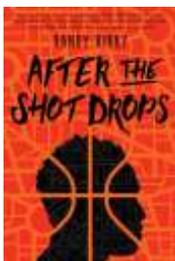


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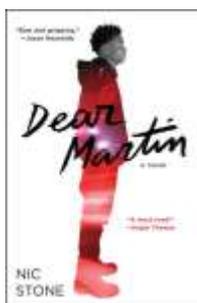
**After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay**  
Bunny and Nasir are lifelong best friends. Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, and Nasir feels betrayed. Tensions rise, and Nasir is must choose sides during a bet—with possibly dangerous consequences.



**Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi**  
In a world where magic has disappeared and magis, once revered, are targeted by a ruthless king, Zolie has always feared she would share her mother's fate—to be killed at the hand of the king's guard. Can Zolie survive, help to restore magic—and possibly even save her people?

**Dear Martin by Nic Stone**

Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—sparking the fury of a white off duty cop. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it is Justyce who is under attack.



**Devils Within by S.F. Henson**

Raised in a white supremacist compound where he was honored for his acts of violence before killing his own father, 14-yr-old Nate is placed in the custody of his uncle and starts over with a new identity before forging an unexpected bond with with a kind boy he was taught to hate.

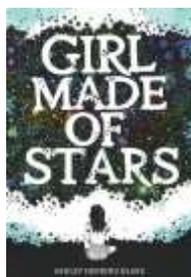


**Dread Nation by Justina Ireland**  
In an alternate history where the Civil War is halted by a zombie invasion, black teen Jane McKeene must attend combat school to learn how to take down the undead. Before it is too late.

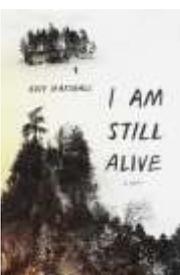


**Far From the Tree by Robin Benway**  
A story of three very different teenagers connected by blood that explores the meaning of family in all its forms—how to find it, how to keep it, and maybe most importantly, how to love it.

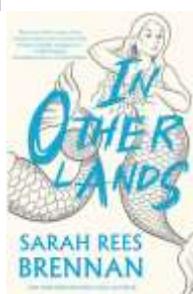
**Girl Made of Stars by Ashley Herring Blake**  
Mara and Owen are as close as twins can be. When Mara's friend Hannah accuses Owen of rape, Mara doesn't know what to think. Can this really be true?



**Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry**  
Put an atheist in a strict Catholic school? Expect comedy, chaos, and an inquisition. Read along with this hilarious band of misfits as they set out to challenge their school—one nun at a time.



**I am Still Alive by Katie Alice Marshall**  
Jess hasn't seen her survivalist, off-the-grid dad in over a decade. But after a car crash kills her mother and leaves her injured she is forced to move to his cabin in the remote Canadian wilderness. Just as she is getting to know him, a secret from his past surfaces—leaving him dead—and Jess alone.



**In Other Lands by Sarah Rees Brennan**  
An unloved English schoolboy is invited to a secret magical school. Even in fantasyland, real life is messier than books.

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**The Loneliest Girl in the Universe**  
by Lauren James  
The daughter of two astronauts, Romy is no stranger to life in space. But she never knew just how isolating space could be until her parents' tragic deaths leave her alone on the Infinity—a spaceship speeding away from Earth.

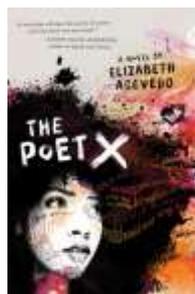


**Mary's Monster** by Lita Judge  
The story began on a dare to write a ghost story—but the real story had begun long before. Uniquely illustrated biography of pregnant teenager Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*, and one of the greatest authors of all time.

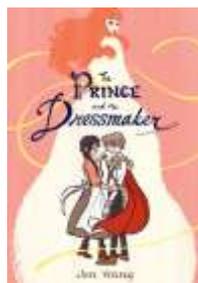
**Now is Everything** by Amy Giles  
Hadley will do anything to keep her sister safe from their father. But as Hadley's forbidden relationship with Charlie deepens the violence at home escalates—and it all culminates in an explosive accident that leaves everyone changed.



**Pitch Dark** by Courtney Alameda  
Tuck has been in stasis for centuries aboard a space ship preserving Earth's most valuable artifacts. Laura comes from a ship-raiding family hired to steal Earth's cargo. However, invading aliens who control by sound cause these two to quickly become allies. Because a lot is at stake.



**The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo  
A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world. Debut novel of renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo.

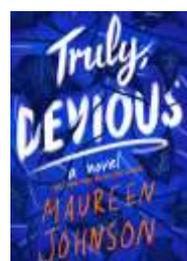


**The Prince and the Dressmaker** by Jen Wang  
When Prince Sebastian confides to his dressmaker, Frances that he loves to masquerade at night as the fashionable Lady Crystallia, Frances must decide if Sebastian's secret is worth a lifetime of living in the shadows.

**Seafire** by Natalie Parker  
After her family is killed by a corrupt warlord and his bloodthirsty army, Caledonia is left to chart her own course on the dangerous seas as captain of a crew of females with one mission—to take down Aric's armed and armoured fleet.



**The Summer of Jordi Perez** by Amy Spalding  
When Abby lands her dream internship she expects to spend the summer focusing on making her way in the fashion industry. She does not expect to fall for her competition, Jordi.



**Truly Devious** by Maureen Johnson  
Ellingham Academy is a place of riddles where "learning is a game." The founder's wife and daughter were kidnapped shortly after it opened, with only one clue—a mocking riddle listing methods of murder, and signed by "Truly Devious."



**The Way You Make Me Feel** by Maurene Goo  
A laugh out loud story with a Korean heroine, a summer of love—and a food truck.