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History and War
Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by J. Boyne
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Day Into Night by Anita Diamond
The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Meyers
Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer
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The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The Worst, Hard Time by Timothy Egan
The Cider House Rules by John Irving
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
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Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

Stories from the World
Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo
They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky by Benjamin Ajak, Benson Deng, & Alephonsian Deng
Sold by Patricia McCormick
Trash by Andy Mulligan
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Bea
The Last Man in the Tower by Aravind Adiga
Little Bee by Christopher Cleave
Prisoner of Tehran by Marina Nemat
Buddah in the Attic by Julie Otsuka
Running the Rift by Naomi Benaren
In the Land of Invisible Women by Qanta Ahmed
The Attack by Yasmina Khadra
The Kite Runner by Kaled Hosseini
The Places Inbetween by Rory Stewart
Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples
Biography/Memoir
The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
Is Everybody Having Fun Without Me? By Mindy Kaling
Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
I am Nujood, Age 10 & Divorced by Nujood ali
Townie by Andre Dubus III
Bossypants by Tina Fey
Always Running by Luis Rodriguez
Life in Prison by Tookie Williams
Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius by Dave Eggers
Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos
A Place to Stand by Jimmy Santiago Bacca
Wild by Cheryl Strayed
She’s Got Next by Melissa King
Eleven Seconds by Travis Roy
The Boys of Winter by Wayne Coffey
The Tattoo Chronicles by Kat Von D
Townie by Andre Dubus III
Breaking Night by Liz Murray
Couldn’t Keep it To Myself by Wally Lamb
21: Brining Down the House by Ben Mezrich
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
All Souls by Michael Patrick MacDonald
The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X
Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder
The Burn Journals by Brent Runyan
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
The Freedom Writers Diary by Erin Gruwell
Running with Scissors by Anthony Burroughs
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
Angela’s Ashes by Frank McCourt
50 50 by Dean Karnazes
The Last True Story I’ll Ever Tell by John Crawford

Life in High School
Sweet, Hereafter by Angela Johnson
The First Part Last by Angela Johnson
Looking for Alaska by John Green
The Abundance of Katherines by John Green
Willow by Julia Hoben
Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson
Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac by Gabrielle Zevin
Also Known as Rowan Pohi by Ralph Fletcher
Black and White by Paul Violooponi
Life in High School—cont.
..or not? by Brian Mandabach
The Fat Boy Chronicles by Diane Lang
Everybody Sees the Ants by A. S. King
Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A. S. King
Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler, art by Maira Kalman
How to Save a Life by Sara Zarr
Falling for Hamlet by Michelle Ray
Shine by Lauren Myracle
Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
After by Amy Efaw
The Miles Between by Mary Pearson
War Dances by Sherman Alexie
Head Case by Sarah Aronson
Thirteen Little Envelopes by Maureen Johnson
The First Stone by Don Aker
The Fifth Rule by Don Aker
Running on Empty by Don Aker
Winter’s Bone by Daniel Woodrell
North of the Beautiful by Justina Chen Headley
Stolen by Lucy Christopher
Girl, Stolen by April Henry
Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver
We the Animals by Justin Torres
Just One Day by Gayle Forman
The Wave by Todd Strasser
Boot Camp by Todd Strasser
Shattered by Lisa Luedeke
Scars by Cheryl Rainfield
Beauty Queens by Libba Bray
The Interrogation of Gabriel James by Charlie Price
Mexican White Boy by Matt LaPena
Dare Me by Meg Abbott
Rosebush by Michele Jaffe
Lover’s Dictionary by David Levithan
Life on the Refrigerator Door by Alice Kuipers
The Statistical Impossibility of Love at First Sight by Jennifer E. Smith
What Would My Cell Phone Do? By Micol Ostow
Crossing by Andrew Xia Fukuda
Stay by Deb Caletti
Every You, Every Me by David Levithan
Stay With Me by Paul Griffin
13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher
The Future of Us by Jay Asher
The Silence of Murder by Dandi Daley Mackall
My Name is Not Easy by Debby Dahl Edwardson
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
Pride, Prejudice, and Curling Rocks by Andrea Marie Brokaw
Life in High School—cont.

*Skinny* by Donna Cooner

*The Pull of Gravity* by Gae Polisner

*Go Ask Alice* by anonymous

*Gym Candy* by Carl Dueker

*Pop* by Gordon Korman

*Snitch* by Allison Van Diepen

*Homeboyz* by Alan Sitomer

*The Secret Life of Sonia Rodriguez* by Alan Sitomer

*Swim the Fly* by Don Calame

*Catalyst* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Hate List* by Jennifer Brown

*Bitter End* by Jennifer Brown

*Absolutely Maybe* by Lisa Yee

*Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult

*Prep* by Curtis Sittenfeld

*Guitar Girl* by Sara Manning

*Upstate* by Kalisha Buckhanon

*Black Girl/White Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates

*Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*The Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian

*The Rule of the Bone* by Russell Banks

*The Space Between* by Don Aker

*Street Pharm* by Allison van Diepen

*My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

*Push: a Novel* by Sapphire

*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick

*Paper Towns* by John Green

*Tyrell* by Coe Booth

*Alabama Moon* by Watt Key

*Perfect Chemistry* by Simone elkeles

*The Nature of Jade* by Deb Caletti

*jumping off swings* by Jo Knowles

*What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell

*Define Normal* by Julie Ann Peters

*Prom* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares

*Cut* by Patricia McCormick

*Story of a Girl* by Sara Zarr

*The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler

**Grades 11-12+ (mature readers &/or very difficult reading in length, complexity, pace)**

*Makes Me Wanna Holler* by Nathan McCall

*Fish* by T.J. Parsell

*From the Memoirs of a Non-Enemy Combatant* by Alex Gilvarry

*Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

*Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward
Life in Middle School
Bluefish by Pat Schmatz
Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Bigger Than a Breadbox by Laurel Snyder
Among the Hidden by M. Peterson Haddox
Gossamar by Lois Lowry
Breadcrumbs by Anne Urseny
Middle School: The Worst Years of Your Life by James Patterson
Wonder by A. J. Palacio
The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
Hound Dog True by Linda Urban
The Wild Things by Dave Eggers
The Chronicles of Harris Burdick edited by Chris Van Allsburg
Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
See You at Harry’s by Jo Knowles
One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullany-Hunt
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

Death and Dying
Deadline by Chris Crutcher
Hold Still by Nina LaCour
Forever Changes by Brendan Halpin
The Sky is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson
If I Stay by Gayle Foreman
Where She Went by Gayle Forman
The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
Before I Die by Jenny Downham
Me & Earl & the Dying Girl by J Andrews
After the Wreck, I Picked Myself Up, Spread My Wings and Flew Away by Joyce Carol Oates
The Sledding Hill by Chris Crutcher
Ways to Live Forever by Sally Nichols
By the Time You Read This I’ll Be Dead by Julie Ann Peters
The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen

Prose-poetry books
Because I Am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas
Shark Girl by Kelly Bingham
The Girl Who Fell From the Sky by Heidi W. Durrow
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
My Book of Life by Angel by Marine Leavitt
Crank by Ellen Hopkins (and all of the other books by this author)
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Graphic Novels
The Complete Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
Blankets by Craig Thompson
My Mommy Is In America and She Met Buffalo Bill by Jean Regnaud
A.D. New Orleans After the Deluge by Josh Neufeld
Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
Anya’s Ghost by Vera Brosgol
Blankets by Craig Thompson
My Mommy Is In America and She Met Buffalo Bill by Jean Regnaud
A.D. New Orleans After the Deluge by Josh Neufeld
Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
Anya’s Ghost by Vera Brosgol
Freshman Tales of 9th Grade Obsessions, Rebellions, and Other Nonsense by Corrine Mucha
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Bleach by tite Kubo
Dramacon by Svetlana Chmakova
Into the Volcano by Don Wood
Naruto by Masashi Kishimoto

Sexual Identity
In One Person by John Irving
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
Letters from a Dead Girl by Jo Knowles
Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green
Ask the Passengers by A. S. King
Keeping You a Secret by Julie Ann Peters
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Steven Chbosky
Luna by Julie Ann Peters
Rage by Julie Ann Peters
Girl 2 Girl by Julie Ann Peters
Far from Zanadu by Julie Ann Peters

Fantasy
delirium by Lauren Oliver
pandemonium by Lauren Oliver
divergent by Veronica Roth
insurgent by Veronica Roth
The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins
The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing series by M. T. Anderson
How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater
11/22/63 by Stephen King
Chime by Franny Billingsley
Zombies vs. Unicorns by Holly Black
The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Marty Pearson
The Fox Inheritance by Marty Pearson
House of Leaves by Mark Z. Danielewski
BZRK by Michael Grant
Safekeeping by Karen Hesse
The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
The Ask and the Answer by Patrick Ness
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
Cirque du Freak/Demonata by Daren Shan
Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card
I am Number Four by Pittacus Lore
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
Ranger’s Apprentice by John Flanagan
Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater
Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Non-fiction 9-12
Columbine by Dave Cullen
Fifth Avenue, 5 a.m.: Audrey Hepburn, Breakfast at Tiffany’s, and the Dawn of the Modern Woman by Sam Wasson
The Brontes: Charlotte Bronte and her Family by Rebecca Fraser
I am an emotional creature: the secret life of girls around the world by Eve Ensler
Moneyball by Michael Lewis
Juveniles in Justice by
The Shallows by Nicholas Carr
Zeitoun by Dave Eggers
The Honest Truth About Dishonesty by Dan Ariely
Lies Across America: What our historic sites get wrong by James Loewen
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
Blink by Malcolm Gladwell
The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
Drive by Daniel Pink
Start Something That Matters by Blake Mycoskie
Food Rules by Michael Pollan

Rock Memoirs
Can’t Buy Me Love by Jonathan Gould
Life by Keith Richards
Just Kids by Patti Smith
The Rose that Grows From Concrete by Tupac Shakur

Dog Books
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
Following Atticus by Tom Ryan
A Dog’s Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron
Inside of a Dog by Alexander Horowitz
The Dogs of War by Lisa Rogak
Sergeant Rex by Mike Dowling & Damien Lewis
From Baghdad with Love by Jay Kopelman & Melinda Roth
Until Tuesday by Luis Carlos Montalvan & Bret Witter
Soldier Dogs by Maria Goodavage
Saving Cinnamon by Christine Sullivan
Humor
Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka
Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
Slam by Nick Hornby
The Book of Guy Stories by Garrison Keillor
Don’t Stand Too Close to a Naked Man by Tim Allen
Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris
When You Are in Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris
Born Standing Up by Steve Martin
Bossypants by Tina Fey

Poetry
The Poet Slave of Cuba by Margarita Engle
Ode to Common Things by Pablo Neruda
A Wreath for Emmett Hill by Marilyn Nelson
Things I Have to Tell You: Poetry written by Teenage Girls by Betsy Franco
You Hear Me? Poetry Written by Teenage Boys by Betsy Franco

Classics
The Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers
A Rage in Harlem by Chester B. Himes
Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
1984 by George Orwell
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostovesky
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Walden by Henry David Thoreau
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Persuasion by Jane Austen
The Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Big Sur by Jack Kerouac
Franny and Zoey by J. D. Salinger
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines