



When the World Tips Over

Nelson, Jandy

Dizzy bakes cakes and sees spirits. Miles is desperate to meet the guy of his dreams. Wynton is a violinist on a crash course. Then an rainbow-haired girl shows up, tipping their world over.

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Leap

Popescu, Simina

A coming-of-age graphic novel following two dancers at a conservative performing arts school—exploring friendship, first love, and what it means to fall out of step with your own dreams.

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When We Ride

Ogle, Rex

Rex Ogle explores bonds of loyalty and friendship and how they're tested by drugs and violence in this propulsive novel-in-verse.

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Little Moons

Storm, Jen

A year after Reanna's sister went missing, their family has fallen apart. When her mom moves away, she feels lonely and abandoned... but there are signs she is not alone.

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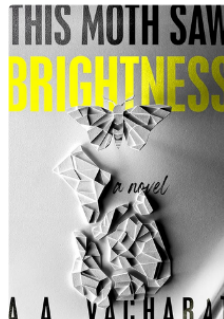


What's Eating Jackie Oh?

Park, Patricia

A Korean American teen tries to balance her dream to become a chef with the cultural expectations of her family when she enters the competitive world of a TV cooking show.

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This Moth Saw Brightness

Vacharat, A. A.

High schooler Wayne and his best friend Kermit participate in a university health study that turns out to be riddled with conspiracies pointing to a sinister government plot.

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Banned Together: Our Fight for Readers' Rights

Pérez, Ashley Hope

A diverse cast of authors discuss the impact of book bans and how these actions impact young readers and the harm these attempts do to silence entire identities and erase lived experiences.

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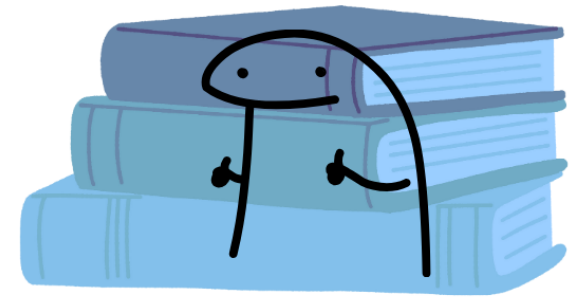
One of the Boys

Zeller, Victoria

Grace used to have it all before she came out as trans. Now she's struggling without football. Then her teammates beg her back. Now she has to decide how much of herself she's willing to give up for the game she loves.

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HIGH SCHOOL



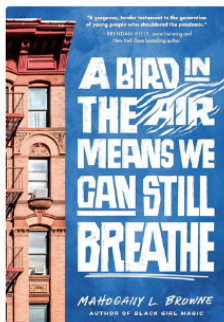
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A Bird in the Air Means We Can Still Breathe

Browne, Mahogany L.

In this poignant collection of interconnected prose, poems and stories, teen characters, their families, and their communities grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic.

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All the Noise at Once

Davis, Deandra

A Black, autistic teen tries to figure out what happened the night his older brother was unjustly arrested.

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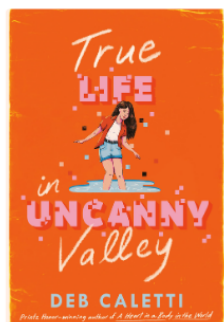


Rez Ball

Graves, Byron

When the varsity basketball team members take him under their wing, Tre Brun, representing his Ojibwe reservation, steps into his late brother's shoes as star player but soon learns he can't mess up—not on the court, not in school and not in love.

YAF GRA



True Life in Uncanny Valley

Caletti, Deb

Eleanor is used to watching her famous father from afar, until she applies for a live-in summer nanny job and must live a lie in order to discover the truth about her family and herself.

YAF CAL



Run Like a Girl

Egbé, Amaka

It was bad enough being sent to live with her estranged dad, but the school doesn't even have a girls' track team! No worries, Dera Edwards will join the (unwelcoming) boys team. As she gains statewide attention, she has to deal with trolls online & at school.

YAF EGB



Diet Soda Club

Hayden, Chaz

When his mother leaves, 17-year-old Reed starts making and selling fake IDs to care for his little sister who has a life-threatening condition, which could lead to major consequences for both their futures if he's caught.

YAF HAY



I Am the Swarm

Chewins, Hayley

Nell knows that her family magic is a curse, she's seen the damage it does. When her own magic manifests, she feels joy at first. But she soon realizes the dark side to her power.

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Huda F Wants to Know?

Fahmy, Huda

When her parents announce they are divorcing, Huda Fahmy struggles to keep her plans on track for junior year.

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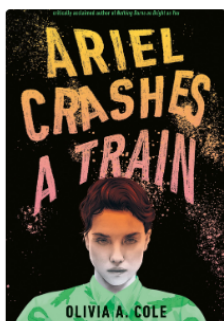


Eliza, from Scratch

Lee, Sophia

Eliza Park, an academics-obsessed teen, accidentally ends up in Culinary Arts & finds herself clueless & ultimately rebuilding everything she knew about success, love & what it means to be herself.

YAF LEE



Ariel Crashes a Train

Cole, Olivia A.

Ariel grapples with her fear of her own mind and violent fantasies, until a summer job at a carnival leads her to new friends who help her discover her struggle with OCD and find acceptance and support for her true self.

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The Glass Girl

Glasgow, Kathleen

When fifteen-year-old Bella's latest blackout lands her in the hospital, she enters rehab to confront her addiction to alcohol.

YAF GLA



Raised by Ghosts

Loewinsohn, Briana

This brilliant YA graphic novel is a love letter to family and all of the messy complexities they come with, from the acclaimed author of Ephemera: A Memoir

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