Teens

**The poet X**
by Elizabeth Acevedo
When Xiomara Batista, who pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry, is invited to join the school slam poetry club, she struggles with her mother’s expectations and her need to be heard.

**Refugee**
by Alan Gratz
Separated by decades, Josef, a Jew living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a girl trying to escape unrest in 1994 Cuba; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, embark on journeys in search of refuge.

**Messy roots : a graphic memoir of a Wuhanese American**
by Laura Gao
This funny graphic memoir follows a queer Chinese American’s immigration to Texas where she just wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school and figure out why she is attracted to girls.

**An emotion of great delight**
by Tahereh Mafi
In the wake of 9/11, Shadi, a child of Muslim immigrants, tries to navigate her crumbling world of death, heartbreak, and bigotry in silence, until finally everything changes.

**The astonishing color of after**
by Emily X. R. Pan
After her mother’s suicide, grief-stricken Leigh Sanders travels to Taiwan to stay with grandparents she never met, determined to find her mother who she believes turned into a bird.

**Everything sad is untrue : (a true story)**
by Daniel Nayeri
Twelve-year-old Iranian refugee Khosrou moves to Oklahoma where he goes by Daniel and models himself after the legendary storyteller Scheherazade as he weaves tales that reflect his perseverance and reinvention.

**The field guide to the North American teenager**
by Ben Philippe
When Norris, a Black French Canadian, starts his junior year at an Austin, Texas, high school, he views his fellow students as clichês from “a bad 90s teen movie.”

**Love in English**
by Maria E. Andreu
After moving from Argentina to New Jersey, a 16-year-old poet finds herself torn between a cute American boy in her math class and a Greek student who understands the struggles she is facing in an ESL class.