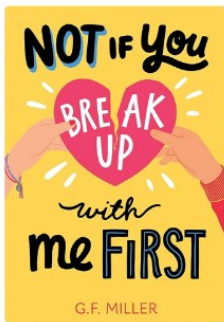


All My Bests
Meiser, Britnee

When Immie & Jack start high school, they wonder if their friendship can endure the changing social dynamics & the realization that they want to be more than friends.

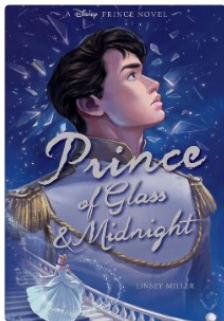
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Not If You Break Up With Me First
Miller, G. F.

Best friends Eve & Andrew go to their 1st dance together, & suddenly everybody assumes they're dating. They each pledge to be the worst boyfriend/girlfriend ever, leaving it to the other person to break up with them.

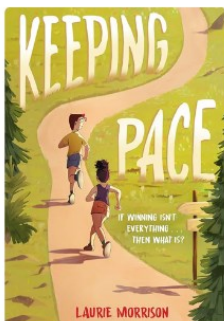
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Prince of Glass & Midnight
Miller, Linsey

Prince Charming hears news of a magical memory curse plaguing a nearby village, so he visits to investigate, & while there, reunites with his childhood friend, Ella, in a retelling of Cinderella from the Prince's POV.

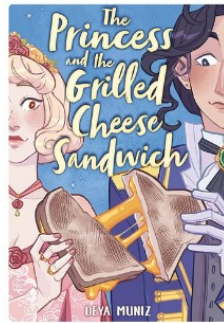
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Keeping Pace

Morrison, Laurie
Determined to regain her sense of accomplishment after losing her top ranking to Jonah, Grace decides to compete against him in a half-marathon, but as they train together, she learns valuable lessons about what truly matters.

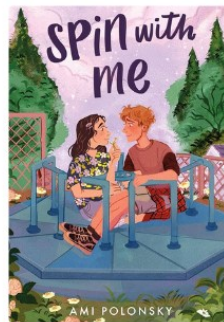
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The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Muniz, Deya

Cam disguises herself as a man to inherit her father's money & estate, & though she tries to keep a low profile, she ends up falling for Crown Princess Brie.

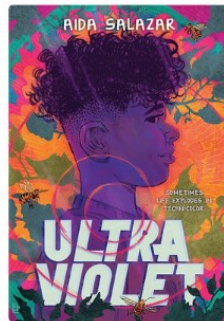
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Spin With Me
Polonsky, Ami

Told in two voices, 7th graders Essie, in North Carolina for just one semester, and Ollie, a non-binary, "gender weird" classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label.

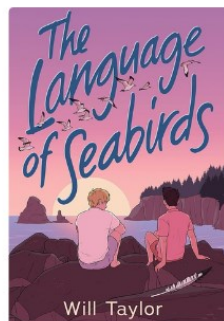
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Ultraviolet
Salazar, Aida

13-year-old Elio is struggling with first love, first heartbreak, first real fight (which lands him in the hospital), & what it means to be a "man", a true friend, & an ally, as well as how to overcome a culture of toxic masculinity.

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The Language of Seabirds
Taylor, Will

While staying with his dad & uncle in a seaside cabin in Oregon, Jeremy meets & forms a friendship with local boy Evan that turns into something neither boy expected, but something they both wished for.

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JUNIOR HIGH



Romance

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Crushing It

Becker, Erin

Told in alternating voices, soccer teammates & former friends Tory and Mel develop feelings for each other when they unknowingly meet anonymously online.

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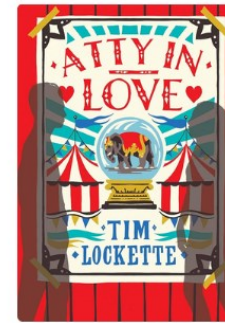


13 Ways to Say Goodbye

Fussner, Kate

A novel-in-verse about life after loss, the power of sibling bonds, the depth of grief, & the strength of learning to love again.

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Atty in Love

Lockette, Tim

When feisty, 13-year-old Atticus Peale meets a mysterious boy in her Alabama town, she has to make a tough choice between her values as an activist & her first real love.

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The Love Report

Béka

By studying all the couples at their junior high to create The Love Report, BFFs Grace & Lola, who have a lot of questions about romance, find a lot of surprises along the way, forcing them to see beyond appearances.

YAG LOV



Noah Frye Gets Crushed

Horne, Maggie

12-year-old Noah comes up with a plan to teach herself how to have a crush on a boy to fit in better with her friends—only to discover she's been looking in the wrong place, & her crush was right beside her all along.

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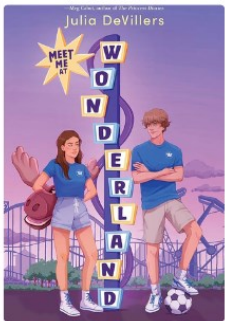


The Unbeatable Lily Hong

Ma, Diana

To save the local community center, Lily & her fellow students must master a traditional Chinese dance in time for the center's first showcase & receive some unexpected help from her rival, Max Zhang.

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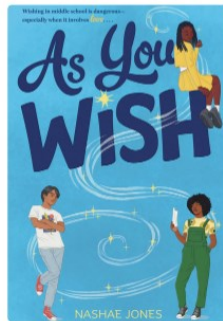


Meet Me at Wonderland

Devillers, Julia

14-year-old Coco, working as her family park's mascot, bonds with new hire Henry over their struggles, budding feelings, & more, until a secret is revealed that puts much more than their summer on the line.

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As You Wish

Jones, Nashae

After feelings for her best friend Deve become complicated, 13-year-old African American Birdie makes a wish with a West African trickster god that goes awry.

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Taco Tuesdays

Mancillas, Mónica

Dulce doesn't want to spend summer at the family restaurant & Julian doesn't want to relocate with his food vlogger parents. When they're both forced into a cooking class & get to know each other, it's not just the tacos getting heated!

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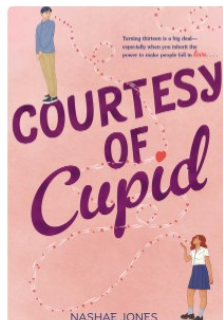


Upstaged

Easter, Robin

Ever since 6th grade, Ashton & their best friend & enduring crush, Ivy, have spent their summers together at theater camp. Now it's their last year before they part ways for high school, & Ash is determined to end it on a high note!

YAG EAR



Courtesy of Cupid

Jones, Nashae

When 13-year-old Erin discovers she is the daughter of the love god Cupid, she uses her newfound ability to sabotage her rival Trevor by making him fall in love with her, but she soon realizes love has a funny way of complicating things.

YAJF JON



Bye Forever, I Guess

Meadows, Jodi

8th-grader Ingrid runs a popular online blog anonymously, but when a wrong-number text message offers her a chance at connection, Ingrid opens herself to the opportunity to make a IRL friend.

YAJF MEA

