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For ages 11-14

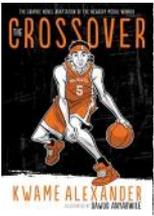


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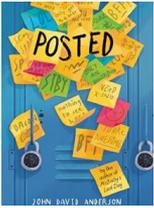
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T Graphic Fiction Ale - *The Crossover*

by Kwame Alexander

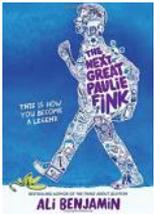
Thirteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



T And - *Posted*

by John David Anderson

When cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, Frost and his friends Deedee, Wolf, and Bench come up with a new way to communicate: leaving sticky notes for each other all around the school. It catches on, and soon all the kids in school are leaving notes -- though for every kind and friendly one, there is a cutting and cruel one as well.



T Ben - *The Next Great Paulie Fink*

by Ali Benjamin

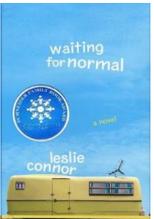
Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink.



T Graphic Fiction Chm - *Awkward / Series Bk. 1*

by Svetlana Chmakova

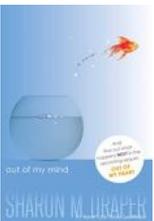
After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.



T Con - *Waiting for Normal*

by Leslie Connor

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.



T Dra- *Out of My Mind Series*

by Sharon Draper

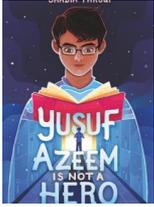
Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people; she can't walk, she can't talk, and she can't write. She has cerebral palsy, but she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in school, but NO ONE knows it. Follow Melody's story as she fights to be heard.



T Far - *The Popularity Code*

By Stephanie Faris

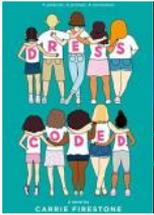
Faith is popular by association, thanks to her BFFs, Adria and Janelle. When a new website targets her school's popular kids, Faith gets sucked in. When she discovers her own page on the site, she finds herself obsessing over the comments people are posting about her.



T Far - *Yusuf Azeem is not a Hero*

by Saadia Faruqi

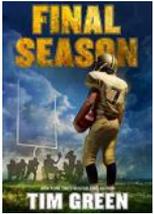
Yusuf is excited to start middle school in his small Texas town, but with the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks coming up, suddenly it feels like the country's same anger and grief is all focused on his Muslim community.



T Fir - *Dress Coded*

by Carrie Firestone

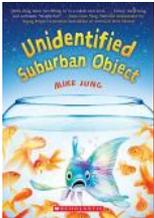
Eighth grader Molly Frost starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion. As their small rebellion swells into a revolution, the girls are not backing down.



T Gre - *Final Season*

by Tim Green

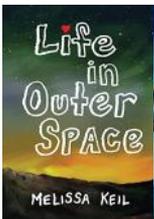
From former NFL player Tim Green comes a gripping, deeply personal standalone football novel about a star middle school quarterback faced with a life-changing decision after his dad is diagnosed with ALS.



T Jun - *Unidentified Suburban Object*

by Mike Jung

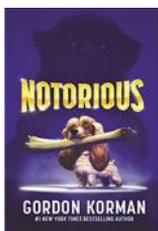
Chloe Cho is a Korean American seventh-grader who would like to get in touch with many of the aspects of her heritage, but her parents are unwilling to talk about it. When a class assignment forces Chloe to confront them directly, they finally tell her the truth about her family, which may just be too much for one girl to handle.



T Kei - *Life in Outer Space*

by Melissa Keil

Sixteen-year-old Sam Kinnison is perfectly happy as a game-playing, movie-obsessed geek until beautiful, friendly, and impossible to ignore Camilla Carter starts him wondering if he has been watching all the wrong movies.



T Kor - *Notorious*

by Gordon Korman

Told in different voices on Centerlight Island, halfway between the United States and Canada, middle-schoolers Keenan and ZeeBee team up to seek gold rumored to be hidden there by a famous gangster.

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T Ram - *A Good Kind of Trouble*

by Lisa Moore Ramee

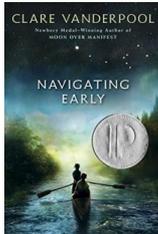
After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement. But when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.



T Rho - *Black Brother, Black Brother*

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

A powerful coming-of-age story about two brothers, one who presents as white, the other as black, and the complex ways in which they are forced to navigate the world, all while training for a fencing competition.



T Van - *Navigating Early*

by Clare Vanderpool

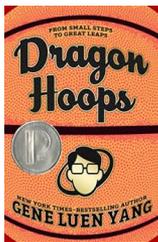
Jack Baker, away from Kansas attending a boys' boarding school in Maine, sets out on the Appalachian Trail with his eccentric school friend Early Auden in search of a great black bear.



T Wan - *The Many Meanings of Meilan*

by Andrea Wang

A family feud before the start of seventh grade propels Meilan from Boston's Chinatown to rural Ohio, where she must tap into her inner strength and sense of justice to make a new place for herself.



T Graphic Fiction Yan - *Dragon Hoops*

by Gene Luen Yang

Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, the men's varsity team, the Dragons, is all anyone can talk about. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons' lives, but his own life as well.