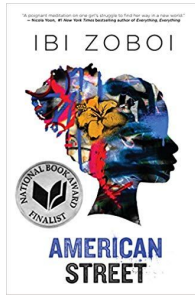


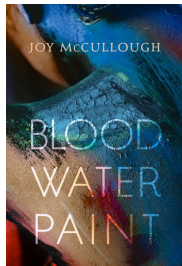
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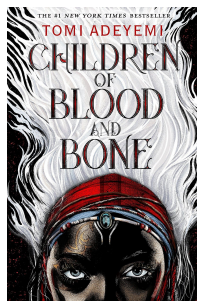
Separated from her detained mother after moving from Haiti to America, Fabiola struggles to navigate the home of her loud cousins and a new school on Detroit's gritty west side, where a surprising romance and a dangerous proposition challenge her ideas about freedom.



### ***Blood Water Paint* by Joy McCullough**

**9780735232136**

In Renaissance Italy, Artemisia Gentileschi endures the subjugation of women that allows her father to take credit for her extraordinary paintings, rape and the ensuing trial, and torture, buoyed by her deceased mother's stories of strong women of the Bible.



### ***Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi**

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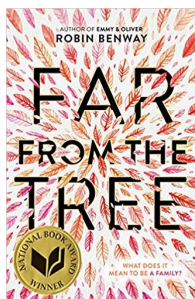
Coming of age in a land where her magi mother was killed by the zealous king's guards along with other former wielders of magic, Zelie embarks on a journey alongside her brother and a fugitive princess to restore her people's magical abilities.



### ***Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland**

**9780062570604**

When families go missing in Baltimore County, Jane McKeene, who is studying to become an Attendant, finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy that has her fighting for her life against powerful enemies.

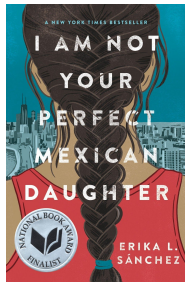


### ***Far From the Tree* by Robin Benway**

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Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child between an embittered older brother and an outspoken younger sister.

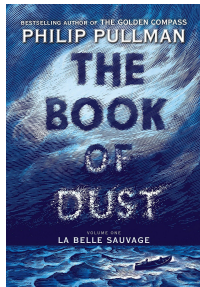
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### ***I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez**

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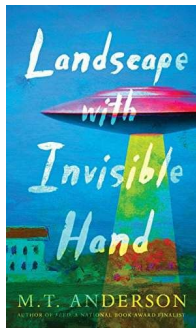
When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.



### ***La Belle Sauvage* by Philip Pullman**

**9780375815300**

When Malcolm finds a secret message inquiring about a dangerous substance called Dust, he finds himself embroiled in a tale of intrigue featuring enforcement agents from the Magisterium, a woman with an evil monkey daemon, and a baby named Lyra.



### ***Landscape with Invisible Hand* by M.T. Anderson**

**9780763687892**

When jobs typically done by humans are replaced with alien technology from the vuvv, Adam's parents have no money for food, clean water, or medicine. Adam and his girlfriend Chloe are forced to get creative. Since the vuvv love anything of "classic" Earth culture they begin recording 1950s-style dates which the vuvv watch in a pay-per-minute format. As the money rolls in, how far will Adam be willing to go to give the vuvv what they want?



### ***Little & Lion* by Brandy Colbert**

**9780316349017**

Returning home to Los Angeles from her New England boarding school, Suzette considers staying home for good so that she can be near her friends, her crush, and her recently diagnosed bipolar brother, a situation that is complicated by her growing feelings for the girl her brother loves.

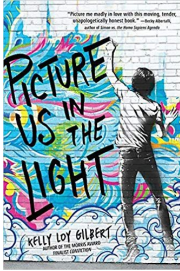


### ***One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus**

**9781524714680**

When one of five students in detention is found dead, his high-profile classmates—including a brainy intellectual, a popular beauty, a drug dealer on probation and an all-star athlete—are investigated and revealed to be the subjects of the victim's latest gossip postings.

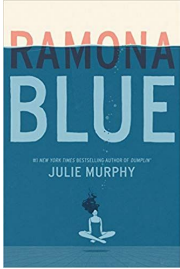
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## ***Picture Us In The Light* by Kelly Loy Gilbert**

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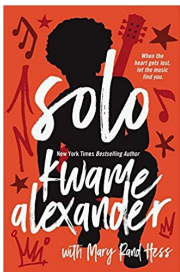
Daniel, a Chinese-American teen, must grapple with his plans for the future, his feelings for his best friend Harry, and his discovery of a family secret that could shatter everything.



## ***Ramona Blue* by Julie Murphy**

**9780062418364**

Struggling with the loss of her home and her dysfunctional family after Hurricane Katrina, gay teen Ramona finds solace in a new swimming hobby while developing confusing feelings for a boy who challenges her perceptions.



## ***Solo* by Kwame Alexander**

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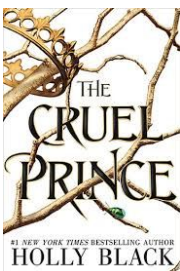
Seventeen-year-old Blade, endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past to navigate the challenges of his former rockstar father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.



## ***Speak: The Graphic Novel* by Laurie Halse Anderson**

**9780374300289**

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.



## ***The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black**

**9780316310277**

Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King.

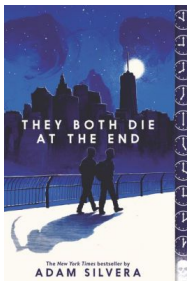
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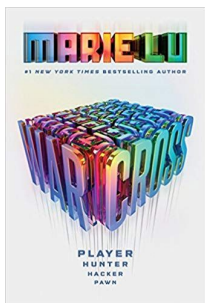
Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.



## ***They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera**

**9780062457806**

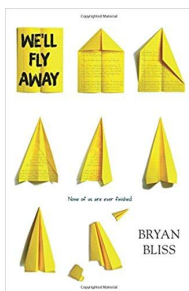
In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.



## ***Warcross* by Marie Lu**

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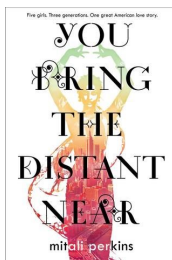
After hacking into the Warcross Championships' opening game to track illegal betting, bounty hunter Emika Chen is asked by the game's creator to go undercover to investigate a security problem, and she uncovers a sinister plot.



## ***We'll Fly Away* by Bryan Bliss**

**9780062494283**

Best friends Toby and Luke are bound together by the goal of leaving their hometown and family problems behind, but a series of choices each makes during their senior year threatens their bright future plans.



## ***You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins**

**9780374304904**

From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions.

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