



Vedder, Leslie
The Bone Spindle
 YA Vedder, Gr. 6 and up
 Fi, a bookish treasure hunter, has found herself cursed. She seeks the help of her ex and the spirit of a sleeping prince to save her as magic and obstacles try to prevent her from breaking free. *Fiction-Fantasy*



White, Andrew Joseph
Hell Followed With Us
 YA White, Gr. 9 and up
 Raised in a fundamentalist religious cult that released Armageddon upon the world, sixteen-year-old trans boy Benji was unwillingly turned into a monster meant to be a weapon to cleanse the Earth. Terrified of this fate, Benji runs away, only to find shelter, and revenge, with a group of teens living in an abandoned LGBTQ+ center. *Fiction-Horror*

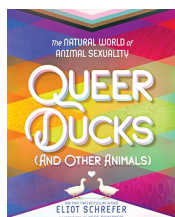


Woodfolk, Ashley
***Nothing Burns as Bright as You**
 YA Woodfolk
 Gr. 8 and up
 Told in memories over the course of one tumultuous day, this is the story of female friendship, first love, and personal reflection as the narrator learns that all decisions have consequences. *Fiction-Romance-Novel in Verse*



Zhao, Xiran Jay
Iron Widow
 YA Zhao, Gr. 8 and up
 The kingdom of Huaxia uses Chrysalises - large iron machines that are piloted by a psychic link between men and women- to fight against mecha aliens that lurk beyond the Great Wall. Unfortunately, few seem to care that the female pilots die from the experience. After losing her sister, Zetian is determined to exact revenge and take down the misogynistic system any way possible. *Fiction-Science Fiction*

Non Fiction



Schrefer, Eliot and Jules Zuckerberg (illustrator)
***Queer Ducks (and Other Animals): The Natural World of Animal Sexuality**
 YA 591.562 Sc, Gr. 8 and up
 Queer behavior is completely natural and can be found throughout the animal kingdom. This title dives into research on same-sex sexual attraction between various animals such as ducks and geese, bottlenose dolphins, Japanese macaques, and bulls, as well as highlighting animals that change sex and engage in polyamorous relationships. Written with humor, this informative text is interspersed with comics of queer animals. *Nonfiction-Informational*

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Rainbow List for Teens

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Fiction



Albertalli, Becky and Adam Silvera
Here's to Us

YA Albertalli, Gr. 9 and up
 College students Arthur and Ben reconnect in New York after falling out of touch after briefly dating in high-school two years prior. Arthur is happy with his boyfriend Mikey and working towards achieving his theater dreams as an intern for an off-Broadway show. Ben is also seeing someone new, and is even thinking about relocating to L.A. But when fate throws Ben and Arthur together again, their feelings for each other rekindle. *Fiction-Romance*



Ferguson, Jen
***The Summer of Bitter and Sweet**

YA Ferguson, Gr. 8 and up
 Lou, a Métis teen in Canada, is working for the summer at her family's ice cream shop with her best friend who is only focused on her future travel plans, her ex who always made her feel uncomfortable, and King who she hasn't seen since she caused a rift in their friendship. Lou has a lot on her shoulders dealing with threatening letters from her biological father, repairing her friendship with King, and confronting her past. When things get too much, can Lou learn to open up and ask for help? *Fiction-Realistic*



La Sala, Ryan
***The Honeys**

YA LaSalla, Gr. 8 and up
 Genderfluid teen Mars is haunted by the violent and mysterious death of his twin sister Caroline. Determined to discover why his sister died, Mars enrolls in Aspen Summer Camp, where Caroline would go every year. There he meets the Honeys, the group of glamorous girls from Cabin H who attend to the beehives behind their cabin. Caroline was a Honey, and Mars believes the girls know more about her death than they're letting on. But as the summer wears on, Mars finds that while he's distrustful of the Honeys, he still wants to be one. *Fiction-Horror*



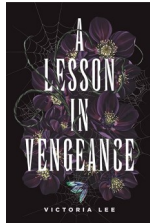
Lamb, Sacha
When the Angels Left the Old Country

YA Lamb, Gr. 6 and up
 Uriel the angel and Little Ash the demon decide to leave their tiny shtetl in search of the baker's daughter who hasn't been heard from since she left. The two meet up with Rose, a young woman determined to travel to the US despite the girl she's in love with staying behind to marry someone else. Together, they make their way through the immigration experience, helping others along the way. *Fiction-Fantasy*



Lee, Lyla
Flip the Script

YA Lee, Gr. 7 and up
When Hana lands the lead role in a new K-drama, all of her acting dreams have come true. But then the ratings aren't high enough, and the director pressures her to enter a fake dating relationship with her co-star. The drama ramps up even more when her rival joins the show—the rival she may or may not have a crush on. *Fiction-Realistic*



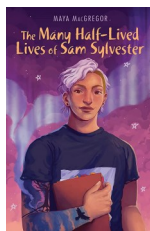
Lee, Victoria
A Lesson in Vengeance

YA Lee, Gr. 9 and up
Felicity returns to the Dalloway School the year after her girlfriend's death to continue her research into the Dalloway Five, five students, suspected witches, who died under mysterious circumstances outside her dorm in the school's distant past. As Felicity becomes closer to Ellis, an eccentric teen prodigy working on her second novel, the deaths circle closer, and Felicity begins to question both history and her sense of reality. *Fiction-Paranormal*



Little Badger, Darcie
A Snake Falls to Earth

YA Little Badger, Gr. 6 and up
Nina believes in the old Lipan stories that her family has told her, so when Oli, a cottonmouth snake person and his friends visit her world seeking help, she knows this is a chance for her to save her grandmother and repair some of the damage being done to the spirit world. *Fiction-Fantasy*



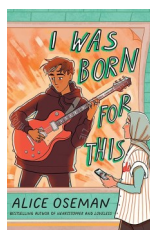
McGregor, Maya
***The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester**

YA MacGregor, Gr. 7 and up
After nearly being killed by their schoolmates in a hate motivated assault, autistic, nonbinary Sam starts over at a new school in a new state. However, their fascination with the "half-lived lives" of people who died before age nineteen only grows as they move into a house where a teenage boy mysteriously died 30 years ago. When Sam begins to investigate the death, the town pushes back, and Sam finds themselves in new danger. *Fiction-Mystery*



Maldonado, Crystal
No Filter and Other Lies

YA Maldonado, Gr. 8 and up
To escape her boring existence as a sixteen year old living in Bakersfield, California, Max creates a double life as a twenty one year old influencer on Instagram. When she meets Elena, a follower who she finds herself getting close to, it gets harder to keep up with the lies. *Fiction-Realistic*



Oseman, Alice
I Was Born for This

YA Oseman, Gr. 8 and up
Best friends Jimmy, Rowan, and Lister are members of the boy band The Arc. Already popular in Europe, the band is about to sign a new contract to bring The Arc to an American audience. Jimmy already struggles with his mental health, and the anxiety induced by the new contract is sending him spiraling. Meanwhile, ultra-fan Angel Rahimi is excited to meet her online friend Juliet IRL and see The Arc in concert. When Angel meets Jimmy and the rest of the band, they are nothing like she believed. *Fiction-Realistic*



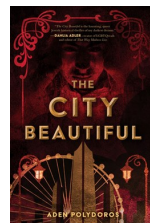
Oseman, Alice
***Loveless**

YA Oseman, Gr. 8 and up
After a disastrous prom night, Georgia is determined to find love at University. But Georgia has never been in love before; she hasn't even had her first kiss! Unsure of what kind of person she's attracted to, Georgia starts to date one of her best friends, Jason, only to discover she is aromantic and asexual. *Fiction-Realistic*



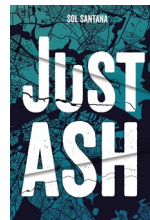
Podos, Rebecca
From Dust, a Flame

YA Podos, Gr. 8 and up
On Hannah's seventeenth birthday, she awakes to find herself transformed overnight, with golden eyes with knife slit pupils, not unlike that of a reptile. Every morning Hannah awakes to find a new transformation until her mother leaves, assuring Hannah and her brother Gabe that she knows someone who can help. When Hannah's mom never returns, she and Gabe take it upon themselves to find their mother and an explanation for the transformations. *Fiction-Paranormal*



Polydoros, Aden
***The City Beautiful**

YA Polydoros, Gr. 7 and up
Alter Rosen lives in Chicago's Jewish community during the 1893 World's Fair. When a friend and roommate, Yakov, turns up dead, Alter is possessed by his dybbuk and must team up with a boy from his past to investigate the string of missing Jewish boys from his neighborhood to save both the neighborhood and himself. *Fiction-Historical*



Santana, Sol
***Just Ash**

YA Santana, Gr. 8 and up
Ash has always known he is intersex, but it's never been an issue. He knows he's a boy and was even raised as one. But when sixteen-year-old Ash suddenly gets his first period during soccer practice, his parents and pediatrician all say that Ash needs to live as a girl. Now Ash feels like he's in the wrong skin, forced to present as a girl and bullied by his classmates. *Fiction-Realistic*



Shaw, Tucker
***When You Call My Name**

YA Shaw, Gr. 8 and up
Set in New York City in 1990, Adam and Callum meet and fall in love. At least, Adam thought they were in love. Ben is new to the city and is starting to come into his own as a gay teen. When Callum disappears, Adam is heartbroken and unsure of what went wrong. Eventually, Adam finds Callum in a hospital for those with HIV and AIDS. As Adam and Ben work through trauma, loss, and friendship, we see them discover that love is truly a gift and not always perfect. *Fiction-Historical*



Thomas, Aiden
***The Sunbearer Trials**

YA Thomas, Gr. 7 and up
To make sure that Sol can continue to travel the skies and protect people from the evil Obsidian gods, The Sunbearer Trials are held. The winner gets to carry light to the the temples of Reino del Sol, but the loser is sacrificed to fuel the protective Sun Stones. When Teo, the trans son of Quetzal and a Jade, is unexpectedly selected to compete along with another Jade against the typical Gold heroes, they must both fight for their lives. *Fiction-Fantasy*