

Smith, Roland

Descent

Mountain-climbing prodigy Peak Marcello faces his toughest challenge yet as he descends into Tibet and goes head-to-head with an old enemy.

Suvada, Emily

Mortal Coil series

(#1—*This Mortal Coil*)

In a world where people are implanted with technology to recode their DNA, gene-hacking genius Cat must decrypt her late father's message concealing a vaccine to a horrifying plague.

Taylor, Laini

Strange the Dreamer series

(#1—*Strange the Dreamer*)

A forgotten city and a blue-skinned girl haunt Lazlo's dreams. When a hero called the Godslayer arrives, Lazlo's dreams become a chance at an adventure half the world away.

Watson, Renée

Love is a Revolution

Harlem teenager Nala is looking forward to a summer of movies and ice cream until she falls in love with the very woke Tye and pretends to be a social activist.

Zahn, Timothy

Dragonback series

(#1—*Dragon and Thief*)

Falsely accused of stealing from a powerful corporation, orphaned 14-year-old Jack flees to a remote planet where he forms a mutually beneficial relationship with a dragon warrior.

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Brown, Waka
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While I was Away

When twelve-year-old Waka's parents suspect she can't understand basic Japanese they speak to her, they make the drastic decision to send her to Tokyo to live for several months with her strict grandmother.

Englund, Jennie

Taylor Before and After

In journal entries alternating between two timelines--before and after a tragic accident--Taylor chronicles the first and second semesters of her eighth-grade year as she navigates joy and grief, gain and loss, hope and depression.

Ernshaw, Shea

A Wilderness of Stars

An illness cursing the land forces seventeen-year-old Vega, the Last Astronomer, to venture across the wilderness to discover the stars message that will save her people.

Geiger, J.C.

The Great Big One

Seventeen-year-old Griff has grown up in the shadow of his twin brother, Leo, and their prepper community, but hearing a radio broadcast of strange, beautiful music compels Griff to decide if surviving is truly living.

Gould, Courtney

The Dead and the Dark

When Logan, the adopted daughter of reality television ghosthunters, teams up with Ashley to search for missing teens in Snakebite, Oregon, they find themselves falling for each other as they uncover a hidden evil.

Henry, April

Eyes of the Forest

After a bestselling fantasy author disappears, only his biggest fan believes he's in danger and has the courage to uncover the truth in this fast-paced mystery with a chilling psychological twist.

Hoffmeister, Peter Brown

This Is the Part Where You Laugh

A summer of basketball, first love, and the friends who've got your back when life gets crazy, set in a trailer park in small town America.

Hopkinson, Deborah

The Great Trouble

Eel, Florrie, and Dr. Snow are in a race to prove that

cholera is spread through the water, not the air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.

Houck, Colleen

The Lantern's Ember

When seventeen-year-old Ember, a young witch living in the quiet New England town of Hallowell, crosses into the Otherworld, Jack the gatekeeper sets out to find her before the supernatural and mortal worlds descend into chaos.

Keyser, Amber J.—***Pointe, Claw***

Ballerina Jessie struggles with perfection while Dawn suffers the effects of a rare disease, as they both deal with how girls are watched, judged, used, and discarded.

Lee, Fonda

Exo series (Book #1—Exo)

Anti-alien extremists kidnap Donovan in hopes of using him as a bargaining chip to end alien rule on Earth, but his abduction just starts another intergalactic war.

Leonard, Connie King

Sleeping in My Jeans

Homeless and alone on the streets, 16-year-old Mattie Rollins and her little sister, Meg, race to discover the fate of their missing mother.

Lloyd-Jones, Emily—***The Bone Houses***

Gravedigger Ryn and mapmaker Ellis team up to solve the mystery of a decades-old curse that causes the dead to rise and attack their remote mountain village.

Mejia, Tehlor Kay

We Set the Dark on Fire series (#1—We Set the Dark on Fire)

Dani risks her position at a privileged school for distinguished young women when she considers spying for a resistance group fighting for equality in their polarized society.

Ritter, William

Jackaby series (#1—Jackaby)

R.F. Jackaby, an investigator who can see supernatural beings, and Abigail, his assistant, try to solve a serial murder case.

Schroeder, Lisa

See You on a Starry Night

After her parents' divorce, Juliet moves away and is unhappy in her new beachside town until she meets a new friend and gets wrapped up in a grand adventure.