



***Bruiser* by Neal Shusterman**

Brewster is very careful about whom he allows into his life, because everyone he cares for causes him great pain. So when Bronte decides to take him on as a project and notices the bruises on his body, he has decided how far to let her in.

***Coming Back Stronger: Unleashing the Hidden Power of Adversity* by Drew Brees**

Drew Brees is more than a hero; he's a Saint. He is the miracle quarterback who recovered from a serious shoulder injury to lead the New Orleans Saints to their first ever Superbowl Victory! Discover the story behind the rebuilding of a team, a city, a life.



***The Demon King* by Cinda Williams Chima**

Street gang leader Han Alister struggles to earn a living for himself, his mother, and his little sister. The only things of value he possesses are magicked silver cuffs that can't be removed. The more he learns about his past--and his unique gifts--the more mysteries he unearths. Meanwhile, Princess Raisa wants the freedom to make her own decisions but, as the heir to the Grey Wolf throne, she faces pressure to submit to expectations. When Han and Raisa meet, they embark on a path that will change both their lives.

***Dirty Little Secrets* by C.J. Omololu**

When your house is filled with your mother's collections, and you barely have room to exist, how do you hold your own at school and maintain a normal public image? Lucy has learned to take care of herself and hide her home life from her friends because of her mentally ill mother's hoarding and neglect.

***Five Flavors of Dumb* by Antony John**

After Piper learns that her parents have spent her college fund on a cochlear implant for her baby sister, she becomes the manager of a local band to earn some cash. Some people might think it is strange that a deaf girl is the manager of a band, but Piper has bigger things to worry about. Like the fact that the band only knows three songs and never really learned how to play their instruments.

***Hold Me Closer, Necromancer* by Lish McBride**

After he and his friends anger the local alpha necromancer, smart-mouthed underachiever Sam learns that he has creepy but cool powers. Now he must learn about his past and the supernatural community (including the very hot werewolf girl) of which he's now a member, and learn to utilize his powers in time to stop the bad guy. His friends and a wisecracking dead girl help out in this novel that's equal parts horror and humor.



***Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher**


Three years ago Finn woke up in Incarceron, a specially designed prison for criminals and the rebels of the last war. It was supposed to be a paradise that offered the hope of rehabilitation, instead it has degenerated into a nightmare. Finn has no memory. He doesn't even know why he was sent to Incarceron, but when he is offered the chance to escape he decides he must take it.

***Jane* by April Linder**

After her parents die, 19-year-old Jane Moore is forced to leave college and take a position as a nanny. As she begins to care for Maddy, the daughter of Nico Rathburn, an aging rock star attempting a comeback, her quiet personality is at odds with her new life. This quiet girl must live in a luxurious estate, deal with glamorous groupies, and endure the late-night screams and terrifying wanderings of the mysterious inhabitants on the spooky third floor. This retelling of Jane Eyre will appeal to classic and contemporary literature fans alike.

***The Last Thing I Remember* by Andrew Klavan**

Waking up, Charlie West finds himself strapped to a chair with no memory of how he got there or of his identity. In addition, he wonders why the men in the other room are ordering his execution?



***Lost* by Jacqueline Davis**

Essie lives a tough life in poverty with her widowed mother, little sister, and brother in the lower east side of Manhattan in the early 1900's. Although she works long hours at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and must deal with an unhappy mother, she experiences joy through designing beautiful hats and doting on her spirited, little sister. Essie forms a friendship with a mysterious coworker, Harriet, and she develops a secret love from afar for her neighbor, an aspiring lawyer. The story alternates between the tragedies of Essie's family and the disappearance of a wealthy socialite. *Lost* weaves together elements of mystery, romance, and psychological drama.

***Matched* by Ally Condie**

In Society everything is chosen for you based on your own personal statistics; they tell you what to eat and how much, they tell you where to work, what to learn, and they also tell you who to marry. Cassia Reyes is overjoyed when she finds out her Match is her best friend Xander, but when the face on the Match microcard she was given is not Xander's, Cassia begins to doubt who she is and who she should be with.

***The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore**

What makes our fortunes? Rhodes scholar, Wes Moore, explores the differences between his life and the life of another Wes Moore, also the son of a single mother in urban Baltimore, who ends up serving a life sentence in prison.

***Pop* by Gordon Korman**

While practicing football, new boy Marcus meets Charlie Popovich, a former NFL linebacker. Charlie and his family have a secret that Marcus is suddenly exposed to. Will Marcus be able to protect Charlie or will his terrible secret be exposed?



***Pull* by B.A. Binns**

High school senior David is trying to balance a job and a position on the school basketball team, while also helping his aunt take care of his sisters. His life gets even more complicated when he falls for a teammate's girlfriend.

Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly

After the death of her brother Truman, Andi is consumed by guilt and sadness. When she stumbles across a diary of a girl written during the French Revolution she becomes engrossed in the story. In Alex’s words Andi finds a story of love, betrayal, and misery as ghosts from the past become more and more real, and past and the present collide.

Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi

Struggling to survive in a post-petroleum world, Nailer works as a ship breaker, scavenging valuable parts from ships abandoned around the gulf. When he and his friends come upon a new wreck, he must choose whether to save the girl who is the only survivor or to kill her, so there are no witnesses to the plundering.

Split by Swati Avasthi

When Jace and his brother, Christian, try to protect their mother from their father’s physical, emotional, and psychological abuse, they too become victims. Christian leaves town and changes his last name in an effort to move on and put his past behind him.

However, when Jace shows up at his doorstep badly beaten and with nothing, Christian has to confront his abusive past. Jace convinces Christian to drive across the country with him in an attempt to rescue their mother.

What Can’t Wait by Ashley Hope Perez

In English or Spanglish, Marisa’s story shows the same resolve: to beat her family’s expectations of early marriage and motherhood and to be the first person in her family to graduate high school and attend college. She is conflicted between supporting her immigrant family and following her dreams.

Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan

Through an odd turn of events, two teens named Will Grayson meet in Chicago. The first Will Grayson is simply trying to go unnoticed. His motto in life is #1 –Don’t care, and #2 – Shut up. However, that’s hard to do when you are straight and are friends with Tiny Cooper...who is 6’6”, very emotional and gay. The second will grayson suffers from depression and a general negative view of life. The only positive thing in his life is an online romance with Isaac, which turns out to be a joke-gone-bad. During the chance encounter in Chicago, will grayson’s life takes a turn for the better when he meets Will Grayson’s friend, Tiny. There is friendship, romance, heartbreak and the struggle to find a place in the world.

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by G. Neri

Robert “Yummy” Sandifer is dead and his classmate Roger is trying to understand what happened in Yummy’s life to cause this early downfall. As he looks for these answers, he finds more and more that he doesn’t understand. Why was Yummy involved in so much trouble? Did Yummy really kill someone? Was he in the same gang as Roger’s brother? This graphic novel portrays events that occurred in 1994 Chicago.



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Amy & Roger’s Epic Detour by Morgan Matson

Amy’s family hasn’t been the same since her father died in a car accident. So Amy’s mother decides they need a fresh start and buys a house across the country. Amy is given the task of driving the family car from California to Connecticut, but there’s one problem: she hasn’t been able to drive since her father’s accident. Enter Roger, a 19-year-old friend of the family who agrees to be Amy’s driver in a road trip that neither of them will ever forget.

Because I Am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas

Anke is jealous. Darren and Yaehia get all of Dad’s attention, granted it is abusive attention, but still... To him she is nothing more than a piece of furniture. Then when her dad begins to prey on their next door neighbor, Anke has to decide if she’s finally strong enough to stop him.

Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver

What would you do if you could have the chance at a total “do-over?” Samantha wakes up Friday morning to realize that she is in the same Friday morning as yesterday. She’s living this day over, and she needs it because the first time she tried this Friday, it was not only the worst day of her life, but it was also the last day of her life. She may have died in a car crash during yesterday’s Friday, but when she wakes up and has the chance to live her last day over...and over... will the outcome be the same?

Blue Plate Special by Michelle Kwasney

Madeline, Desiree, Ariel. Three lives separated by time, yet intertwined. Madeline feels fat, ugly, and neglected by her mom, until she meets Tad. Desiree becomes the prey of her mother’s boyfriend. Ariel cannot understand why no-one else is as excited about her boyfriend as she is. Together they just might find healing, hope, and love.