TWELVE TO FOURTEEN

ADVENTURE

If the Witness Lied
by Caroline B. Cooney
(Delacorte, $16.99) 978-0-385-73448-6
Three orphaned teenage siblings attempt to protect their toddler brother from ghoulish media exposure and an evil aunt as they investigate their father’s death. (12-14)

Killer Pizza
by Greg Taylor
(Feiwel, $16.99) 978-0-312-37379-5
Fourteen-year-old Toby’s summer is b-o-r-i-n-g...until he gets a job that involves not just filling pizza orders but also hunting monsters. Really! (12-15)

Reality Check
by Peter Abrahams
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-122766-0
When his ex-girlfriend disappears from her boarding school, Cody learns that he’s good at sleuthing as well as football. (12-14)

The Reformed Vampire Support Group
by Catherine Jinks
(Harcourt, $17.00) 978-0-15-206609-3
Sarcastic fifteen-year-old Nina is sick of her support group and the unglamorous realities of being a modern vampire. (12-16)

Rescuing Seneca Crane
by Susan Runholt
(Viking, $16.99) 978-0-670-06291-1
After a young piano virtuoso is abducted in Scotland, Keri and Lucas attempt to rescue her and unmask the villains. Exciting page-turner. (11-14)
Soul Enchilada: The Devil is in the Details
by David Macinnis Gill
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-167301-6
Eighteen-year-old Bug Smoot is feisty, resourceful, determined, and has powerful forces on her side, but can she outwit the Devil? (12-16)

Trouble in Timbuktu
by Cristina Kessler
(Philomel, $17.99) 978-0-399-24451-3
Twelve-year-old twins Ayisha and Ahmed are determined to prevent a dishonest archeologist from taking precious ancient manuscripts from Timbuktu, Mali. (11-13)

COMING OF AGE

*Along for the Ride
by Sarah Dessen
(Viking, $19.99) 978-0-670-01194-0
During a transformational summer before college, Auden re-examines her preconceived notions about people and success. (12-16)

Anything But Typical
by Nora Raleigh Baskin
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Jason, an autistic twelve-year-old, posts stories online and, through them, makes a friend in cyberspace. But what will happen when they actually meet? (11-14)

Breathing
by Cheryl Renée Herbsman
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Savannah manages to comply with most of Mama’s strict courting rules as she and Jackson support each other in achieving their dreams and independence. (12-14)

The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.
by Kate Messner
(Walker, $16.99) 978-0-8027-9842-8
Balancing cross-country running, a science leaf project, and a beloved grandmother with Alzheimer’s is challenging, but friends are a big help. (12-14)

Bull Rider
by Suzanne Morgan Williams
(McElderry, $16.99) 978-1-4169-6130-7
When his adored older brother returns maimed from the Iraq War, Cass defies his family to take up bull riding. (12-14)

Bystander
by James Preller
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Thirteen-year-old Eric must find his own creative solution to maintain his integrity and stop a bully’s behavior. (12-14)

*A Certain Strain of Peculiar
by Gigi Amateau
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Thirteen-year-old Mary Harold Woods, cruelly shunned since fourth grade, hopes that returning to her hometown and her loving Grandma Ayma will give her a fresh start. (12-15)

**Gray Baby**
by Scott Loring Sanders  
(HMH, $17.00) 978-0-547-07661-4
A cantankerous old man helps Clifton deal with the racially motivated death of his father and his mother’s alcoholism. (12-15)

**Hollywood & Maine**
by Allison Whittenberg  
(Delacorte, $15.99) 978-0-385-73671-8
The arrival of an ex-convict uncle helps shatter Charmaine’s dreams of leaving small-town Pennsylvania for Hollywood in 1976. (11-14)

**How to Say Goodbye in Robot**
by Natalie Standiford  
(Scholastic, $17.99) 978-0-545-10708-2
Bea moves to a new town her senior year and befriends reclusive Ghost Boy as her parents’ marriage grows rocky. (12-16)

**King of the Screwups**
by K. L. Going  
(Harcourt, $17.00) 978-0-15-206258-3
Sent to live with his uncle, seventeen-year-old Liam attempts to win his father's approval by changing his “Mr. Popularity” image - with surprising results. (12-16)

**Leftovers**
by Heather Waldorf  
(Orcar, P$12.95) 978-1-55143-937-2
Fifteen-year-old Sarah attempts to turn her life around at Camp Dog Gone Fun - a summer camp for disabled dogs and wayward teens. (12-16)

**Lifting the Sky**
by Mackie d’Arge  
(Bloomsbury, $16.99) 978-1-59990-186-2
On a Wyoming ranch, Blue finds a mystical ability to heal animals...and a real home. (11-14)

**Pop**
by Gordon Korman  
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-174228-6
High-school football player Marcus befriends a former professional whose head injuries have left him and his family dealing with Alzheimer’s. (12-16)

**Seattle Blues**
by Michael Wenberg  
(WestSide Books, $16.95) 978-1-934813-04-1
When Maya is exiled to Seattle with her unknown grandmother, she gains a new perspective on her family. (11-14)

**Secret Keeper**
by Mitali Perkins  
(Delacorte, $16.99) 978-0-385-73340-3
While Baba looks for work in New York, sixteen-year-old Asha and her family move to her uncle's house in Calcutta. (11-14)
*Slob
by Ellen Potter
(Philomel, $16.99)  978-0-399-24705-7
Twelve-year-old Owen is very smart, very fat, and very angry. Will his ingenious attempt to resolve his problems work? (11-14)

Surface Tension:
A Novel in Four Summers
by Brent Runyon
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-84446-1
From thirteen to sixteen, Luke’s summer holiday experiences reflect his changing views of himself and life. (12-15)

This Full House:
The Conclusion of the Make Lemonade Trilogy
by Virginia Euwer Wolff
(HarperTeen, $17.99)  978-0-06-158304-9
In the last book of the Make Lemonade trilogy, LaVaughn continues to grow academically and emotionally, as she struggles with her roots. (13-15)

Tmi
by Sarah Quigley
(Dutton, $16.99)  978-0-525-47908-6
Fifteen-year-old Becca’s efforts to rein in her tendency to overshare go awry. (12-15)

Waiting to Score
by J. E. MacLeod
(WestSide Books, $16.95)  978-1-934813-01-0
Zack, fifteen, raised to be a clone of his late father, becomes himself as he tries to score in hockey and in life. (11-15)

You Are Here
by Jennifer E. Smith
(S&S, $15.99)  978-1-4169-6799-6
Friends Emma and Peter have a sense something is missing in their lives and discover unexpected truths on a road trip together. (12-15)

FANTASY

*Ash
by Malinda Lo
(Little, $16.99)  978-0-316-04009-9
This fresh, elegant retelling of Cinderella abounds in fantasy and mystery and ends with a compelling twist. (11-14)

*Bones of Faerie
by Janni Lee Simner
(Random House, $16.99)  978-0-375-84563-5
Fifteen-year-old Liza sets off on a dangerous quest to find her mother after war has vanquished most of the magic in her world. (11-14)

Fire:
Tales of Elemental Spirits
by Robin McKinley and Peter Dickinson
Two master storytellers alternate in creating five magical and extraordinary tales. (11-14)

**Gateway**
by Sharon Shinn
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In an alternate Asian-centric version of the world, Daiyu helps bring down an unscrupulous prime minister. All is jeopardized when love beckons. (11-14)

**Heartsinger**
by Karlijn Stoffels
(Arthur A. Levine, $16.99) 978-0-545-06929-8
Two young singers affect the people they meet in this tale of love and sorrow set in an imaginary folkloric world. (11-14)

**Moribito II:**
**Guardian of the Darkness**
by Nahoko Uehashi, ill. by Yuko Shimizu
(Arthur A. Levine, $17.99) 978-0-545-10295-7
Spear fighter Balsa returns to her homeland after many years and becomes involved in violent loyalty conflicts and mystical reunions. (12-14)

**A Pearl Among Princes**
by Coleen Murtagh Paratore
(Dial, $16.99) 978-0-8037-3301-5
Is Gracepearl destined to leave her island home with a visiting Prince, despite her love for her childhood friend? (11-14)

**Salt**
by Maurice Gee
(Orcia, $18.00) 978-1-55469-209-5
Brought together by their ability to communicate without words, Teleaf and Pearl have joined Hari to rescue his father from Deep Salt. (12-15)

**Serendipity Market**
by Penny Blubaugh
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-146875-9
Mama Inez and her dog, Toby, collect a diverse group of people to share their stories and prove that magic is everywhere. (11-14)

**Tales from Outer Suburbia**
by Shaun Tan
(Arthur A. Levine, $19.99) 978-0-545-05587-1
Fifteen extraordinary vignettes transform everyday life in Australia into something quite magical. Brilliantly illustrated in a variety of media. (11-14)

**Wondrous Strange**
by Lesley Livingston
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Kelley, a seventeen-year-old actress, learns to counter Faerie treachery when the gate between the mortal realm and the dangerous Otherworld opens. (12-16)
HISTORICAL FICTION

Alligator Bayou
by Donna Jo Napoli
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In 1899 Louisiana, fourteen-year-old Calogero and his Sicilian relatives sell produce, but social and racial tensions escalate into shocking violence. Based on a true story. (12-14)

*Between Us Baxters
by Bethany Hegedus
(WestSide Books, $17.95)  978-1-934813-02-7
In the post Brown v. Board of Education Jim Crow south, can the friendship between a white girl and an African-American girl survive? (11-13)

Burn My Heart
by Beverley Naidoo
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In the 1950s, a British settler’s son and a Kenyan boy are friends until the Mau Mau uprising disrupts their lives. (12-14)

Comfort
by Joyce Moyer Hostetter
(Calkins Creek, $17.95)  978-1-59078-606-2
Ana Fay, a teenage polio victim, finds help in Warm Springs, Georgia, along with the strength to deal with her father’s Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. (10-13)

Distant Waves
by Suzanne Weyn
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-545-08572-4
As a daughter of a celebrated medium, Jane struggles with the intersection of science and faith. A fateful voyage on the Titanic transforms her life. (12-15)

A Family Secret
by Eric Heuvel
(FSG, $18.99)  978-0-374-32271-7
In this graphic-format companion to The Search, Helena’s father helps to save her Jewish friend, Esther. (11-13)

Greener Grass
by Caroline Pignat
(Fitzhenry & Whiteside, P$12.95)  978-0-88995-402-1
During the Irish potato famine, fourteen-year-old Kit lives with poverty, extreme hunger, and a vicious landlord. (12-14)

Hazel
by Julie Hearne
(Atheneum, $17.99)  978-1-4169-2504-0
When a scandal forces thirteen-year-old Hazel to leave her London home in 1913, she ends up on her grandparents’ Caribbean sugar cane plantation and uncovers some old family secrets. (11-15)

Mare’s War
by Tanita S. Davis
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-85714-0
During an automobile trip across the country, Grandma Mare tells of her experiences and the discrimination in the Women’s Army Corps during World War II. (12-15)
The Musician’s Daughter  
by Susanne Dunlap  
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When fifteen-year-old Theresa’s violinist father is murdered in eighteenth-century Vienna, she risks everything to solve the mystery. (12-14)

My Name is Phillis Wheatley: A Story of Slavery and Freedom  
by Afua Cooper  
(Kids Can, $16.95)  978-1-55337-812-9  
The enslaved Black poet expresses her feelings through her verse. (11-14)

On Viney’s Mountain  
by Joan Donaldson  
(Holiday House, P$16.95)  978-0-8234-2129-9  
In 1880 Tennessee, an expert weaver and spunky young woman resents the English “foreigners” until she falls unpredictably in love. (12-14)

The Other Half of Life  
by Kim Ablon Whitney  
(Knopf, $16.99)  978-0-375-85219-0  
In 1939, fifteen-year-old Thomas boards the MS St. Louis which is bringing European Jewish refugees to Cuba. Will Cuba admit them? Will the United States? (12-14)

The Pale Assassin  
by Patricia Elliott  
(Holiday House, $17.95)  978-0-8234-2250-0  
In Revolutionary Paris, no aristocrat is safe from betrayal, least of all fourteen-year-old Eugénie de Boncoeur. (12-14)

Riot  
by Walter Dean Myers  
(Egmont, $16.99)  978-1-60684-000-9  
During the Civil War, the draft sparks terrible race riots in New York City, and disrupts fifteen-year-old Claire’s life. (11-14)

The Search  
by Eric Heuvel, Ruud van der Rol, Lies Schippers  
(FSG, P$9.99)  978-0-374-46455-4  
Nazis capture a child’s parents, but her friendship with the daughter of a Dutch guard helps spare her life. Graphic novel. (11-13)

Soldier’s Secret: The Story of Deborah Sampson  
by Shelia Solomon Klass  
(Henry Holt, $17.99)  978-0-8050-8200-5  
Deborah Sampson dresses as a man to serve in the Revolutionary War, avoid a loveless marriage, and obtain personal freedom. (12-14)

Sphinx’s Princess  
by Esther Friesner  
(Random, $17.99)  978-0-375-85654-9  
In ancient Egypt, beautiful, clever Nefertiti wishes to make her own choices - and does not wish to marry the Crown Prince. (12-14)

The Stolen One  
by Suzanne Crowley
Determined to learn the secrets of her parenthood, Kat joins the court of Elizabeth I as a gifted needlewoman. (12-14)

**The Time of the Witches**
by Anna Myers  
(Walker, $16.99)  978-0-8027-9820-6  
This compelling historical novel is told in the fictional voice of Drucilla, one of the girls accusing their neighbors of witchcraft in Salem village, Massachusetts. (11-15)

**Tropical Secrets:**
**Holocaust Refugees in Cuba**
by Margarita Engle  
(Henry Holt, $16.99)  978-0-8050-8936-3  
Escaping alone from persecution in Germany, thirteen-year-old Daniel lands in Cuba to find more hardship as well as friendship. Told in verse. (12-14)

**A Troubled Peace**
by L. M. Elliott  
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Suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, an American World War II pilot returns to France to rescue a child who saved his life. (12-16)

**A Voice of Her Own:**
**Becoming Emily Dickinson**
by Barbara Dana  
(HarperCollins, $16.99)  978-0-06-028704-7  
The poet emerges in this finely wrought imagining of the Dickinson family amidst life in mid-nineteenth century Amherst. (11-14)

**The White Witch**
by Janet Graber  
(Roaring Brook, $17.95)  978-1-59643-337-3  
In seventeenth-century England, as the plague ravages much of the population, white-haired, pale-skinned Gwendoline is frequently called a witch. (11-14)

**Winnie's War**
by Jenny Moss  
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Twelve-year-old Winnie experiences the devastating effects of the Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918 on her small Texas town. (11-14)

**The Year of the Bomb**
by Ronald Kidd  
(S&S, $15.99)  978-1-4169-5892-5  
As “Invasion of the Body Snatchers” is filmed in their town, four spunky junior high school boys encounter the McCarthyite fears that shaped 1950s America. (12-14)
SCIENCE FICTION

*Catching Fire
by Suzanne Collins
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Peeta and Katniss are caught again in the politics of the Capitol, and are forced to compete along with their mentor. A sequel to The Hunger Games. (12-16)

*Leviathan
by Scott Westerfeld, ill. by Keith Thompson
(S&S, $19.99)  978-1-4169-7173-3
In 1914, in an alternate world, an assassination occurs between mechanical Clankers and Darwin-inspired fabricated animals. (11-14)

SPORTS

Football Champ
by Tim Green
(HarperCollins, $16.99)  978-0-06-162689-0
Twelve-year-old Troy, a genuine football genius, becomes entangled in the high-stakes and sometimes treacherous world of the NFL. (12-14)

Mudville
by Kurtis Scaletta
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After twenty-two years of rain, Mudville dries up and baseball begins again. Twelve-year-old Roy, his friends, and foster brother dare to face the curse and form a team. (11-14)

TODAY

*All the Broken Pieces
by Ann E. Burg
(Scholastic, $16.99)  978-0-545-08092-7
Son of a Vietnamese mother and an American soldier, Matt is sent to the United States for adoption. (11-13)

Back Home
by Julia Keller
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When thirteen-year-old Rachel's badly wounded father returns from Iraq, her family faces the difficult task of adjusting. (12-14)

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by Margaret McMullan
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Despite growing up in one of Chicago’s worst housing projects, Cashay discovers that her intelligence and resilience can change her world. (12-15)

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by Ann Dee Ellis  
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As Mazzy navigates the aftermath of her mother’s depression and her father’s abandonment, she struggles to keep everything “just fine.” (11-13)

**Gorgeous**  
by Rachel Vail  
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An unwilling finalist in a magazine contest for “top model,” Allison discovers truths about herself, friends, and family. (11-14)

**Hold Still**  
by Nina LaCour, ill. by Mia Nolting  
(Dutton, $17.99) 978-0-525-42155-9  
After Caitlin’s best friend commits suicide, she struggles to find new meaning in her life. (12-14)

**The Homeschool Liberation League**  
by Lucy Frank  
(Dial, $16.99) 978-0-8037-3230-8  
Thirteen-year-old Katya desperately wants to be homeschooled; fourteen-year-old Milo wants to end his homeschooling. Will their parents support them in making these changes? (12-14)

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by Rita Williams-Garcia  
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This narrative of three very different teens presents a disturbing picture of adolescent violence. (12-14)

**Loserville**  
by Peter Johnson  
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Five high school students experience a summer of laughter, love, tears, and loss as well as conflicts with parents. (12-15)

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by Lisa Ann Sandell  
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Shattered by the death of the son they have barely known, Cora’s parents nearly lose her because of their overprotectiveness. (12-14)

**Muchacho**  
by Louanne Johnson  
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In a small New Mexico town, Eddie runs away from a troubled life and, in his alternative school, finds out about girls, books, and becoming a poet. (13-15)

**Punkzilla**  
by Adam Rapp  
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A fourteen-year-old runaway makes his solitary way across the country. (12-15)

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by Sarah Darer Littman  
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The poignant story of Janie’s hospitalization for bulimia offers an insightful picture of eating disorders among teenagers. (11-14)

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by Siobhan Vivian
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Deciding to go to art school in Philadelphia for the summer, Emily is surprised by her new interest in art and by her fellow students. (12-14)

**Viola in Reel Life**
by Adriana Trigiani
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A Brooklyn teen is sent against her wishes to an Indiana boarding school. She matures as she comes to love her supportive roommates. (12-15)