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## FICTION

### Adventure and Mystery

#### **Burning Blue**

by Paul Griffin

(Dial/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-8037-3815-7

Jay, embarrassed by epilepsy, and Nicole, her face scarred by an unknown acid-throwing assailant, form a friendship and discover truths about themselves while solving the crime. (14-17)

#### **The Butterfly Clues**

by Kate Ellison

(Egmont, \$17.99) 978-1-60684-263-8

Continuing her compulsive behavior, Lo becomes obsessed with finding the killer of a murder she witnesses. (14-16)

#### **The Girl in the Park**

by Mariah Fredericks

(Schwartz & Wade/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-375-86843-6

A teenager born with a cleft palate finds self-confidence and courage when she is compelled to solve the murder of her high school friend. (14-17)

#### **Seize the Storm**

by Michael Cadnum

(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-0-374-36705-3

Sailing with her family to Hawaii, seventeen-year-old Susannah confronts criminals intent on recovering the cash from their illegal operations. (14-17)

#### **The Turning**

by Francine Prose

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

199966-6

Jack's summer job on an isolated island taking care of two unusual children becomes a confusing, unresolved nightmare of ghosts and a past tragedy. (13-16)

## Anthologies

### **Diverse Energies**

edited by Tobias S. Buckell and Joe Monti  
(Tu/Lee & Low, \$19.95) 978-1-60060-887-2

In these futuristic stories, a diverse group of students, street kids, and child laborers are pitted against their environments and governments as they seek answers in their dystopian worlds. (14-16)

### **Girl Meets Boy: Because There Are Two Sides to Every Story**

edited by Kelly Milner Halls

(Chronicle, \$16.99) 978-1-4521-0264-1

Six short stories written by young adult authors describe the different perspectives of diverse romantic relationships from the boy-girl point of view. (15-18)

## Coming of Age

### **All the Right Stuff**

by Walter Dean Myers

(Amistad/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-196087-1

The summer after his junior year, Paul works in a soup kitchen in Harlem run by an older man who talks about life and the "social contract." (14-17)

### **\*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe**

by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

(Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-0892-0

Two Latino teens forge an uncommon friendship and come to terms with family secrets, homosexuality, and what it means to love and be loved. (14-18)

### **Bushman Lives!**

by Daniel Pinkwater

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-38539-6

One year from high school graduation, Harold and his best friend, Geets, are turned onto art and adventure in this zany Chicago-based tale. (14-16)

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### Coming of Age, Continued

#### Crazy

by Amy Reed

(Simon Pulse/S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-1347-4

Teen counselors Connor and Izzy's friendship is threatened by Izzy's increasingly alarming e-mails indicating mental illness. (15-17)

#### Emily's Dress and Other Missing Things

by Kathryn Burak

(Roaring Brook/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-59643-736-4

Can new friends and Emily Dickinson's poetry help eighteen-year-old Claire overcome the pain of the traumatic death of her mother and disappearance of her best friend? (14-18)

#### Everything You Need to Survive the Apocalypse

by Lucas Klauss

(Simon Pulse/S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-2388-6

A fifteen-year-old attracted to an evangelical Christian girl explores his religious and fundamental beliefs about the world, his family, and himself. (14-16)

#### \*Freaks Like Us

by Susan Vaught

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-872-4

When his friend disappears, how can Jason, severely mentally ill, convince people to let him help find her? (14-17)

#### A Girl Named Digit

by Annabel Monaghan

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-66852-9

High School senior Farrah, a math genius, learns to respect her abilities when she uncovers a terrorist plot and romantically connects with a government agent. (14-17)

#### Gone, Gone, Gone

by Hannah Moskowitz

(Simon Pulse/S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-5312-8

In the wake of 9/11 and the DC sniper attacks, Craig must reconcile unresolved feelings for his ex-boyfriend with his growing attraction to cute, wounded Lio. (14-17)

#### \*Graffiti Moon

by Cath Crowley

(Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86953-2

Lucy doesn't realize it, but her dreams of meeting Shadow, an elusive graffiti artist, have already come true—with surprising consequences for them both. (14-17)



#### Have a Nice Day

by Julie Halpern

(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)

978-0-312-60660-2

After depressed teenager Anna Bloom spends three weeks in a mental hospital, she adjusts her views of life, family and friends. Sequel to *Get Well Soon*. (14-17) Mature content

#### Hummingbird Heart

by Robin Stevenson

(Orca, P \$12.95) 978-1-55469-390-0

Sixteen-year-old Dylan has never met her father. When he turns up, it leads to some difficult revelations. (14-17)

#### \*Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

by Jesse Andrews

(Amulet/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0176-4

Seventeen-year-old Greg uses humor and his films to deal with his social awkwardness and the harsh realities of life. (14-17)

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### Coming of Age, Continued

#### Miracle

by Elizabeth Scott  
(Simon Pulse/S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-1706-9  
Megan, the only survivor of a horrific plane crash, must deal with those memories as well as the reactions of family and friends. (15-18)

#### Miss Fortune Cookie

by Lauren Bjorkman  
(Henry Holt/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8951-6  
Erin, a non-Chinese high school senior living in San Francisco's Chinatown, gives advice on her blog, but who will help her with her problems of independence, identity, friendship, and a possible romance? (13-16)



#### 37 Things I Love (In No Particular Order)

by Kekla Magoon  
(Henry Holt/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9465-7  
Will fifteen-year-old Ellis ever be able to let go of her hope that her critically injured father will recover? (15-17) Mature content

#### Three Little Words

by Sarah N. Harvey  
(Orca, P \$12.95) 978-1-4598-0066-3  
Sixteen-year-old Sid, raised by foster parents, learns that he has a troubled half-brother who has run away and then embarks on a journey to help find him. (13-16)

#### True Blue

by Deborah Ellis  
(Pajama Press, \$19.95) 978-0-9869495-3-1  
Seventeen-year-old Jess struggles to reconcile her desire for popularity with her feelings of loyalty when her best friend is accused of murder. (14-16)



#### The Year of the Beasts

by Cecil Castellucci, illustrated by Nate Powell  
(Roaring Brook/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-1-59643-686-2  
Fifteen-year-old Tessa is jealous of her younger sister until a sudden tragedy separates them. Alternate chapters are in enigmatic but gripping graphic novel format. Black-and-white illustrations. (13-15)

### Fantasy

#### Beta

by Rachel Cohn  
(Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99) 978-1-4231-5719-9  
Elysia, an experimental clone of a sixteen-year-old girl, has been bioengineered to be soulless and unfeeling. What will happen when someone discovers her defect? (15-17)

#### The Brides of Rollrock Island

by Margo Lanagan  
(Knopf/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-375-86919-8  
On a remote island, a witch who can draw beautiful sea wives out from the seals creates great turmoil among the fishermen. (14-17)

#### Cinder

by Marissa Meyer  
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-312-64189-4  
As a deadly plague ravages her town, Linh Cinder, a crack cyborg mechanic, must uncover secrets about her past to save her world from extinction. (13-16)

#### \*Devine Intervention

by Martha Brockenbrough  
(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-38213-7  
Jerome's soul's only chance to avoid Hell is to succeed as lonely Heidi's guardian angel through the Soul Rehabilitation Program for Nefarious Deceased Teens. (13-17)

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### Fantasy, continued

#### The Edge of Nowhere

by Elizabeth George  
(Viking/Penguin, \$18.99) 978-0-670-01296-1  
Becca has the disturbing ability to hear people's thoughts. To protect her from her criminal stepfather, her mother abandons her on an island where she finds help and support. (13-16)

#### \*Grave Mercy

by Robin LaFevers  
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-62834-9  
Can seventeen-year-old Ismae, handmaiden to the God of Death, navigate the intrigue of high court while protecting the man she loves and the fate of fifteenth-century Brittany? (14-17)

#### Long Lankin

by Lindsey Barraclough  
(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-5808-3  
Cora and little sister Mimi are sent to stay with Great-Aunt Ida who does not want them. Horrible things have happened there, especially to small children. (13-16)

#### Monument 14

by Emmy Laybourne  
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)  
978-0-312-56903-7  
As the apocalypse begins, fourteen kids seek refuge inside a megastore and must negotiate power struggles and a new world order. (14-18)

#### Of Poseidon

by Anna Banks  
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$17.99)  
978-1-250-00332-4  
Prince Galen recognizes Emma as one of the Syrena who can talk to fish. Will Emma accept her own secret birthright? (13-16)

#### Radiant Days

by Elizabeth Hand  
(Viking/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-670-01135-3  
With help from a mysterious musician, a troubled artist living in 1977, and nineteenth-century poet Arthur Rimbaud travel through time to meet, changing each other irrevocably. (14-17)

#### The Peculiars

by Maureen Doyle McQuerry  
(Amulet/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0178-8  
In search of both the father who abandoned her and the truth about her own unusual physique, eighteen-year-old Lena travels to the wild territory of Scree. (13-16)

#### Tiger Lily

by Jodi Lynn Anderson  
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99)  
978-0-06-200325-6  
Fifteen-year-old Tiger Lily's infatuation with Peter endangers the Sky Eaters in a tale that applies twenty-first-century psychology to J. M. Barrie's classic. (13-16)

### Folklore



#### Lies, Knives, and Girls in Red Dresses

by Ron Koertge, illustrated by Andrea Dezsö  
(Candlewick, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-4406-2  
Reimagined fairy tales—even grimmer than the Grimm's—are clever, sophisticated, and rife with dread, death, and dismemberment. Digitally created cut-paper-like illustrations. (13-16) Mature content

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### Historical Fiction

#### \*Code Name Verity

by Elizabeth Wein  
(Hyperion/Disney, \$16.99) 978-1-4231-5219-4  
During World War II, a secret agent and her best friend land in France behind Nazi lines. One gets back to Britain; the other is captured by the Nazis. (14-17)

#### Come August, Come Freedom: The Bellows, the Gallows, and the Black General Gabriel

by Gigi Amateau  
(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-4792-6  
In 1800 a Virginian slave leads a rebellion of slaves, blacks, poor whites, and native Americans. Includes original documents. (14-17)



#### \*Crow

by Barbara Wright  
(Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86928-0  
Twelve-year-old Moses recounts the events leading to the 1898 Wilmington, North Carolina, race riots. (14-18) Mature content



#### The FitzOsbornes at War

by Michelle Cooper  
(Knopf/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-375-87050-7  
Sophie and her family live in London while the war with the Nazis is raging. (14-18) Mature content

#### In Darkness

by Nick Lake  
(Bloomsbury, \$17.99) 978-1-59990-743-7  
As a Haitian boy awaits rescue after an earthquake, he feels the presence of Toussaint l'Ouverture, the Haitian slave turned revolutionary leader. (14-18)

#### Kissing Shakespeare

by Pamela Mingle  
(Delacorte/Random House, \$17.99)  
978-0-385-74196-5  
Miranda's friend Stephen convinces her to return to sixteenth-century England with him to prevent the young Shakespeare from taking the wrong path. (14-17)



#### Love & Haight

by Susan Carlton  
(Henry Holt/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8097-1  
In 1971 seventeen-year-old Chloe travels to San Francisco to legally obtain an abortion and ultimately confronts her definition of womanhood. (14-18) Mature content



#### \*Never Fall Down

by Patricia McCormick  
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99)  
978-0-06-173093-1  
Arn tells the heartbreaking and powerful story of his survival under the brutal reign of the Khmer Rouge. (13-17) Mature content

#### \*The Wicked and the Just

by J. Anderson Coats  
(Harcourt/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-68837-4  
In medieval Wales, the tale of Cecily, pampered daughter of the victorious English invaders, is colorfully interwoven with that of her servant Gwenhwyfar, daughter of the unsubmissive Welsh. (14-18)

#### The Wild Queen: The Days and Nights of Mary, Queen of Scots

by Carolyn Meyer  
(Harcourt/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-15-206188-3  
Mary of Scotland is sent to France to live until she and the dauphin are old enough to marry. When she returns as Queen, those she trusted betray her. (14-17)

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### Science Fiction

#### After the Snow

by S. D. Crockett  
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)  
978-0-312-64169-6

In a terror-filled dystopian winter, fifteen-year-old Willo struggles to survive alone, until he finds an abandoned starving girl and her dying brother. (13-16)

#### BZRK

by Michael Grant  
(Egmont, \$17.99) 978-1-60684-312-3  
Two groups with different views of Utopia battle for the minds of humanity using nano- and biological technology. (14-17)

#### The Drowned Cities

by Paolo Bacigalupi  
(Little, Brown/Hachette, \$17.99) 978-0-316-05624-3  
In a dark future America, Mahlia teams up with a genetically engineered killing machine to save a friend. (14-18)

#### The Lost Girl

by Sangu Mandanna  
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-208231-2  
Eva, as a product of the Loom, must study Amarra to be ready to replace her if she dies. Brave Eva risks everything to have her own life. (14-16)

#### Pandemonium

by Lauren Oliver  
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-197806-7  
Seventeen-year-old Lena escapes a world where love is viewed as a disease, joins a rebel group and discovers her own humanity. (14-17)

### Today

#### \*Every Day

by David Levithan  
(Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-307-93188-7  
A sixteen-year-old wakes up each day in a different body. When he falls in love with Rhiannon, how can he maintain a relationship? (15-17)

#### \*The Fault in Our Stars

by John Green  
(Dutton/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-525-47881-2  
When sixteen-year-old Hazel, a terminal cancer patient, meets Gus at a support group, their budding romance brings revelations about life, love, and death. (14-16)

#### Happy Families

by Tanita S. Davis  
(Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86966-2  
Sixteen-year-old twins Ysabel and Justin struggle to come to terms with the discovery that their father is a transgender person. (14-17)

#### \*Lexapros and Cons

by Aaron Karo  
(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, \$16.99)  
978-0-374-34396-5  
Chuck Taylor is a silent sufferer of OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder). Supportive parents, a sympathetic therapist, and a few good friends struggle to help him overcome the rituals that dominate his life. (14-18)



#### My Book of Life by Angel

by Martine Leavitt  
(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-35123-6  
Inspired by incidents of girls who disappeared from Vancouver's streets in the '80s and '90s, Angel's story tells how easy it is to fall into prostitution and how difficult it is to escape. (15-18) Mature content

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#### Out of Reach

by Carrie Arcos  
(Simon Pulse/S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-4053-1  
A heartbroken sister searches California beach towns for her brother, lost to drug addiction and dealing. His best friend tries to help. (14-17) Mature content

#### \*Personal Effects

by E. M. Kokie  
(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-5527-3  
After seventeen-year-old Matt Foster's beloved older brother dies in the war in Iraq, Matt makes a startling discovery about him. (13-16)

#### Red Heart Tattoo

by Lurlene McDaniel  
(Delacorte/Random House, \$15.99)  
978-0-385-73462-2  
When their high school experiences a bomb blast, students confront the prejudices that allowed it to happen. (14-17)

#### The Right and the Real

by Joelle Anthony  
(G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin, \$17.99)  
978-0-399-25525-0  
Jamie's turbulent world gets even more complicated when her father joins a cult and she becomes homeless. Romance, adventure, and new and old friendships play their roles. (14-17)

#### \*Small Damages

by Beth Kephart  
(Philomel/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-399-25748-3  
Far from home, on an isolated ranch in Spain, eighteen-year-old Kenzie struggles with anger, loss, and loneliness as she waits to give birth and then give up her baby for adoption. (15-18)

#### Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am

by Harry Mazer and Peter Lerangis  
(Simon & Schuster, \$15.99) 978-1-4169-3895-8  
Ben, a popular, respected high school graduate, suffers brain damage in Iraq. The first person he remembers from his earlier life is his autistic brother. (14-16)



#### Something Like Normal

by Trish Doller  
(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-844-1  
Travis, a Marine returning from Afghanistan, is forced to deal with his post-traumatic stress disorder and his family's dysfunction. (15-18) Mature content

#### The Story of Us

by Deb Caletti  
(Simon Pulse/S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-2346-6  
During the family's week-long celebration of her mother's remarriage, seventeen-year-old Cricket finds it difficult to make decisions about her own future. (14-18)



#### The Theory of Everything

by J. J. Johnson  
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-56145-623-9  
Distraught over the accidental death of her best friend, Sarah overcomes her pain when she gains an understanding of grief from others experiencing similar losses. (14-16) Mature content

#### This Is So Not Happening

by Kieran Scott  
(Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-9955-3  
Senior year isn't easy when you're pregnant—especially not when the father is someone else's boyfriend. (Final book of the *He's So/She's So* trilogy) (15-17)

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#### Trafficked

by Kim Purcell

(Viking/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-670-01280-0

Sixteen-year-old Hannah travels from Moldava to the United States to work as a nanny, believing she will find a better life. (14-16)



#### \*Various Positions

by Martha Schabas

(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-38086-1

After fourteen-year-old Georgia is accepted into a prestigious ballet academy, she struggles with questions about body image, discipline, sex, and feelings for the artistic director. (14-17) Mature content

### Memoir

#### Discovering Wes Moore

by Wes Moore

(Delacorte/Random House, \$15.99) 978-0-385-74167-5

Minute decisions result in the failures or successes of two boys with the same name. (13-17)

#### Home Front Girl

by Joan Wehlen Morrison

(Chicago Review Press, \$19.95) 978-1-61374-457-4

A teenage girl growing up in the Midwest before and during World War II keeps an insightful diary. (14-17)

## Information Books

### Biography



#### Master of Deceit: J. Edgar Hoover and America in the Age of Lies

by Marc Aronson

(Candlewick, \$25.99) 978-0-7636-5025-4

Hoover offered security but instilled fear and protected some rules but broke others. Was he a hero or a betrayer? This even-handed, library-must-have is meticulously researched. Detailed notes and bibliography. (14-17) Mature content