FOURTEEN AND UP

Adventure/Mystery

The Agency: A Spy in the House
by Y. S. Lee
(Candlewick, $16.99) 978-0-7636-4067-5
Rescued from the gallows at twelve, Mary Quinn finds herself working for an undercover detective agency. Her hair-raising adventure in Victorian London lead to the establishment of her own identity. (13-16)

Coming of Age

All Unquiet Things
by Anna Jarzab
(Delacorte, $17.99) 978-0-385-73835-4
Set in high school in California, this murder mystery moves through a fast-paced drug-infested crowd in search of answers about the real killers. (14+)

Bullet Point
by Peter Abrahams
(Harper, $16.99) 978-0-06-122769-1
Seventeen-year-old Wyatt confronts the biological father he has never seen and must decide whether his father’s imprisonment is justified. (14-18)

Butterfly
by Sonya Hartnett
(Candlewick, $16.99) 978-0-7636-4760-5
In Australia, fourteen-year-old Plum deals with issues of body image, friendship, and love heightened by insights from a young wife next door. (14-18)

Death Benefits
by Sarah N. Harvey
(Orca, $P12.95) 978-1-55469-226-2
Pressed into service as caretaker for his difficult aged grandfather, Royce learns to appreciate the cantankerous man, a world-renowned cellist. (14-16)

Freak Magnet
by Andrew Auseon
(HarperTeen, $16.99) 978-0-06-113926-0
Two teenagers cope very differently with tremendous grief and loss, but develop a strong, supportive relationship with one another. (13-17)

**Hothouse**  
by Chris Lynch  
(HarperTeen, $16.99)  978-0-06-167379-5  
Russell struggles to come to terms with his grief and the painful truths that emerge after his father dies fighting a fire. (13-17)

**How I Made It to Eighteen: A Mostly True Story**  
written and ill. by Tracy White  
(Roaring Brook, $16.99)  978-1-59643-454-7  
Stacy’s harsh story of her mental breakdown is told with dark humor and honesty through stark illustrations and narrative. (15-18)

**How to Make a Bird**  
by Martine Murray  
(Arthur A. Levine, $17.99)  978-0-439-66951-1  
Seventeen-year-old Manon (Mannie) journeys to Melbourne to uncover secrets about a family tragedy and ultimately discovers herself. (13-17)

**Hush**  
by Eishes Chayil  
(Walker, $16.99)  978-0-8027-2088-7  
Seventeen-year-old Gittel, a member of the Chasidic Jewish community, yearns to understand and reveal what happened to her best friend when they were ten. **Mature**

**The Last Great Getaway of the Water Balloon Boys**  
by Scott William Carter  
(S&S, $16.99)  978-1-4169-7156-6  
Teenagers Charlie and Jake take a wild road trip that changes their lives forever. (15-18)

**The Lighter Side of Life and Death**  
by C. K. Kelly Martin  
(Random House, $16.99)  978-0-375-84588-8  
Fifteen-year-old Mason explores his new identity after his first sexual encounter and his father’s marriage to a woman with two children. (14-17)

**A Little Wanting Song**  
by Cath Crowley  
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-86096-6  
Charlie, sad, and Rose, angry, become friends because each needs something from the other. Told in alternating voices. Set in rural Australia. (14-17)
**The Mark**
by Jen Nadol
(Bloomsbury, $16.99) 978-1-59990-431-3
Sixteen-year-old Cassie has inherited the ability to foresee other people’s death day in this literate tale of fate, love, and warring philosophies. (14-16)

**Nobel Genes**
by Rune Michaels
(Atheneum, $16.99) 978-1-4169-1259-0
Raised as the son of a Nobel prize winner, a teen-ager discovers the truth that casts light on the meaning of identity. (14-18)

**A Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame**
by Brenda Woods
(Putnam, $16.99) 978-0-399-24683-8
Nine students in a 10th-grader creative writing class share their struggles and dreams with each other and their teacher. (13-16)

**Tangled**
by Carolyn Mackler
(Harper, $16.99) 978-0-06-173104-4
After meeting briefly on an island vacation, four teens look inside themselves, face their insecurities, and become more confident. (13-17)

**The Vinyl Princess**
by Yvonne Prinz
(HarperTeen, $16.99) 978-0-06-171583-9
Against the backdrop of Berkeley, California, sixteen-year-old Allie, a self-confessed music geek, defines her life, loves, and notions of family. (13-17)

**Fantasy**

**The Curse Workers: White Cat**
by Holly Black
(McElderry, $17.99) 978-1-4169-6396-7
Cassel, a misfit in a family of con artists, is trying hard to lead a “normal” life until terrifying dreams tell him he will need to do more to survive. (14-17)

**Finnikin of the Rock**
by Melina Marchetta
(Candlewick, $18.99) 978-0-7636-4361-4
Finnikin survives ten years of exile before returning with the queen to retake the land. (13-15)

**Green Witch**
by Alice Hoffman
As sixteen-year-old Green mourns the loss of her family and her city, she embarks on a difficult and enlightening journey of self-discovery. (13-16)

**Historical Fiction**

**Folly**  
by Marthe Jocelyn  
(Wendy Lamb, $15.99)  978-0-385-73846-0  
The parallel stories of Mary Finn and James Nelligan expose the difficulties of life for the poor in late Victorian England. (14-16)

**Poisoned Honey:**  
A Story of Mary Magdalene  
by Beatrice Gormley  
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-85207-7  
Marianne of Magdala is determined to follow her vision and become a disciple of Rabbi Yeshua. (12-16)

**Revolution**  
by Jennifer Donnelly  
(Delacorte, $18.99)  978-0-385-73763-0  
Music genius seventeen-year-old Andi leaves her privileged world of private school Brooklyn to adventure in Paris, in both her present and in the mysterious past of another. (14-17)

**Science Fiction**

**Draw the Dark**  
by Ilsa J. Bick  
(Carolrhoda Lab, $16.95)  978-0-7613-5686-8  
Using his psychic powers, Christian is able to solve an ugly mystery that has haunted Winter, Wisconsin since it was the site of a prisoner of war camp for Germans during World War II. (13-17)

**Ship Breaker**  
by Paolo Bacigalupi  
(Little, Brown, $17.99)  978-0-316-05621-2  
Teenager Nailer scavenges ships for parts to survive in a futuristic society while confronting issues of loyalty, love, and parental conflicts. (14-17)
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*Crazy
by Han Nolan
(Harcourt, $17.00) 978-0-15-205109-9
Jason worries about his mental stability as he tries to help his father deal with his own challenges. (13-16)

Every Little Thing in the World
by Nina De Gramont
(Atheneum, $16.99) 978-1-4169-8013-1
Troubled and “in trouble,” sixteen-year-old Sydney learns truths about family, friendship, and herself on a wilderness canoe trip. (14-17) Mature

Friend is Not a Verb
by Daniel Ehrenhaft
(HarperTeen, $16.99) 978-0-06-113106-6
Sixteen-year-old Hen finds his way towards self-realization through music, friendship, love, and family. (14-16)

*Glimpse
by Carol Lynch Williams
(S&S, $16.99) 978-1-4169-0730-6
When Hope’s older sister Lizzie becomes suicidal and is subsequently hospitalized, a terrible family secret is gradually revealed. Told in free verse. (14-16)

Hope in Patience
by Beth Fehlbaum
(WestSide Books, $P16.95) 978-1-934813-41-6
Fifteen-year-old Ashley deals with the effects of her stepfather’s sexual abuse and the reality of the justice system. (14-18)

Jumpstart the World
by Catherine Ryan Hyde
(Knopf, $16.99) 978-0-375-86665-4
Sixteen-year-old Elle confronts the many definitions of love and friendship when she meets her transgender neighbor. (14-17) Mature

The Knife that Killed Me
by Anthony McGowan
(Delacorte, $16.99) 978-0-385-73822-4
Paul’s nemesis, the school bully, creates a situation in which others are doomed. A powerful story about gang violence in contemporary England. (14+)

The Life of Glass
by Jillian Cantor
When thirteen-year-old Melissa’s father dies, she holds onto her memories of him by continuing his journal, and unwittingly begins a journey of self-discovery. (13-15)

**Lockdown**  
by Walter Dean Myers  
(HarperCollins, $16.99)  978-0-06-121480-6  
A gritty and realistic look at a young boy’s experience in a juvenile detention center. (14+)

**The Lonely Hearts Club**  
by Elizabeth Eulberg  
(Point, $17.99)  978-0-545-14031-7  
When Penny is betrayed by her boyfriend Nate, she swears off boys and starts a club to empower like-minded high school friends. The results are not what she expected. (12-15)

**Lost for Words**  
by Alice Kuipers  
(HarperTeen, $16.99)  978-0-06-14292-4  
Devastated and guilty over her beloved sister’s death in a terrorist attack, Sophie struggles to find peace and move forward. (13-16)

**No and Me**  
by Delphine De Vigan  
(Bloomsbury, $16.99)  978-1-59990-479-5  
When thirteen-year-old Lou meets a homeless teenage girl, their relationship upends her family in unexpected ways. Translated from the French. (14-16)

**Please Ignore Vera Dietz**  
by A. S. King  
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-86586-2  
Vera, 17, is secretly in love with her best friend Charlie. When he betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, will she reveal information that could clear his name? (15-17)

**The Secret to Lying**  
by Todd Mitchell  
(Candlewick, $17.99)  978-0-7636-4084-2  
At a new high school, James experiments with romance and reinvents himself via a web of creative lies which escalate toward self-destruction. (14-16)

**Sorta Like a Rock Star**  
by Matthew Quick  
(Little, Brown, $16.99)  978-0-316-04352-6  
When homeless seventeen-year-old Amber’s Mom is murdered, her can-do optimism is put to a test. (14-17)
**Teenie**
by Christopher Grant
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-86191-8
An excellent student has trouble in her freshman year when she and her best friend confront problems with the young men in their lives. (14-16)

**You**
by Charles Benoit
(HarperTeen, $16.99)  978-0-06-194704-9
Fifteen-year-old Kyle chooses to befriend the manipulative Zack -- and faces the dire consequences of his choice. (13-17)