

***Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy* by Sonya Sones**

YP FIC SONES A younger sister has a difficult time adjusting to life after her older sister has a mental breakdown.

***To Be Perfectly Honest: A Novel Based On An Untrue Story* by Sonya Sones**

YP FIC SONES Colette is a compulsive liar spending a miserable summer in San Luis Obispo, California, babysitting her seven-year-old brother while her famous mother shoots a movie, but things look up when Connor enters the scene.

***Orchards* by Holly Thompson**

YP FIC THOMPSON Sent to Japan for the summer after a classmate's suicide, half-Japanese, half-Jewish Kana Goldberg tries to fit in with relatives she barely knows and reflects on the guilt she feels over the tragedy back home.

***The Language Inside* by Holly Thompson**

YP FIC THOMPSON Raised in Japan, American-born tenth-grader Emma is disconcerted by a move to Massachusetts for her mother's breast cancer treatment, because half of Emma's heart remains with her friends recovering from the tsunami.

***Love & Leftovers: A Novel in Verse* by Sarah Tregay**

YP FIC TREGAY When her father starts dating a man, fifteen-year-old Marcie's depressed mother takes her to New Hampshire but just as Marcie starts falling for a great guy her father brings her back to Iowa, where all of her relationships have become strained.

***Unlocked* by Ryan G. Vancleave**

YP FIC VANCELEAV While trying to impress a beautiful, unattainable classmate, Andy discovers that a fellow social outcast may be planning an act of school violence.

***A Time to Dance* by Padma Venkatraman**

YP FIC VENKATRA In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing

a leg in an accident.

***Becoming Billie Holiday* by Carole Boston**

Weatherford YP FIC WEATHERF Jazz vocalist Billie Holiday looks back on her early years in this fictional memoir written in verse.

***Glimpse* by Carol Lynch Williams**

YP FIC WILLIAMS Living with their mother who earns money as a prostitute, two sisters take care of each other and when the older one attempts suicide, the younger one tries to uncover the reason.

***Waiting* by Carol Lynch Williams**

YP FIC WILLIAMS As the tragic death of her older brother devastates the family, teenaged London struggles to find redemption and finds herself torn between her brother's best friend and a handsome new boy in town.

***New Found Land* by Allan Wolf**

YP FIC WOLF The letters and thoughts of Thomas Jefferson, members of the Corps of Discovery, their guide Sacagawea, and Captain Lewis's Newfoundland dog, all tell of the historic exploratory expedition to seek a water route to the Pacific Ocean.

***The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic* by Allan Wolf**

YP FIC WOLF Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic as observed by millionaire John Jacob Astor, a beautiful young Lebanese refugee finding first love, "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, Captain Smith, and others including the iceberg itself.

***This Full House* by Virginia Euwer Wolff**

YP FIC WOLFF High-school-senior LaVaughn's perceptions and expectations of her life begin to change as she learns about the many unexpected connections between the people she loves best.

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***Audition* by Stasia Ward Kehoe YP FIC KEHOE**
When Sara wins a scholarship to study ballet in New Jersey, her ambivalence about her future increases even as her dancing improves.

***The Sound of Letting Go* by Stasia Ward Kehoe YP FIC KEHOE** Daisy feels imprisoned by her brother's autism and its effects and her only escape is through her trumpet into the world of jazz.

***Coaltown Jesus* by Ron Koertge YP FIC KOERTGE** Praying for help after the sudden death of his brother, Walker is astonished by the appearance of an irreverent Jesus in his bedroom.

***Shakespeare Bats Cleanup* by Ron Koertge YP FIC KOERTGE** When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

***Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs* by Ron Koertge YP FIC KOERTGE** Kevin Boland, poet and first baseman, is torn between his cute girlfriend Mira and Amy, who is funny, plays Chopin on the piano, and is also a poet.

***My Book of Life by Angel* by Martine Leavitt YP FIC LEAVITT** 16-year-old Angel struggles to free herself from the trap of prostitution in which she is caught.

***Exposed* by Kimberly Marcus YP FIC MARCUS** High school senior Liz, a gifted photographer, can no longer see things clearly after her best friend accuses Liz's older brother of a terrible crime.

***After the Kiss* by Tara Elan McVoy YP FIC MCVOY** In alternating chapters, two high school senior girls in Atlanta reveal their thoughts and frustrations as they go through their final semester of high school.

***Karma: A Novel in Verse* by Kathy Oslere YP FIC OSTLERE** In 1984, following her mother's suicide, Maya and her Sikh father travel to New Delhi to place her ashes in their final resting place. When the Prime Minister is assassinated, Maya and her father are separated while the city erupts in chaos.

***Fishtailing* by Wendy Phillips YP FIC PHILLIPS** Four troubled students try to cope in spite of the responses of their poetry teacher.

***I'll be Watching* by Pamela Paige Porter YP FIC PORTER** In 1941, the four Loney children, orphaned and alone in a small Saskatchewan prairie town, manage to pull themselves up and survive under the watchful eye of a pair of ghosts.

***Audacious* by Gabrielle Prendergast YP FIC PRENDERG** Ella reinvents herself at her new school by focusing on her artistic talents, but she and fellow art class student Sam land themselves in the midst of controversy when they create explicit work for the school art show.

***Three Rivers Rising: A Novel of the Johnstown Flood* by Jame Rixhards YP FIC RICHARDS** Celestia meets and falls in love with Peter, a hired hand who lives in the valley below, and by the time of the torrential rains that lead to the disastrous Johnstown flood of 1889, she has been disowned by her family and is staying with him in Johnstown.

***Song of the Sparrow* by Lisa Ann Sandell YP FIC SANDELL** Elaine describes her changing perceptions of war and the people around her as she becomes increasingly involved in the lives of King Arthur and his knights.

***Chasing Brooklyn* by Lisa Schroeder YP FIC SCHROEDE** Brooklyn and Nico work to help each other recover from the deaths of Brooklyn's boyfriend. The two begin to rediscover their passion for life, and a newly blossoming passion for one another.

***Far From You* by Lisa Schroeder YP FIC SCHROEDE** A novel-in-verse about sixteen-year-old Ali's reluctant road trip with her stepmother and new baby sister, and the terror that ensues after they end up lost in the snow-covered woods.

***The Day Before* by Lisa Schroeder YP FIC SCHROEDE** Amber, hoping to spend one perfect day alone at the beach before her world is turned upside down, meets and feels a strong connection to Cade, who is looking for his own escape, for a very different reason.

***You Are Not Here* by Samantha Schutz YP FIC SCHUTZ** Annaleah's grief over the tragic death of her boyfriend is compounded by the fact that her friends did not like him, while his friends and both of their families knew nothing of their intimate relationship.

***Purple Daze* by Sherry Shahan YP FIC SHAHAN** Six high school students in Los Angeles cope with everyday life amid the turbulent events of 1965, as one girl gets involved with drugs and a boy gets drafted and sent to Vietnam

***What My Girlfriend Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones YP FIC SONES** Robin Murphy is so unpopular at high school that his name is slang for "loser," and so when he begins dating the beautiful and popular Sophie her reputation plummets, but he finds acceptance as a student in a drawing class at Harvard.

***What My Mother Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones YP FIC SONES** Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.

***One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies* by Sonya Sones YP FIC SONES** Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.