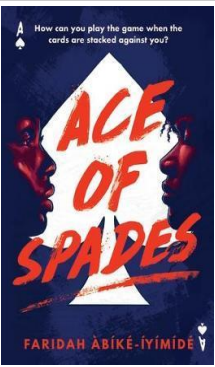
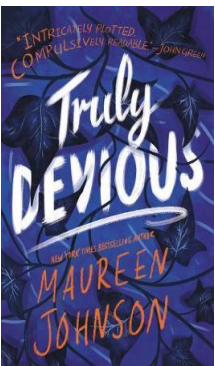
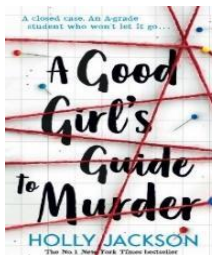

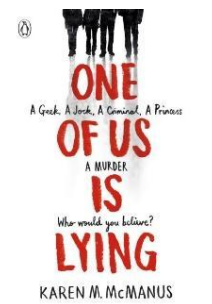
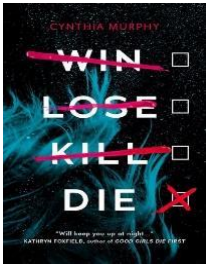
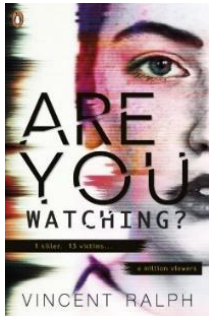
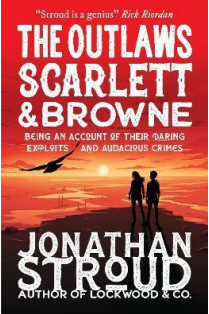


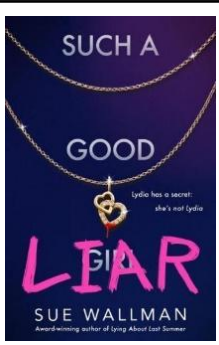
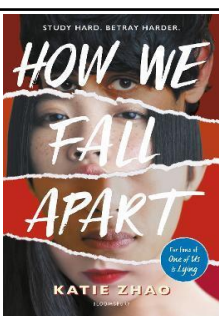
KS4 Recommended Reads

Top 10 for Crime/Mystery/Thriller

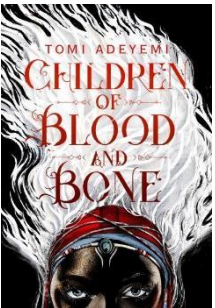
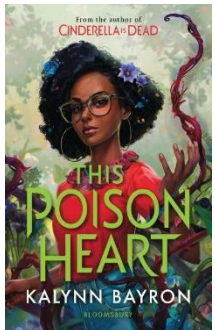

	Title	Author	Genre	Summary
	Ace of Spades	Faridah Abike-Iyimide	Boarding School, Murder Mystery, Racism	<p>Hello, Niveus High. It's me. Who am I? That's not important. All you need to know is... I'm here to divide and conquer. – Aces</p> <p>Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light. Talented musician Devon buries himself in rehearsals, but he can't escape the spotlight when his private photos go public. Head girl Chiamaka isn't afraid to get what she wants, but soon everyone will know the price she has paid for power. Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...</p>
	Truly Devious	Maureen Johnson	Crime, Puzzles, School,	<p>Ellingham Academy is a famous private school for the brightest thinkers, inventors, and artists. It was founded by Albert Ellingham, an early twentieth century tycoon, who wanted to make a wonderful place "where learning is a game."</p> <p>Shortly after the school opened, his wife and daughter were kidnapped. The only real clue was a mocking riddle listing methods of murder, signed with the frightening pseudonym "Truly, Devious." It became one of the great unsolved crimes of American history.</p> <p>True-crime aficionado Stevie Bell is set to begin her first year at Ellingham Academy, and she has an ambitious plan: She will solve this cold case. That is, she will solve the case when she gets a grip on her demanding new school life and her housemates: the inventor, the novelist, the actor, the artist, and the jokester. But something strange is happening. Truly Devious makes a surprise return, and death revisits Ellingham Academy. The past has crawled out of its grave. Someone has gotten away with murder.</p>

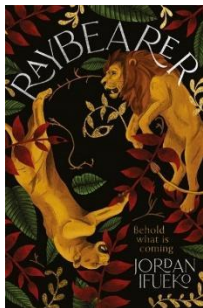
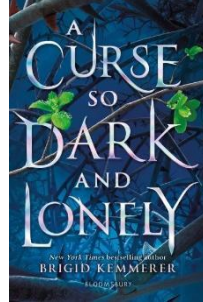

	A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson	Friendship, Mystery, Crime, Murder	<p>The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. Almost everyone.</p> <p>Having grown up in the small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi chooses the case as the topic for her final project. But when Pip starts uncovering secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden, what starts out as a project begins to become Pip's dangerous reality.</p>
	The Magpie Society	Amy McCulloch, Zoe Sugg	School, Murder, Thriller, Secret Societies	<p>Illumen Hall is a boarding school of tradition and achievement.</p> <p>But tragedy strikes when the body of a student is discovered on the beach - and on her back is an elaborate tattoo of a magpie.</p> <p>For new student Audrey, it is just another unsettling thing about her new school, along its weird obsession with magpies. For her roommate Ivy, the death of her friend is one thing she desperately wants to get past - and having a new student asking questions and cluttering up her personal space is not helping a bit.</p> <p>But the two girls are forced into an unlikely alliance when a mysterious podcast airs, with one sinister headline:</p> <p>I KNOW WHO KILLED LOLA. AND ONE OF YOU IS NEXT.</p>
	One of us is Lying	Karen McManus	Murder Mystery, School, Friendship, Bullying, TV Show	<p>On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention.</p> <p>Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app.</p> <p>Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident.</p> <p>Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.</p>

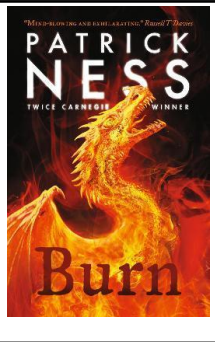
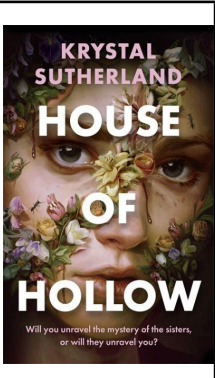
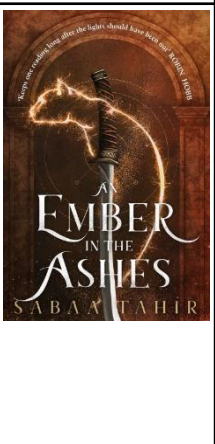
	Win Lose Kill Die	Cynthia Murphy	Crime, Murder, School, Friendship	<p>The students at Morton Academy are high-achievers, selected based on academic excellence. So when a series of murders target the schools brightest and best, the pressure is on. Someone is determined to stop at nothing to clear their path to the top. But who is it? And can they be stopped?</p> <p>A twisty, turn filled whodunit – loved it!</p>
	Are you Watching?	Vincent Ralph	Serial Killer, Thriller, Mystery	<p>Ten years ago, Jess's mother was murdered by the Magpie Man. She was the first of his victims but not the last. Now Jess is the star of a YouTube reality series and she's using it to catch the killer once and for all.</p> <p>The whole world is watching her every move. And so is the Magpie Man. A book with red herrings aplenty and a fantastic twist, this is a great thrilling must-read YA book.</p>
	The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne	Jonathan Stroud	Mystery, Dystopian, Adventure, Funny, Upcoming TV series	<p>England has been radically changed by a series of catastrophes - large cities have disappeared and London has been replaced by a lagoon. The surviving population exists in fortified towns where they cling to traditional ways, while strangely evolved beasts prowl the wilderness beyond.</p> <p>Conformity is rigidly enforced and those who fall foul of the rules are persecuted: some are killed, others are driven out into the wilds. Only a few fight back - and two of these outlaws, Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, display an audacity and talent that makes them legends.</p>


	Such a Good Liar	Sue Wallman	Revenge, Mystery, Crime, Thriller, Family	<p>Seventeen-year-old Lydia Cornwallis has arrived on a remote island populated only by wealthy families. She uses her charms, connections and money hoping to earn a place among them.</p> <p>She's faking her way into the most exclusive social circles for revenge. But how long can her lies hold up? She quickly finds acceptance, even adoration, from the close-knit families that rule the island. But a storm is coming, and all routes to the mainland are cut off. But thank goodness the Harrington sisters made it in time, because Lydia simply can't wait to meet them. That's because Lydia's not really Lydia Cornwallis. And the Harringtons have hell to pay for what they've done.</p>
	How we Fall Apart	Katie Zhao	Mystery, School, Thriller, Crime, Friendship	<p>Nancy Luo is shocked when her former best friend, Jamie Ruan, top-ranked junior at Sinclair Prep, goes missing, and then is found dead. Nancy is even more shocked when word starts to spread that she and her friends - Krystal, Akil, and Alexander - are the prime suspects, thanks to "the Proctor," someone anonymously incriminating them via the school's social media app.</p> <p>They all used to be Jamie's closest friends, and she knew each of their deepest, darkest secrets. Now, somehow the Proctor knows them, too. The four must uncover the true killer before The Proctor exposes more than they can bear and costs them more than they can afford.</p>

Top 10 Fantasy and Magical Books

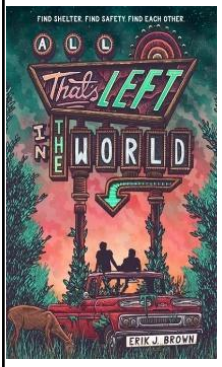
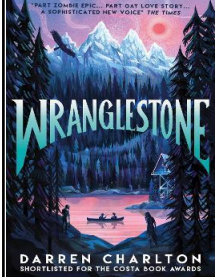

	Children of Blood and Bone	Tomi Adeyemi	Fantasy, Magical, Africa, Award Winner	<p>Zelie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zelie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls.</p> <p>But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were targeted and killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zelie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zelie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.</p> <p>Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl, and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zelie herself as she struggles to control her powers - and her growing feelings for an enemy.</p>
	This Poison Heart	Kalynn Bayron	Greek Mythology, LGBT, Fantasy	<p>Ever since she can remember, Briseis has had power over plants. Flowers bloom in her footsteps and leaves turn to face her as though she were the sun. It's a power she and her adoptive mothers have spent her whole life trying to hide. And then Briseis inherits an old house from her birth mother and suddenly finds herself with the space and privacy to test her powers for the first time.</p> <p>But as Briseis starts to bring the house's rambling garden back to life, she finds she has also inherited generations of secrets. A hidden altar to a dark goddess, a lineage of witches stretching back to ancient times, and a hidden garden overgrown with the most deadly poisonous plants on Earth. And Briseis's long-departed ancestors aren't going to let her rest until she accepts her place as the keeper of the terrible power that lies at the heart of the Poison Garden.</p>
	The Gilded Ones	Namina Forna	Fantasy, Africa, Magic, Battles	<p>Sixteen-year-old Deka lives in Otera, a deeply patriarchal ancient kingdom, where a woman's worth is tied to her purity, and she must bleed to prove it. But when Deka bleeds gold - the colour of impurity, of a demon - she faces a consequence worse than death.</p> <p>She is saved by a mysterious woman who tells Deka of her true nature: she is an Alaki, a near-immortal with exceptional gifts. The stranger offers her a choice: fight for the Emperor, with others just like her, or be destroyed...</p>

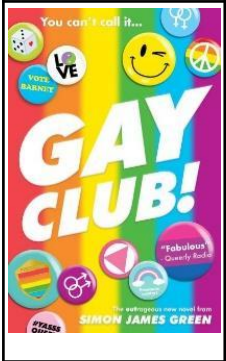
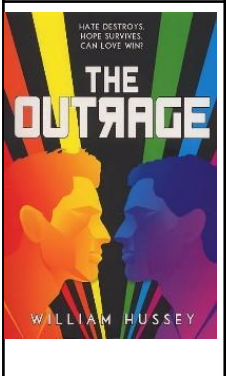
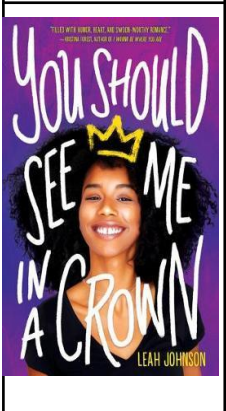
	Raybearer	Jordan Ifueko	Magic, Mythology, Fantasy, Adventure	<p>Tarisai has always longed for the warmth of a family. She was raised in isolation by a mysterious, often absent mother known only as The Lady. The Lady sends her to the capital of the global empire of Aritsar to compete with other children to be chosen as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11.</p> <p>If she's picked, she'll be joined with the other Council members through the Ray, a bond deeper than blood. That closeness is irresistible to Tarisai, who has always wanted to belong somewhere. But The Lady has other ideas, including a magical wish that Tarisai is compelled to obey: Kill the Crown Prince once she gains his trust. Tarisai won't stand by and become someone's pawn - but is she strong enough to choose a different path for herself?</p>
	A Curse so Dark and Lonely	Bridgid Kemmerer	Romance, Fantasy, Beauty and the Beast, Adventure	<p>Prince Rhen, the heir to Emberfall, is cursed. Forced to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year over and over, he can only be freed by love. But at the end of each autumn he is transformed into a beast hell-bent on destruction, and after so many failed attempts, his kingdom and its people are barely holding on.</p> <p>Harper's life has never been easy, but she's learned to be tough enough to survive the streets of Washington DC. She won't let anything hold her back, not her cerebral palsy or her mother's deteriorating health. But when she is sucked into Rhen's world, nothing is as it seems. Powerful forces are standing against Emberfall... and it will take more than a broken curse to save it from utter ruin.</p>
	Gilded	Marissa Meyer	Fairy Tales, Magic, Romance,	<p>All magic comes at a price, but love was never part of the bargain...</p> <p>The look he was giving her. Serilda had never been looked at like that before...The intensity. The heat. The raw astonishment. He was going to kiss her.</p> <p>Cursed by the god of lies, a miller's daughter has developed a talent for storytelling - but are all of her tales as false as they appear?</p> <p>When one of Serilda's stories draws the attention of the devastating Erlking, she finds herself swept away into a world of enchantment, where ghouls prowl the earth, and ravens track her every move. The king locks Serilda in a castle dungeon and orders her to spin straw into gold, or be killed for lying. In despair, Serilda unwittingly summons a mysterious young man to her aid. And he agrees to help her, for a price. But love wasn't meant to be part of the bargain.</p>

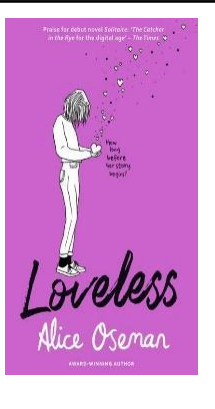
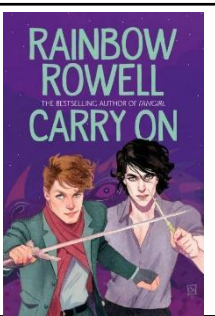
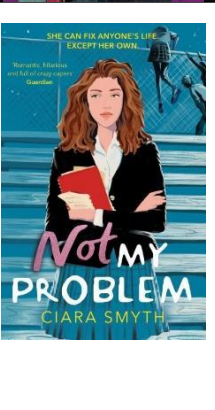
	Burn	Patrick Ness	Dragons, Magic, Dystopian, Historical, LGBT	<p>"On a cold Sunday evening in early 1957, Sarah Dewhurst waited with her father in the parking lot of the Chevron Gas Station for the dragon he'd hired to help on the farm."</p> <p>This dragon, Kazimir, has more to him than meets the eye. Sarah can't help but be curious about him, an animal who supposedly doesn't have a soul but is seemingly intent on keeping her safe from the brutal attentions of Deputy Sheriff Emmett Kelby.</p> <p>Kazimir knows something she doesn't. He has arrived at the farm because of a prophecy. A prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult of dragon worshippers, two FBI agents - and somehow, Sarah Dewhurst herself.</p>
	House of Hollow	Krystal Sutherland	Mythology, Magic, Fantasy, Siblings, Fairy Tales	<p>The Hollow sisters - Vivi, Grey and Iris - are as seductively glamorous as they are mysterious. They have black eyes and hair as white as milk. They share the same birthday, spaced exactly two years apart. The Hollow sisters don't have friends - they don't need them. They move through the corridors like sharks, the other little fish parting around them, whispering behind their backs.</p> <p>And everyone knows who the Hollow sisters are. Because one day the three Hollow sisters simply disappeared. And when they came back, one month later, with no memory of where they had been, it was as if nothing had changed. Almost nothing, Apart from, for example, the little scar that had appeared in the hollow of their throats ... and a whispering sense that something is not quite right about them, despite (or maybe because of) the terrible passion to be with them that they can exert on anybody at will...</p>
	An Ember in the Ashes	Sabaa Tahir	Magic, Romance, Dystopian, Family, Murder, Revenge	<p>Under the Martial Empire, defiance is met with death.</p> <p>When Laia's grandparents are brutally murdered and her brother arrested for treason by the empire, the only people she has left to turn to are the rebels. But in exchange for their help in saving her brother, they demand that Laia spy on the ruthless Commandant of Blackcliff, the Empire's greatest military academy. Should she fail it's more than her brother's freedom at risk . . . Laia's very life is at stake.</p> <p>There, she meets Elias, the academy's finest soldier. But Elias wants only to be free of the tyranny he's being trained to enforce. He and Laia will soon realize that their destinies are intertwined - and that their choices will change the fate of the Empire itself.</p>

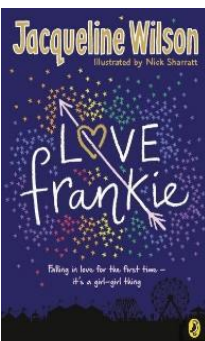
	Twin Crowns	Katherine Webber & Catherine Doyle	Siblings, Magic, Royalty, Witches	<p>Two sisters. One throne. Who will ultimately rise to power and wear the crown?</p> <p>Wren Greenrock has always known that one day she would steal her sister's place in the palace. Trained from birth to avenge her parents' murder and usurp the princess, she will do anything to rise to power and protect the community of witches she loves.</p> <p>Princess Rose Valhart knows that with power comes responsibility including marriage into a brutal kingdom. Life outside the palace walls is a place to be feared and she is soon to discover that it's wilder than she ever imagined.</p>
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Top 10 LGBTQ+ Books


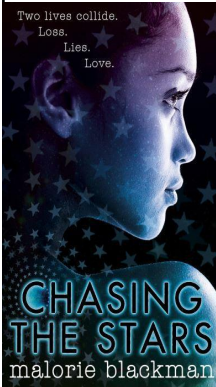
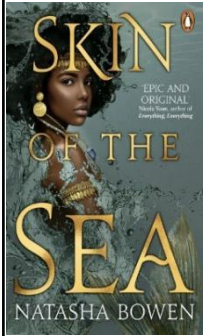
	All That's Left in the World	Erik J Brown	LGBTQ, Pandemic, Dystopian, End of the World, Romance	<p>Jamie and Andrew are strangers, and two of the last people on Earth. They don't know what they'll find on their perilous journey... but they may just find each other.</p> <p>When the Superflu wipes out most of the population, Jamie finds himself completely alone in a cabin in the woods - until an injured stranger crosses his path.</p> <p>Life is dangerous now and, armed with a gun, Jamie goes to pull the trigger. But there's something about Andrew... something that stops Jamie in his tracks. Jamie takes him in, and as Andrew heals and they eventually step out into the strange new world, their relationship starts to feel like more than just friendship...</p> <p>But trouble isn't far behind. As the boys make a perilous journey south, they'll come face to face with a world torn apart and society in ruins. And who, or what, will they find waiting for them at the end of it all?</p>
	Wranglestone	Darren Charlton	Zombies, Dystopian, LGBTQ, Apocalypse, Romance, Award Winner	<p>In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice.</p> <p>Then homebody Peter puts the camp in danger by naively allowing a stranger to come ashore and he's forced to leave the community of Wranglestone. Now he must help rancher Cooper, the boy he's always watched from afar, herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over.</p> <p>But as love blossoms, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past. One that forces the pair to question everything they've ever known.</p>
	Perfect on Paper	Sophie Gonzales	Humorous, School, Friendship, LGBTQ, Romance	<p>But when Brougham catches Darcy in the act of collecting letters from locker 89 - out of which she's been running her questionably legal, anonymous relationship advice service - that's exactly what happens. In exchange for keeping her secret, Darcy begrudgingly agrees to become his personal dating coach. The goal? To help him win his ex-girlfriend back.</p> <p>Darcy has good reason to keep her identity secret. If word gets out that she's behind the locker, some things she's not proud of will come to light, and there's a good chance Brooke will never speak to her again.</p>

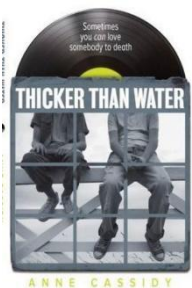
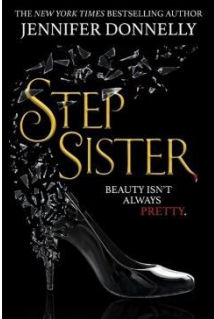
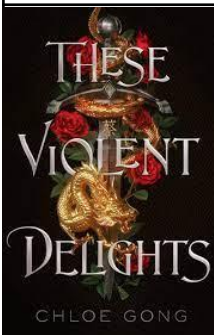
	Gay Club	Simon Green	School, Friendship, LGBTQ, Politics	<p>Barney's a shoe-in for LGBTQ+ Society President at the school club's next election. But when the vote is opened up to the whole student body, Barney's classmates instead vote for the school's straightest-seeming boy - Danny Orlando - to lead the club!</p> <p>And when a national charity announces a competition for choosing their Youth Ambassadors for a year, Danny is clearly in over his head - he needs Barney's help.</p> <p>The gloves are off between school clubs competing from around the country, and as the competition gets heated at a weekend conference, it soon becomes National Coming Out Day - for everyone's secrets!</p>
	The Outrage	William Hussey	Dystopian, Action, Relationships, LGBTQ	<p>Welcome to England, where the Protectorate enforces the Public Good. Here, there are rules for everything - what to eat, what to wear, what to do, what to say, what to read, what to think, who to obey, who to hate, who to love. Your safety is assured, so long as you follow the rules.</p> <p>Gabriel is a natural born rule-breaker. And his biggest crime of all? Being gay.</p> <p>Gabriel knows his sexuality must be kept secret from all but his closest friends, not only to protect himself, but to protect his boyfriend. Because Eric isn't just the boy who has stolen Gabriel's heart. He's the son of the chief inspector at Degenerate Investigations - the man who poses the single biggest threat to Gabriel's life.</p> <p>And the Protectorate are experts at exposing secrets.</p>
	You Should See Me in a Crown	Leah Johnson	Prom, School, Friendship, Mental Health, LGBTQ, Relationships	<p>Liz has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed town. But Liz has an escape plan to attend an uber-elite college, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor. But when the financial aid she was counting on unexpectedly falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen. There's nothing Liz wants to do less than endure a gauntlet of social media trolls, catty competitors, and humiliating public events, but despite her devastating fear of the spotlight she's willing to do whatever it takes to get to college.</p> <p>The only thing that makes it halfway bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. But Mack is also in the running for queen. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams . . . or make them come true?</p>

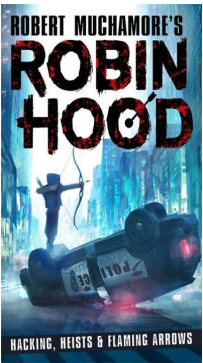
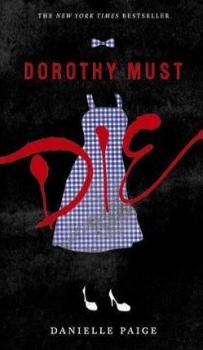
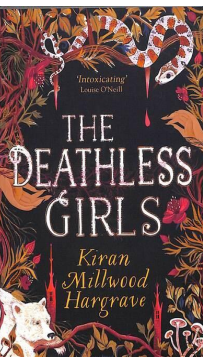
	Loveless	Alice Oseman	Friendship, LGBT, Self-esteem, Relationships, Award Winner	<p>Georgia feels loveless - in the romantic sense, anyway. She's eighteen, never been in a relationship, or even had a crush on a single person in her whole life. She thinks she's an anomaly, people call her weird, and she feels a little broken. But she still adores romance - weddings, fan fiction, and happily ever afters. She knows she'll find her person one day ... right?</p> <p>After a disastrous summer, Georgia is now at university, hundreds of miles from home. She is more determined than ever to find love - and her annoying roommate, Rooney, is a bit of a love expert, so perhaps she can help.</p> <p>But maybe Georgia just doesn't feel that way about guys. Or girls. Or anyone at all. Maybe that's okay. Maybe she can find happiness without falling in love. And maybe Rooney is a little more loveless than she first appears.</p>
	Carry On	Rainbow Rowell	Fanfiction, Romance, Magic, LGBTQ, Enemies	<p>Simon Snow just wants to enjoy his last year at the Watford School of Magicks, but no one will let him. His girlfriend broke up with him, his best friend is a pest and his mentor keeps trying to hide him away in the mountains where maybe he'll be safe.</p> <p>Simon can't even enjoy the fact that his room-mate and long-time nemesis is missing, because he can't stop worrying about the evil git. Plus there are ghosts. And vampires. And actual evil things trying to shut Simon down. When you're the most powerful magician the world has ever known, you never get to relax and savour anything.</p>
	Not my Problem	Ciara Smyth	Award Winner, School, LGBTQ, Ireland, Relationships, Friendship,	<p>When Aideen agrees to help ambitious class swot Maebh Kowalski deal with her crazy workload, she doesn't expect to end up reluctantly pushing Maebh down the stairs.</p> <p>With this, Aideen becomes the school 'fixer': any problem a student has, Aideen will sort it out, from stealing confiscated mobiles to breaking into parties. All she asks for is a favour in return. But Aideen's own life is a mess - her mam's drinking again, her BFF Holly is avoiding her and she's skipping school. Spending more time with the uptight (but annoyingly cute) Maebh and chatterbox Kavi, Aideen starts to wonder: can every problem be solved?</p>

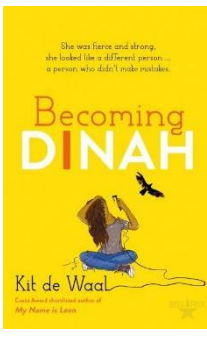
	Love, Frankie	Jacqueline Wilson	Romance, Award Nominated, LGBT, Families, Friendship	<p>Frankie is nearly fourteen and teenage life certainly comes with its ups and downs. Her mum is seriously ill with MS and Frankie can feel herself growing up quickly, no thanks to Sally and her gang of bullies at school.</p> <p>When Sally turns out to be not-so-mean after all, they strike up a friendship and are suddenly spending all of their time together.</p> <p>But Frankie starts to wonder whether these feelings she has for Sally are stronger than her other friendships. Might she really be in love?</p> <p>Frankie doesn't want Sally to just be her friend. She wants her to be her girlfriend. But does Sally feel the same?</p>
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Top 10 Reimagined Classics

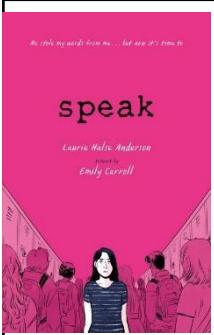

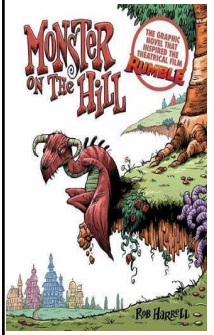
	Cinderella is Dead	Kalynn Bayron	Cinderella, LGBTQ, Romance, Feminism	<p>Its 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairytale is over.</p> <p>Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball...are forfeit.</p> <p>But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. And when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. And there she meets someone who will show her that she has the power to remake her world...</p>
	Chasing the Stars	Malorie Blackman	Othello, Science – Fiction, Space, Romance	<p>Vee is now captain of her own spaceship, an Explorer Vessel which set out seven years earlier on a deep space mission. She and her twin brother Aidan are heading alone back to Earth following the virus that wiped out the rest of the ship in its entirety three years earlier - including their parents.</p> <p>Nathan is part of a community heading in the opposite direction. A violent war is spreading through space so they're heading for a peaceful patch from where they will plan an uprising. But on their journey, Nathan's ship is attacked and most of the community killed. Only a few survive, thanks to Vee and Aidan, who rescue them, bringing them on board their ship.</p> <p>Nathan and Vee are instantly drawn to each other, and in the midst of all the dramas they fall head-over-heels in love. But not everyone is happy with their relationship. Someone is sowing rumours of Nathan's infidelity, Vee's flaws, and putting the lives of everybody on board at risk.</p>
	Skin of the Sea	Natasha Bowen	Mythical, Little Mermaid, Slavery, Adventure, African History, Award Nominated	<p>This is the story of a great love - a love that will threaten worlds and anger Gods. This is a story that will change history.</p> <p>Simidele is one of the Mami Wata, mermaids duty-bound to collect the souls of those who die at sea and bless their journeys back home to the Supreme Creator.</p> <p>But when a living boy is thrown overboard a slave ship, Simi saves his life, going against an ancient decree and bringing terrible danger to the mami wata.</p> <p>Now Simi must journey to the Supreme Creator to make amends - a journey of vengeful gods,</p>

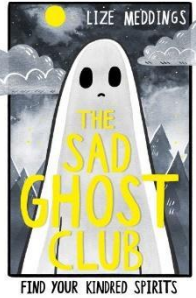


				treacherous lands and legendary creatures. If she fails, she risks not just the fate of all Mami Wata, but also the world as she knows it.
	Thicker than Water	Anne Cassidy	Of Mice and Men, Dyslexia Friendly, Siblings, Crime	<p>George dreams of an easy life, a little record business, enough money to get by. But it's hard when he has Lennie to look after too. Lennie's not quite right, he's got a way of getting into scrapes, and he doesn't know his own strength.</p> <p>For now, their best option is to hole up with Billy and his dodgy business and hope they can stay long enough, this time, to get some money put by.</p> <p>But wherever Lennie is, trouble is never very far away...</p>
	Stepsister	Jennifer Donnelly	Fairy Tales,	<p>Stepsister takes up where Cinderella's tale ends. We meet Isabelle, the younger of Cinderella's two stepsisters. Ella is considered beautiful; stepsister Isabelle is not. Isabelle is fearless, brave, and strong-willed. She fences better than any boy, and takes her stallion over jumps that grown men fear to attempt.</p> <p>It doesn't matter, though; these qualities are not valued in a girl. Others have determined what is beautiful, and Isabelle does not fit their definition. Isabelle must face down the demons that drove her cruel treatment of Ella, challenge her own fate and maybe even redefine the very notion of beauty.</p> <p>Cinderella is about a girl who was bullied; Stepsister is about the bully. We all root for the victims, we want to see them triumph. But what about the bullies? Is there hope for them? Can a mean girl change? Can she find her own happily ever after?</p>
	These Violent Delights	Chloe Gong	Romeo & Juliet, Fantasy, Romance, Historical	<p>The year is 1926, and Shanghai hums to the tune of debauchery. A blood feud between two gangs runs the streets red, leaving the city in chaos.</p> <p>Juliette Cai is the proud heir of the Scarlet Gang - a network of criminals far above the law. Roma Montagov is the prodigal son of her greatest rivals, the White Flowers, who have fought the Scarlets for generations. He is also Juliette's first love . . . and first betrayal.</p> <p>When a deadly madness strikes gangsters on both sides, the people start to whisper. Of a contagion, and a monster in the shadows. And as the deaths stack up, Juliette and Roma must set their guns - and grudges - aside and work together. For if they can't stop this mayhem, there will be no city left to rule.</p>

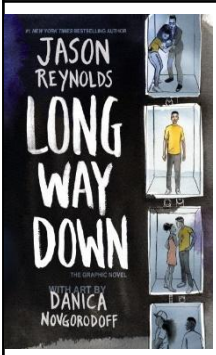
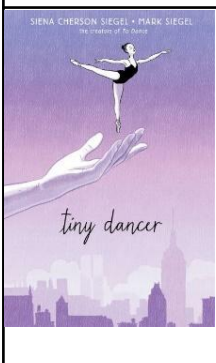
	Robin Hood	Michael Muchamore	Myths, Legends, Adventure, Crime	<p>You can't go far without a quick brain and some rule-bending in a place like Locksley.</p> <p>After its vast car plants shut down, the prosperous town has become a wasteland of empty homes, toxic land and families on the brink. And it doesn't help that the authorities are in the clutches of profit-obsessed Sheriff of Nottingham, in cahoots with underworld boss Guy Gisborne.</p> <p>When his dad is framed for a robbery, Robin and his brother Little John are hounded out of Locksley and must learn to survive in the Sherwood forest, stretching three hundred kilometres and sheltering the free spirits and outlaws. But Robin is determined to do more than survive. Small, fast and deadly with a bow, he hatches a plan to join forces with Marion Maid, harness his inimitable tech skills and strike a blow against Gisborne and the Sheriff.</p>
	Dorothy Must Die	Danielle Paige	Wizard of Oz, Fantasy, Romance	<p>I didn't ask for any of this. I didn't ask to be some kind of hero. But when your whole life gets swept up by a tornado - taking you with it - you have no choice but to go along, you know?</p> <p>Sure, I've read the books. I've seen the movies. But I never expected Oz to look like this. A place where Good Witches can't be trusted and Wicked Witches may just be the good guys. A place where even the yellow brick road is crumbling. What happened? Dorothy.</p> <p>My name is Amy Gumm - and I'm the other girl from Kansas. I've been recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked, and I've been given a mission:</p> <p>Remove the tin woodman's heart.</p> <p>Steal the scarecrow's brain.</p> <p>Take the lion's courage, and then Dorothy must die.</p>
	The Deathless Girls	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	Dracula, LGBTQ, Gothic, Vampires, Travellers, Horror, Award Shortlisted	<p>They say the thirst of blood is like a madness - they must sate it. Even with their own kin.</p> <p>On the eve of her divining, the day she'll discover her fate, seventeen-year-old Lil and her twin sister Kizzy are captured and enslaved by the cruel Boyar Valcar, taken far away from their beloved traveller community.</p> <p>Forced to work in the harsh and unwelcoming castle kitchens, Lil is comforted when she meets Mira, a fellow slave who she feels drawn to in a way she doesn't understand. But she also learns about the Dragon, a mysterious and terrifying figure of myth and legend who takes girls as gifts.</p> <p>They may not have had their divining day, but the girls will still discover their fate...</p>

	Becoming Dinah	Kit de Waal	Moby Dick, LGBTQ, Multiple Award Nomination	<p>Dinah's whole world is upside down, dead things and angry men and cuts all over her head that are beginning to sting.... Seventeen-year-old Dinah needs to leave her home, the weird commune where she grew up. She needs a whole new identity, starting with how she looks, starting with shaving off her hair, her 'crowning glory'.</p> <p>She has to do it quickly, because she has to go now. Dinah was going to go alone and hitch a ride down south. Except, she ends up being persuaded to illegally drive a VW campervan for hundreds of miles, accompanied by a grumpy man with one leg.</p> <p>This wasn't the plan. But while she's driving, Dinah will be forced to confront everything that led her here, everything that will finally show her which direction to turn...</p>
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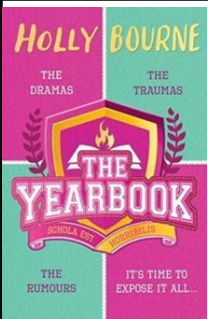
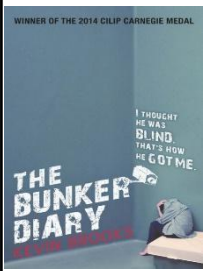
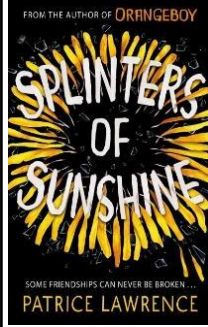
Top 10 Graphic Novels

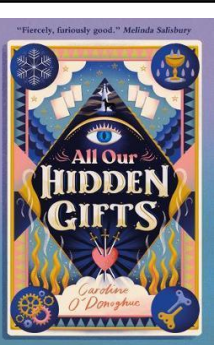
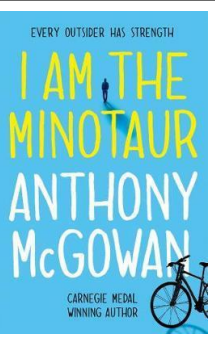
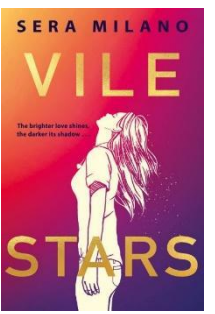
	Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	School Stories, Crimes, Trauma, Friendship issues	<p>Melinda is an outcast at Merryweather High. Something happened over the summer - something bad - and now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen. So what's the point in speaking at all?</p> <p>Through her work on an art project, Melinda is finally able to face what really happened that night. But before she can make peace with the ghosts of the past, she has to confront the reality of the present - and stop someone who still wishes to do her harm. Only words can save her. She can't stay silent. Not anymore.</p>
	Gotham High	Melissa De La Cruz	Batman, Joker, Catwoman, Romance, School, Crime	<p>After being kicked out of his boarding school, 16-year-old Bruce Wayne returns to Gotham City to find that nothing is as he left it. What once was his family home is now an empty husk, lonely but haunted by the memory of his parents' murder. Selina Kyle, once the innocent girl next door, now rules over Gotham High School with a dangerous flair, aided by the class clown, Jack Napier.</p> <p>When a kidnapping rattles the school, Bruce seeks answers as the dark and troubled knight--but is he actually the pawn? Nothing is ever as it seems, especially at Gotham High, where the parties and romances are of the highest stakes ... and where everyone is a suspect.</p>
	Monster on the Hill	Rob Harrell	Fantasy, Adventure, Monsters, Danger	<p>In a fantastical 1860s England, every quiet little township is terrorized by a ferocious monster -- much to the townsfolk's delight! Each town's unique monster is a source of local pride, not to mention tourism.</p> <p>Each town, that is... except for one. Unfortunately for the people of Stoker-on-Avon, their monster isn't quite as impressive. In fact, he's a little down in the dumps.</p> <p>Can the morose Rayburn get a monstrous makeover and become a proper horror? It's up to the eccentric Dr. Charles Wilkie and plucky street urchin Timothy to get him up to snuff, before a greater threat turns the whole town to kindling. Laugh out loud funny.</p>

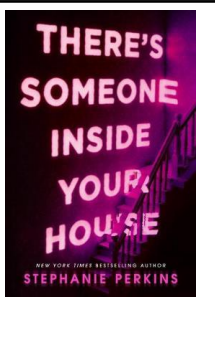
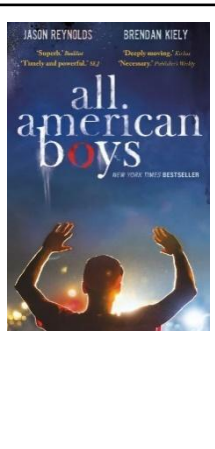

	The Sad Ghost Club	Liz Meddings	Ghosts, Mental Health, Anxiety, Friendship	<p>Ever felt anxious or alone? Like you don't belong anywhere? Like you're almost... invisible? Find your kindred spirits at The Sad Ghost Club. (You are not alone. Shhh. Pass it on.)</p> <p>This is the story of one of those days - a day so bad you can barely get out of bed, when it's a struggle to leave the house, and when you do, you wish you hadn't. But even the worst of days can surprise you. When one sad ghost, alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, they decide to leave together. What happens next changes everything.</p> <p>Because that night they start the The Sad Ghost Club - a secret society for the anxious and alone, a club for people who think they don't belong.</p>
	Heartstopper	Alice Oseman	Relationships, School Stories, Friendship, LGBTQ, Award Nominated	<p>Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love.</p> <p>Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met ... until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance.</p> <p>But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.</p>
	Girl from the Sea	Molly Knox Osterag	Relationship, Myths, LGBTQ	<p>Fifteen-year-old Morgan has a secret: She can't wait to escape the perfect little island where she lives. She's desperate to finish high school and escape her sad divorced mother, her volatile little brother, and worst of all, her great group of friends...who don't understand Morgan at all. Because really, Morgan's biggest secret is that she has a lot of secrets, including the one about wanting to kiss another girl.</p> <p>Then one night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. The two become friends and suddenly life on the island doesn't seem so stifling anymore. But Keltie has some secrets of her own. And as the girls start to fall in love, everything they're each trying to hide will find its way to the surface...whether Morgan is ready or not.</p>

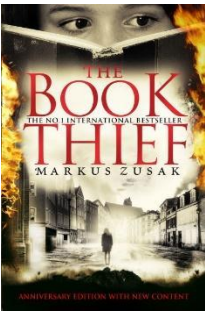
	Long Way Down	Jason Reynolds & Danica Novgorodoff	Crime, Revenge, Family, Verse, Award Winner	<p>After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago. And Dani, who was shot years before that. As more people from his past arrive, Will has to ask himself if he really knows what he's doing.</p>
	Tiny Dancer	Siena Cherson Siegel and Mark Siegel	Realistic, Ballet, Eating Disorder, Friendship	<p>All her life, Siena has dreamed of being a ballerina. Her love of movement and dedication to the craft earned her a spot at the School of American Ballet, with hopes of becoming a member of George Balanchine's world-famous New York City Ballet company. Siena has worked hard for many years to be a professional ballet dancer, but injury and doubt are starting to take their toll.</p> <p>Maybe it's time to look beyond the world of dance-but Siena's whole identity has been shaped by ballet. When you have spent your entire life working toward something, how do you figure out what comes next? And how do you figure out who you are without the thing that defined you?</p>

Top 10 YA Books

	The Yearbook	Holly Bourne	Friendship, Bullying, School Stories, Families	<p>Working on the school newspaper, Paige is used to dealing with fake stories. How popular girl Grace is such an amazing person (lie). How Laura steals people's boyfriends (lie). How her own family are so perfect (lie).</p> <p>Now Grace and friends have picked their "best" high-school moments for Paige to put in the all-important Yearbook. And they're not just fake. They're poison.</p> <p>But Paige has had enough of all the lies in her life. And with the help of Elijah - the only boy who could ever understand her - she's going to reveal the truth, whatever the cost...</p>
	The Bunker Diary	Kevin Brooks	Crime, Kidnap, Abuse, Thriller, Award Winner	<p>Linus wakes up in a cold, dark, underground bunker with no recollection of how he got there.</p> <p>The last thing he remembers is helping a blind man get his case into the back of a van. The only way in and out of the bunker is a lift, controlled by whoever has captured him. Linus' theory that he has been kidnapped for ransom is soon dismissed as the lift delivers five more prisoners, from completely different walks of life, with absolutely nothing in common. Pushed to the limits of human endurance with constant physical and mental torture, how long will the six survive being the playthings of their captor?</p>
	Splinters of Sunshine	Patrice Lawrence	Crime, Families, Gangs, Drama	<p>After a fun Christmas Eve decorating the tree and singing along with his mum to Queen, fifteen-year-old Spey wakes up on Christmas morning to find the ex-prisoner father he's never met asleep on the sofa.</p> <p>Then he receives a mysterious package in the post: a torn envelope filled with half a collage he made with his old friend Dee on her sixth birthday. Dee bounced between schools and pupil referral units until a tragedy meant she ended up in care outside of London, drawn into the world of county lines gangs. They haven't spoken for years, but Spey is sure she must be in danger. He just doesn't know where she is.</p> <p>There's only one person Spey can think of who might be able to help. On a road trip like no other, can Spey and his dad find Dee, and will they be ready to confront a criminal gang together?</p>

	All our Hidden Gifts	Caroline O' Doherty	Magic, Friendship, LGBTQ, School	<p>Maeve Chambers doesn't have much going for her. Not only does she feel like the sole idiot in a family of geniuses, she managed to drive away her best friend Lily a year ago. But when she finds a pack of dusty old tarot cards at school, and begins to give scarily accurate readings to the girls in her class, she realises she's found her gift at last.</p> <p>Things are looking up - until she discovers a strange card in the deck that definitely shouldn't be there. And two days after she convinces her ex-best friend to have a reading, Lily disappears.</p> <p>Can Maeve, her new friend Fiona and Lily's brother Roe find her? And will their special talents be enough to bring Lily back, before she's gone for good?</p>
	I am the Minotaur	Anthony McGowan	Bullying, Poverty, Friendship, Dyslexia Friendly	<p>Matthew is 14 and is struggling to fit in - something that's extra hard when you're taking care of your mum, being bullied at school, and have earned the nickname Stinky Mog because of your poor personal hygiene. On top of all that, he wants to catch the attention of one of the coolest girls in school, Ari. Ari doesn't walk: she floats, like mist on the water. And she's as sporty as she is cool.</p> <p>When Ari's brand new bike is stolen, Matthew spots his chance to make a good impression by getting it back for her... But will he just end up in even more trouble or is Matthew about to learn that friendship and heroes can be found in unlikely places?</p> <p>Reading notes at the back of the book and a free online resource pack</p>
	Vile Stars	Sera Milano	Friendship, Abuse, Thriller, Crime, Mental Health, Bereavement	<p>17-year-old Luka isn't looking for love. She's trying to piece her life back together after a heartbreaking loss. But when she meets the gorgeous and charismatic Cosmo under a meteor shower at the Greenwich Observatory, it feels like destiny has played a hand. Surely theirs is a love written in the stars.</p> <p>But Cosmo isn't what he seems, using Luka's love for him to slowly take control of her life. As the pandemic starts to make headlines and lockdown sets in, she is trapped emotionally and physically in a coercive relationship. Luka's friends and brother can see what's happening, but struggle to reach her. Something will have to be sacrificed so Luka can set herself free - but what will be left of her when she does?</p>

	There's Someone Inside your House	Stephanie Perkins	Crime, Thriller, Murder, Friendship	<p>Over a year after her parents sent her away from Hawaii to live with her grandmother in landlocked Nebraska, Makani Young is still adjusting to her new life. She's made a small group of close friends and even flirted with romance, but her past in Hawaii is still hard to forget.</p> <p>And then... one by one the students of her new high school begin to die in a series of gruesome murders. Makani doesn't know who's next on the list.</p> <p>Between this, and a secret scorching relationship with the school weirdo, this school year may turn out to be one to die for... literally.</p>
	All American Boys	Jason Reynolds	Crime, LGBTQ, Racism, Police, American	<p>A bag of crisps. That's all sixteen-year-old Rashad is looking for. What he finds instead is a fist-happy cop, Paul, who mistakes Rashad for a shoplifter, mistakes Rashad's pleadings that he's stolen nothing for belligerence, mistakes Rashad's every flinch at every punch the cop throws as further resistance and refusal to STAY STILL as ordered. But how can you stay still when someone is pounding your face into the pavement?</p> <p>There were witnesses: Quinn - a varsity basketball player and Rashad's classmate who has been raised by Paul since his own father died in Afghanistan - and a video camera. Soon the beating is all over the news and Paul is getting threatened with accusations of prejudice and racial brutality. Quinn refuses to believe that the man who has basically been his saviour could possibly be guilty. But then Rashad is absent. And absent again. And again. And the basketball team - half of whom are Rashad's best friends - start to take sides. As does the school. And the town.</p>
	Scythe	Neal Schusterman	Dystopian, Science-Fiction, Friendship, Death	<p>In a world where disease, war and crime have been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ("gleaned") by professional scythes. Citra and Rowan are teenagers who have been selected to be scythes' apprentices, and despite wanting nothing to do with the vocation, they must learn the art of killing and understand the necessity of what they do.</p> <p>Only one of them will be chosen as a scythe's apprentice and as Citra and Rowan come up against a terrifyingly corrupt Scythedom, it becomes clear that the winning apprentice's first task will be to glean the loser.</p> <p>In a perfect world, what is there left to fear?</p>

	The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	WW2, Holocaust, Family, Death	<p>It is 1939. In Nazi Germany, the country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier - and will become busier still.</p> <p>By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, and this is her first act of book thievery.</p> <p>So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library... wherever there are books to be found.</p> <p>But these are dangerous times, and when Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, nothing will ever be the same again.</p>
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