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## FICTION

### ADVENTURE AND MYSTERY



#### The Agony House

by Cherie Priest, illustrated by Tara O'Connor  
(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$18.99)

978-0-545-93429-9

When her family is repairing a dilapidated house, Denise finds an unfinished 1950s comic book with faint blue panels that foreshadows unusual and threatening events. Illustrated with pages from the comic book. (13-16)

#### The Cheerleaders

by Kara Thomas

(Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House, \$17.99)

978-1-5247-1832-9

Five cheerleaders, including Monica's beloved older sister, died five years ago. Now Monica and a new friend uncover the painful truth about what really happened. (14-17)

#### \*I Am Still Alive

by Kate Alice Marshall

(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-425-29098-9

Disabled after a car accident that killed her mother, Jess moves to her father's isolated home in Canada where she fights again to survive. (14-17)

#### The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy

by Mackenzi Lee, map by David Curtis

(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$18.99)

978-0-06-279532-8

Felicity yearns to be a surgeon, an almost impossible dream for a woman in 18th-century England. Chasing her goal embroils her in life-threatening international adventures. (13-16)

#### Notes from My Captivity

by Kathy Parks

(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

978-0-06-239400-2

Skeptical Adrienne, 17, accompanies her anthropologist stepfather to Siberia in search of the mythical family of hermits he is convinced exists. Things go wrong, very wrong. (16-18)

#### S.T.A.G.S.

by M. A. Bennett

(Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House, \$18.99)

978-0-525-57846-8

A scholarship student is surprised to be invited to a weekend with the class leaders. Slowly she learns of the evil behind the invitation. (14-17)

#### This Story Is a Lie

by Tom Pollock

(Soho Teen/Soho Press, \$18.99) 978-1-61695-911-1

When his scientist mother is viciously attacked and his twin sister goes missing, Pete, 17, a math genius with severe anxiety, hunts for the truth. (15-17)

## ANTHOLOGIES AND COLLECTIONS



#### Fresh Ink: An Anthology

edited by Lamar Giles

(Crown BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)

978-1-5247-6628-3

YA authors celebrate teens as they struggle with their identities and express their humanity. Genres include short stories, one-act plays, and graphic format. (13-16)

#### Hope Nation:

##### YA Authors Share Personal Moments of Inspiration

edited by Rose Brock

(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$18.99)

978-1-5247-4167-9

Twenty-three YA authors share candid, encouraging stories, drawn from their lives, about the diverse experiences that have helped them find hope. (13-18)

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## ANTHOLOGIES AND COLLECTIONS, continued

**(D)(M)** **Our Stories, Our Voices:**

**21 YA Authors Get Real about Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Up Female in America**

edited by Amy Reed

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-5344-0899-9

Essays written by 21 female young adult authors discuss various issues, including feminism, LGBTQ+ rights, Islamophobia, immigration, and religion. Resource list for activism. (14-18) Mature Content

### Tales from the Inner City

written and illustrated by Shaun Tan

(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$24.99)

978-1-338-29840-6

Animal silhouettes and vibrant multipage illustrations accompany each short story or poem that highlights unique relationships between humans and real and imaginary creatures. Informative introduction. (14-17)

## COMING OF AGE

**(M)** **All Out of Pretty**

by Ingrid Palmer

(Creston Books, \$16.99) 978-1-939547-48-4

When 15-year-old Andrea's grandmother dies, her drug-addicted mother resurfaces, forcing Andrea to live with a drug dealer, with dire consequences. (16-18) Mature Content

**(D)** **American Panda**

by Gloria Chao

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-9910-1

A freshman at MIT, Mei, 17, tries to meet her traditional Taiwanese parents' expectations, but their dreams for her are not what she wants—or needs. (13-17)

### American Road Trip

by Patrick Flores-Scott

(Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-62779-741-2

Teodoro's summer plans before senior year are disrupted when his brother returns from Iraq with PTSD and the family must deal with new realities. (14-17)

### Come November

by Katrin van Dam

(Scholastic Press, \$18.99) 978-1-338-26842-3

Rooney's mother is a member of a cult whose members are preparing to leave the earth together. Rooney is left to deal with all the practical details of life. (13-16)

**(D)\*** **Darius the Great Is Not Okay**

by Adib Khorram

(Dial Books/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-5255-5296-3

Darius suffers from clinical depression. When he travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, he meets Sohrab, another teen, who changes Darius's whole perception of himself. (13-17)

### \*Driving by Starlight

by Anat Deracine

(Godwin Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-250-13342-7

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 16-year-old Leena contends with censorship, religious police, arranged marriage, and other restrictions while seeking an education and independence. (13-16)

**(M)** **Easy Prey**

by Catherine Lo

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$17.99) 978-1-4197-3190-7

Three high school seniors, exploring social media issues in a law class, obtain inappropriate pictures of their teacher, which are distributed across social media. Why? (14-18) Mature Content

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## COMING OF AGE, continued

### **Final Draft**

by Riley Redgate

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$17.99) 978-1-4197-2872-3

Laila loves writing science fiction, until her teacher and biggest supporter is replaced by a prize-winning author who pushes her to question all her choices. (14-17)

### **Fire Song**

adapted by Adam Garnet Jones from his film

(Annick Press, P \$9.95) 978-1-55451-977-4

Shane, 17, a Canadian Cree, confronts his sister's suicide, his sexual orientation, and a life removed from the reservation. (14-18) Mature Content

### **\*The History of Jane Doe**

by Michael Belanger

(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-7352-2881-8

Toggling between the present and the past, the narrator mixes humor and tragedy with his passion for quirky historical facts and his first true love. (15-18)

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### **\*Home after Dark**

written and illustrated by David Small

(Liveright Publishing/W. W. Norton, \$27.95)

978-0-87140-315-5

Abandoned first by his mother and then by his father, Russell survives a lonely adolescence with the help of a loving Chinese immigrant couple who take him in.

Expressive pen and ink sketches. (14-18)

### **I, Claudia**

by Mary McCoy

(Carolrhoda LAB/Lerner, \$18.99) 978-1-5124-4846-7

Claudia, a history buff who stutters and walks with a limp, is unexpectedly elected to student government at her elite L.A. high school. Will power corrupt her?

(14-17)

### **\*If Only**

by Jennifer Gilmore

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-239363-0

Bridget, pregnant at 16, gives her baby to a lesbian couple for adoption. Seventeen years later, her daughter, Ivy, searches for her birth mother. (14-18)

### **In Search of Us**

by Ava Dellaira

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-0-374-30531-4

17-year-old biracial Angie is determined to uncover the secret of her parentage. Parallel stories of mother and daughter as teens reveal much about identity and family. (14-17) Mature Content

### **Just Wreck It All**

by N. Griffin

(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon &

Schuster, \$18.99) 978-1-4814-6518-2

Before the accident involving her best friend, Bett was fearless. Now she punishes herself to allay her guilt. (13-15)

### **Legacy**

by Jessica Blank

(G.P. Putnam's Sons/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-399-25647-9

Trying to fill the black hole of grief and guilt after her brother's tragic death, Alison joins a radical environmental group and finds courage and hope.

(15-17)

### **Love & Luck**

by Jenna Evans Welch

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-5344-0100-6

Instead of going to Italy with hopes of mending her shattered relationship with her brother, Addie finds herself on a whirlwind tour of Ireland. (13-17)

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## COMING OF AGE, continued



### Nice Try, Jane Sinner

by Lianne Oelke

(Clarion Books/HMH, \$17.99) 978-0-544-86785-7

Expelled from high school, a troubled, surly 17-year-old, determined to reinvent herself and reject her parents' faith-born help, joins a community college student-run reality show. (15-18) Mature Content



### Odd One Out

by Nic Stone

(Crown BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)

978-1-101-93953-6

Though she identifies as a lesbian, teenage Jupiter comes to realize she is in love with her best friend since childhood, a boy. (14-17) Mature Content



### \*Picture Us in the Light

by Kelly Loy Gilbert

(Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99) 978-1-4847-2602-0

As he prepares to leave for art school on a scholarship, Danny, an artistically gifted Asian American high school senior, struggles to understand the secrets that are tearing his family apart. (14-16)

### Price of Duty

by Todd Strasser

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-9709-1

Wounded in combat, Jake comes home a hero, but facing the horror of war is destroying him. Will he report back or go AWOL? (13-17)



### A Quiet Kind of Thunder

by Sara Barnard

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-5344-0241-6

With a history of selective mutism, Steffi uses signing as a way of communicating. In high school, she is partnered with a deaf boy, and her life improves. (13-16)



### Speak: The Graphic Novel

by Laurie Halse Anderson, illustrated by Emily Carroll  
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-0-374-30028-9

Anderson's novel about a girl's silence after rape is retold. Grey-toned charcoal and pencil art depict Melinda's humor and the humiliation she feels until she finds her voice. (15-17) Mature Content



### The Stars at Oktober Bend

by Glenda Millard

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9272-8

Assaulted at 12, brain-damaged Alice, 15, posts poems to share words she can't speak. Manny, once a child soldier in Sierra Leone, reads them. (14-18)

### The Summer of Broken Things

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-1764-8

A summer in Spain with her father sounds unappealing to Avery, 14, but like an amazing opportunity to her 16-year-old family friend, Kayla. A secret link between their families changes everything. (13-16)



### Swing

by Kwame Alexander, with Mary Rand Hess

(Blink, \$18.99) 978-0-310-76191-4

Noah, 17, wants to take his relationship with Samantha to the next level. Best friend Walt thinks they should stick with baseball. Then tragedy strikes. (13-17)

### Things Jolie Needs to Do Before She Bites It

by Kerry Winfrey

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-250-11954-4

A high school junior is waiting to have surgery to cure her underbite, which she believes is extremely disfiguring. While she waits, life becomes unexpectedly confirming. (13-17)

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## COMING OF AGE, continued

### Troublemakers

by Catherine Barter  
(Carolrhoda LAB/Lerner, \$17.99) 978-1-5124-7549-4  
When 15-year-old Alena, raised by her brother and his partner, makes a serious mistake while researching her mother's life, there are unexpected ramifications. (13-18)

### A Very Large Expanse of Sea

by Tahereh Mafi  
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$18.99) 978-0-06-286656-1  
Shirin, 16, has often experienced prejudice after 9/11 because she wears a hijab. Her growing friendship with a star basketball player leads to unforeseen consequences. (13-16)

### What If It's Us

by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera  
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$18.99) 978-0-06-279525-0  
Two teenage boys, one from Alabama and one a New Yorker, meet accidentally and struggle with issues of romance and friendship. (14-18)

### Words We Don't Say

by K. J. Reilly  
(Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99) 978-1-3680-1633-9  
Joel, a teen volunteering in a soup kitchen, meets a homeless veteran with PTSD and is forced to confront his own issues. (14-18)

## FANTASY



### The Adventure Zone: Here There Be Gerblins

by Clint McElroy, Griffin McElroy, Justin McElroy, and Travis McElroy, illustrated by Carey Pietsch  
(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, P \$19.99) 978-1-250-15370-8  
In this graphic format adaptation of the *Dungeons and Dragons* podcast series, an elf, a dwarf, and a human set off on a hilarious adventure. Action-packed, humorous illustrations. (15-18)

### The Belles

by Dhonielle Clayton  
(Freeform Books/Disney Book Group, \$17.99) 978-1-4847-2849-9  
In Orléans, where beauty comes at a high price, Camellia, a Belle, finds herself caught in a political plot that could unravel her entire world. (14-18)

### \*Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha series)

by Tomi Adeyemi, map by Keith Thompson  
(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, \$18.99) 978-1-250-17097-2  
Born a maji, Zélie thought King Saran had destroyed magic years ago. Now, with help from the king's daughter, Zélie might be able to bring magic back to Orisha. (13-17)



### The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein

by Kiersten White  
(Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House, \$18.99) 978-0-525-57794-2  
In an engrossing and gruesome retelling of *Frankenstein*, Elizabeth, a ward of the Frankenstein family, becomes Victor's bride, escapes, and saves herself and those she loves. (15-18) Mature Content

### Devils unto Dust

by Emma Berquist  
(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-264278-3  
In 1870s Texas, Willie searches for her father to settle his debt, but must evade "the Shakes," humans who are no longer living, but not quite dead. (14-17)

### Half-Witch

by John Schoffstall  
(Big Mouth House, \$18.99) 978-1-61873-140-1  
In an alternate Holy Roman Empire, devout Lizbet's beloved but reckless father is imprisoned. The only one who can help her free him is a witch. (13-17)



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### The Hazel Wood

by Melissa Albert, illustrated by Jim Tierney  
(Flatiron Books/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-1-250-14790-5  
Alice realizes her mother's disappearance is connected to her reclusive grandmother's supernatural and haunting fairy tales, which have come to life. Simple but poignant spot black-and-white illustrations. (13-16)

### Inkmistress

by Audrey Coulthurst  
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99)  
978-0-06-243328-2

Demigod Asra possesses powers as a healer; writing with her blood can change the future. Betrayed into unleashing a dragon, Asra must now save her kingdom. (14-18)

### Isle of Blood and Stone

by Makiia Lucier, map by Leo Hartas  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 978-0-544-96857-8  
After a curious map appears, Lord Elias uncovers the 18-year-old mystery behind the disappearance of his father and the kingdom's young princes. Black-and-white map. (14-17)

### The Light between Worlds

by Laura E. Weymouth  
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-269687-8  
In 1940s London, three siblings escape the horrors of war when they enter an enchanted land that haunts them even after they return. (15-17)

### Mirage

by Somaiya Daud  
(Flatiron Books/Macmillan, \$18.99) 978-1-250-12642-9  
Amani, 18, is kidnapped by the princess of the evil Vathek Empire so she can serve as a body double. Despite all odds, Amani plots revenge. (14-17)

### \*Munmun

by Jesse Andrews  
(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$18.99) 978-1-4197-2871-6  
In an America where money determines your size, the rich can literally crush the poor. (14-17)

### Out of the Blue

by Sophie Cameron  
(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99)  
978-1-250-14991-6  
Winged humanoid Beings fall from the sky to their deaths; media frenzies and cults erupt. Jaya, whose life is already complicated, discovers a fallen Being alive. (14-18)



### The Wren Hunt

by Mary Watson  
(Bloomsbury YA, \$17.99) 978-1-68119-859-0  
A bitter internal rivalry between Druid factions places Wren squarely, uncomfortably, and dangerously in the middle. A modern Irish love story with deeply ancient roots. (14-17) Mature Content

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### All the Stars Denied

by Guadalupe García McCall  
(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$19.95) 978-1-62014-281-3  
In the mass deportation of Mexican Americans from Texas during the Great Depression, 15-year-old Estrella and her family struggle to survive and return home. (13-16)

### \*An Assassin's Guide to Love & Treason

by Virginia Boecker  
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.99)  
978-0-316-32734-3  
In 1601, Katherine joins a Catholic group plotting to kill Queen Elizabeth. Toby, the queen's spy, sets a trap for the would-be assassins, using Shakespeare's new play as bait. (13-16)

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## HISTORICAL FICTION, continued

### Big Water

by Andrea Curtis

(Orca Book Publishers, P \$14.95) 978-1-4598-1571-1  
Christina, 17, thought she could run away from her twin brother's death, but must face the possibility of her own on a Great Lakes steamship. (13-17)



### Blood Water Paint

by Joy McCullough

(Dutton Books/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-7352-3211-2

In 17th-century Rome, Artemisia Gentileschi, a gifted artist, struggles against a male-dominated society for recognition and justice after she is sexually assaulted. (14-18) Mature Content



### Dream Country

by Shannon Gibney

(Dutton Books/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-7352-3167-2

Through five generations across two continents, descendants of the transatlantic African slave trade endure incredible hardships and abuses with resilience and determination. Back matter. (14-17)

### Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All

by M. T. Anderson, Jennifer Donnelly, Candace Fleming, Stephanie Hemphill, Deborah Hopkinson, Linda Sue Park, and Lisa Ann Sandell

(Schwartz & Wade Books/Random House/PRH, \$18.99)  
978-1-5247-1619-6

Six wives, six stories, plus Henry VIII's version of events cast a fresh look at the tragedy of a king's quest for male heirs. Includes time line. (13-14)



### \*Mapping the Bones

by Jane Yolen

(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$17.99)  
978-0-399-25778-0

Twins Chaim and Gittel (an intensely reimagined Hansel and Gretel), separated from their parents, flee through the forest in 1940s Poland to evade Nazi soldiers and end up in a concentration camp. Includes graphic, profoundly disturbing violence and sadism. (17-18) Mature Content



### The Prince and the Dressmaker

written and illustrated by Jen Wang

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck, P \$16.99) 978-1-62672-363-4

Prince Sebastian's passion is moonlighting in the most fashionable outfits as Lady Crystallia. Can he keep this secret? Digitally colored pencil and ink illustrations. (13-16)

### Resistance

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-1-338-14847-3

The story of Jewish resistance during World War II, particularly in the Warsaw ghetto, is told through the experiences of a teenager working with the rebellion and its leaders. (13-16)

### We Are All That's Left

by Carrie Arcos

(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$17.99)  
978-0-399-17554-1

With her mother in a coma after an explosion at a farmer's market, Zara seeks to uncover her tragic past. Chapters alternate between modern Rhode Island and 1990s Bosnia. (14-18)

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## HISTORICAL FICTION, continued

### What the Night Sings

written and illustrated by Vesper Stamper  
(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$19.99)  
978-1-5247-0038-6

In a displaced persons camp after her liberation from Auschwitz, Gerta, 16, faces an uncertain future, bereft of her singing voice and struggling with her Jewish identity. Copious powerful ink wash illustrations. (13-16)

## MAGICAL REALISM

### The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza

by Shaun David Hutchinson  
(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)  
978-1-4814-9854-8

Elena can heal people of their ailments, but some completely disappear after each miracle. Is it really the end of the world? (14-17)

### The Astonishing Color of After

by Emily X. R. Pan  
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$18.99)  
978-0-316-46399-7

After Leigh's mother commits suicide, she returns as a ghostly red bird and leads Leigh to Taiwan to uncover family secrets. Back matter on depression. (14-16)

### \*The Book of Pearl

by Timothée de Fombelle, translated from the French  
by Sarah Ardizzone and Sam Gordon  
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-9126-4  
Banished from his fairy-tale kingdom, a prince finds himself in France in 1936. There, he assumes the name Joshua Pearl, and tries to find his way home. (13-17)

### A Conspiracy of Stars

by Olivia A. Cole  
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)  
978-0-06-264421-3

Octavia lives under a dome, in a world created by planetary explorers. Can they live peacefully with the indigenous people of the planet? (13-16)

### The Deepest Roots

by Miranda Asebedo  
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-274707-5  
All girls born in Cottonwood Hollow have special abilities, but it's not until danger strikes that Rome, Lux, and Mercy realize that these are a blessing, not a curse. (14-17)

## SCIENCE FICTION

### Neverworld Wake

by Marisha Pessl  
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$18.99) 978-0-399-55392-9

Five best friends are trapped between life and death, doomed to relive the same day repeatedly until they unanimously decide which one of them will live. (16-18)

### Tangled Planet

by Kate Blair  
(Dancing Cat Books/Cormorant, P \$14.95)  
978-1-77086-504-4

A group of humans in the far distant future try to leave the space ship that has been their home for hundreds of years and settle a planet. (13-17)

### Thunderhead (Arc of a Scythe series)

by Neal Shusterman  
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$18.99) 978-1-4424-7245-7  
Medical science has nearly conquered death. To prevent overpopulation, people are chosen to be "gleaned" by specially trained "scythes," some of whom are secretly committing genocide. (14-17)



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## SPORTS

### Hooper

by Geoff Herbach

(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

978-0-06-245311-2

Brought to America after a nightmarish existence in Poland, Adam looks to basketball for a better life.

Should he sacrifice his future to fight an injustice to a teammate? (13-16)

## TODAY

### 500 Words or Less

by Juleah del Rosario

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-5344-1044-2

Nic becomes a social outcast after cheating on her boyfriend. She writes a college admissions essay for a friend and learns what really matters in life. Told in free verse. (14-17)

### \*After the Shot Drops

by Randy Ribay

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 978-1-328-70227-2

In alternating chapters, Nasir and Bunny, friends since childhood, tell how basketball brought them together and how it is tearing them apart now that Bunny has transferred to prep school. (14-18)

### All We Can Do Is Wait

by Richard Lawson

(Razorbill/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-448-49411-1

A group of teenagers meet in the waiting room of a hospital, expecting news of the survivors of a horrendous bridge collapse. (13-18)

### \*And She Was

by Jessica Verdi

(Point/Scholastic, \$18.99) 978-1-338-15053-7

An aspiring tennis player, struggling without her mother's help, discovers that her mother is really her father. As she tracks down her biological family, she discovers that love is gender blind. (13-16)

### \*Anger Is a Gift

by Mark Oshiro

(Tor Teen/Tom Doherty Assoc./Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-250-16702-6

Years after police killed his father, Moss continues to struggle with severe anxiety. Now poor conditions and a hostile environment at school are pushing him to his breaking point. (14-17)

### \*Buried beneath the Baobab Tree

by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani, afterword by Viviana Mazza

(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

978-0-06-269672-4

When Boko Haram attacks her Nigerian village, an unnamed narrator is kidnapped with the other girls and women, forced to convert to Islam, and to marry. Powerful afterword. (14-17) Mature Content

### Deogratias: A Tale of Rwanda

by J. P. Stassen

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$21.99)

978-1-250-18964-6

Deogratias, a teenager in 1994, cannot live with his role in the genocidal events of the Rwandan horror. The powerful graphic panels move back and forth in time. Revised edition. (16-18) Mature Content

### A Girl Like That

by Tanaz Bhathena

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-0-374-30544-4

Lonely Indian orphan Zarin rebels against her abusive aunt, school bullies, and oppressive Saudi Arabian culture. Can kind Porus's love set her soul free? (14-17)

### \*A Heart in a Body in the World

by Deb Caletti

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-4814-1520-0

Annabelle, 17, embarks on a cross-country run from Seattle to Washington, DC, in an attempt to outrun the pain from a terrible tragedy. (14-18)

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### **Heretics Anonymous**

by Katie Henry  
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)  
978-0-06-269887-2

An atheist, Michael is resistant to attending a Catholic high school. Meeting classmates who share his discomfort with the status quo helps. So does falling in love. (13-17) Mature Content

### **If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say**

by Leila Sales  
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)  
978-0-374-38099-1

When an offensive remark posted on social media by Winter, 17, goes viral, her world collapses. Is redemption possible? (13-17)

### **\*Learning to Breathe**

by Janice Lynn Mather  
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$18.99) 978-1-5344-0601-8  
At a yoga retreat in the Bahamas near the home where she lives with relatives, Indy, 16, finds peace and refuge from the cousin who has raped and impregnated her. (15-18) Mature Content

### **Little Do We Know**

by Tamara Ireland Stone  
(Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99) 978-1-4847-6821-1  
Life-long best friends Hannah and Emory haven't spoken in months. Then Hannah finds Emory's boyfriend near death, leading all three teens to question long-held beliefs. (15-18)

### **Love, Hate & Other Filters**

by Samira Ahmed  
(Soho Teen/Soho Press, \$18.99) 978-1-61695-847-3  
Maya, a Muslim teenager, risks her family's disapproval over her attraction to a non-Muslim boy. The family is targeted after what appears to be a Muslim terrorist act. (14-17)

### **\*Mariam Sharma Hits the Road**

by Sheba Karim  
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-244573-5  
Three Muslim teenagers take a road trip to New Orleans. Along the way, conflicts with their religious parents are revealed. (14-17) Mature Content

### **Moonrise**

by Sarah Crossan  
(Bloomsbury YA, \$17.99) 978-1-68119-366-3  
Joe, 17, flies down to Texas to help his brother, convicted of murder and on death row. Engaging free verse creates a stage for intense questions. (14-17)

### **Sadie**

by Courtney Summers  
(Wednesday Books/St. Martin's Press, \$17.99)  
978-1-250-10571-4  
Sadie searches for her younger sister's killer, and West, a journalist, produces a suspenseful podcast months later that follows Sadie's trail after she vanishes. Told in alternating chapters. (16-18) Mature Content

### **Someone I Used to Know**

by Patty Blount  
(Sourcebooks Fire/Sourcebooks, P \$10.99)  
978-1-4926-3281-8  
As a freshman, Ashley was raped by her brother's teammate. This compelling account shows how she works through her pain and panic. (15-18) Mature Content

### **Starry Eyes**

written and illustrated by Jenn Bennett  
(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)  
978-1-4814-7880-9  
Zorie and Lennon, estranged best friends, are stranded together in the wilderness during a group camping trip. Can they mend their broken relationship? Black-and-white illustrations. (14-18)

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### **Together at Midnight**

by Jennifer Castle

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-225051-3

When a woman fleeing an abusive boyfriend is run over, guilt-ridden bystanders Kendall and Max accept a dare to commit seven random acts of kindness within the next four days. (13-17)

### **Tradition**

by Brendan Kiely

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99) 978-1-4814-8034-5

Jules and Jamie support each other through self-reflection and advocacy at a prestigious boarding school where the hidden curriculum encourages a rape culture and toxic masculinity. (13-16)

### **The Way You Make Me Feel**

by Maurene Goo

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-0-374-30408-9

16-year-old Korean Brazilian American Clara is forced to spend the summer working on her father's food truck with Rose, whom she hates. Can sharing responsibility turn these enemies into friends? (14-17)

### **We Kiss Them with Rain**

by Futhi Ntshingila

(Catalyst Press, P \$14.95) 978-1-946395-04-7

A young South African girl grows up under the clouds of poverty, AIDS, death, and rape. (14-17) Mature Content

### **We'll Fly Away**

by Bryan Bliss

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

978-0-06-249427-6

Luke and Toby try to sustain each other through pain and loss during the years, but then . . . A complicated grim picture of the lives of two friends. (16-18) Mature Content



### **\*What I Leave Behind**

by Alison McGhee, illustrated by Sherman Ng

(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-7656-0

Sensitive, gentle, 16-year-old Will walks the L.A. streets trying to outpace his grief over his father's suicide and despair over his friend's gang rape. Illustrated with soft grey Chinese calligraphy. (14-17) Mature Content

### **\*When My Heart Joins the Thousand**

by A. J. Steiger

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-265647-6

Two adolescent orphans, struggling to survive in the face of incredibly difficult family circumstances, reach out to one another. A very tender love story. (14-18)

### **Wild Blue Wonder**

by Carlie Sorosiak

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-256399-6

One tragic summer has turned 17-year-old Quinn's world upside down. As she struggles with feelings of grief, guilt, and loss, a new boy appears in town. (14-18)

### **Winterfolk**

by Janel Kolby

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-248700-1

Fifteen-year-old Rain, living in a homeless compound with her alcoholic father, must confront the real world when her tent city is threatened with destruction. (15-18)



### **\*Zenobia**

by Morten Dürr, illustrated by Lars Horneman

(Triangle Square/Seven Stories Press, \$19.95)

978-1-60980-873-0

With spare drawings and few words, this deeply moving book powerfully conveys the horrors of war for children in Syria or any conflict-torn country. (15-18) Mature Content

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## POETRY

### For Every One

by Jason Reynolds

(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$14.99) 978-1-4814-8624-8

In a letter written to anyone who has a dream, and based on his own experience, Reynolds offers reassurance and encouragement that following your dream is of paramount importance. (13-16)



### \*Jabberwalking

written and illustrated by Juan Felipe Herrera (Candlewick Press, \$22.99) 978-1-5362-0140-6  
Inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic nonsense poem, "Jabberwocky," this former US Poet Laureate encourages performance poetry in the moment, while on the move. Biographical vignettes. Black line illustrations. (13-16)



### \*Mary's Monster: Love, Madness, and How Mary Shelley Created *Frankenstein*

by Lita Judge

(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$21.99)  
978-1-62672-500-3

Resilience, tragedy, passion, and genius characterize the story of Mary Shelley, creator of *Frankenstein*. Black-and-white watercolor illustrations and free verse mesmerize the reader. (15-18) Mature Content



### \*The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-266280-4  
Xiomara, a teenage poet, must write and must share her poetry. Her determination and the help of those who love her let her shine. (14-17) Mature Content

## INFORMATION BOOKS

### ARTS



### \*Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide

by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Peña

(J. Paul Getty Museum, \$19.95) 978-1-947440-00-5

A poet narrator and a graphic artist craft a biography of a Mexicana photography icon whose eye captures powerful black-and-white images of cultures and places. (13-16)

## BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIR



### \*Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card

by Sara Saedi

(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)  
978-1-5247-1779-7

Sara Saedi recounts her teenage angst and fears growing up as an undocumented Iranian immigrant in suburban California. Written with humor, historical references, and original diary entries. Photographs. (13-17)



### \*Because I Was a Girl:

#### True Stories for Girls of All Ages

edited by Melissa de la Cruz

(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, \$18.99)  
978-1-250-15446-0

Thirty-eight amazing women share their inspiring stories of overcoming gender- and race-biased obstacles to their many varied goals. Photographs of each author. (13-16)

### Claiming My Place:

#### Coming of Age in the Shadow of the Holocaust

by Planaria Price, with Helen Reichmann West

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)  
978-0-374-30529-1

This autobiography is the compelling story of survival of a young woman who was able to hide from the Nazis during World War II. Archival photographs. (13-17)

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## BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIR, continued

### \***Glimmer of Hope: How Tragedy Sparked a Movement**

by the founders of March for Our Lives

(Razorbill & Dutton/Penguin Random House, \$18.00)

978-1-984-83609-0

Students who survived the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School share how they turned grief into the March for Our Lives movement. Includes "10 Commonsense Reforms," photographs. (13-17)



### **Hey, Kiddo**

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

(Graphix/Scholastic, P \$14.99) 978-0-545-90248-9

Jarrett grows up with his single, heroin-addicted mother, moves in with his grandparents, and finds his voice through art. Digitally finished pencil and ink soft-edged panels with muted orange watercolor. (13-15)



### **I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope**

by Chessy Prout, with Jenn Abelson

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99) 978-1-5344-1443-3

Although the author endured trauma from a sexual assault, she has become an advocate for other survivors. Readers learn that support from family, therapists, friends, and others overcomes obstacles. (14-18) Mature Content

### **Maria Sibylla Merian: Artist, Scientist, Adventurer**

by Sarah B. Pomeroy and Jeyarany Kathirithamby

(J. Paul Getty Museum, \$21.95) 978-1-947440-01-2

Artist and scientist Maria Sibylla Merian, born in 1647, began, as a young girl, investigating, observing, and drawing insects throughout their life cycles. Illustrated with Merian's artwork. Glossary and bibliography. (13-16)

### **(D) Nevertheless, We Persisted:**

#### **48 Voices of Defiance, Strength, and Courage**

edited by In This Together Media, foreword by Amy Klobuchar

(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$18.99)

978-1-5247-7196-6

Personal, expressive essays and one gray-scale comic strip recount stories of how the contributors navigated challenging situations because of their marginalized identities. Biographies and discussion questions included. (14-18)



### **Super Late Bloomer: My Early Days in Transition: An Up and Out Collection**

written and illustrated by Julia Kaye

(Andrews McMeel Publishing, P \$14.99)

978-1-4494-8962-5

Julia shares a very personal and honest account of the struggles and emotional pain she experienced while transitioning from male to female. Black-and-white comic strips. (15-18)

## HEALTH

### **(D) (Don't) Call Me Crazy:**

#### **33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health**

edited by Kelly Jensen

(Algonquin Young Readers/Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, P \$16.95) 978-1-61620-781-6

Contributors recognized for their public accomplishments divulge their varied experiences with neurodivergence, mental illness, and their paths to wellness and acceptance. Includes resources and biographies. (14-18)



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**Period:**

### **Twelve Voices Tell the Bloody Truth**

edited by Kate Farrell

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, P \$16.00)

978-1-250-14194-1

A dozen contributors share a range of personal experiences regarding menstruation, offering ways to destigmatize a natural function that has become a human rights issue. Resources in back matter. (14-18)  
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## HISTORY

**Unpunished Murder:**

### **Massacre at Colfax and the Quest for Justice**

by Lawrence Goldstone

(Scholastic Focus, \$17.99) 978-1-338-23945-4

During Reconstruction, a white militia terrorizes an established African American community in a Central Louisiana town without being brought to justice. Archival photos. Extensive back matter. (13-16)  
Mature Content

**\*The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees**

written and illustrated by Don Brown

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$18.99) 978-1-328-81015-1

Follow the events that sparked the Arab Spring, the war in Syria, and the decision by many Syrians to flee their country. Digitally colored pen and ink illustrations. (13-17)



**Very, Very, Very Dreadful:**

### **The Influenza Pandemic of 1918**

by Albert Marrin

(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$21.99)

978-1-101-93146-2

This unsparing account the World War I-era pandemic includes information on the science, history, and geopolitical context of the event. Black-and-white photographs, maps, and charts. (13-17)  
Mature Content

**Votes for Women!:**

### **American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot**

by Winifred Conkling

(Algonquin Young Readers/Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, \$19.95) 978-1-61620-734-2

The road to women's suffrage in the U.S., beginning in 1848, was long and bumpy, ultimately leading to the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920. Archival photographs. Back notes. (14-18)

**\*We Are Not Yet Equal:**

### **Understanding Our Racial Divide**

by Carol Anderson, with Tonya Bolden, foreword by Nic Stone

(Bloomsbury YA, \$19.99) 978-1-5476-0076-2

This detailed history of the systemic oppression and disenfranchisement of African Americans by white Americans is an adaptation for young adults of *White Rage*. Discussion questions and further reading. (14-17)

## LAW & JUSTICE

### **Economic Inequality: The American Dream under Siege**

by Coral Celeste Frazer

(Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, \$37.32)

978-1-5124-3107-0

The hows, whys, and wheres of fiscal unfairness in the United States are carefully described. Photographs, notes and bibliography. (14-18)



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## SPORTS

### **\*Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened a City**

by Phillip Hoose

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-0-374-30612-0

The record-shattering all-black Attucks High School varsity basketball team triumphed over lack of resources and pervasive racism to propel Indianapolis's integration in the 1950s. (13-16)

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

### **Vaccination Investigation:**

#### **The History and Science of Vaccines**

by Tara Haelle

(Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, \$37.32)

978-1-5124-2530-7

Why are immunizations so important? Learn about their history and development, including claims about safety and effectiveness. Extensive back matter and archival photos. (13-16)

## WORLD

### **Fakers: An Insider's Guide to Cons, Hoaxes, and Scams**

by H. P. Wood, illustrated by David Clark

(Charlesbridge, \$18.99) 978-1-58089-743-3

This account of scams, from the ancient Greeks' Trojan horse to the hustles of Internet con artists, includes tips on how to keep from falling prey to swindlers.

Humorous illustrations, photographs, and paintings.

Includes sources. (13-17)