

My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick (8gr) HORROR

Peter learns from a gypsy girl that the Shadow Queen is responsible for a series of murders and reanimations, and that his father's secret past may hold the key to stopping her.

No Limit and **All In** by Pete Hautman (8gr) REALISTIC

Sixteen-year-old Dennis Doyle finds himself alienating both friends and family when he becomes obsessed with playing high-stakes poker.

Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick (8gr) REALISTIC



16-year-old Alex decides to get even. Instead of revenge though, Alex ends up in trouble with the law, changing his life forever.

Nothing to Lose by Alex Flinn (9gr) REALISTIC

A year ago, Michael Daye escaped his violent home life by joining a traveling fair. Now his mother is on trial for murdering his brutal stepfather and only Michael knows the truth that can save her.

Paramoid Park by Blake Nelson (7gr) REALISTIC

A 16-year-old is heavily into skateboarding, so when he gets a chance to visit Paranoid Park, where the roughest element skates, he is so there.

Playing in Traffic by Gail Giles (9gr) REALISTIC

Skye is a multi-pierced, multi-tattooed girl that hangs around the cybercaf*s. So why has she singled out Matt Lathrop, an almost invisible nobody, for special attention?

Rag & Bone Shop. by Robert Cormier (6gr) SUSPENSE

A girl has been battered to death. Jason--the last person to see the girl, becomes the victim of Trent, a cold, ambitious professional interrogator who does not care about justice.

Repossessed by A.M. Jenkins (9gr) HORROR

Adolescence is hard enough even when you aren't a demon experiencing the physical world for the first time!

Road of the Dead by Kevin Brooks (8gr) REALISTIC

Two brothers set out in search of their sister's murderer. Where will this journey take them?

Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin (9gr) REALISTIC

Matt and his sisters have never known a moment of peace in a household ruled by their unpredictable, vicious mother. Matt realizes he needs to take action. What might his desperation lead him to do?

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar (8gr) REALISTIC

Scott Hudson has one goal for his freshman year: to survive. Scott keeps a diary in the guise of writing advice to "Smelly," his unborn brother.

Storm Thief by Chris Wooding (7gr) FANTASY

Two teenage thieves try to survive Orokos, city of chaos, lashed by probability storms that re-order the world wherever they strike.

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson (9gr) REALISTIC

A geeky video gamer transforms into a physical specimen who hot girls find appealing, but his dysfunctional family inhibits his maturity.

Tyrell by Coe Booth (9gr) REALISTIC

Now that his father is in jail, nothing seems to be going right for 15-year-old Tyrell. As he struggles to escape the circle of poverty, he must also battle the temptations of easy money that the streets offer.

You Don't Know Me by David Klass (7gr) REALISTIC

14-year-old John must deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend. No one can convince John to reveal what's happening at home. So what is he to do?

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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Alexi Sherman (7gr) MULTICULTURAL

Budding cartoonist leaves his troubled Indian reservation school for an all-white high school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (6gr) HUMOUR

Twelve-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz Island with his family where his father is a guard. There he has to contend with an extraordinary new environment and life with his autistic sister.

Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem's Eye and Ptolemy's Gate by Jonathan Stroud (7gr) FANTASY

Nathaniel, a young ambitious wizard, summons a witty jinni named Bartimaeus, who does not think that listening to a kid is such a good idea. But due to a spell he has to obey Nathaniel and fight the evil mastermind wizard Simon Lovelace.

Ball Don't Lie by Matt De La Pena (8gr) REALISTIC-SPORTS

Seventeen-year-old Sticky's life has not been easy except on the basketball court. There he is the star who someday will reach the sky by being in the NBA.

Beastly by Alex Flinn (8gr) FANTASY

Obnoxious, rich and good looking, Manhattan high schooler Kyle Kingsbury has been changed into a smelly beast. He will stay beastly unless he finds true love within two years.

Be More Chill by Ned Vizzini (9gr) SCIENCE FICTION

Humiliations are part of Nerd's life until he buys a bit of illegal nanotechnology called a "squip," which embeds itself in his brain and advises him on all the cool things to say and do.

Being by Kevin Brooks (7gr) SCIENCE FICTION

A 16-year-old teen with a stomach ache discovers that he has strange filaments and fluids inside him, making him the target of a scary government investigation.

Black and White by Paul Volponi (9gr) REALSIC/SPORTS

Markus and Eddie are inseparable, watching each other's backs, both on and off the basketball court. But one night--and one wrong decision--will change their lives forever.

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney (8gr) SCIENCE FICTION

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Crackback by John Coy (8gr) REALISTIC/SPORTS

Sophomore football star Miles is excited about his team's chances in the new season. Then his favorite coach resigns, and Miles chafes under the new coach.

Crispin: At the Edge of the World by Avi (6gr) HISTORICAL FICTION

Set in the harsh landscape of 14th century England, Crispin and his friend Bear flee the country to escape capture by rebels, rescuing a disfigured orphan girl along the way.



Damage by A. M. Jenkins (9gr) REALISTIC/SPORTS

Austin Reid seems to have the ideal life a beautiful girl, a great football career. Then why does depression have a hold on him.

Deadline by Chris Crutcher (9gr) REALISTIC

What happens when 18-year-old Ben Wolf decides not to tell anyone he is dying of cancer?

Echo by Kate Morgenroth (9gr) REALISTIC

A high schooler loses his younger brother in a freak gun accident and, wracked with guilt, begins reliving the incident over and over again on the anniversary of the death.

Epic by Conor Kostick (8gr) SCIENCE FICTION

The fantasy computer game Epic, on planet "New Earth", is both a challenge to and challenged by 14-year-old Erik, his family and friends.

Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks (6gr) THRILLER

At age seven, child prodigy Cadel Piggott lands in a shrink's office for illegal computer hacking. By 13, Cadel is earnestly studying "Infiltration, Misinformation, and Embezzlement," at a criminal academy.

Firestorm by David Klass (8gr) FANTASY

Jack thinks he is an ordinary high school student, but then he learns that he has been sent back from the future to save the present.

Garage Band by Gipi (7gr) GRAPHIC NOVEL

Four teenage boys find salvation and refuge from their turbulent lives in a garage where their newly formed band rehearses.

Genesis Alpha by Michaels Rune (7gr) THRILLER

Josh worships his older brother, Max. They look alike, talk alike, and have the same interests, including their favorite massively multiplayer online role-playing game, Genesis Alpha.

I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak (9gr) REALISTIC

Nineteen-year-old, Ed is a cab driver who wanders aimlessly through life. Then one day he stops at a bank which is being robbed, and he starts getting messages delivered from a stranger via playing cards.

Inexcusable by Chris Lynch (9gr) REALISTIC

Keir is a good guy, at least he thought he was, until Gigi, his childhood friend and lifelong love accuses him of doing something horrible.

Lighting Thief by Rick Riordan (6gr) FANTASY

Percy, a 12-year-old New Yorker, thinks he has big problems. His father left before he was born, he's been kicked out of six schools in six years. But life has more surprises for him and they all begin when he vaporizes his pre-algebra teacher.

