Reality Check
Peter Abrahams
Cody sustains a serious knee injury that leaves him on the bench during the most important recruiting year in his high school career. With no college scholarship in sight, he drops out of school. When his rich girlfriend is reported missing from her Vermont boarding school, he tries to find her and endangers himself in the process.
Fic Abrahams Lexile 690 330 pages

Shiver
Maggie Stiefvater
In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.
Fic Stiefvater Lexile 740 392 pages

Story of a Girl
Sara Zarr
During the summer after her sophomore year, Deanna Lambert tries to come to terms with the reputation with which she was slapped in the eighth grade when she was caught by her father in the backseat of a car with a high school senior, and struggles with her still-strained relationship with her father and her changing feelings for her best friend, Jason.
Fic Zarr Lexile 760 192 pages

Tweak
Nic Sheff
The author describes his childhood in California, his addiction to crystal meth and heroin at a young age, his relapse after eighteen months of sobriety, and his path to recovery.
362.29 She Lexile 770 337 pages

Wish You Were Dead
Todd Strasser
When a student announces on her blog that she hates Lucy Cunningham and wishes her dead, no one takes her seriously—until a few days later, when Lucy disappears. When the blogger posts another name, a second student goes missing. And then a third. Madison needs to find her missing friends before it's too late—for them and for herself.
Fic Strasser Lexile 650 236 pages

World War Z
Max Brooks
A Chinese doctor encounters one of the earliest zombie cases at a time when the Chinese government is ruthlessly suppressing any information about the outbreak that will soon spread across the globe. The tale then follows the outbreak via testimony of smugglers, intelligence officials, military personnel and many others who struggle to defeat the zombie menace.
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David Cullen  
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