is a slave, given to Xanthus, the Champion of Rome, as a sign of his master's favor. Enslaved as a child, Xanthus is the preeminent gladiator of his generation. Against all odds, Attia and Xanthus form a tentative bond. A bond that will spark a rebellion. A rebellion that threatens to bring the Roman Republic to its end—and gives rise to the legend of Spartacus.

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