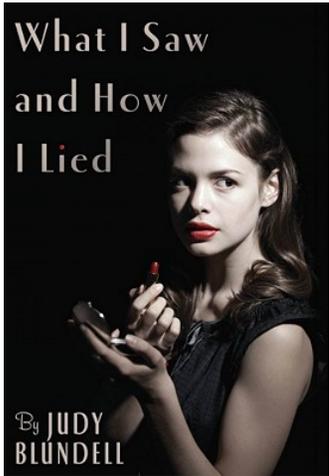


Ten Cents a Dance by Christine Fletcher

In 1940s Chicago, fifteen-year-old Ruby hopes to escape poverty by becoming a taxi dancer in a nightclub, but the work has unforeseen dangers and hiding the truth from her family and friends becomes increasingly difficult.



What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

In 1947, with her stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenage Evie, smitten by ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a web of lies whose devastating outcome change her life and that of her family forever.

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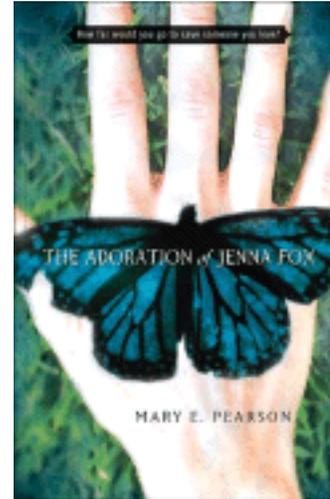
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13 Reasons Why: a Novel by Jay Asher

High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, and spends night listening to Hannah's voice recount the events leading up to her death.



The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson

When biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Book of a Thousand Days by Shannon Hale

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.



The Brothers Torres by Coert Voorhees

Sophomore Frankie finds the courage to ask Julianne to the Homecoming dance, which ultimately leads to a face-off between a tough senior, and Frankie's soccer-star older brother and his gang-member friends.

Confessions of a Triple Shot Betty by Jody Gehrman

Sixteen-year-olds Geena, Hero, and Amber spend the summer working at a Sonoma, California coffee shop, where they experience romance, identity crises, and newfound friendships.

A Curse as Dark as Gold by Elizabeth C. Bunce

Upon the death of her father, seventeen-year-old Charlotte struggles to keep the family's woolen mill running in the face of what the local villagers believe is a curse, but when a man capable of spinning straw into gold appears on the scene she must decide if his help is worth the price.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

Frankie Landau-Banks at age 14: Debate Club. Her father's "bunny rabbit." Frankie Landau-Banks at age 15: A knockout figure. A sharp tongue. A chip on her shoulder. Frankie Landau-Banks, at age 16: Possibly a criminal mastermind. This is the story of how she got that way.



Gone by Michael Grant

In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power."

Graceling by Kristen Cashore

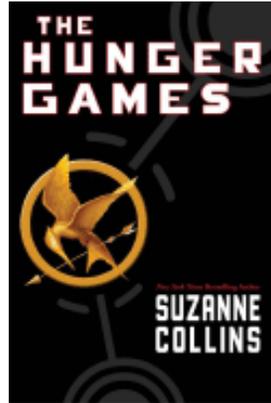
In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

How They Met and Other Stories by David Levithan

A collection of eighteen stories describing the surprises, sacrifices, doubts, pain, and joy of falling in love.

How to Build a House by Dana Reinhardt

Seventeen-year-old Harper Evans hopes to escape the effects of her father's divorce on her family and friendships by volunteering her summer to build a house in a small Tennessee town devastated by a tornado.



Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through a televised survival competition pitting young people against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss is put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

Lock and Key by Sarah Dessen

When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years, and learns about Cora's life, and what makes a family.

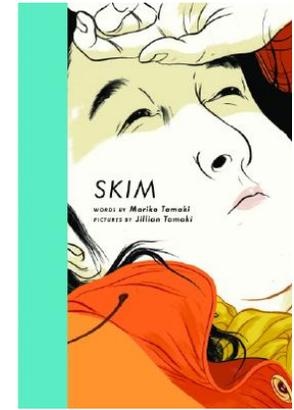


My Most Excellent Year: a Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, and Fenway Park by Steve Kluger

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.

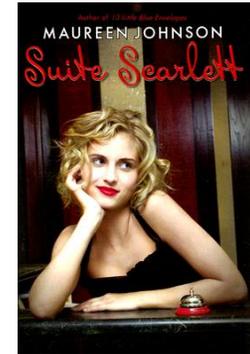
Paper Towns by John Green

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.



Skim by Mariko Tamaki

"Skim," a not-slim would-be Wiccan goth goes to a private girls' school, sinks into an ever-deepening depression when her classmate Katie is dumped by her boyfriend, who then kills himself.



Suite Scarlett by Maureen Johnson

Fifteen-year-old Scarlett Marvin is stuck in New York City for the summer working at her family's hotel. Her brother's attractive new friend and a seasonal guest who offers her an intriguing and challenging writing project improve her outlook.