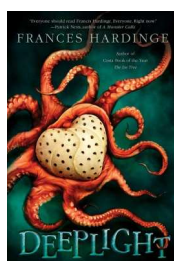


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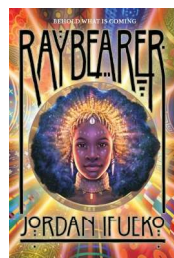
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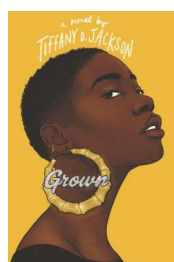
Acevedo, Elizabeth
Clap When You Land
 YA Acevedo, Gr. 8 and up
 Camino Rios waits at the airport for a flight that never arrives, while Yahaira Rios finds out that her father has died in a plane crash. Little do these girls know, they are sisters sharing a father who lived a double life with families in both the Bronx and the Dominican Republic.



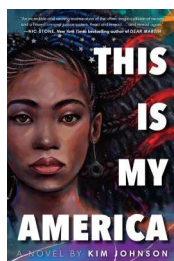
Hardinge, Frances
Deeplight
 YA Hardinge, Gr. 7 and up
 The gods are gone, but pieces of them remain. When Hark finds the still-beating heart of a dead god, he uses it to save his friend Jelt's life. As Jelt slowly transforms into a monstrous version of himself, Hark must decide if the consequences are worth it.



Ifueko, Jordan
Raybearer
 YA Ifueko, Gr. 8 and up
 When Tarisai is chosen to be a member of the Crown Prince's Council of Eleven, she must fight against the magical wish to which her mother, The Lady, has bound her: gain the prince's trust and then kill him.



Jackson, Tiffany D.
Grown
 YA Jackson, Gr. 8 and up
 Enchanted feels like she is in a dream when big star Korey Fields mentors her singing career, but the dream quickly turns into an obsessive, violent nightmare.



Johnson, Kim
This Is My America
 YA Johnson, Gr. 9 and up
 With the clock ticking on her father's death-row sentence and her brother accused of killing a white classmate, Tracy has just 267 days to uncover the racist secrets of her small Texas town and prove her family's innocence.



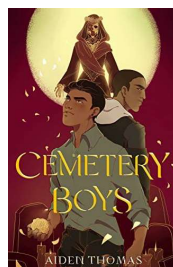
Longo, Jennifer
What I Carry
 YA Longo, Gr. 8 and up
 White 17 year old Muir has spent her entire life in foster care following strict rules for herself to prepare for surviving in the real world. As she begins her last foster placement before she ages out, Muir struggles to keep her distance and protect her heart.



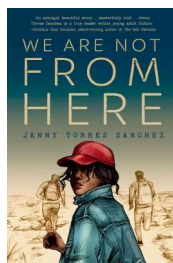
Masood, Syed M.
More Than Just a Pretty Face
 YA Masood, Gr. 9 and up
 Danyal is a pretty face but not much of a student. Then he gets a chance to be recognized academically at school and impress the girl of his dreams. But Bisma, the book-smart girl who helps him with his project, keeps edging into his heart.



McGinnis, Mindy
Be Not Far From Me
 YA McGinnis, Gr. 10 and up
 Ashley Hawkins (white, 17) has spent a lot of time learning survival skills, but they may not be enough when she takes off on her own during a camping trip; a nasty fall leaves her alone with a broken foot and nothing but the clothes on her back.



Thomas, Aiden
Cemetery Boys
 YA Thomas, Gr. 8 and up
 When trans Latinx teen Yadriel accidentally summons the wrong ghost while trying to prove to his family that he is a real brujo, he must find a way to help Julian get what he wants so he can release him to the afterlife.



Torres Sanchez, Jenny
We Are Not from Here
 YA Torres Sanchez, Gr. 9 and up
 Pulga and Pequeña are at a crossroads. Life in their town is ruled by violence, and gang leader Rey has his hooks in them both. If they want to live, Pulga, Pequeña, and Pulga's friend Chico must flee Guatemala to the U.S. border aboard the dangerous trains known as "La Bestia."

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