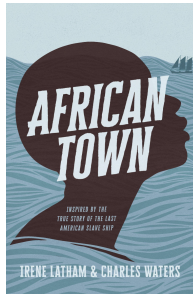


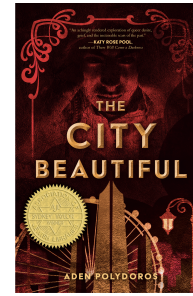
***African Town,***  
by Irene Latham & Charles Walters

In this powerful novel-in-verse that chronicles the story of the last Africans brought illegally to America in 1860, 14 distinct voices recreate a pivotal moment in U.S. and world history, the impacts of which we still feel today.

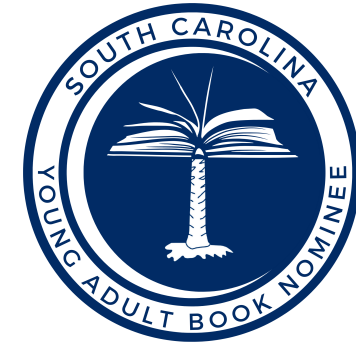


***The City Beautiful,***  
by Aden Polydoros

In 1893 Chicago, after his best friend becomes the latest victim in a long line of murdered Jewish boys, Alter Rosen is plunged into a nightmare where he is thrown back into the arms of a dangerous boy from his past.



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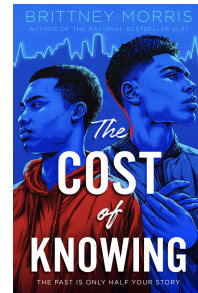


***All of Us Villains,***  
by Amanda Foody & Christine Lynn Herman

Seven teenage tributes must fight to the death to secure their family's control over magick, the most powerful element in the world. As the tournament goes on, the tributes are faced with destiny-changing decisions.

***Beasts of Prey,*** by Ayana Gray

Sixteen-year-old indentured beastkeeper Koffi and seventeen-year-old warrior candidate Ekon forge an unusual alliance and venture into the Greater Jungle to hunt down a monster that has been menacing their city for a century.



***The Cost of Knowing,***  
by Brittney Morris

Every time Alex Rufus touches an object or person, he can see the future of that object, so he's spent most of his life avoiding getting close to people. But then he has a vision of his little brother dying in mere days. Alex has to figure out just how his brother dies, and do everything in his power to stop it.

***Enduring Freedom,***  
by Jawad Arash & Trent Reedy

A tale of two young men experiencing a war that will forever change their lives. They meet as enemies, but will they depart as friends?



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***Bluebird,*** by Sharon Cameron

Eva arrives in New York City after fleeing from Berlin. She says she's looking to create a new life after the war, but she's actually looking for the Nazi who was in charge of "Project Bluebird," a mind-control experiment that took place in the concentration camps. She must keep her identity and aims secret, all while managing to survive.

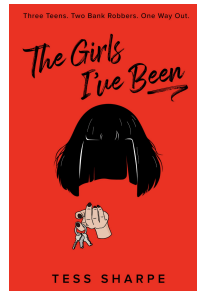
***Every Single Lie,*** by Rachel Vincent



Beckett Bergen finds a dead baby in the girls' locker room. The story captures the attention of not only the small town and its gossipers but also the nation and its social media. Suspicions arise and secrets erupt as the reader investigates the death along with Beckett's mom, a local police officer.

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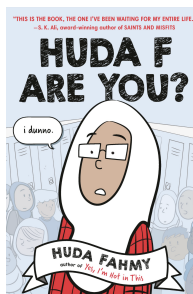


***The Girls I've Been*, by Tess Sharpe**

When seventeen-year-old Nora O'Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel.

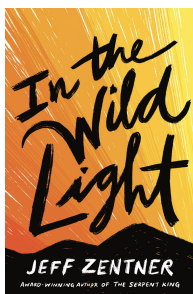
***Huda F Are You*, by Huda Fahmy**

When Huda and her family move to Dearborn Michigan, she must figure out how she fits in, and come to terms with what it means to be yourself, no matter who is watching.



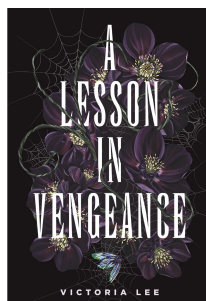
***In the Wild Light*, by Jeff Zentner**

When his best friend, Delaney, gets them both full rides to an elite prep school in Connecticut, Cash must choose between his need to love and protect Delaney and his loyalty to his grandparents and their small Appalachian town.



***A Lesson in Vengeance*, by Victoria Lee**

While helping the eccentric new girl research the Dalloway Five, five students who died mysteriously and were said to be witches, Felicity finds history repeating itself, forcing her to face the darkness in Dalloway--and in herself.

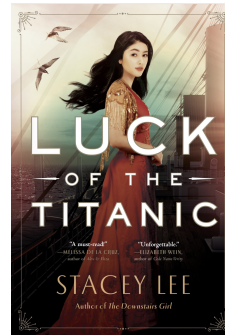


***Lies Like Wildfire*, by Jennifer Lynn Alvarez**

After she and her friends accidentally spark an enormous and deadly wildfire, 18-year-old sheriff's daughter and aspiring FBI agent Hannah Warner finds herself going to extreme lengths to protect their secret.

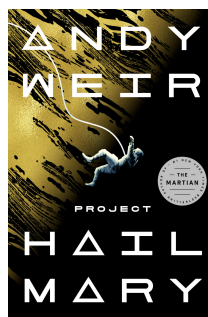
***Luck of the Titanic*, by Stacey Lee**

After smuggling herself onto the RMS Titanic, British-Chinese teenager Valora Luck reunites with her twin brother and tries to convince him that their acrobatic training could be their ticket to a better life.



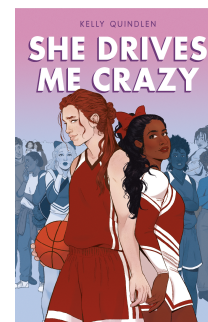
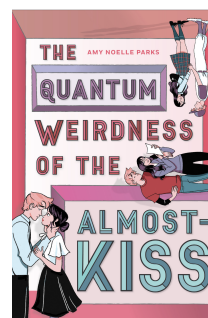
***Project Hail Mary*, by Andy Weir**

Ryland Grace wakes up with no memory aboard a spaceship heading to an unknown universe. While aboard the ship he pieces together his mission: save the world from an extinction-level threat to Earth.



***The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost Kiss*, by Amy Noelle Parks**

Evie and Caleb have been best friends forever. And Caleb is a little in love with Evie. So when she gets over her anxiety to date new boy Leo, romantic comedy ensues.



***She Drives Me Crazy*, by Kelly Quindlen**

Getting into a fender-bender with a beautiful rival after an embarrassing loss to her ex, a talented basketball athlete reluctantly agrees to a carpool arrangement before an opportunity for revenge leads to an unlikely relationship.

***This Poison Heart*, by Kalynn Bayron**

Teenaged Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, even poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives.



***Vinyl Moon*, by Mahogany L. Browne**

After an incident, Angel finds herself in Brooklyn, far from her California home, where she finds solace and healing in a revolutionary literature course in which her classmates share their own stories of pain, joy, and fortitude.



***You'd Be Home Now*, by Kathleen Glasgow**

After a fatal car accident that reveals Emory's brother Joey's opioid addiction, Emory struggles to help him on his road to recovery and make herself heard in a town that insists on not listening.

