

**Fairfield Ludlowe High School Top 100  
Summer Reading 2017**

FLHS students have been reading all year long. This list reflects student and staff favorites from this year. It is a long list with something for every interest.

We know you will read many books this summer. You are required to read at least one from this list. If you are reading an assigned summer book for an AP class, the AP book will fulfill this requirement.

Stop by the FLHS library to check out books for before vacation and return them in September. Download e-books and audiobooks from OverDrive all summer long at <http://overdrive.fairfieldschools.org/>. Remember that you can also check out books from the Fairfield Public Library throughout the summer.

When you return to school in the fall, plan to talk or write about the book you read. Your teacher will share the details about the activity with you in the first few days of school.

Happy reading – Enjoy the summer!

<b><i>Title</i></b>	<b><i>Author</i></b>	<b><i>Genre</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
<b><i>100 Sideways Miles</i></b>	Smith, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	Finn Easton sees the world through miles instead of minutes. It's how he makes sense of the world, and how he tries to convince himself that he's a real boy and not just a character in his father's bestselling cult-classic book. Finn has two things going for him: his best friend, the possibly-insane-but-definitely-excellent Cade Hernandez, and Julia Bishop, the first girl he's ever loved.
<b><i>All American Boys</i></b>	Reynolds, Jason	Realistic Fiction	When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend.
<b><i>All The Light We Cannot See</i></b>	Doerr, Anthony	Historical Fiction	A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.
<b><i>American Girls</i></b>	Umminger, Alison	Realistic Fiction	Fifteen-year-old Anna runs away to Los Angeles where her half-sister takes her in, but after spending days on television and movie sets, she learns LA is not the glamorous escape she imagined.
<b><i>American Street</i></b>	Zoboi, Ibi	Realistic Fiction	When Fabiola's mother is detained upon their arrival to the United States, Fabiola must navigate her loud American cousins, the grittiness of Detroit's west side, a new school, and a surprising romance all on her own

<b><i>Americanah</i></b>	Adichie, Chimamanda	Realistic Fiction	A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected.
<b><i>Another Brooklyn</i></b>	Woodson, Jacqueline	Historical Fiction	Three friends experience the all-too-real perils of growing up in Brooklyn in the 70s.
<b><i>Aristotle and Dante Discover The Secrets Of The Universe</i></b>	Saenz, Benjamin Alire	Realistic Fiction	Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.
<b><i>Barbarian Day: A Surfing Life</i></b>	Finnegan, William	Memoir/Biography	Journalist William Finnegan shares stories about his life as a surfer, a sport which has been an obsession of his since childhood and has taken him around the world.
<b><i>Becoming Maria</i></b>	Manzano, Sonia	Memoir/Biography	Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Emmy award-winning actress and writer Sonia Manzano plunges us into the daily lives of a Latino family that is loving--and troubled.
<b><i>Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out</i></b>	Kuklin, Susan	Non-Fiction	Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference.
<b><i>Blood, Bullets, and Bones</i></b>	Heos, Bridget	Non-Fiction	A history of modern forensic science from the first test for arsenic poisoning in the 1700s to criminal profiling, fingerprinting, blood splatter analysis, DNA evidence, and all the milestones in between.
<b><i>Bone Gap</i></b>	Ruby, Laura	Fantasy	Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town favorite Roza, but his inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation, and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying.
<b><i>Booked</i></b>	Kwame Alexander	Sports	Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams
<b><i>Books For Living</i></b>	Schwalbe, Will	Non-Fiction	In this ... celebration of reading, Schwalbe invites us along on his quest for books that speak to the specific challenges of living in our modern world, ... In each chapter, he discusses a particular book--what brought him to it (or vice versa), the people in his life he associates with it, and how it became a part of his understanding of himself in the world.
<b><i>Boy 21</i></b>	Quick, Matthew	Sports	Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob. When his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.
<b><i>Caraval</i></b>	Garber, Stephanie	Mystery	Two sisters, Scarlett and Tella, leave their cruel father to attend Caraval--a faraway once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show--and, along the way, Tella is kidnapped and Scarlett is aided by a mysterious sailor and finds herself enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic.
<b><i>Dan Vs Nature</i></b>	Calame, Don	Humor	From screenwriter Don Calame comes another outrageously funny and raunchy tale of teen boys whose plans go awry -- this time, on a survivalist camping trip.
<b><i>Deep Down Dark</i></b>	Tobar, Hector	Non-Fiction	Presents a firsthand, official account of the 2010 survival story involving thirty-three miners who were trapped for a record sixty-nine days in a Chilean mine.
<b><i>Denton Little's Death Date (series)</i></b>	Rubin, Lance	Humor	In a world where everyone knows the day they will die, a teenage boy is determined to outlive his upcoming expiration date.

<b><i>Dumplin'</i></b>	Murphy, Julie	Realistic Fiction	Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.
<b><i>Emmy &amp; Oliver</i></b>	Benway, Robin	Realistic Fiction	Sheltered seventeen-year-old Emmy's childhood best friend Oliver reappears after disappearing with his father ten years ago.
<b><i>Every Exquisite Thing</i></b>	Quick, Matthew	Realistic Fiction	Nanette O'Hare, a star student and athlete, is given a mysterious out-of-print cult classic novel by her beloved teacher that sparks the rebel within her, but as she befriends the reclusive author and attempts to insert her true self into the world with wild abandon, Nanette learns the hard way that sometimes rebellion comes at a high price.
<b><i>Every Last Word</i></b>	Stone, Tamara Ireland	Realistic Fiction	Consumed by a stream of dark thoughts and worries that she can't turn off, a girl coping with Purely-Obsessional OCD learns to accept herself and take control of her life through her experiences in poetry club.
<b><i>Everything, Everything</i></b>	Yoon, Nicola	Realistic Fiction	Confined to her home because she is allergic to the outside world, a teenage girl's life changes when she begins a romance with the new boy next door that challenges everything she's ever known.
<b><i>Exit, Pursued By A Bear</i></b>	Johnston, E.K.	Realistic Fiction	At cheerleading camp, Hermione is drugged and raped, but she is not sure whether it was one of her teammates or a boy on another team--and in the aftermath she has to deal with the rumors in her small Ontario town, the often awkward reaction of her classmates, the rejection of her boyfriend, the discovery that her best friend, Polly, is gay, and above all the need to remember what happened so the guilty boy can be brought to justice.
<b><i>Fake ID</i></b>	Giles, Lamar	Mystery	An African-American teen in the Witness Protection Program moves to a new town and finds himself trying to solve a murder mystery when his first friend is found dead.
<b><i>First and Then</i></b>	Mills, Emma	Realistic Fiction	Devon, a high school senior, wonders if she really wants to go to college, what to do with her cousin Foster (a freshman) who has moved in with her family in Florida, and whether she likes Ezra, the stuck-up football star at her school, or cannot stand him.
<b><i>Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock</i></b>	Quick, Matthew	Realistic Fiction	A day in the life of a suicidal teen boy saying good-bye to the four people who matter most to him.
<b><i>Four Four Two</i></b>	Hughes, Dean	Historical Fiction	Forced into an internment camp at the start of World War II, eighteen-year-old Yuki enlists in the Army to fight for the Allies as a member of the "Four-Four-Two," a segregated Japanese American regiment.
<b><i>Gabi, A Girl in Pieces</i></b>	Quintero, Isabel	Realistic Fiction	Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy's pregnancy, her friend Sebastian's coming out, her father's meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.
<b><i>Girls In The Moon</i></b>	McNally, Janet	Realistic Fiction	Phoebe, a budding poet in search of her identity, visits her sister in New York to find out how she fits into her family of storytellers.
<b><i>Gutless</i></b>	Deuker, Carl	Sports	With both good speed and good hands, wide receiver Brock Ripley should be a natural for the varsity team, but he shies from physical contact. When his issues get him cut from varsity, he also loses his friendship with star quarterback Hunter Gates. Now a target for bullying, Brock struggles to overcome his fears and discover that, in his own way, he is brave enough.

<b><i>Hate U Give, The</i></b>	Thomas, Angie	Realistic Fiction	Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does-or does not-say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life
<b><i>Hidden Figures (either edition)</i></b>	Shetterly, Margo Lee	Non-Fiction	Before John Glenn orbited Earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as 'human computers' used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation.
<b><i>Highly Illogical Behavior</i></b>	Whaley, John Corey	Realistic Fiction	Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that-- and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.
<b><i>Holding Up The Universe</i></b>	Niven, Jennifer	Realistic Fiction	A boy with face blindness and a girl who struggles with weight fall in love.
<b><i>Homegoing</i></b>	Gyasi, Yaa	Realistic Fiction	Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonial, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising half-caste children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, and then shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery.
<b><i>How It Went Down</i></b>	Magoon, Kekla	Realistic Fiction	When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.
<b><i>If I Was Your Girl</i></b>	Russo, Meredith	Realistic Fiction	Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.
<b><i>I'll Give You The Sun</i></b>	Nelson, Jandy	Realistic Fiction	Artistically gifted twins, Jude and Noah, tell their compelling family story in rich alternating voices.
<b><i>Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, The</i></b>	Skloot, Rebecca	Non Fiction	Examines the experiences of the children and husband of Henrietta Lacks, who, twenty years after her death from cervical cancer in 1951, learned doctors and researchers took cells from her cervix without consent which were used to create the immortal cell line known as the HeLa cell; provides an overview of Henrietta's life; and explores issues of experimentation on African-Americans and bioethics.
<b><i>Last True Love Story, The</i></b>	Kiely, Brendan	Realistic Fiction	From the New York Times bestselling and critically acclaimed coauthor of All American Boys and author of The Gospel of Winter comes a cool, contemplative spin on hot summer nights and the classic teen love story as two teens embark on a cross-country journey of the heart and soul.

<b><i>Lie Tree, The</i></b>	Hardinge, Frances	Mystery	On an island off the south coast of Victorian England, fourteen-year-old Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father, who was involved in a scandal, and discovers a tree that feeds upon lies and gives those who eat its fruit visions of truth.
<b><i>Lock Artist, The</i></b>	Hamilton, Steve	Mystery	Marked by tragedy, traumatized at the age of eight, Michael, now eighteen, is no ordinary young man. Besides not uttering a single word in ten years, he discovers the one thing he can somehow do better than anyone else. Whether it's a locked door without a key, a padlock with no combination, or even an eight-hundred pound safe ... he can open them all.
<b><i>Love and First Sight</i></b>	Sundquist, Josh	Realistic Fiction	Sixteen-year-old blind teen Will Porter undergoes an experimental surgery that enables him to see for the first time, all while navigating a new school, new friends, and a crush.
<b><i>Lucy and Linh</i></b>	Pung, Alice	Realistic Fiction	In Australia, Lucy tries to balance her life at home surrounded by her Chinese immigrant family, with her life at a pretentious private school.
<b><i>Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend</i></b>	Dicks, Matthew	Realistic Fiction	Max Delaney has Asperger's and an imaginary friend named Budo. Budo defends Max from bullies in school and fears the day when Max will stop believing in him.
<b><i>Michael Vey (series)</i></b>	Evans, Richard Paul	Mystery	Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them and, after Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.
<b><i>More Happy Than Not</i></b>	Silvera, Adam	Realistic Fiction	After enduring his father's suicide, his own suicide attempt, broken friendships, and more in the Bronx projects, Aaron Soto, sixteen, is already considering the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure when his new friendship with Thomas turns to unrequited love.
<b><i>Mosquitoland</i></b>	Arnold, David	Realistic Fiction	When she learns that her mother is sick in Ohio, Mim confronts her demons on a thousand-mile odyssey from Mississippi that redefines her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane.
<b><i>My Lady Jane</i></b>	Hand, Cynthia	Humor	Lady Jane Grey, sixteen, is about to be married to a total stranger--and caught up in an insidious plot to rob her cousin, King Edward, of his throne. But that's the least of Jane's problems. She's about to become Queen of England. Like that could go wrong.
<b><i>Noggin</i></b>	Whaley, John Corey	Humor	After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.
<b><i>Once and For All</i></b>	Dessen, Sarah	Realistic Fiction	Is it really better to have loved and lost? Louna's summer job is to help brides plan their perfect day, even though she stopped believing in happily-ever-after when her first love ended tragically. But charming girl-magnet Ambrose isn't about to be discouraged now that he's met the one he really wants. Maybe Louna's second chance is standing right in front of her.
<b><i>Other Wes Moore, The (Discovering Wes Moore)</i></b>	Moore, Wes	Memoir/Biography	Two kids with the same name lived in the same decaying city. One went on to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. Here is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation.
<b><i>Our Chemical Hearts</i></b>	Sutherland, Krystal	Realistic Fiction	When high school senior Henry Page meets Grace Town, he finally experiences the ups and downs of first love.
<b><i>Out Of Nowhere</i></b>	Padian, Maria	Sports	Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.
<b><i>Outrun the Moon</i></b>	Lee, Stacey	Historical Fiction	On the eve of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, Mercy Wong--daughter of Chinese immigrants--is struggling to hold her own among the spoiled heiresses at prestigious St. Clare's School. When tragedy strikes, everyone must band together to survive.

<b><i>Passion of Dolssa, The</i></b>	Bery, Julie	Historical Fiction	In mid-thirteenth century Provence, Dolssa de Stigata is a fervently religious girl who feels the call to preach, condemned by the Inquisition as an "unnatural woman," and hunted by the Dominican Friar Lucien who fears a resurgence of the Albigensian heresy; Botille is a matchmaker trying to protect her sisters from being branded as gypsies or witches--but when she finds the hunted Dolssa dying on a hillside, she feels compelled to protect her, a decision that may cost her everything.
<b><i>Positive--surviving my bullies, finding hope, and living to change the world</i></b>	Rawl, Paige	Memoir/ Biography	Rawl recounts her journey through discovery, bullying, suicidal despair, and activism as an HIV-positive teen, tying her story into larger messages about difference, hatred, healing, and courage, with additional focus on her anti-bullying platform. Rawl is frank and likable; her memoir's strong narrative arc and relatable emotional reference points make it a highly readable conduit to multiple timely issues.
<b><i>Pretty Girl-13</i></b>	Coley, Liz	Mystery	Sixteen-year-old Angie finds herself in her neighborhood with no recollection of her abduction or the three years that have passed since, until alternate personalities start telling her their stories through letters and recordings.
<b><i>Reader, The</i></b>	Chee, Traci	Fantasy	Sefia knows what it means to survive. After her father is brutally murdered, she flees into the wilderness with her aunt Nin, who teaches her to hunt, track, and steal. But when Nin is kidnapped, leaving Sefia completely alone, none of her survival skills can help her discover where Nin's been taken, or if she's even alive. The only clue to both her aunt's disappearance and her father's murder is the odd rectangular object her father left behind, an object she comes to realize is a book--a marvelous item unheard of in her otherwise illiterate society. With the help of this book, and the aid of a mysterious stranger with dark secrets of his own, Sefia sets out to rescue her aunt and find out what really happened the day her father was killed--and punish the people responsible.
<b><i>Red Queen (series)</i></b>	Aveyard, Victoria	Fantasy	In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction.
<b><i>Redemption at Hacksaw Ridge</i></b>	Herndon, Booton	Non Fiction	The men of the 77th Infantry Division couldn't fathom why Private Desmond T. Doss would venture into the horrors of World War II without a single weapon to defend himself. They called him a coward, but the soft-spoken medic insisted that his mission was to heal, not kill. Herndon shares the story of how Doss became the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor.
<b><i>Replica</i></b>	Oliver, Lauren	Science Fiction	From Lauren Oliver, New York Times bestselling author of Before I Fall and the Delirium trilogy, comes an epic, masterful novel that explores issues of individuality, identity, and humanity. Replica is a "flip book" that contains two narratives in one, and it is the first in a duology. Turn the book one way and read Lyra's story; turn the book over and upside down and read Gemma's story. The stories can be read separately, one after the other, or in alternating chapters. The two distinct parts of this astonishing novel combine to produce an unforgettable journey. Even the innovative book jacket mirrors and extends the reading experience.

<b><i>Rest of Us Just Live Here</i></b>	Ness, Patrick	Humor	What if you aren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever the heck this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you're like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world, and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend is worshipped by mountain lions
<b><i>Rikers High</i></b>	Volponi, Paul	Realistic Fiction	Arrested on a minor offense, a New York City teenager attends high school in the jail facility on Rikers Island while waiting for his case to go to court.
<b><i>Ruined</i></b>	Tintera, Amy	Fantasy	Emelina Flores has nothing. Her home in Ruina has been ravaged by war; her parents were killed and her sister was kidnapped. Even though Em is only a useless Ruined--completely lacking any magic--she is determined to get revenge by infiltrating the enemy's kingdom, posing as the crown prince's betrothed.
<b><i>Sabotage: the mission to destroy Hitler's atomic bomb</i></b>	Bascomb, Neal	Non-Fiction	Details the mission of young Norwegian commandos to destroy Vemork, an industrial fortress that was occupied by German troops during World War II through which they gained access to an essential ingredient for the weapon that could end the war: Hitler's very own nuclear bomb. Armed with little more than skis, explosives, and great courage, the commandos will survive months in the snowy wilderness, elude a huge manhunt, and execute two dangerous missions. The result? The greatest act of sabotage in all of World War II.
<b><i>Salt to the Sea</i></b>	Septys, Ruta	Historical Fiction	World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the Wilhelm Gustloff. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety.
<b><i>Samuari Rising</i></b>	Turner, Pamela	Non-Fiction	When Yoshitsune was just a baby, his father went to war with a rival samurai family--and lost. His father was killed, his mother captured, and his surviving half-brother banished. Yoshitsune was sent away to live in a monastery. Skinny, small, and unskilled in the warrior arts, he nevertheless escaped and learned the ways of the samurai. When the time came for the Minamoto clan to rise up against their enemies, Yoshitsune answered the call. His daring feats and impossible bravery earned him immortality.
<b><i>Scar Boys, The</i></b>	Vlahos, Len	Realistic Fiction	Written as a college admission essay, eighteen-year-old Harry Jones recounts a childhood defined by the hideous scars he hid behind, and how forming a band brought self-confidence, friendship, and his first kiss.
<b><i>Scythe</i></b>	Shusterman, Neal	Fantasy	In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.
<b><i>Shadowshaper</i></b>	Older, Daniel Jose	Mystery	When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends
<b><i>Simon vs. The Homo Sapien Agenda</i></b>	Albertalli, Becky	Realistic Fiction	Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed

<b><i>Six of Crows (series)</i></b>	Bardugo, Leigh	Fantasy	Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction--if they don't kill each other first.
<b><i>Smell of Other People's Houses, The</i></b>	Hitchcock, Bonnie-Sue	Realistic Fiction	Growing up in Alaska in the 1970s isn't like growing up anywhere else: Don't think life is going to be easy. Know your place. And never talk about yourself. Four vivid voices tell intertwining stories of hardship, tragedy, wild luck, and salvation.
<b><i>So You've Been Publicly Shamed</i></b>	Johnson, Ron	Non-Fiction	For the past three years, Jon Ronson has been immersing himself in the world of modern-day public shaming--meeting famous shamees, shamers, and bystanders who have been impacted... [a] book about public shaming, and about shaming as a form of social control.
<b><i>Stand Off</i></b>	Smith, Andrew	Humor	Now a senior at Pine Mountain Academy, fifteen-year-old Ryan Dean West becomes captain of the rugby team, shares his dormitory room with a twelve-year-old prodigy, Sam Abernathy, and through the course of the year learns to appreciate things he has tried to resist, including change.
<b><i>Station Eleven</i></b>	Mandel, Emily St. John	Science Fiction	In a future in which a pandemic has left few survivors, actress Kirsten Raymonde, having witnessed paparazzo-turned-EMT Jeevan Chaudhary try to save the life of actor Arthur Leander after he suffered a heart attack on stage, travels with a troupe performing Shakespeare and finds herself in a community in which a prophet will not let anyone leave alive. Includes subplots about Jeevan as he watches the world change from the pandemic and Arthur before his death.
<b><i>Sun Is Also A Star, The</i></b>	Yoon, Nicola	Realistic Fiction	Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.
<b><i>Swagger</i></b>	Deuker, Carl	Sports	High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball career until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.
<b><i>Sway</i></b>	Spears, Kat	Realistic Fiction	Jesse Alderman, also known as Sway, avoids emotional connection at all costs, but he's ultimately forced to open his heart when he meets the girl of his dreams after being hired by the captain of the football team to hook him up with angelic Bridget Smalley.
<b><i>Symptoms of Being Human</i></b>	Garvin, Jeff	Realistic Fiction	A gender-fluid teenager who struggles with identity creates a blog on the topic that goes viral, and faces ridicule at the hands of fellow students.
<b><i>Taking Flight</i></b>	DePrince, Michaela	Memoir/Biography	The autobiography of Michaela DePrince, who lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until being adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States.
<b><i>These Shallow Graves</i></b>	Donnelly, Jennifer	Mystery	A young woman in nineteenth-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide, and she believes there is more than meets the eye, so in order to uncover the truth she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.
<b><i>This Song Will Save Your Life</i></b>	Sales, Leila	Realistic Fiction	Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey.
<b><i>Those Who Wish Me Dead</i></b>	Koryta, Michael	Mystery	After fourteen-year old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity, and hidden in a wilderness-survival program for troubled teens. The plan is to get Jace off the grid while the police find the two killers. And so the nightmare begins.
<b><i>Thousandth Floor, The (Series)</i></b>	McGee, Katherine	Science Fiction	Five teens struggle to find their footing in the world atop high-tech luxury in New York City one-hundred years into the future.

<b><i>This Savage Song</i></b>	Schwab, Victoria	Fantasy	As the heirs to opposing sides in a warring city, Kate Harker and Augustus Flynn should never have met. A Romeo and Juliet-esque fantasy about the difference between good and evil and the blurry gray area in between.
<b><i>Throne of Glass</i></b>	Maas, Sarah	Fantasy	In a land without magic, where the king rules with an iron hand, an assassin is summoned to the castle. She comes not to kill the king, but to win her freedom. If she defeats twenty-three killers, thieves, and warriors in a competition, she is released from prison to serve as the king's champion. Her name is Celaena Sardothien. The Crown Prince will provoke her. The Captain of the Guard will protect her. But something evil dwells in the castle of glass--and it's there to kill. When her competitors start dying one by one, Celaena's fight for freedom becomes a fight for survival, and a desperate quest to root out the evil before it destroys her world.
<b><i>Unbroken (Adult or YA adaptation)</i></b>	Hillenbrand, Laura	Non-Fiction	A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.
<b><i>Undefeated Jim Thorpe</i></b>	Sheinkin, Steve	Sports	A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team.
<b><i>Underground Railroad, The</i></b>	Whitehead, Colson	Fantasy	Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted. Their first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels.
<b><i>We Are The Ants</i></b>	Hutchison, Shaun David	Science Fiction	Abducted by aliens periodically throughout his youth, Henry Denton is informed by his erstwhile captors that they will end the world in 144 days unless he stops them by deciding that humanity is worth saving.
<b><i>When The Moon Was Ours</i></b>	McLemore, Anna-Maria	Fantasy	To everyone who knows them, best friends Miel and Sam are as strange as they are inseparable. Roses grow out of Miel's wrist, and rumors say that she spilled out of a water tower when she was five. Sam is known for the moons he paints and hangs in the trees and for how little anyone knows about his life before he and his mother moved to town. But as odd as everyone considers Miel and Sam, even they stay away from the Bonner girls, four beautiful sisters rumored to be witches. Now they want the roses that grow from Miel's skin, convinced that their scent can make anyone fall in love. And they're willing to use every secret Miel has fought to protect to make sure she gives them up.
<b><i>When We Collided</i></b>	Lord, Emily	Realistic Fiction	Can seventeen-year-old Jonah save his family restaurant from ruin, his mother from her sadness, and his danger-seeking girlfriend Vivi from herself?
<b><i>X: A Novel</i></b>	Shabazz, Ilyasah	Historical Fiction	Malcolm Little's parents have always told him that he can achieve anything, but from what he can tell, that's a pack of lies--after all, his father's been murdered, his mother's been taken away, and his dreams of becoming a lawyer have gotten him laughed out of school. There's no point in trying, he figures, and lured by the nightlife of Boston and New York, he escapes into a world of fancy suits, jazz, girls, and reefer.

<b><i>Young World, The (series)</i></b>	Weitz, Chris	Science Fiction	Only teens are left after an unexplained "Sickness" wipes out adults and children. And even teens who don't succumb to starvation or violence will contract the disease at eighteen. Amid the chaos, gangs of teens across NYC try to survive. Movie-director Weitz envisions the apocalypse on a cinematic scale, with much attention to physical details as he builds an expanding landscape of group conflict.
<b><i>Zookeepers Wife, The</i></b>	Ackerman, Diane	Historical Fiction	After their zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from the Nazis by hiding refugees in the empty animal cages. With animal names for these "guests," and human names for the animals, it's no wonder that the zoo's code name became "The House Under a Crazy Star." Best-selling naturalist and acclaimed storyteller Diane Ackerman combines extensive research and an exuberant writing style to re-create this fascinating, true-life story--sharing Antonina's life as "the zookeeper's wife," while examining the disturbing obsessions at the core of Nazism.

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