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Names Will Never Hurt Me
by Jaime Adoff
Fiction

Several high school students relate their feelings about school, themselves, and events as they unfold on the fateful one-year anniversary of the killing of a fellow student.

Finding Miracles
By Julia Alvarez
Fiction

Milly Kaufman Is an ordinary American teenager living in Vermont—until she meets Pablo, a new student at her high school. His exotic accent, strange fashion sense, and intense interest in Milly force her to confront her identity as an adopted child from Pablo’s native country.

How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents
by Julia Alvarez
Fiction

A novel about four sisters uprooted from their home in the Dominican Republic to New York City, told in 15 interwoven stories from each of the girls' perspectives.

Fever, 1793
by Laurie Halse Anderson
Fiction

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
by Maya Angelou
Non-Fiction



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This memoir traces Maya Angelou's childhood in a small, rural community during the 1930's. Angelou vividly describes the people and the times that touched her life.

Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story

by Benjamin S. Carson

Non-Fiction

A brief, easy-to-read autobiography of a black man who is one of today's leading neurosurgeons. Carson encountered prejudice, negative peer pressure, and politics, while pursuing his career.

Mississippi Trial, 1955

by Chris Crowe

Fiction

This novel is based on the true story of Emmett Till, whose tragic murder helped to spark the Civil Rights Movement in the American South.

Copper Sun

By Sharon Draper

Fiction

Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Forged by Fire

by Sharon Draper

Fiction

Gerald, who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, faces the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

Tears of a Tiger

by Sharon Draper

Fiction



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The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car and many others in the school.

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm

by Nancy Farmer

Fiction

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

Finding Fish

by Antwone Fisher

Non-Fiction

From a horrendous childhood of foster care abuse and homelessness Antwone emerges into manhood and searches for his lost family.

Life is Funny

by E.R. Frank

Fiction

The lives of a number of young people of different races, economic backgrounds, and family situations, living in Brooklyn, New York, become intertwined over a seven year period.

Keesha's House

by Helen Frost

Fiction

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.



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Hole in My Life

By Jack Gantos

Non-Fiction

The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

Lord of the Flies

by William Golding

Fiction

A classic tale about a group of English schoolboys who are plane-wrecked on a deserted island; at first the stranded boys cooperate to get food and make shelters. Over time though the boys turn against each other and fight for their individual survival.

Bronx Masquerade

by Nikki Grimes

Fiction

When Wesley writes a poem for his high school English class, some of his classmates clamor to read their poems aloud, too. Soon they're having weekly poetry sessions and, one by one, the eighteen students are opening up.

Not as Crazy as I Seem

by George Harrar

Fiction

As fifteen-year-old Devon begins mid-year at a new prestigious prep school, he is plagued by obsessive-compulsive disorder.

CrashBoomLove



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by Juan Felipe Herrera

Fiction

After his father leaves home, sixteen-year-old Cesar Garcia lives with his mother and struggles through the painful experiences of growing up as a Mexican American high school student.

Born Confused

By Tanuja Desai Hidier

Fiction

Seventeen-year old Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans

Brave New World

by Aldous Huxley

Fiction

In the brave new world babies are born in laboratories, and there is no violence. However, Bernard Marx feels something is missing and begins to question the absence of individuality in this world.

The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream

by Drs. George Jenkins, Sampson Davis, and Rameck Hunt

Non-Fiction

Three young men made a vow to be there for one another and to encourage each other every step of the way until they overcame the odds and became doctors.



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The First Part Last

by Angela Johnson

Fiction

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Real Time

by Pnina Moed Kass

Fiction

Sixteen-year-old Tomas Wanninger is on a mission: to find out what his grandfather, a Nazi officer, did during World War II. On the day he arrives in Jerusalem, a devastating event changes his life in this timely and suspenseful story.

Buddha Boy

by Kathe Koja

Fiction

Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Fiction

Three years in the life of 8-year-old Scout Finch and her brother, Jem. Three years punctuated by the arrest and trial of a young black man accused of raping a white woman.; a tough and tender novel of race, class, justice, and the pain of growing up.

Parrot in the oven: mi vida: a novel

by Victor Martinez



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Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.

Chill Wind

By Janet McDonald

Fiction

With her welfare benefits running out and no help from her children's father, 19-year-old Aisha is forced to examine her options.

Spellbound

by Janet McDonald

Fiction

Raven, a teenage mother and high school dropout living in a housing project, decides, with the help and sometime interference of her best friend Aisha, to study for a spelling bee which could lead to a college preparatory program and four-year scholarship.

Touching Spirit Bear

by Ben Mikaelson

Fiction

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

Beacon Hill Boys

by Ken Mochizuki

Fiction

In Seattle in the seventies four Japanese-American high school athletes share the experience of friendship and sports as they struggle with growing up and the pressures of racial prejudice.



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47

by Walter Mosley

Fiction

47 is a young slave boy living under the watchful eye of a brutal master. His life seems doomed until he meets Tall John, a mysterious runaway slave. Soon 47 finds himself swept up in an otherworldly battle and a struggle for liberation.

Fallen Angels

by Walter Dean Myers

Fiction

In the late 1960s of Vietnam War, Perry volunteers for the service when his college dream falls through and begins to question what the U.S. is fighting for.

Monster

by Walter Dean Myers

Fiction

His name is Steve Harmon, only 16 years old, he faces going to prison for being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Did he take part in the robbery and murder of the store owner? Was it an accident?

A Step from Heaven

by An Na

Fiction

Young Ju's Korean family is attempting to adapt to their new life in America. There will be many struggles along the way which include, finding jobs and overcoming the language barrier. Things get worse when Young Ju's father becomes abusive and she must take action.



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A Child Called "It"

by David Pelzer

Non-Fiction

A Child Called "It" is Pelzer's autobiographical account of his alleged horrific abuse as a child by his alcoholic mother.

Imani All Mine

by Connie Rose Porter

Fiction

Meet 15-year-old Tasha, whose love for her baby, Imani, is as plain as her fear of the rapist who fathered the child.

Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.

by Luis J. Rodriguez

Non-Fiction

The true story of one man's life in a Chicano gang--and his heroic struggle to free himself from its grip.

Catcher in the Rye

by J.D. Salinger

Fiction

This is the story of a sixteen-year-old boy that has just been expelled from prep school and the author's realistic depiction of teen alienation.

The Afterlife

by Gary Soto

Fiction



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When 17 year-old Chuy dies in a knife fight that is when he finally sees that people love him, faces the consequences of his actions, and even stumbles on to what might be true love.

MAUS: A Survivor's Tale. Part I

by Arthur Spiegelman

Non-Fiction Graphic Novel

Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist trying to come to terms with his father's terrifying story, and history itself.

Black and White

by Paul Volponi

Fiction

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Behind You

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fiction

After fifteen-year old Jeremiah is mistakenly shot by police, the people who love him struggle to cope with their loss as they recall his life and death, unaware that Miah is watching over them.

If You Come Softly

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fiction

When Ellie and Jeremiah meet, they know they have something special. Unfortunately, the world sees things differently.