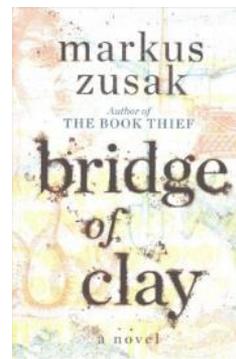
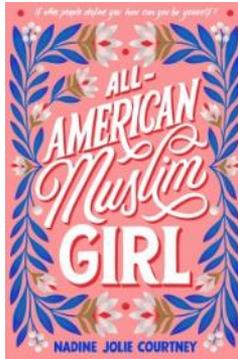
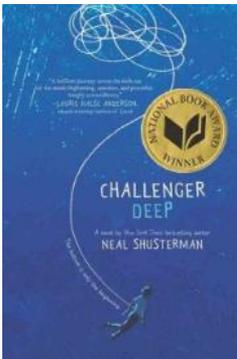
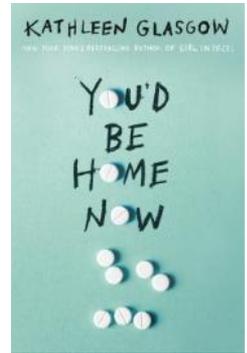
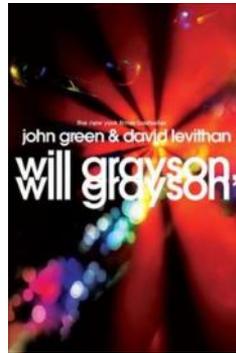
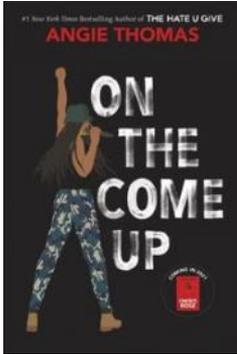


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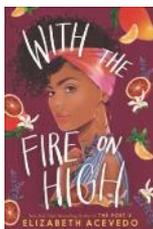


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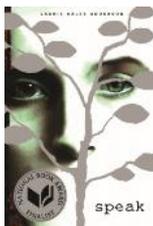


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YA Ace - **With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo

Navigating the challenges of finishing high school while caring for a daughter, talented cook Emoni Santiago struggles with a lack of time and money that complicate her dream of working in a professional kitchen.

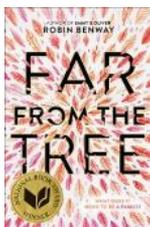


YA And - **Speak** by Laurie Halse Anderson
A traumatic event in the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year of high school.



YA And - **Me and Earl and the Dying Girl** by Jesse Andrews

Seventeen-year-old Daphne has spent her entire life honing her body and mind into that of a warrior, hoping to be accepted by the unyielding people of ancient Sparta. But an unexpected encounter with the goddess Artemis who holds Daphne's brother's fate in her hands upends the life she's worked so hard to build.



YA Ben - **Far from the Tree** by Robin Benway

Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child between an embittered older brother and an outspoken younger sister.



YA Cha - **American Panda** by Gloria Chao

A freshman at MIT, seventeen-year-old Mei Lu tries to live up to her Taiwanese parents' expectations, but no amount of tradition, obligation, or guilt prevent her from hiding several truths--that she is a germaphobe who cannot become a doctor, she prefers dancing to biology, she decides to reconnect with her estranged older brother, and she is dating a Japanese boy.



YA Cho - **Yolk** by Mary H. K. Choi

Jayne and June Baek are nothing alike. Once thick as thieves, these sisters who moved from Seoul to San Antonio to New York together now don't want anything to do with each other.



YA Cou - **All-American Muslim Girl** by Nadine Courtney
Sixteen-year-old Allie, aged seven when she knew her family was different and feared, struggles to claim her Muslim and Arabic heritage while finding her place as an American teenager.



YA Gla - **You'd Be Home Now** by Kathleen Glasgow
After she and her stoner older brother are involved in a car accident that killed Candy MontClaire, Emory, who has always been told who she is, must decide for herself who she wants to be in a town riddled with secrets.



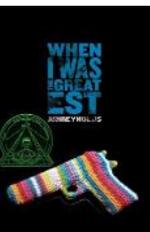
YA Gre - **Will Grayson Will Grayson** by John Greene
When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.



YA Kin - **Walking in Two Worlds** by Wab Kinew
When Bugz, who is caught between the worlds of life on the Rez and the virtual world, meets Feng, they form an instant bond as outsiders and gamers and must both grapple with the impact of family challenges and community trauma.



YA Niv - **All the Bright Places** by Jennifer Niven
Meeting on the ledge of their school's bell tower, misfit Theodore Finch and suicidal Violet Markey find acceptance and healing that are overshadowed by Finch's fears about Violet's growing social world.

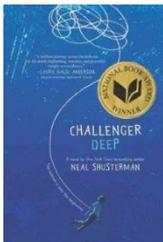


YA Rey - **When I Was the Greatest** by Jason Reynolds
Avoiding the violence that has given his neighborhood a bad name, Ali spends his days in school, boxing, and helping his family while looking out for a troublesome friend and a Tourette's-afflicted brother only to be targeted in the aftermath of a misunderstanding.



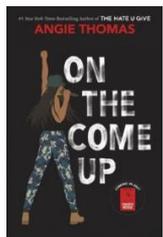
YA Row - **Fangirl** by Rainbow Rowell

Being consummate fans of the Simon Snow series helped Cath and her twin sister, Wren, cope as little girls whose mother left them, but now, as they start college but not as roommates, Cath fears she is unready to live without Wren holding her hand--and without her passion for Snow.



YA Shu - **Challenger Deep** by Neal Shusterman

A teenage boy struggles with schizophrenia. A brilliant journey across the dark sea of mental illness; frightening, sensitive, and powerful.



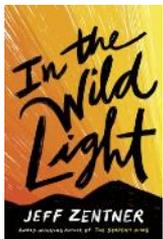
YA Tho - **On the Come Up** by Angie Thomas

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11, but her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince.



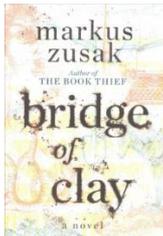
YA Viv - **The List** by Siobhan Vivian

Enduring a cruel annual ritual through which an anonymous list is posted naming each grade's prettiest and ugliest girl, eight selected high school girls explore how they see themselves and each other.



YA Zen - **In the Wild Light** by Jeff Zentner

When his best friend, Delaney, gets them both full rides to an elite prep school in Connecticut, Cash must choose between his need to love and protect Delaney and his loyalty to his grandparents and their small Appalachian town.



YA Zus - **Bridge of Clay** by Markus Zusak

Upon their father's return, the five Dunbar boys, who have raised themselves since their mother's death, begin to learn family secrets, including that of fourth brother Clay, who will build a bridge for complex reasons, including his own redemption.