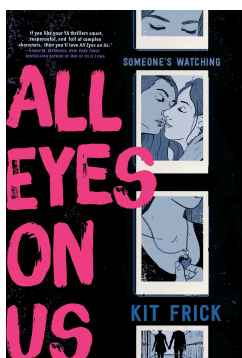


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Title: All Eyes on Us

Author: Frick, Kit,

ISBN: 9781534404403

Summary: In alternate chapters, Amanda faces family pressure to marry Carter, knowing he cheats, and Paulina pretends to date Carter to alleviate family and church pressure about being a lesbian.



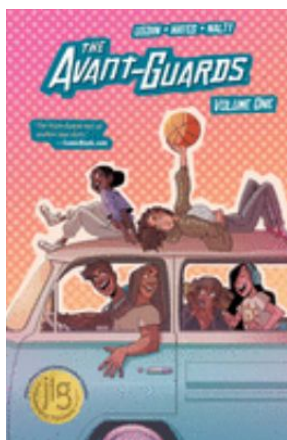
Title: The Art of Breaking Things

Author: Sibson, Laura,

ISBN: 9780451481115

Summary: Skye turns to her best friend Ben when she is forced to confront her abuser after her mother rekindles her relationship with a former boyfriend. Art school is Skye's ticket out; all she has to do is survive her senior year, not get too drunk at parties, and be there for her little sister, Emma. Then her mom's ex-boyfriend slithers his way back into her family. They have no idea about the dark secrets about him -- and Skye never thought she would have to face him

again. After years of hiding her past, she must protect her sister from the monster in their midst.-- adapted from jacket



Title: The Avant-Guards v.1

Author: Usdin, Carly.

Hayes, Noah.

Nalty, Rebecca.

Dukeshire, Ed.

ISBN: 9781684153671

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Summary: As a transfer student seeking to find her place, Charlie agrees to join the school's basketball team.

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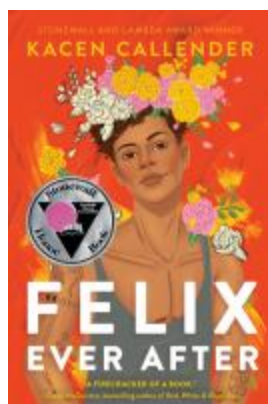


Title: All-American Muslim Girl

Author: Courtney, Nadine Jolie, 1980-

ISBN: 9780374309527

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Allie, aged seven when she knew her family was different and feared, struggles to claim her Muslim and Arabic heritage while finding her place as an American teenager.



Title: Felix Ever After

Author: Callender, Kacen,

ISBN: 9780062820259

Summary: Felix Love, a transgender seventeen-year-old, attempts to get revenge by catfishing his anonymous bully, but lands in a quasi-love triangle with his former enemy and his best friend.



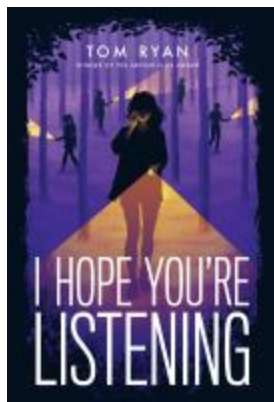
Title: Full Disclosure

Author: Garrett, Camryn,

ISBN: 9781984829955

Summary: Simone, seventeen, HIV-positive and in love for the first time, decides that facing potential bullies head-on may be better than protecting her secret.

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Title: I Hope You're Listening

Author: Ryan, Tom, 1977 February 26-

ISBN: 9780807535080

Summary: Seventeen-year-old Dee secretly hosts a popular true-crime podcast but when a missing child seems linked to the disappearance of her best friend ten years ago, she considers revealing her identity to uncover the truth.



Title: Juliet Takes a Breath

Author: Rivera, Gabby,

ISBN: 9780593108178

Summary: "Juliet, a self-identified queer, Bronx-born Puerto Rican-American, comes out to her family to disastrous results the night before flying to Portland to intern with her feminist author icon--whom Juliet soon realizes has a problematic definition of feminism that excludes women of color"-- Provided by publisher.

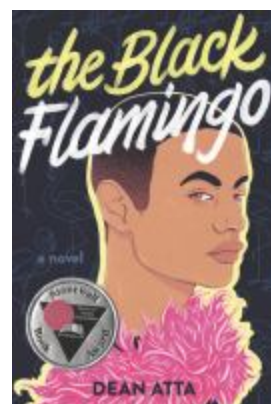


Title: Legendborn

Author: Deonn, Tracy,

ISBN: 9781534441606

Summary: "To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights"-- Provided by publisher.



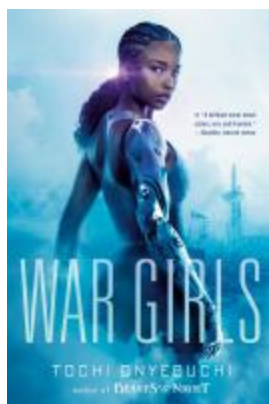
Title: The Black Flamingo

Author: Atta, Dean,

ISBN: 9780062990297

Summary: A fierce coming-of-age novel about identity and the liberating power of drag follows the experiences of a mixed-race teen in London who struggles to connect with his heritage before coming out and establishing his place in Drag Society.

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Title: War Girls

Author: Onyebuchi, Tochi,

ISBN: 9780451481672

Summary: In 2172, when much of the world is unlivable, sisters Onyii and Ify dream of escaping war-torn Nigeria and finding a better future together but are, instead, torn apart.



Title: When yYou Were Everything

Author: Woodfolk, Ashley.

ISBN: 9781524715915

Summary: In New York City, follows the breakup of teenaged best friends Cleo and Layla, told in alternating timelines.



Title: Who Put This Song On?

Author: Parker, Morgan,

ISBN: 9780525707516

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Summary: Morgan can't count the number of times she's been the only non-white person at the sleepover, been teased for her "weird" outfits, and been told she's not "really" black. She's spent most of her summer crying in bed; it feels like the whole world is listening to the same terrible track on repeat, and Morgan sees life as a never-ending hamster wheel of agony. She knows why

she's in therapy. When Morgan makes friends with fellow outcasts, blasts music like there's no tomorrow, and discovers what being black means to her, she finally puts her mental health first. After all, darkness doesn't have to be a bad thing. -- adapted from jacket and Amazon.com info

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Title: Mooncakes

Author: Walker, Suzanne,

Xu, Wendy, 1987-

ISBN: 9781549303043

Summary: When teen witch Nova Huang discovers that her childhood crush, Tam Lang, is a werewolf, they team together to face dark forces who are eager to claim the magic of wolves.



Title: Tweet Cute

Author: Lord, Emma,

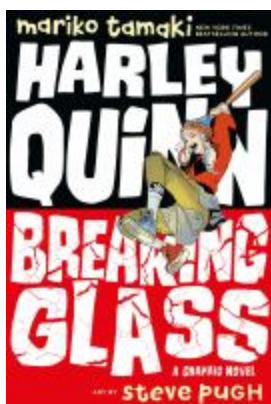
ISBN: 9781250237323

Summary: "Meet Pepper, swim team captain, chronic overachiever, and all-around perfectionist. Her family may be falling apart, but their massive fast-food chain is booming - mainly thanks to Pepper, who is barely managing to juggle real life while secretly running Big League Burger's massive Twitter account. Enter Jack, class clown and constant thorn in Pepper's side. When he isn't trying to duck out of his obscenely popular twin's shadow, he's busy working

in his family's deli. His relationship with the business that holds his future might be love/hate, but when Big League Burger steals his grandma's iconic grilled cheese recipe, he'll do whatever it takes to take them down, one tweet at a time. All's fair in love and cheese - that is, until Pepper and Jack's spat turns into a viral Twitter war. Little do they know, while they're publicly duking it out with snarky memes and retweet battles, they're also falling for each other in real life - on an anonymous chat app Jack built. As their relationship deepens and their online shenanigans escalate - people on the internet are shipping them?? - their battle gets more and more personal, until even these two rivals can't ignore they were destined for the most unexpected, awkward, all-the-feels romance that neither of them expected"--

Provided by publisher.

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Title: Harley Quinn :

Author: Tamaki, Mariko,

Pugh, Steve, 1966-

ISBN: 9781401283292

Summary: "With just five dollars and a knapsack to her name, fifteen-year-old Harleen Quinzel is sent to live in Gotham City. She's not worried, though--she's battled a lot of hard situations as a kid, and knows her determination and outspokenness will carry her through life in the most dangerous city in the world. And when Gotham's finest drag queen, Mama, takes her in, it seems like Harley

has finally found a place to grow into her most "true true" with new best friend Ivy at Gotham High. But when Mama's drag cabaret becomes the next victim in the wave of gentrification that's taking over the neighborhood, Harley's fortune takes another turn. Now Harleen is mad. In turning her anger into action, she is faced with two choices: Join activist Ivy, who's campaigning to make the neighborhood a better place to live, or team up with her anarchist friend Jack, who plans to take down Gotham one corporation at a time"-- Provided by publisher.



Title: A Song Below Water

Author: Morrow, Bethany C.

ISBN: 9781250315328

Summary: Best friends, Tavia and Effie, struggle to hide their supernatural identities in a society that discriminates against people with their abilities.



Title: The Grace Year

Author: Liggett, Kim,

ISBN: 9781250145451

Summary: Tierney James struggles to endure the year in which she and other young women are banished to the wild until, purified, the survivors are allowed to return home and marry.

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Title: Pumpkinheads

Author: Rowell, Rainbow,

Hicks, Faith Erin,

ISBN: 9781250312853

9781626721623

Summary: "Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked together at the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world. (Not many people know that the best pumpkin patch in the whole wide world is in Omaha, Nebraska, but it definitely is.) They say

good-bye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September 1. But this Halloween is different -- Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. Their last shift together. Their last good-bye. Josiah's ready to spend the whole night feeling melancholy about it. Deja isn't ready to let him. She's got a plan: What if -- instead of moping and the usual slinging lima beans down at the Succotash Hut -- they went out with a bang? They could see all the sights! Taste all the snacks! And Josiah could finally talk to that cute girl he's been mooning over for three years ... What if their last shift was an adventure? Beloved writer Rainbow Rowell and Eisner Award-winning artist Faith Erin Hicks have teamed up to create this tender and hilarious story about two irresistible teens discovering what it means to leave behind a place -- and a person -- with no regrets."-- Amazon.com.