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**10 things I hate about Pinky**  
by Sandhya Menon  
Told in two voices, Ashish's friends Pinky and Samir pretend to date during a summer at Cape Cod to achieve their individual goals—especially to get their respective mothers off their backs.

**A heart in a body in the world**  
by Deb Caletti  
Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.

**A confusion of princes**  
by Garth Nix  
Targeted by hostile rivals the moment he is proclaimed a prince, Khemri learns of dark mysteries in the heart of the Empire, discovers the ruins of a space battle, and meets a young woman who challenges everything he has ever believed.

**A song of wraiths and ruin**  
by Roseanne A. Brown  
A grieving crown princess and a desperate refugee are on a collision course to destroy each other despite their growing attraction.
All the things we do in the dark
by Saundra Mitchell
Hiding the truth about her distinguishing facial scar, a tattooed teen falls in love with a sweet newcomer before finding everything she cares about threatened by another person’s dangerous secret.

Along for the ride
by Sarah Dessen
When Auden goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents’ divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having fun new experiences.

An arrow to the moon
by Emily X. R. Pan
Navigating their families’ enmity and secrets, Hunter and Luna find everything falling apart around them and must rely on their love to see them through, in this powerful story about the magic and mystery of the moon that connects us all.

Angel of Greenwood
by Randi Pink
Angel and Isaiah share a hidden love for black literature, and now each other, when tragedy and triumph emerge during the Greenwood Massacre of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

All these bodies
by Kendare Blake
"Summer 1958. A gruesome killer plagues the Midwest, leaving behind a trail of bodies completely drained of blood."

American born Chinese
by Gene Luen Yang
A graphic novel by the author of Duncan's Kingdom alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in American popular culture.

Angel mage
by Garth Nix
An ageless young woman with terrifying angelic powers resolves to reunite with her Ystara archangel lover, risking the lives of four young Sarancians who have caught her attention.

Anne of Green Gables
by L. M. Montgomery
Siblings Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert want to adopt a boy to help them around the farm. In a mix-up, the orphanage sends them the active and imaginative Anne Shirley instead. They make the most of the mistake as Anne becomes the beloved heart of the family and community.
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by Shawn Sarles
Sixteen-year-old Maddie's camping trip with family and friends in a remote mountain location turns deadly as stories told around the campfire begin coming true.

Circle of shadows
by Evelyn Skye
While on a scouting mission, apprentice warriors Sora and Daemon uncover evidence that Prince Gin, who attempted to rebel against the kingdom and sacrifice its citizens to the gods, may still be alive.

City of the uncommon thief
by Lynne Bertrand
Passing his teenage years under an open sky on the rooftops of the mile-high iron guild towers that surround their mysterious city, Errol Thebes witnesses the first uncommon event in his life when a guildmaster breaks tradition to protect her child.

Code name Verity
by Elizabeth Wein
In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

Children of the flying city
by Jason Sheehan
With a bounty of his head, Milo Quick, surviving on his wit, speed and best friends, discovers the flying city's powerful secret hidden away for centuries— one that could ignite a war.

City of beasts
by Corrie Wang
"Glori has to question everything she's been taught when a desperate rescue mission brings her to a strange city where she encounters men for the first time."

Clean getaway
by Nic Stone
William Lamar, known as "Scoob," goes on a road trip through the South with his grandmother in her recreational vehicle, visiting some of the major sites in the Civil Rights movement and learning about how people like him have been treated.

Color me in : a novel
by Natasha Diaz
Fifteen-year-old Nevaeh Levitz is torn between two worlds, passing for white while living in Harlem, being called Jewish while attending her mother's Baptist church, and experiencing first love while watching her parents' marriage crumble.
The curse of the werepenguin
by Allan Woodrow
In an attempt to meet his long-lost parents, Bolt Wattle travels to Brugaria, where he encounters the leader of a whale cult and a girl who may be the world’s greatest bandit on his quest to stop a mysterious baron from taking over the country.

Dig.
by A. S. King
Five white teenage cousins who are struggling with the failures and racial ignorance of their dysfunctional parents and their wealthy grandparents, reunite for Easter.

El Deafo
by Cece Bell
The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her “superpower.”

Fenris & Mott
by Greg Van Eekhout
Discovering the puppy she rescued is a legendary wolf named Fenris that is prophesied to bring about the end of the world, Mott vows to keep him safe from the Norse gods who are determined to see the prophecy come true.

Deeplight
by Frances Hardinge
Fifty years after the gods destroyed each other, their remains are worth a lot of money. When Hark discovers a god’s still beating heart, he conceals it and uses it to help his best friend Jelt. The longer Jelt is in contact with the heart, the more of a monster he becomes.

Dope sick
by Walter Dean Myers
Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, seventeen-year-old Jeremy “Lil J” Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a weird man who shows different turning points in Lil J’s life when he could have made better choices.

Fast pitch
by Nic Stone
“Shenice Lockwood, captain of the Fulton Firebirds, is hyper-focused when she steps up to the plate. Nothing can stop her from leading her team to the U12 fast-pitch softball regional championship. But life has thrown some curveballs her way.”

Fire with fire
by Destiny Soria
Raised to kill dragons along with her sister, Dani Rivera unexpectedly forges a rare and magical bond with one who makes her question everything she thought she knew about dragons, which pits her against her sister.
Forging silver into stars
by Brigid Kemmerer
"When the King's Courier, Lord Tycho, stops in the small town of Briarlock he is quick to befriend Jax and Callyn, but the town has long been an outpost for the anti-magic Truthbringers, and soon they find themselves embroiled in a world of shifting alliances and ancient magic."

Game changer
by Neal Shusterman
Transported into other dimensions by a seemingly random hit, a young football player visits alternate worlds that evolved differently in accordance with respective belief systems. By the National Book Award-winning author of Challenger Deep.

Highly suspicious and unfairly cute
by Talia Hibbert
To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new kind of relationship.

I killed Zoe Spanos
by Kit Frick
Working as a nanny in the Hamptons before starting college, Anna learns of her weird connection to a missing girl, but after she confesses to manslaughter a podcast producer helps reveal life-changing truths.

On air with Zoe Washington
by Janae Marks
"While building a relationship with her newly exonerated birth father, who is having a hard time re-entering society, Zoe starts a podcast to shed light on the struggles exonerees experience and fundraise for his lifelong dream of opening his own restaurant."

Girl on Fire
by Jeremy Whitley
When Tara Smith is outed as an alien, she joins a school for extraterrestrial girls, but after managing to escape, she begins a search for her parents and her true identity.

Hooper finds a family: a Hurricane Katrina dog's survival tale
by Jane Paley
Jimmy, a yellow Labrador puppy, is separated from his Lake Charles, Louisiana, family and survives the horrors of Hurricane Katrina on his own before being rescued and taken to NYC.

In the hall with the knife
by Diana Peterfreund
A motley band of students stranded at an elite prep school navigate secrets and danger when they discover the murdered body of their headmaster.
If you read this
by Kereen Getten
Brie’s mama used to surprise her with treasure hunts around their island town. After she died three years ago, these became Brie’s favorite memories. Now, on her twelfth birthday, her mama has another surprise: a series of letters leading Brie on one last treasure hunt.

Kiki Kallira breaks a kingdom
by Sangu Mandanna
Drawn into the mystical world she created, eleven-year-old Kiki Kallira must battle against her fear and anxiety to save two worlds—the real and imagined—from the wrath of an ancient deity bent on total destruction.

Lotus Bloom and the Afro revolution
by Sherri Winston
Lotus Bloom, a young Black girl attending an elite arts academy, stands up for herself against a racist dress code after a prank gone wrong targeting her and her "mega-fro" hairstyle gets her into trouble.

Members only: secret societies, sects, and cults—exposed!
by Julie Tibbott
An introduction to some of history’s most noteworthy and notorious secret societies. Includes profiles of Opus Dei, the Freemasons, and the Skull and Bones.

Kate in waiting
by Becky Albertalli
Best friends Kate Garfield and Anderson Walker share a love of theater and crushes on the same guys, but when one of their long-distance crushes shows up at their school, real feelings might end their friendship.

Lintang and the pirate queen
by Tamara Moss
Lintang’s dream of adventure on the high seas comes true when Captain Shafira invites her to join her pirate crew, but Lintang’s best friend, Bayani, has stowed away and is keeping secrets.

Luck of the Titanic
by Stacey Lee
Stowing away aboard the Titanic on its ill-fated maiden voyage when her British-Chinese heritage bars her from joining her twin in America, a young acrobat struggles to hide and then survive when the unthinkable happens.

Midnight sun
by Stephenie Meyer
When Edward Cullen and Bella Swan met in Twilight, an iconic love story was born. In this companion novel, the tale is retold through Edward's eyes with a new and decidedly dark twist.
Mihi ever after
by Tae Keller
Mihi Park always dreamed of being a princess, but when she and her new friends stumble upon a magical realm and have the opportunity to learn to be princesses, Mihi finds that being a princess may be more than she bargained for.

Night of the living ted
by Barry Hutchison
Horrified when their new teddy bears come to life after a visit to the Create-A-Ted store, Lisa-Marie and her older brother, Vernon, discover zombie, ghost, alien and other monster teddies wreaking havoc throughout the world and organizing an evil teddy-bear army.

Nowhere on Earth
by Nick Lake
Discovering a lost child wandering in the woods, a 16-year-old runaway learns that the boy is not from Earth and that he is being pursued by zealous government forces, a situation that is complicated by a dangerous accident.

One jar of magic
by Corey Ann Haydu
Joining her family in her community’s annual New Year’s Day magic-capturing ceremony, a 12-year-old girl who has always been lucky captures just one tiny jar of magic, revealing the true nature and beliefs of her loved ones.

More scary stories to tell in the dark
by Alvin Schwartz
Presents a selection of tales about haunted houses, ghastly deeds, wailing specters, and other terrifying phenomena.

Nightbird
by Alice Hoffman
Twig is practically ignored by classmates and townspeople, but gets along with her mother and brother, whose presence must be kept secret, until descendants of the witch who cursed her family move in next door and want to be friends.

Of curses and kisses
by Sandhya Menon
Told in two voices, Jaya Rao, an East Indian princess, and Grey Emerson, an English lord, suffer the effects of a centuries-old feud when they meet at an elite Colorado boarding school.

One trick pony
by Nathan Hale
When electricity-stealing aliens arrive on an Earth of the future, Strata, a girl from a family of digital rescuers, teams up with her brother and a beautiful rare robot pony to outmaneuver the invaders and humans who would take advantage of the chaos to become outlaws.
Peacemaker  
by Joseph Bruchac  
"A twelve-year-old Iroquois boy rethinks his calling after witnessing the arrival of a mystical figure with a message of peace in this historical novel based on the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy."

The plain Janes  
by Cecil Castellucci  
Teaming up with fellow misfits in her new hometown, an aspiring young artist fights suburban apathy using rebellious works of art.

The backstagers. : Rebels Without Applause Volume one  
by James Tynion  
Jory befriends the Backstagers, her school's lowly stage crew, who are determined to put together the best show the school has ever seen while dealing with a magical underground world.

Revenge of the witch  
by Joseph Delaney  
Despite knowing the doomed outcome of the apprentices before him, twelve-year-old Thomas Ward is determined to learn everything he will need to know to stay alive when his time comes to ward off boggarts, witches, ghosts, and other evil-spirited creatures from the land that he was born to protect.

Ronan Boyle and the bridge of riddles  
by Thomas Lennon  
Ronan, fifteen, the youngest and lowliest recruit to Ireland's secret Garda, faces untold danger from the wee people while trying to prove his imprisoned parents were framed.

She is a haunting  
by Trang Thanh Tran  
"Staying in Vietnam at the house her estranged father is restoring, Jade, plagued by sleep paralysis, bugs and a ghostly apparition, must expose the evil lurking in its walls before dark forces consume them all."

Smiles to go  
by Jerry Spinelli  
Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense, but in ninth grade he begins to see the world differently and gains a new perspective on his relationships with his younger sister and two closest friends.

Spineless  
by Samantha San Miguel  
Twelve-year-old budding naturalist Algie stumbles upon a brand-new species that he must protect from a famous collector of exotic animals in a place where evil is lurking.
Super fake love song
by David Yoon
When new-girl Cirrus mistakes self-described nerd Sunny Dae as the lead in a rock band, Sunny rolls with it forming a fake band with his friends, but as the lies continue he risks losing both Cirrus and his friends.

The beckoning shadow
by Katharyn Blair
A teen with dangerous and addictive special powers seeks redemption by competing in a high-risk tournament that guarantees the winner a chance to undo the past.

The crossover
by Kwame Alexander
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

The hidden dragon
by Melissa Marr
While fending off pirates and being shipwrecked on the Netherwhere, Otter and street-smart stowaway London fight injustice and protect the defenseless, earning the respect of the realm’s most magical creatures who all bond together as a force for good.

The Athena protocol
by Shamim Sarif
Jessie Arceher, a member of the Athena Protocol, is forced to go rogue after breaking the rules and must fight not only a dangerous human trafficker she’s been hunting but also members of her former team who have been ordered to bring her down.

The cousins
by Karen M. McManus
After receiving an invitation to spend the summer with their estranged grandmother, the Story cousins arrive at her house only to discover that she is not there, and the longer they stay on the island, the more they realize their mysterious family history has some deadly secrets.

The final cut
by Denis Markell
Trying to salvage his seventh-grade year and determined to win the school’s Golden Reel competition, Alex Davis finds himself embroiled in a mystery when someone tries to sabotage his film.

The horror at Happy Landings
by R. L. Stine
Two Martians unexpectedly land on Earth and have to get home by highjacking the bodies of two kids and leaving a trail of trouble in their wake.
The language of ghosts
by Heather Fawcett
Princess Noa, aged eleven, Prince Julian, sixteen, and Princess Mite, five, flee their palace when a coup leads to their mother's death, and unlock a long-forgotten magic to reclaim the stolen throne.

Carmen Sandiego: the need for speed caper
by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
A full-color graphic novel based on the hit Netflix series finds Carmen Sandiego and her crew zooming off to Dubai, where they race to prevent VILE from stealing a high-speed supercar.

The other side of the sky
by Amie Kaufman
A first entry in a planned duology by two best-selling authors finds the prince of a sky city and an earth goddess linked by a terrifying prophecy that forces them to choose between saving their people or succumbing to their forbidden love.

Sleepless domain: The Price of Magic Book one
by Mary Cagle
A group of Magical Girls defend their city from fiendish monsters that prowl by night. When tragedy strikes, the team's least confident member, Undine, must step up and learn to fight her own battles.

The Nameless City
by Faith Erin Hicks
Every time it is invaded the City gets a new name, but to the natives it is the Nameless City, and they survive by not letting themselves get involved--but now the fate of the City rests in the hands of Rat, a native, and Kaidu, one of the Dao, the latest occupiers, and the two must somehow work together if the City is to survive.

The ones we're meant to find
by Joan He
Awakening on an abandoned island with no memory of how she was marooned, Cee embarks on a desperate search for her sister, while STEM prodigy Kasey begins to question her life in Earth's last unpolluted city.

The past and other things that should stay buried
by Shaun David Hutchinson
Dino and July, seventeen, are granted time to resolve what was left unfinished between them after July's sudden death, one year after their friendship ended over Dino's new relationship.

The plentiful darkness
by Heather Kassner
Orphaned twelve-year-old Rooney de Barra chases a thieving boy into a magician's realm of darkness.
The red zone: An Earthquake Story
by Silvia Vecchini
A vivid and poignant portrayal of a boy and his town in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in Italy.

The thirteenth cat
by Mary Downing Hahn
Unnerved by the overgrown forest near her aunt's house and the wild black cats that live there, Danni encounters a mean old woman who claims to be their owner and makes a discovery that places her life in danger.

This is how we fly
by Anna Meriano
Grounded for the summer by her sometimes-evil stepmother, seventeen-year-old vegan feminist Ellen Lopez-Rourke gets permission to join a Quidditch team, where she makes new, if nerdy, friends.

Tooth & claw: the dinosaur wars
by Deborah Noyes
Complemented by historical photos, an account of the 19th-century rivalry between two foundational paleontologists describes their race to unearth the best and biggest dinosaur fossils, an effort that transformed understandings about the existence of dinosaurs and other extinct species.

The taking of Jake Livingston
by Ryan Douglass
When a murderous ghost begins to haunt sixteen-year-old Jake Livingston, high school soon becomes a different kind of survival game.

The wonderful Wizard of Oz
by L. Frank Baum
Follows the adventures of a young girl named Dorothy, who is swept away from her home in Kansas by a tornado and transported to the magical Land of Oz. With the help of her new friends, Dorothy embarks on a quest to meet the Wizard of Oz and find her way back home.

Tigers, not daughters
by Samantha Mabry
Three sisters in San Antonio are shadowed by guilt and grief over the loss of their oldest sister, who still haunts their house.

Tracker
by Gary Paulsen
Thirteen-year-old John must track a deer in the Minnesota woods for his family's winter meat, and in doing so finds himself drawn to the doe who leads him and hating his role as hunter.
Treasure in the lake
by Jason Pamment
When Iris and Sam discover a hidden city and a forgotten tale of friendship, they must discover the truth to save their own friendship or watch history repeat itself and be pulled apart forever.

Treasure Island
by Robert Louis Stevenson
Sneaky pirates, sailing ships, buried treasure, exotic lands, and murderous mutiny--what could be better to win over even the most reluctant reader?

Trex
by Christyne Morrell
A mystery following Trex, a boy with an experimental implant, Mellie, a reclusive girl training to be a spy, and their adventures together as they're pitted against middle school bullies, their own parents, and an evil, brain-hacking corporation.

Under the ashes
by Cindy Rankin
Eleven-year-old Elizabeth is sent to live with an aunt in San Francisco where she must survive an earthquake and a fire.

What happens next
by Colleen Clayton
The stress of hiding a horrific incident that she can neither remember nor completely forget leads 16-year-old Cassidy "Sid" Murphy to become alienated from her friends, obsess about weight loss and draw close to Corey "The Living Stoner" Livingston.

Wingbearer
by Marjorie M. Liu
When a sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the Great Tree, Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly must get to the root of it, and so embark on an epic journey to find the truth.

White Fang
by Jack London
In the northern wilderness of the Yukon, a dog that is part wolf comes to make his peace with man.

Wink: surviving middle school with one eye open
by Rob Harrell
After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school.
Witch for hire
by Ted Naifeh
"When a series of high school pranks get out of hand, teen witch Faye Faulkner is the only one who can solve the case."

A Properly Unhaunted Place
by William Alexander
In a world full of ghosts, Rosa and Jasper live in the only unhaunted town—but must spring to action when they realize the ghosts are lying in wait to take the town back.

A sparrow's roar
by C. R. Chua
When her sister, famed hero and leader of Lions, is murdered by a barbarian horde, knight-in-training Per must impersonate her sister and travel to Unity's capital to convince the generals of each city-state to protect against the oncoming horde.

A Wrinkle in Time
by Madeline L'Engle
"After the disappearance of her scientist father, three peculiar beings send Meg, her brother, and her friend to space in order to find him."

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
by Lewis Caroll
"Fall down the rabbit hole with Alice and into a world of adventure in this beautiful version of a classic tale. In Wonderland, everything is out of the ordinary, and absurdity is just the beginning. Meet a rabbit in a waistcoat, go to a tea party that never ends, and encounter a cat with a very special smile."

Ace of spades
by Faridah Abiké-Íyímídé
A contemporary thriller by a debut author follows two Niveus Private Academy students who, selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects, are pitted against an anonymous bully who reveals all of their secrets.