Throne of Glass
Sarah J. Maas
In a land without magic, where the king rules with an iron hand, an assassin is summoned to the castle. She comes not to kill the king, but to win her freedom. If she defeats twenty-three killers, thieves, and warriors in a competition, she is released from prison to serve as the king’s champion. Her name is Celaena Sardothien.

The Testing
Joelle Charbonneau
It’s graduation day for Cia, and the entire colony is celebrating. All Cia can think about is whether she’ll be chosen for The Testing, a United Commonwealth program that selects the brightest new graduates to become leaders of the slowly revitalizing post-war civilization.

Swim the Fly
Don Calame
Matt and his two best friends, Coop and Sean, always set themselves a summertime goal. This year’s? To see a real-live naked girl for the first time — quite a challenge, given that none of the guys has the nerve to even ask a girl out on a date. But catching a girl in the buff starts to look easy compared to Matt’s other summertime aspiration: to swim the 100-yard butterfly (the hardest stroke known to God or man) as a way to impress Kelly West, the sizzling star of the swim team.

Stolen
Lucy Christopher
Gemma is on layover at Bangkok Airport, en route with her parents to a vacation in Vietnam. She steps away to get a cup of coffee. Ty—rugged, tan, oddly familiar—pays for her drink. And drugs it. They talk. Their hands touch. And before Gemma knows what’s happening, Ty takes her. Steals her away. The unknowing object of a long obsession, Gemma has been kidnapped by her stalker and brought to the desolate Australian Outback. STOLEN is her gripping story of survival.

The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight
Jennifer E. Smith
Today should be one of the worst days of Hadley’s life. Having missed her flight, she’s stuck at JFK airport and late to her father’s wedding in London. Then she meets the perfect boy in the airport’s cramped waiting area. His name is Oliver, he’s British, and he’s sitting in her row. Hadley and Oliver lose track of each other in the airport chaos upon arrival. Can fate bring them together once more?

Unbroken
Laura Hillenbrand
On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline and blood. Then, on the ocean surface a face appeared. It was that of the plane’s bombardier, Louis Zamperini who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the extraordinary odysseys of WWII.

Winger
Andrew Smith
Ryan Dean West is a junior at a boarding school for rich kids. He’s living in Opportunity Hall, the dorm for troublemakers, and rooming with the biggest bully on the rugby team. With the help of his sense of humor, rugby buddies, and his penchant for doodling comics, Ryan Dean manages to survive life’s complications and even find some happiness along the way. But when the unthinkable happens, he has to figure out how to hold on to what’s important, even when it feels like everything has fallen apart.

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The 5th Wave
Rick Yancey
After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. After the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th, only one rule applies: trust no one. Now, it’s the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan.

Anna Dressed in Blood
Kendare Blake
Cas Lowood has inherited an unusual vocation: He kills the dead. So did his father before him, until he was gruesomely murdered by a ghost he sought to kill. And with his father’s mysterious weapon, Cas travels the country searching for a ghost the locals call Anna Dressed in Blood. Cas expects the usual: track, hunt, kill. What he finds instead is a girl entangled in curses and rage, a ghost like he’s never faced before.

Ask the Passengers
A.S. King
Astrid desperately wants to confide in someone, but her mother’s pushiness and her father’s lack of interest tell her they’re the last people she can trust. Instead, Astrid spends her days asking the passengers inside, but they’re the only people who won’t judge her when she asks them her most personal questions. They’re the last people she can trust. Instead, Astrid spends her days with her father’s mysterious weapon, Cas travels the country searching for a ghost the locals call Anna Dressed in Blood. Cas expects the usual: track, hunt, kill. What he finds instead is a girl entangled in curses and rage, a ghost like he’s never faced before.

The Beginning of Everything
Robin Schneider
Varsity Tennis captain Ezra Faulkner was supposed to be homecoming king, but that was before—before his girlfriend cheated on him, before a car accident shattered his leg, and before he fell in love with unpredictable new girl Cassidy Thorpe. The Beginning of Everything is a refreshing contemporary twist on the classic coming of age novel—a heart-wrenching story about how difficult it is to play the part that people expect, and how new beginnings can stem from abrupt and tragic endings.

Code Name Verity
Elizabeth Wein
Oct. 11th, 1943: A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it’s barely begun. When “Verity” is arrested by the Gestapo, she’s sure she doesn’t stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she’s living a spy’s worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution.

D J Rising
Love Maia
Meet Marley, an unassuming high school junior who breathes in music like oxygen. In between caring for his heroin-addicted mother, and keeping his scholarship at a prep school, he dreams of becoming a professional DJ. When Marley lands his first real DJ job, his career as “DJ Ice” suddenly skyrockets. But when heart-rending disaster at home brings Marley crashing back down to earth, he is torn between obligation and following his dreams.

Eleanor & Park
Rainbow Rowell
Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. When Eleanor meets Park, you’ll remember your own first love—and just how hard it pulled you under.

Escape from Camp 14
Blaine Harden
Shin knew nothing of civilized existence—he saw his mother as a competitor for food, guards raised him to be a snitch, and he witnessed the execution of his mother and brother. This harrowing narrative focuses on an extraordinary young man who came of age inside the highest security prison in the highest security state, and offers an inside account of one of the world’s darkest nations. It is a tale of endurance and courage, survival and hope.

Into the Wild Nerd Yonder
Julie Halpern
When high school sophomore Jessie’s long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie’s would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit “the wild nerd yonder” and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons.

The Madman’s Daughter
Megan Shepherd
Sixteen-year-old Juliet Moreau has built a life for herself in London—working as a maid and trying to forget the scandal that ruined her life. After all, no one ever proved the rumors about her father’s gruesome experiments. But when she learns he’s alive and continuing his work on a remote tropical island, she’s determined to find out if the accusations are true.

A Monster Calls
Patrick Ness
At seven minutes past midnight, Conor wakes to find a monster outside his bedroom window. But it isn’t the monster Conor’s been expecting—he’s been expecting the one from his nightmare, the nightmare he’s had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments. The monster in his backyard is different. It’s ancient. And wild. And it wants something from Conor. Something terrible and dangerous. It wants the truth.

Out of the Easy
Ruta Sepetys
It’s 1950, and as the French Quarter of New Orleans simmers with secrets, Josie Moraine is silently stirring a pot of her own. Known among locals as the daughter of a brothel prostitute, Josie wants more out of life than the Big Easy has to offer. She devises a plan get out, but a mysterious death in the Quarter leaves Josie tangled in an investigation that will challenge her allegiance to her mother and her conscience.

The Raven Boys
Maggie Stiefvater
For as long as she can remember, Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love to die. She doesn’t believe in true love, and never thought this would be a problem. But as her life becomes caught up in the strange and sinister world of the Raven Boys, she’s not so sure anymore.

The Selection
Kiera Cass
For most girls, the Selection is the chance of a lifetime. To be swept up in a world of glittering gowns and priceless jewels. To live in a palace and compete for the heart of Prince Maxon. But for America, being Selected is a nightmare. It means turning her back on her secret love with Aspen, who is a caste below her. Leaving her home to enter a fierce competition for a crown she doesn’t want. Then America meets Prince Maxon and realizes that the life she’s always dreamed of may not compare to a future she never imagined.

Seraphina
Rachel Hartman
Four decades of peace have done little to ease the mistrust between humans and dragons in the kingdom of Goredd. Folding themselves into human shape, dragons attend court as ambassadors and universities are schools. Seraphina has reason to fear both sides. A gifted musician, she joins the court as a member of the royal family is murdered. Seraphina is drawn into the investigation and uncovers a sinister plot to destroy the peace, as she struggles to protect her own secret.