

All American Boys
Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely
Simon and Schuster, 2015
320 pages

SUMMARY:

Quinn and Rashad are two typical “all American boys” until Rashad runs into Officer Paul Galluzzo in a convenience store. His life threatening encounter with Officer Galluzzo is witnessed by Quinn who has always looked up to the officer, a close family friend. Both Quinn and Rashad learn that the world is a harsher place than they thought as they are forced to make decisions about the type of men they will become.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

How It Went Down, Kekla Magoon

Out of Darkness, Ashley Hope Pérez

What We Saw, Aaron Hartzler

Monster, Walter Dean Myers

WEBSITES:

Writin’ and Whatnot, <http://www.jasonwritesbooks.com/>, Official website for Jason Reynolds
Simon & Schuster: Jason Reynolds, <http://www.simonandschuster.com/authors/Jason-Reynolds/403685768>, *All American Boys* co-authors Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely answer questions in these short videos

Black Lives Matter, <http://blacklivesmatter.com/>, official website of the Black Lives Matter movement, go to this website to learn more about the goals of this organization.

BOOKTALK:

We have all witnessed people being bullied or mistreated... we all react in different ways... I would like to believe that if I had lived in Germany when Hitler came to power that I would have protested the mistreatment of Jewish people and that I would have helped save as many Jewish people as I could. When I watch yet another video of a young black male being killed, I honestly believe I would stand up for him.

All American Boys is about an all too familiar topic today, police brutality... Rashad stops at a convenience store and although innocent, ends up being beaten to within an inch of his life. Quinn witnesses the brutal beating by Officer Galuzzo, but is conflicted because the officer is a close family friend and a father figure to him. Both boys who are considered “all American boys” are faced with harsh realities of life and are forced to make some very hard decisions about the type of people they want to be.

What may seem to be very obvious decisions for many of us, can be difficult for other people. Rashad must decide if he wants to continue to stand up and be the face of a protest against police brutality and Quinn must decide if he is going to stand up for Rashad or look the other way.

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Between the Notes

Sharon Huss Roat
HarperTeen, 2015
382 pages

SUMMARY:

After her family's economic status changes from very well off to rather poor, Ivy has to move to the poor side of town. She hides what has happened from her friends until her next door neighbor who is known as a "bad boy" threatens to expose her secrets. What makes this all even worse is that she doesn't want her newest "cute guy" friend to find out her secrets.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY . . .

What You Always Wanted, Kristin Rae
The Night We Said Yes, Lauren Gibaldi
Between Us and the Moon, Rebecca Maizel
Did I Mention I Need You?, Estelle Maskame
Stay With Me, Paul Griffin

WEBSITES:

Teen Reads, <http://www.teenreads.com/authors/sharon-huss-roat>, has book and author information

Sharon wrote, <http://sharonwrote.blogspot.com/>, author's website

BOOKTALK:

When Ivy Emerson finds out that her family has to move from her affluent neighborhood and leave everything they have behind including her beloved piano, her life is turned upside down. Not only is her new home in the poorest neighborhood, but her new next door neighbor is the school's "bad boy"! Her family has to sacrifice everything for her autistic brother and the expensive therapy services he needs. Ivy loves her brother, but she believes she has to keep her family's new economic status a secret from her friends fearing their rejection. What makes it all worse is that she has met a really cute guy who thinks she is rich like the rest of her friends at school, and the new next door neighbor guy is threatening to tell everybody her secret! Going back to her music and finding trust in herself and others helps Ivy find her way. Read to see how.

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The Bitter Side of Sweet

Tara Sullivan

G. P. Putnam's & Sons, 2016

299 pages

SUMMARY:

Amadou and his younger brother Seydou are child slave laborers for a cacao plantation in the Ivory Coast. For two years, Amadou, fifteen, has worked hard to protect his brother from the dangers of hard labor and the mean bosses. Then one day, a girl, Khadija shows up in the camp. Physically, she is small and weak, but mentally, she is strong. Khadija has the courage to break free from the camp to find her family, but she needs Amadou to help her.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Golden Boy, Tara Sullivan

The Queen of the Water, Laura Resau

Chocolate: sweet science and dark secrets of the world's favorite treat, Kay Frydenborg

WEBSITES:

Tara Sullivan, <https://tarasullivanbooks.com>, the author's official website

Slave Free Chocolate, <http://www.slavefreechocolate.org>, a coalition to end child labor in the cocoa industry.

End Slavery Now, <http://www.endslaverynow.org>, learn about slavery today, connect with an organization and browse ways to get involved in the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

World Cocoa Foundation, <http://www.worldcocoafoundation.org/about-cocoa/cocoa-value-chain>, how chocolate is made.

Slavery Footprint <http://slaveryfootprint.org/survey>, interactive tool to estimate your personal slavery footprint.

BOOKTALK:

Can you think of your favorite chocolate bar? Think about the sweet taste on your tongue and the way the chocolate makes you feel? To most of us, chocolate is yummy and good! It is a treat! But to some in the world, chocolate is no treat. Chocolate is The Bitter Side of Sweet.

Amadou is fifteen years old. Two years ago, he and his younger brother Seydou who is eight, left their family in Mali and traveled to the Ivory Coast to work on a farm to harvest cacao. Cacao, "the food of the gods," is used to make chocolate. The bus driver told their family that they would work one season, and earn some money to help the family. What Amadou's family did not realize was that the bus driver would drop them at a cacao plantation that would force them to work grueling hours in dangerous conditions for no pay. He lied. Now, life for Amadou and Seydou is the same every day. They climb trees to cut cacao pods with machetes. They are fed a small breakfast and supper each day, but nothing more. They work from sunup to sundown and at night are locked into

barracks with other boys to prevent them from running away. Amadou tried running when he first arrived at the camp, but after the tremendous beating, and the bosses' threats to his brother, he does not try to escape again. That is until the girl Khadija shows up. One afternoon, a girl Khadija is dropped at the camp. This is something new. Up until now, only boys have been delivered to the camp. Never a girl. Why is she here? Amadou notices that this girl looks well fed with soft skin. She is not the typical village child sent to these farms. Khadija is not your typical village child. She is smart, educated and full of determination. And she desperately wants to return to her mother. A mother that has a connection to those that want to prevent child-slave labor. So Khadija uses her determination and Seydou to make her escape from the farm. Amadou cannot believe his brother would be so gullible to fall for the trick Khadija uses on Seydou to aid in her escape. Amadou feels great guilt for bringing his young brother to this horrible life of slavery. He will do anything to prevent his brother from getting punished by the bosses and hurt from the work on the farm. And so he does the only thing he knows to do. He takes the blame for the escape of Khadija. He knows that it will bring a beating, but what he doesn't realize is that his life will now be forever changed. At first, Amadou thinks Khadija brings hurt and heartache. But then he learns that she brings more. She brings hope. Hope for freedom. Read The Bitter Side of Sweet by Tara Sullivan.

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Denton Little's Death Date

Lance Rubin

Alfred a Knopf, 2015

346 pages

SUMMARY:

In Denton Little's world, everybody is told their future death date. In addition to their birthday parties, they even have death date parties. Denton is determined to outlive his death date no matter what everybody else says.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY . . .

Noggin, John Corey Whaley

The Body Institute, Carol Riggs

We All Looked Up, Tommy Wallach

Scythe, Neal Shusterman

Fade to Blue, Sean Beaudoin

Rash, Pete Hautman

Grasshopper Jungle, Andrew Smith

WEBSITES:

Lance Rubin Unplugged, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w8zUw-YERs> , author sings a song about the book.

Denton Little's Death Date book trailer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtY6dGoE75o>, YouTube book trailer for the book.

Lance Rubin, <http://www.lancerubin.com/denton-littles-deathdate> - official author website.

BOOKTALK:

What would it be like to know the exact date of your death. Well, in Denton Little's world thank to science everybody is told what day they will die. Unfortunately for seventeen-year-old Denton, his death date is the day of his senior prom. I know, right!

Denton does not know what will kill him, but he suspects it might have something to do with the purple rash spreading over his body. Then again, it could be the strange man who shows up at his funeral -- yep, in Denton's world they hold funerals while you're still alive so you can attend and hear what everyone has to say about you! How cool is that?! Anyway, this stranger tells Denton to be cautious and not believe everything he is being told. Will Denton really die or will he manage to outlive his death date? And, what else does this mysterious man know?

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The Distance Between Lost and Found

Kathryn Holmes
HarperTeen, 2015
304 pages

SUMMARY:

Sophomore Hallie Calhoun has just endured the most excruciating six months of her life. Once the rumors about her and the preacher's son, Luke, made their way around school, her friends abandoned her, and as a result, Hallie has completely withdrawn. Now on a hiking trip in the Smoky Mountains with the same people who have relentlessly taunted her, Hallie is pushed to her limit.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

Symptoms of Being Human by Jeff Garvin

Backlash by Sarah Littman

Finding Hope by Colleen Nelson

Are You Still There? by Sarah Lynn

WEBSITES:

Distance Between Lost and Found Book Trailer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLyDZd-gFdw>, YouTube book Trailer.

Katheryn Holmes, <http://www.kathrynholmes.com>, author website.

BOOKTALK:

Hallelujah, Hallie to most, is isolated. Rumors swirl around her about something that happened between her and Luke, the preacher's kid, mostly started and spread by Luke himself. His lies have made her a pariah – shunned by her friends and made fun of by everyone else. Shame is her only companion. But Hallie has managed to keep her parents in the dark, not letting them know how bad things have gotten. So she goes on her church's youth hiking trip with Luke and the others who have bullied her. She meets a newcomer, Rachel, who knows nothing about the incident. Rachel tries to reach out to Hallie. And then Hallie, Rachel and Jonah, one of Hallie's former best friends, get lost in the woods and survival becomes the focus. They have to trust each other in order to survive. Will Hallie come clean about what really happened with Luke that fateful night?

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Don't Fail Me Now

Una LaMarche
Razorbill, 2015
288 pages

SUMMARY:

Michelle is just trying to keep herself and her younger siblings out of foster care, which isn't easy with an addict for a mother and a deadbeat dad for a father. When a half-sister she's never met appears to tell her that their father is dying, she makes the least adult-like decision of her entire childhood and decides to take them all on an epic road-trip to confront their dad.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Mosquitoland, David Arnold
Signs Point to Yes, Sandy Hall
The Lost & Found, Katrina Leno
Peas and Carrots, Tanita Davis
The Porcupine of Truth, Bill Konisberg

WEBSITES:

Una LaMarche's Official Website, <http://www.sassycurmudgeon.com/>, This website has a brief bio about the author, information about her other young adult books, a link to her blog, and other related author/book news.

Nar-Anon Family Groups: A 12 Step Program for Families and Friends of Addicts, <http://www.nar-anon.org/>, This website offers resources for family members of addicts, including a meeting locator and self-help literature.

BOOKTALK:

Michelle only has one month until graduation. But instead of thinking about prom, summer jobs, and college orientation, she has to figure out how to stretch her Taco Bell paycheck to cover rent, her sister's insulin, and bail money for her mom, all while making sure her little brother doesn't get expelled from school thanks to his imaginary friend's anger issues. When she unexpectedly finds out that the half-sister her father chose over them is not only white but has been living in the lap of luxury all these years, she decides she's going to give her dad a piece of her mind. Unfortunately, he's on the other side of the country and dying. But Michelle has a car with as much spunk as she does, a full tank of gas, and a backseat full of siblings. What could possibly go wrong?

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Dumplin’
Julie Murphy
Balzer + Bray, 2015
384 pages

SUMMARY:

Willowdean was dubbed Dumplin’ by her former beauty queen turned pageant director mother because of her size. However, Dumplin’ has always been comfortable in her own skin. She is a self-proclaimed fat-girl who doesn’t see her size as something that needs to be fixed.

However, her confidence in herself is shaken when she takes a new job at Harpy’s and begins to become involved with Bo, a former jock turned private school student. Instead of letting her confidence continue to waiver, Willowdean decides to enter her town’s beauty pageant to prove to herself and others that she is just as worthy of love, respect, and dignity as any other skinny chick in the room.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

Future Perfect, Jen Larsen

Gabi, A Girl in Pieces, Isabel Quintero

Fat Girl With A Knife (short story in *Slasher Girls and Monsters Boys*), Jonathan Maberry

My Big Fat Manifesto, Susan Vaught

Everything Beautiful, Simmone Howell

WEBSITES:

Julie Murphy, <http://juliemurphywrites.com/> Julie Murphy’s website provides not only still pictures of her daily life and adventures, but also gives lengthy descriptions of the books she has written. This site also provides users with a FAQ section as well as contact information, upcoming appearances, and interviews.

The Perpetual Page Turner, <http://www.perpetualpageturner.com/2015/08/dumplin-playlist-a-giveaway-for-an-amazing-prize-pack.html> While this website is a YA and adult fiction run blog, this specific page lists what the author of *Dumplin’* believes would be Willowdean’s playlist. There is also a link to the Spotify playlist Julie Murphy created specifically for this book.

Epic Author Facts: Julie Murphy Dumplin, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uD4e324vDU0>
Through this video, author Julie Murphy tells viewers about not only her favorite Halloween costumes and why she is a cat in human form, but also reveals some of her inspiration for the character of Willowdean in her novel *Dumplin’*.

BOOKTALK:

“It’s like how I notice some girls have big boobs or shiny hair or knobby knees. Those things are okay to say. But the word fat, the one that best describes me, makes lips frown and cheeks lose their color.” When you hear the word fat, what is your first reaction? To cringe and wince like it’s a forbidden curse word that people know exists but you just DON’T say? Do you think about those “last 10 or 20” pounds that made you rethink buying that dress you saw in the department store window? Well Willowdean Dickson is putting on the damn dress, a red one to be exact, whether it fits or not. Although not the textbook beauty queen her pageant director mom would want her to be,

Willowdean has always seen her body as just that, a body that no one has the right to comment on but three people: she, herself, and her. But juggling a job at the local fast food joint, exploring a new relationship with “mysterious” private school boy Bo, and feelings of growing further from her best friend Ellen, begin to have Willowdean questioning herself and seeing what she thought would be her newfound confidence dwindle. Instead of deciding to be miserable or do the “this one time at fat camp” routine many of us all know and hate, Willowdean decides to join the Miss Clover City beauty pageant along with some other misfit candidates to prove to herself and others that one girl deserves to wear a crown, a form fitting dress, and love herself just as much as any other. This book is one sure to make you nose exhale, laugh out loud, and bring any other form of joy you could imagine from embarking on a journey of finding one’s confidence and self-love no matter what your shape, size, or what you look like.

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Emmy and Oliver

Robin Benway
HarperTeen, 2015
352 pages

SUMMARY:

Emmy and Oliver were best friends, until Oliver was kidnapped 10 years ago. Now Oliver has been found and reunited with his Mom and a step-father he never knew. After the kidnapping, Emmy's parents were afraid and have been over-protective her whole life, to the point where Emmy lies about where she is and what she's doing. Now that Oliver is back, Emmy and Oliver have to rediscover who they were before and who they are now.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

Shattered by Teri Terry

Afterward by Jennifer Mathieu

What Janie Found by Caroline Cooney

Amy Chelsea Stacie Dee by Mary G. Thompson

WEBSITES:

Robin Benway Website, <http://www.robinbenway.com>, author's website

Book Page: Emmy & Oliver, <https://bookpage.com/reviews/18377-robin-benway-emmy-oliver#.WA9kdeUrLcs>, Book reviews and information on the book and where to buy it.

HarperCollins: Emmy & Oliver, <https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062330598/emmy-and-oliver>, Publishers website with information on the book, reviews and author information.

BOOKTALK:

Oliver is back after 10 years. But he's not the Oliver that Emmy knew when they were little. The kidnapping changed all of them – families, friends, neighbors. And now they have to find their way back – back to their families, back to each other. How do you reconnect with someone that was snatched away? How do you reassure your parents who are terrified you might disappear, so that you can live a normal life? How will Oliver adjust to his new family? And most of all, will Emmy and Oliver become once again, the friends they were before the kidnapping? Read Emmy and Oliver and find out.....

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Every Last Word

Tamara Ireland Stone

Hyperion, 2015

356 pages

SUMMARY:

At the beginning of her Junior year in high school, Samantha McAllister is determined to keep her purely-Obsessive OCD a secret from everyone, including her closest friends, until she is drawn into a secret poetry club where she learns to accept herself and cope with her mental disorder.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY.....

Compulsion, Heidi Ayarbe

OCD, the Dude, and Me: A Novel, Lauren Roedy Vaughn

Say What You Will, Cammie McGovern

The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B, Teresa Toten

WEBSITES

Tamara Ireland Stone, <http://tamarairelandstone.com/>, website of the author.

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder,

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/obsessive-compulsive-disorder-ocd/index.shtml>,

website for the National Institute of Mental Health provides information about the signs and symptoms, risk factors, and treatments and therapies for OCD.

International OCD Foundation, <https://iocdf.org/>, nonprofit organization founded by individuals with OCD to help people with related disorders lead full and productive lives.

Teen Ink, <http://www.teenink.com/>, website devoted completely to writing, art, and photos by and for teenagers.

BOOKTALK:

To anyone on the outside looking in, sixteen year-old Samantha McAllister has it all. She has a car, a great wardrobe, and a clique of friends known as the Crazy Eights who have been together since kindergarten. Everyone knows that these lucky girls have perfect lives and go to the best parties. Whatever they do, others notice. But Samantha has a secret, and she is not willing to share it with anyone, even her closest friends. If they knew that Samantha suffered from Purely Obsessive OCD, her friends would cast her out like last year's fashions. The harder Samantha tries to keep her secret, the worse her disorder becomes.

While at her locker, Samantha meets Caroline. The two girls quickly become friends, and Caroline leads Samantha to a hidden room known as the Poet 's Corner to the small group of social misfits who meet here twice a week to share their poetry. Sam is drawn to the to the club and its members, especially to A.J., who usually expresses himself through his songs. She finds excuses to leave the Crazy Eights during lunch to spend time in Poet's Corner because she knows her best friends would not accept her poet friends or her participation in the club.

Sam becomes increasingly attached to the members of the poetry club, and she falls in love with A.J. Now she is hiding the truth from two groups of friends. Can Sam find the courage to tell the Crazy Eights that she is in love with A.J.? Can she share her OCD with A.J. and the other club members? Before she can decide, a powerful, shocking plot twist occurs that brings matters to a head, threatening Sam's newfound happiness and her sanity.

To find out what happens to Sam, read *Every Last Word* by Tamara Ireland Stone.

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Everything Everything

Nicola Yoon

Delacorte Press, 2015

336 pages

SUMMARY:

Madeline Whittier hasn't been able to experience the world. She has a condition called Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disorder. She has only been in contact with two people; her mother and her nurse. When a new boy moves in next door, it instantly attracts her attention. She is faced with a big question; how can they get to know each other when she is allergic to everything?

IF YOU LIKE THIS BOOK, TRY...

The Sky is Everywhere, Jandy Nelson

The Sun is also a Star, Nicola Yoon

Holding up the Universe, Jennifer Niven

All The Bright Places, Jennifer Niven

Every Last Word, Tamara Ireland Stone

WEBSITES:

Nicola Yoon, <http://www.nicolayoon.com/#welcome-new/> - Official Author Website

National Human Genome Research Institute, <https://www.genome.gov/13014325/>, Information on SCID

Epic Reads: Everything You Need to Know About Everything, Everything The Movie, <http://www.epicreads.com/blog/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-everything-everything-movie/>, cast, director, behind the scenes, photos, etc.

BOOKTALK:

Could you imagine never being able to leave your house because you are allergic to everything? This is Madeline Whittier's life. To make it worse, the only two people she comes in contact with are her mother, who is also her doctor, and her nurse. She is completely alone until a new family moves in next door. She meets Oliver and this complicates her life immensely. How is she supposed to have any form of a relationship if leaving her house could kill her? On top of everything, Oliver's father is abusive and dangerous. How can she protect Oliver without harming herself? She later finds information that challenges everything she has ever known, but it may also be a way that she can actually be with Oliver.

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The Fixer

Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Bloomsbury USA Childrens, 2016
400 pages

SUMMARY:

When Tess Kendrick's grandfather becomes ill, she moves to Washington, D.C. to live with her sister. Her sister is an influential "fixer" on Capitol Hill, and her new classmates think Tess should be too. Her high school and the political world collide as a few mysteries are uncovered.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Long Game, Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Heist Society, Ally Carter
Don't Turn Around, Michelle Gagnon
Scarlett Undercover, Jennifer Latham
Ink and Ashes, Valynne E, Maetani

WEBSITES:

Jennifer Lynn Barnes, <http://www.jenniferlynnbarnes.com/>, official author website.
The Fixer Non-Spoiler Book Review, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1x7xoGSsTP0> -
YouTube book review for the book by an excited fan.
Supreme Court, <https://www.supremecourt.gov/> - website for information on the Supreme Court.
Alzheimer's Disease, <http://www.alz.org/> -website with information about the disease.

BOOKTALK:

Do you watch *Scandal* or *Pretty Little Liars*? If so, you will be a fan of *The Fixer* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Tess is thrown into a world of lies and intrigue when her grandfather falls ill. She is forced to move to D.C. to live with her sister and attend a prestigious private school. Tess only wants to be back with her grandfather, and dislikes her sister's intervention.

Suddenly, an influential member on Capitol Hill dies, and Tess is acquainted with his grandson and his grandson's friends. Tess must determine who killed this man and help her friend. Her sister's world as a fixer in politics collides with Tess's personal and investigative lives. A lot of secrets will be told and discovered as Tess investigates. Both sisters Tess's adventures do not end with this book, as it is the first in a series.

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Ink and Bone

Rachel Caine

NAL, 2016

384 pages

SUMMARY:

Jess Brightwell lives in a world where the Great library of Alexandria never burned. Instead it thrives as a powerful source controlling knowledge. Jess, who was born into a family of book smugglers is sent by his father to train as a spy at the Great Library. Jess quickly learns the library is far more powerful and dangerous than he could have ever imagined.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK TRY....

The Invisible Library, Genevieve Cogman

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

WEBSITES:

Rachel Caine, www.rachelcaine.com, author website

The Great Library, www.enterthelibrary.com, official book website

Ink and Bone book trailer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFnjx3E5fcc>, YouTube official book trailer

BOOK TALK:

What if the Great Library of Alexandria had never burned? What if it still existed, only more powerful, governing the world we live in? Jess Brightwell is a book runner for his family, smuggling original books to collectors on the black market. A job so dangerous, the simple act of owning an original book is illegal and considered an act of heresy. When he turns sixteen his father sends him to train as a scholar in the Great Library. He will have access to the most rare and valuable original copies of books, those that the Great Library will go to any extent to protect. Books and knowledge is lent via a codex, downloaded and sent electronically. The Great Library controls everything that is read and any knowledge that is shared. Jess Brightwell learns quickly that he isn't the only one hiding a dangerous secret. He soon learns the dangerous degree in which in the Library will go to control the knowledge it shares and how little value is placed on human life. When a machine is created by his friend that can jeopardize this control, Jess will find out just how sinister and powerful the Great Library really is. Ink and Bone is a wonderful adventure that will immerse you in a fantastic alternate world where knowledge is more valuable than those that seek it.

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Joyride
Anna Banks
Feiwel and friends, 2015
288 pages

SUMMARY:

Carly, the daughter of undocumented immigrants, just wants to stay under the radar. That means doing well in school and working hard to help support her family. But after meeting the son of the town sheriff, she realizes that, for better or worse, her life will never be the same.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

What Can't Wait, Ashley Hope Perez

Dream Things True, Marie Marquardt

Spare Parts, Joshua Davis (non-fiction)

Something In Between, Melissa de la Cruz

Perfect Chemistry, Simone Elkeles

WEBSITES:

Anna Banks' Official Website, <http://annabanksbooks.com/>, This website has a brief bio about the author, information about her other young adult books, a link to her blog, book trailers, and other related resources.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, <https://www.ilrc.org/immigration-options-undocumented-immigrant-children>, This website offers information for the children of undocumented immigrants, including legal resources and community support.

BOOKTALK:

Carly loves working the graveyard shift at the local convenience store - sure she has to deal with the occasional drunk but where else is she going to get paid to do her Calculus homework? When she inadvertently stops an armed gunman from robbing one of her customers, her life suddenly gets a lot more complicated. She finds herself the center of a lot of unwanted attention, mostly from the son of the town's sheriff, which is especially bad since her parents are undocumented immigrants. While Carly is determined to go back to her quiet life of staying under the radar, Arden is just as determined to drag her into his life of mischief and mayhem. However, Arden's father has plans of his own - plans that don't include having Carly in his son's life, plans that don't include having her parents in his town. Will Carly and Arden beat the odds or will their little joyride crash and burn?

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Scarlett Undercover

Jennifer Latham

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015

320 pages

SUMMARY:

Scarlett is a Muslim American who runs her own detective agency. While investigating a suicide that turns out to be murder, she discovers the mystery goes back centuries to a war between genies and the descendants of King Solomon.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Shadow Shaper, Daniel Jose Older

An Ember in the Ashes, Sabaa Tahir

Beware the Wild, Natalie C. Parker

The Fixer, Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Wrath and the Dawn, Renee Adieh

WEBSITES:

Jennifer Latham, <http://www.jenniferlatham.com/>, official author website.

Scarlett Undercover Book Trailer, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-wxL6yrveQ>, YouTube booktrailer for the book.

Scarlett Undercover, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdYudXrA4lk>, YouTube book talk for the book.

A Thousand and One Nights, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Thousand-and-One-Nights> - encyclopedia entry on the book.

BOOKTALK:

Danger, intrigue, the past. Jennifer Latham's *Scarlett Undercover* delivers these and more in her new novel. Scarlett, a typical teenager, runs her own detective agency. She takes on a seemingly random case, but discovers it connects to her father's unsolved murder. Shockingly, she discovers her case and her father's murder are connected by the ancient world of genies and King Solomon's descendants. Scarlett's sister, a doctor and Scarlett's guardian, gets swept up into the danger. Will Scarlett be able to solve these mysteries and save her family?

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The Secrets We Keep

Trisha Leaver

Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015

294 pages

SUMMARY:

Maddy and Ella Lawton are identical twin sisters, but that's where the similarities end. Maddy plays the role of the typical popular high school student, while Ella is more content to sit back and be her own person. Each sister makes assumptions about the other's life, which causes conflict and friction in their family. One night, after picking up Maddy from a party, Ella loses control of the car, causing a horrific accident. Guilt, grief, and a mild head trauma cause Ella to decide to assume the much loved Maddy's identity. What follows is the discovery of many hidden truths, leading Ella to realize just how much she didn't know about her twin sister's life. But how will she ever make things right again.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

The Lying Game by Sara Shepard

A Million Miles Away by Lara Avery

Looking for Alaska by John Green

The Good Sister by Jamie Kain

Untwine by Edwidge Dandicat

Identical by Ellen Hopkins

WEBSITES:

Mental Health America, <http://www.nmha.org/conditions/coping-loss-bereavement-and-grief>, Visit this website to learn more information about grief, how to cope with loss, and how to help others.

Author's website, <http://www.trishaleaver.com/>, Visit author Trisha Leaver's website to read more about her other books!

Author's blog, <http://trishaleaver.blogspot.com/>, Visit author Trisha Leaver's blog!

BOOKTALK:

We all have moments when we fantasize about living someone else's life. But what does it take to actually assume another person's identity? Ella Lawton is driving her twin sister Maddy home from a party in the middle of the night when she accidentally crashes the car, killing Maddy. When Ella first wakes up in the hospital, she is confused about who she is and thinks she is Maddy. She soon realizes her true identity, but, weighed down by grief and guilt, she decides to pretend to be Maddy. How will she make this work? Is Maddy's best friend Jenna really a friend? Just how supportive is Maddy's boyfriend Alex? Did their parents really love Maddy more than her? When Ella discovers a devastating, hidden truth about Maddy, she must decide whether or not assuming Maddy's identity was the best choice for those she cares about. Which secrets should be kept close, and which should be let out for the world to know?

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Stick

Michael Harmon

Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2015

240 pages

SUMMARY:

Brett “Stick” Preston, popular football hero and wide receiver, and Preston Underwood, nerdy outcast who puts on a superhero costume and prowls around town at night to fight crime, are as opposite as opposite can be on the scale of social status. But when Stick begins to question the status quo, his life, and even football, an unlikely friendship between the two brings unexpected outcomes.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Athletic Shorts, Chris Crutcher

Bully, Michael Harmon

Crackback, John Coy

Deadline, Chris Crutcher

Looking for Alaska, John Green

Pop, Gordon Korman

WEBSITES:

Stop Bullying - <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>, US Government site about what is bullying and what you can do to help stop bullying.

Teens Health: Dealing with Bullying, <http://kidshealth.org/en/teens/bullies.html>, information and advice on how to deal with bullying.

Teens Health: Abuse, <http://kidshealth.org/en/teens/family-abuse.html>, information/definition of the different types of abuse and how to cope and get help.

Free Comic Book Day, <http://www.freecomicbookday.com/Home/1/1/27/992>, on a more positive note, Free Comic Book Day is a way to connect teens with stores that provide comics!

BOOKTALK:

Brett “Stick” Patterson is a wide receiver on a high school team headed for a second state championship win. What no one realizes is that he’s fallen out of love with the game. It’s no longer a joy, but a responsibility he has to maintain to make everyone else happy: his dad, his coach, his teammates, the student body, the town, ... no matter what it takes or who it hurts, Brett included, he must play to win.

Preston Underwood is the school outcast and doesn’t care what others think of him. The complete opposite on the popularity hierarchy as Brett. Brett and Preston become friends when Brett decides he’s going to save Preston from the football bullies, but the irony is Preston thinks he’s saving Brett from his clichéd life.

Events spiral out of control when Brett quits the football team, gets kicked out by his dad, and subsequently becomes the one bullied alongside Preston. Things get even worse for Brett once he switches schools and joins the rival football team in an effort to try to rediscover his passion for the sport that he loves, but only brings on escalating violence from his former teammates.

Preston has his own problems dealing with not only the bullies at school, but his mom's abusive boyfriend, and oh yeah, I forgot to mention his hobby: dressing up in a homemade superhero costume and “patrolling” the city at night to help others because he couldn’t help the one person he loved the most, his dad.

Stick is an intense and emotional thrill ride and a testament to what it means to be true friends against all odds.

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Sweet

Emmy Laybourne

Macmillan, 2015

272 pages

SUMMARY:

Meet Solu, the new diet food additive that will magically make you lose weight! Get on board the celebrity cruise ship to help launch this new diet miracle...if you dare. Laurel is too seasick to eat the Solu-laced food, and she's soon glad that she was! Things take a horrifying turn once the side effects of Solu start to manifest. But thankfully there's a hot reality TV celebrity to soften the horror.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

Eat, Brains, Love by Jeff Hart

45 Pounds (More or Less) by K.A. Barson

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

The Living by Matt De La Pena

Hold Me Closer, Necromancer by Lish McBride

Stung by Bethany Wiggins

WEBSITES:

National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, www.anad.org, This website provides information about eating disorders and body image. Find support groups, recovery mentors, and access the helpline.

National Institute of Mental Health, <https://goo.gl/SnsIWA>, This website provides information about eating disorders including risk factors, treatments, and therapies.

Author's website, <http://www.emmylaybourne.com/>, Visit author Emmy Laybourne's website to read more about her other books!

BOOKTALK:

(rushes into room, out of breath)

(whispering)

"Hi everyone...look, I don't have much time."

(looks behind self, paranoid)

"Solu isn't what you think it is. Everyone on this ship wanted to get skinny fast...well, now we have more serious problems. DON'T TAKE IT! It will turn you into a murderous shell of a human! You won't be able to get enough of it!"

(pauses, thinks)

"That's ironic, considering people are taking it because they have control issues to begin with."
(shrugs)

“Now I see why extensive testing and research is important before giving people a food additive. But now it’s too late. Even my best friend is affected...I never thought I would have to leave her for dead. This is too horrible for words.”

(hears a scream. Talks faster)

“Okay, I’m almost out of time. We’re trying to look for a way out of this mess. And by we, I mean Tom. He’s the only positive development on this cruise. And by positive, I mean extremely hot. Okay, can you blame me? A hot reality TV star is interested in me, a sort-of-plain-a-little-chubby-regular-girl. Who now apparently needs to figure out how to save the world.”

(hears pounding on doors and more screaming)

“I have to run! Remember what I said! AVOID SOLU!”

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Things We Know by Heart

Jessi Kirby
HarperTeen, 2015
291 pages

SUMMARY:

Over a year after her boyfriend died suddenly in a tragic accident, Quinn Sullivan remained grief-stricken and withdrawn from her former friends. In an effort to regain control of her life, she clandestinely hunts down Colton Thomas, the recipient of her former boyfriend's heart, and plans to meet him, but as they begin to fall for one another, the secret she is hiding threatens to devastate them both.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

All We Left Behind, Ingrid Sundberg
The Beginning of After, Jennifer Castle
Upstream, Melissa Lion
What You Left Behind, Jessica Verdi
The Last Forever, Deb Caletti
Not After Everything, Michelle Levy

WEBSITES:

Jessi Kirby, <http://www.jessikirby.com/>, The author's website provides facts about her life and her books, as well as contact information, giveaway opportunities, and a calendar of the author's events.

Shelter Cove, California on the Lost Coast, <http://sheltercove-lostcoast.com/>, This website provides photographs, a history of the area, local attractions, and a list of businesses and lodgings.

About Sports: Kayak Paddling, http://paddling.about.com/od/paddling101/u/Kayak_Paddling_Basics.htm, *Kayak Paddling* covers every aspect of kayaking, including choosing, carrying, and storing equipment, paddling techniques, safety measures, and kayaking events.

MedlinePlus: Organ Transplantation, <https://medlineplus.gov/organtransplantation.html#cat8>, *MedlinePlus*, the website for the National Institutes of Health, provides current information about organ transplantation from federal government agencies.

BOOKTALK:

It has been over 400 days since the accident, but Quinn Sullivan cannot move forward. She had eagerly anticipated her senior year with her boyfriend Trent. They had plans for prom, for filling out applications to the same colleges, for graduating and beginning new adventures together, but all of those dreams died with Trent, and time marched on without her. One by one, the organ recipients reached out to Trent's loved ones, acknowledging the sorrow felt by Trent's family and friends and expressing gratitude for a second chance at life provided by his donation. That is, all of the recipients accept one—the one who took Trent's heart away from Quinn.

It has been over 400 days since the accident, but Colton Thomas cannot move forward.

For over a year he has lived with the knowledge that the donor's loved ones want to know about him, but he is not ready to contact them. How can he ever be ready to face them knowing that their loved one had to die for him to live?

Quinn was compelled to know about him. She needed closure. She knew it wasn't right to invade his privacy, but he would never know about a few internet searches to help get her life started again. He couldn't possibly be hurt if she tailed him to see what he looked like and what his life was like. They would never really meet; he would never know.

They were drawn to one another like a butterfly to nectar, each new encounter binding them closer, making her secret loom ever larger, and hurling them both toward certain heartache and destruction. Jessi Kirby is a masterful storyteller. Readers will experience empathy for the characters as Quinn and Colton cope with grief and guilt. As their fragile relationship deepens, you will be delighted that Quinn and Colton have shared their kayak and the beautiful scenery of Shelter Cove with you.

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Wolf by Wolf

Ryan Graudin

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015

400 pages

SUMMARY:

In this thrilling view of alternative history, the Axis Powers have secured victory over the Allies at the conclusion of World War II. The new Empire establishes the Axis Tour, an annual motorcycle race crossing the new empire to celebrate victory. Yael is a concentration camp survivor who also endured extreme medical testing, so extreme that she now has the ability to skinshift. As a member of the resistance, Yael plans to skinshift to impersonate last year's winner of the Axis Tour in order to win the prize: a public audience with Hitler. Object: Assassination. The challenges along the way are many: who to trust, beat tough competitors, overcome mounting doubts about justice and revenge. Graudin adds a unique dynamic to the discussion about racial superiority when those who cared the most about race and ethnicity unintentionally create a way to visibly eliminate both.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

Blood for Blood by Ryan Graudin (the sequel to *Wolf by Wolf*)

Front Lines by Michael Grant

The Only Thing to Fear by Caroline Tung Richmond

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Rebel Mechanics by Shanna Swendson

WEBSITES:

Alternative Outcomes of World War II, <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/24107>, This website provides information about how our world would be different if the Allies had lost World War II. This website includes citations for further reading.

Awesome Stories, <https://www.awesomestories.com/collections/detail/World-War-II>, This website provides links to a great deal of information related to World War II, including survivors' stories, timelines, videos, and more. Each page includes a citation for easy and reliable research use.

Steve Sheinkin, <http://stevesheinkin.com/resources/>, Visit author Steve Sheinkin's website to learn more about his books on World War II, including teacher guides to *Bomb* and *The Port Chicago 50*.

Ryan Graudin, <http://www.ryangraudin.com/>, Visit author Ryan Graudin's website! Her book *The Walled City* is on the 2016-2017 South Carolina Young Adult Book Award list.

BOOKTALK:

What if...the Axis powers had been victorious?

Yael (Yah-elle) survived the concentration camp, survived the experimentations, survived hell. Now, she is a "monster," a skin-shifter, the result of the horrific experiments. But what if she could use this ability born from evil to destroy that same evil?

To have a chance at crippling the Third Reich and Imperial Japan, she has to assume previous victor Adele Wolfe's appearance and win for the second time the Axis Tour, an annual motorcycle race. The victor's prize: an opportunity to see Hitler himself in person. Yael's prize: the chance to assassinate him. She will need to develop allies during the race, but how can she know whether or not to trust her brother Felix or competitor Lukas? Can she keep her rage in check to complete her mission? Does she have to become "like them" in order to help restore peace to the world?

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The Wrong Side of Right

Thorne, Jenn Marie

Speak, 2016

416 pages

SUMMARY:

Katie Quinn moves cross-country from California to South Carolina to live with relatives after the death of her mother only to have her life turned upside down after she discovers the identity of her father.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

First Boy, Gary Schmidt

All-American Girl, Meg Cabot

The Unexpected Everything, Morgan Matson

The Fixer, Jennifer Barnes

All Fall Down, Ally Carter

WEBSITES:

Jenn Marie Thorne, <https://www.jennmariethorne.com/>, Official author website

Penguin Random House, <http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/236265/jenn-marie-thorne>,

Publisher's author page

The Wrong Side of Right Official trailer, <https://youtu.be/EKVPClzMj-E>, YouTube booktrailer.

BOOKTALK:

Being the “it” girl in all the papers, the love interest of the famous First Son, and the daughter of one of the most influential men in the free world sounds great, until it actually happens to you. Sixteen-year-old Katie Quinn was loving life in California, living the life of a normal, happy teenager with her mother and friends until tragedy struck and Katie’s mother died. Moving cross-country to live with her aunt and uncle wasn’t her ideal situation, but Katie made the best of her quiet, new life. Quiet, that is, until the day she arrived home to find her home overrun with reporters and secret service, oh, and a presidential candidate who claimed to be her father.

Suddenly Katie was thrust into the spotlight and into a new home with a family she didn’t even know she had. She did her best to live up to the demands of a presidential campaign, but found that she and her long-lost father don’t see eye-to-eye on everything. While attempting to help her father understand the plight of undocumented residents, Katie inadvertently endangers her best friend’s family and puts her father in a very uncomfortable situation. If that wasn’t enough, Katie’s secret relationship with the incumbent President’s son was exposed, increasing tensions in her already uneasy household.

Does Katie have what it takes to endure the spotlight and can she hold together the relationships she desperately wants?

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