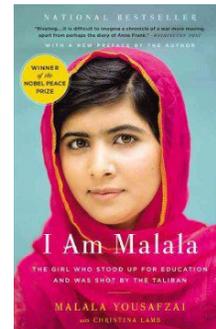
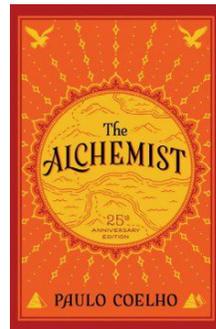
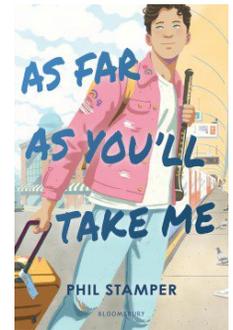
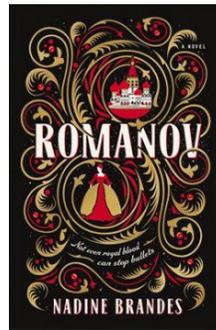
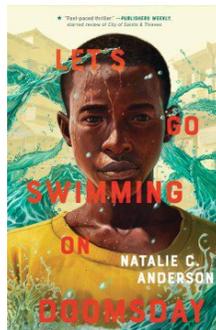
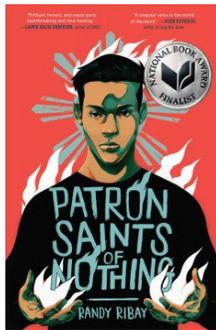


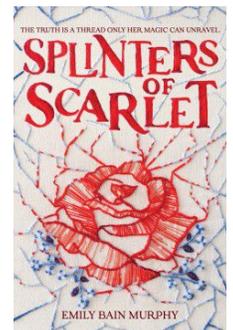
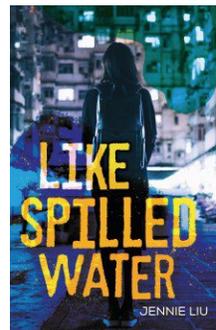
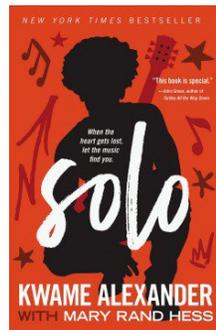
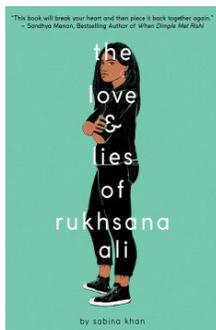
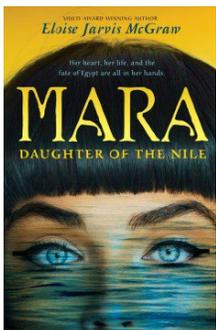
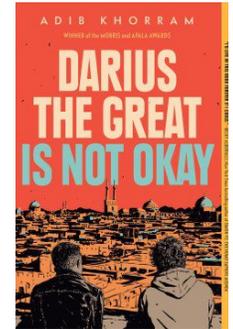
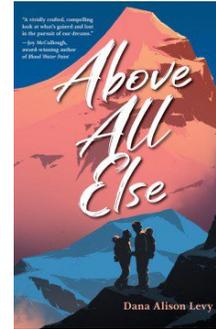
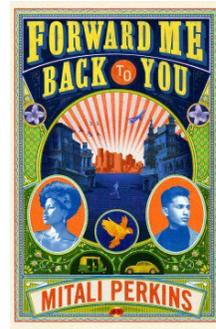
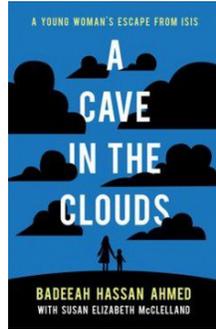
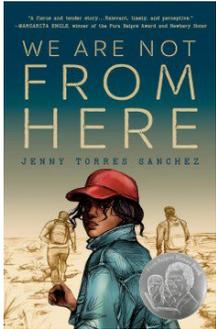
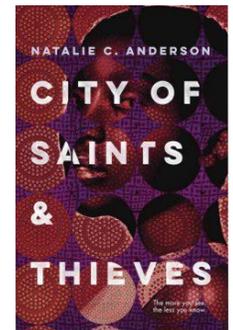
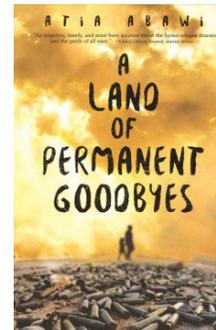
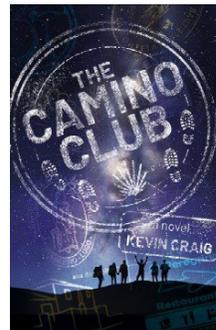
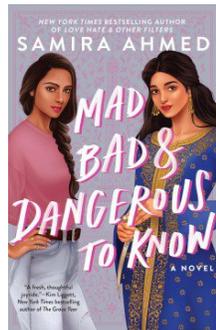
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**Patron saints of nothing** by Randy Ribay

When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more.

**Let's go swimming on doomsday** by Natalie C. Anderson

Forced to become a child soldier, sixteen-year-old Somali refugee Abdi must confront his painful past.

**Romanov** by Nadine Brandes

Anastasia "Nastya" Romanov must choose between using the ancient spell her father, the exiled tsar, trusted her to keep safe, or trust Zash, a handsome Bolshevik soldier.

**Love from A to Z** by S.K. Ali

Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar, during spring break and fall in love as both struggle to find a way to live their own truths.

**As far as you'll take me** by Phil Stamper

Marty Pierce leaves small-town Kentucky for London, hoping to explore his sexuality and find work playing oboe, but homesickness, anxiety, and his dwindling savings worsen even as his dreams are coming true.

**Prince charming** by Rachel Hawkins

When Daisy's older sister gets engaged to the Crown Prince of Scotland, Daisy makes the royal rulebook all her own.

**Wicked fox** by Kat Cho

After eighteen-year-old Gu Miyoung, a nine-tailed fox surviving in modern-day Seoul by eating the souls of evil men, kills a murderous goblin to save Jihoon, she is forced to choose between her immortal life and his.

**The Picture of Dorian Gray** by Oscar Wilde

To ensure the endurance of his youthful good looks, Dorian Gray strikes a Faustian bargain in which his appearance remains unchanged but his portrait reflects every ugly action of his amoral life.

**The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho

Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure, goes on a quest that will lead him to riches far different and far more satisfying than he ever imagined.

**I am Malala: how one girl stood up for education and changed the world**

by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick  
Describes the life of the young Pakistani student who advocated for women's rights and education in the Taliban-controlled Swat Valley, survived an assassination attempt, and became the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

### STAFF PICKS

**Dear Haiti, love Alaine** by Maika Moulite and Maritza Moulite

Told through letters, articles, emails and diary entries. Follows the experiences of a Haitian American teen who is sent to work in a Haitian nonprofit, where she learns about local culture and her family heritage.

**A girl like that** by Tanaz Bhathena

Labeled as a troublemaker in spite of her bright mind, 16-year-old Zarin, a teen growing up in Saudi Arabia, engages in a forbidden relationship with a Parsi boy before a tragic accident brings everything others believed about the girl into question.

**Mad, bad & dangerous to know** by Samira Ahmed

In Paris, seventeen-year-old Khayyam, a part-Indian, part-French Muslim American, is at a crossroads when a chance encounter plunges her into research about Leila, a girl much like Khayyam who inspired Eugène Delacroix.

**The Camino club** by Kevin Craig

A group of wayward teenagers from diverse backgrounds are tasked to walk the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage across Spain over the summer holidays instead of serving time in juvenile detention.

**A land of permanent goodbyes** by Atia Abawi

After their home in Syria is bombed, Tareq, his father, and his younger sister seek refuge, first with extended family in Raqqa, a stronghold for the militant group, Daesh, and then abroad.

**City of saints & thieves** by Natalie C. Anderson

Sixteen-year-old Tina and two friends leave Kenya and slip into the Congo, from where she and her mother fled years before, seeking revenge for her mother's murder but uncovering startling secrets.

**We are not from here** by Jenny Torres Sanchez

Crossing from Guatemala through Mexico, three teens follow the route of La Bestia, the perilous train system that might deliver them to a better life -- if they are lucky enough to survive the journey.

**The wide starlight** by Nicole Lesperance

Eli was six when her mother disappeared off a frozen fjord in Norway under the Northern Lights and now, at age sixteen, she returns, determined to discover what really happened.

**A cave in the clouds** by Badeeah Hassan Ahmed

Recounts the author's harrowing experiences as a survivor of the 2014 genocide of the Ezidi minority culture by ISIS, describing how she was among hundreds enslaved within a brutal human trafficking network.

**Forward me back to you** by Mitali Perkins

Told in separate voices, Kat and Robin leave Boston on a church mission to help combat human trafficking in India while Kat recovers from a sexual assault and Robin seeks his birth mother.

**Above all else** by Dana Alison Levy

As two teen climbers encounter physical and emotional challenges the higher they go up Mt. Everest, the expedition starts to slide toward disaster, testing their courage, determination, and their feelings for each other.

**Darius the Great is not okay** by Adib Khorram

Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

**Mara, daughter of the Nile** by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

An ingenious Egyptian slave girl undertakes a dangerous assignment as a spy in the royal palace of Thebes during the rule of Queen Hatshepsut.

**The love and lies of Rukhsana Ali** by Sabina Khan

After her conservative Muslim parents catch her kissing her girlfriend Ariana, Rukhsana Ali finds herself whisked off to Bangladesh and must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path.

**Solo** by Kwame Alexander, with Mary Rand Hess.

Blade endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past to navigate the challenges of his former rockstar father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.

**Like spilled water** by Jennie Liu

Na has always been in the shadow of her younger brother, Bao-bao, her parents' cherished son. But when Bao-bao dies suddenly, Na realizes how little she knew him. And he wasn't the only one with secrets.

**Seven deadly shadows** by Courtney Alameda and Valynne E. Maetani

When her family's shrine is attacked by a band of yokai demons, Shira must gather a group of unlikely heroes to keep the demon lord Shuten-doji from bringing everlasting darkness to the world.

**Splinters of scarlet** by Emily Bain Murphy

In nineteenth-century Copenhagen, an orphaned seamstress goes to work for a retired ballerina and uses her magic to investigate her father's mysterious death while working for the same family years ago.