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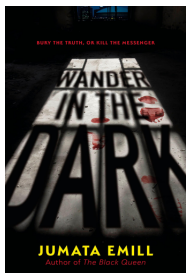
Albert, Melissa. *The Bad Ones*. Flatiron, 2024.

One night four people go missing in Nora's small town. The police assume it's a coincidence. But, one of the missing is Nora's ex-best friend Becca. Nora does her best to retrace Becca's steps from that night and figure out why Becca texted her to come over right before she disappeared. Soon, she discovers Becca has left her clues that lead to a dark history of the town and the popular children's game, the Goddess Game. Will Nora be able to save Becca and herself, before it's too late.



de la Cruz, Melissa. *Going Dark*. Union, Square, and Co., 2024.

When Amelia Ashley, a popular vlogger and influencer, goes missing. Everyone is quick to blame her boyfriend Josh. It's easy to think the worst of him when he abandoned her in Europe after a fight. The case has blown up and everyone online thinks they can solve the mystery, including Amelia's best friend who hires Harper, a hacker. What starts out as a seemingly simple case of a man killing his girlfriend, reveals a web of mystery and deceit. Harper is quickly in too deep and won't rest until she gets answers.



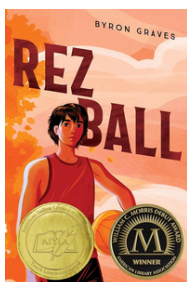
Emill, Jumata. *Wander in the Dark*. Ember, 2024. (Mature)

Amir and Marcel are half brothers and not close. Marcel is a result of their father having an affair and Amir can't get over the way he feels he was replaced. Marcel wants to fix their relationship, especially after what he did to Amir in the past. At Marcel's birthday bash they have an opportunity to mend bridges, but Amir leaves angry with Marcel's ex-best friend Chloe. But, after falling asleep at Chloe's, Amir wakes up to find her dead. Next thing he knows he is accused of murder and because he is a black teen and Chloe was white, he does not believe the odds are in his favor. It's up to Marcel to do whatever he can, including finding the real killer, to exonerate Amir.



Follmuth, Alexene Farol. *Twelfth Knight*. Tor Teen, 2024.

Viola Reyes is angry. Star football player Jack Orsino is coasting through his term as Student Body President making her job as VP that much more difficult. She has carefully designed an online gaming campaign, only to be shot down by her teammates. And to top it off, Jack's recent football injury causes him to infiltrate Viola's sacred gaming space. Of course, Jack doesn't know he's playing with Viola since she's created a male avatar to avoid the discrimination that comes along with being a girl gamer. Jack becomes friends with Viola's online persona, and Viola discovers there's more to Jack than meets the eye. Will their friendship last outside the game, especially when Jack finds out the truth about Viola's character?



Graves, Byron. *Rez Ball*. Heartdrum, 2023.

Playing in the NBA is his ultimate goal, but when he isn't asked to be on the varsity team, Tre questions his future. Tre's desire to live up to his late brother's star-status quickly has him back on the court though. While he balances his grief, goals and friendships, including a relationship with a new girl, Tre is given the opportunity to prove his worth to the team. Will the Warriors be able to finally put Red Lake on the championship banner?



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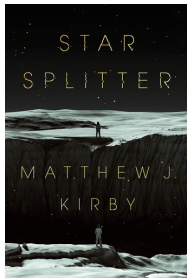
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Griffin, Rachel. *Bring Me Your Midnight*. Sourcebooks Fire, 2024.

Mortana “Tana” Fairchild is confident in her mother’s plan. Her arranged marriage to the mainland prince is a chance to better her people’s lives. Tana’s life was built to honor her parents, her island and the future safety of the small community of witches. But a crack in the façade begins to form when she has a chance encounter with a mysterious boy on the beach, Wolfe, whose mere existence proves a conspiracy. Tana is soon confronted with the truth about her magic while uncovering a political scandal. Will Tana stay loyal to her people or will she choose her own future? Maybe she’s powerful enough to do both.



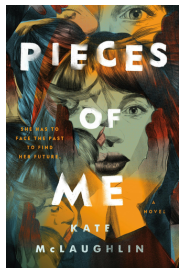
Kirby, Matthew J. *Star Splitter*. Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2023.

The year is 2199, and deep space exploration has become routine. After six long years apart, Jessica Mathers is set to reunite with her scientist parents by teleporting to the distant planet Carver 1061c. But instead of a seamless transport (involving reprinting her body on Carver 1061c), Jessica awakens in a silent, bloodstained ship—alone. Outside, a strange planet looms, its surface marred by freshly dug graves. As she unravels the mystery of what went wrong, Jessica must also confront a familiar stranger, leading to a real crisis of identity.



Lu, Marie. *Stars and Smoke*. Roaring Book Press, 2023.

Winter is a world-famous pop superstar. Sydney is the youngest-ever spy in a secret elite operation. Together they are the best chance of taking down a major crime boss that has eluded apprehension for years. The two are thrown into a whirlwind of danger and deception, during which more than one family secret is revealed, and more than one life may be lost. Stars and Smoke is packed with heart-pounding action, slow-burn romance, and an enticing dose of mystery.



McLaughlin, Kate. *Pieces of Me*. Wednesday Books, 2023.

Eighteen year old Dylan wakes up in a place she doesn't recognize with no memory of how she got there. With the help of her family and friends, she is diagnosed and treated for dissociative identity disorder. While adjusting to the various personalities in her head, Dylan tries to solve the mystery of what happened in her past to cause the condition. A blooming relationship brings comfort during an otherwise chaotic time in her life.



Oliver, Ben. *The Kill Factor*. Chicken House, 2024.

In this dystopian world, teen criminals can win their freedom by competing in a brutal reality-TV competition. Sixteen-year-old Emerson Ness joins the contest, hoping to secure a better future for her family. Set on a remote island, the fate of the game's contestants are determined by public votes. Losing means death. And there can only be one winner...

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Porretta, Andi. *Ready or Not*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2024.

High school is over for four best friends. Before they all go their separate ways, they have one last summer to spend together hanging out, falling in love, and daring each other to do fun (and stupid) things. But, our girl Cassie has a secret; she has no plans after summer. Will her friends leave her behind and forget her? Or will they pull together one last time to help her find her way? This is a story of friendship, growing up, and finding your place in the world.



Robbie, Couch, *Another First Chance*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2024.

For the past year, River Lang has been grieving the loss of his best friend Dylan. Everyday, he has to pass the Billboard that has made Dylan into a cautionary tale and nothing more than a statistic. So one day he decides to "improve" the billboard. River is sure that Dylan would find it hilarious, but some classmates don't feel the same and River is blackmailed into joining a research study, the Affinity Trials, for teens who are "struggling socially". During the Trials, River has to face his grief, an ex-best friend (and Dylan's former girlfriend), and he meets an interesting jock from another school who begins to remind him of Dylan. As the Trials progress, bizarre developments begin to make the participants wonder what is actually being studied...



Sawyerr, Hannah V. *All the Fighting Parts*. Harry N. Abrams, 2023.

Amina takes after her mother. She knows her strongest weapon is her voice and she has no problem using it. But since her mother's death her father wants her to stay quiet. When he finds out she got in trouble at school he decides there needs to be repercussions. Her punishment is volunteering at Church. She is unhappy with the decision but does as she is told. The situation ends up not being so bad and she gets to see the boy she has been talking to. Then everything changes when the Pastor from the Church gets her alone and sexually assaults her. Mina thought her voice would be there when she needed it most, but it was not. Now she has to regain her voice and speak up for herself and anyone else the Pastor hurt.



Wright, Julie. *Swimming in a Sea of Stars*. Shadow Mountain Publishing, 2023.

The first day back after her suicide attempt, Addison encounters four other students with secrets of their own. Celia knows all too well why Addison tried to end things. Damion's friendliness.....is it only because of his need to boost followers? The nearness of Avery's locker gives Addison a reason to talk to her, but does Addison need a friend like Avery? And, then there is Booker, was their kiss what pushed her too far? The secrets could break each of them, or possibly a kindness here or there could save them.



Zetner, Jeff & Cavallaro, Brittany. *Sunrise Nights*. Quill Tree Books, 2024.

Jude is a photographer and Florence is a dancer. They meet at a Sunrise Night - their sleep-away art camp's dusk-to-dawn closing celebration. By the end of Sunrise Night they decide to take a chance on what fate has in store for them, but they make one rule: no contact for one year. Over the course of three years, will Florence and Jude's yearly meetings at Sunrise Night be enough to form a deeper connection?