Adventure:

Graceling, by Kristin Cashore *

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Stormbreaker, by Anthony Horowitz *

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Angel Experiment, by James Patterson *

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids" who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Witch and Wizard, by James Patterson *

A sister and brother, along with thousands of young people, have been kidnapped after accusations of witchcraft were made against them, and the ruling regime will do anything in order to suppress life, liberty, music, and books.

Out From Boneville, by Jeff Smith *

Cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone, are separated and lost in a vast, uncharted desert. Eventually, they are reunited at a farmstead run by tough Gran'ma Ben and her spirited granddaughter Thorn. But little do the Bones know, there are dark forces conspiring against them, and their adventures are only just beginning.

The Eagle of the Ninth, Rosemary Sutcliff *

A young centurion ventures among the hostile tribes beyond the Roman Wall to recover the eagle standard of the Ninth, a legion which mysteriously disappeared under his father's command.

Ms. Marvel Vol. 1: No Normal, by Willow G. Wilson *

Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City—until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? When Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them, as well.

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Dystopian:

Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins *

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss' skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Matched, by Ally Condie *

All her life, Cassia has never had a choice. The Society dictates everything: when and how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die, and most importantly to Cassia as she turns 17, who to marry. When she is "matched" with her best friend Xander, things couldn't be more perfect. But why did her neighbor Ky's face show up on her match disk as well?

The Maze Runner, by James Dashner *

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself to escape.

Legend, by Marie Lu *

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and June, the brilliant prodigy solider hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Divergent, by Veronica Roth *

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

The 5th Wave, by Richard Yancy *

On a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker.

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Fantasy:

Red Queen, by Victoria Aveyard *

In a world divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities—seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard—a growing Red rebellion—even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction.

Artemis Fowl, by Eoin Colfer *

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

The Ruins of Gorlan, by John Flanagan *

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battle school, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Eragon, by Christopher Paolini *

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Alanna: the First Adventure, by Tamora Pierce *

Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, and learns many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.

The Golden Compass, by Philip Pullman *

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Cinder, by Marissa Meyer *

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

Wires and Nerve, by Marisa Meyer *

When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous alliance between Earth and Luna, android Iko joins up with a handsome royal guard to hunt down the rogue leader.

Raven Boys, by Maggie Stiefvater *

Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she make other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own—and that together their talents are a dangerous mix.

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Horror:

Through the Woods: Stories, by Emily Carroll

A collection of five spine-tingling short stories: Our Neighbor's House, A Lady's Hands are Cold, His Face All Red, My Friend Janna, and The Nesting Place.

The Silver Eyes, by Scott Cawthon *

Ten years after the murders at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza, Charlie and her childhood friends get together at the now abandoned pizza place to find that four animatronics entertainment mascots have changed.

Spirit Hunters, by Ellen Oh *

Harper doesn't trust her new home from the moment she steps inside, and the rumors are that the Raine family's new house is haunted. Harper isn't sure she believes those rumors, until her younger brother, Michael, starts acting strangely.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, by Ransom Riggs *

Sixteen-year-old Jacob has seen horrible things. After a terrifying family tragedy, he is sent to an island, where he finds an abandoned orphanage. Here photos tell the twisted tales of the establishment's residents. Jacob suspects they were dangerous... and he has the strangest feeling that they might still be alive.

Midwinterblood, by Marcus Sedgwick

Seven linked vignettes unfold on a Scandinavian island inhabited—throughout various time periods—by Vikings, vampires, ghosts, and a curiously powerful plant.

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LGBTQ+

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda, by Beck Abertalli

Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity—and that of his pen pal—will be revealed.

Lily and Dunkin, by Donna Gephart

Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth-grade. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives change forever.

George, Alex Gino

When people look at George, they think they see a boy, but she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever, but when her class puts on the play Charlotte's Web, she comes up with a way to make sure everyone knows who she is.

Ash, by Malinda Lo

In this variation on the Cinderella story, Ash grows up believing in the fairy realm that the king and his philosophers have sought to suppress, until one day she must choose between a handsome fairy cursed to lover her and the King's Huntress whom she loves.

The Witch Boy, by Molly Ostertag

In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shape shifters, but Aster is having trouble learning to shift and may be capable of using the forbidden witchery to help find boys who've gone missing.

Gracefully Grayson, by Ami Polonsky

Grayson, a transgender twelve-year-old, learns to accept her true identity and share it with the world.

Hammer of Thor, by Rick Riordan *

Since his mother's mysterious death, Magnus Chase has lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. When he is tracked down by his Uncle Randolph, a man his mother always warned him about, his uncle begins rambling about Norse history and a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. A weapon that is Magnus's birthright.

Carry On: The Rise and Fall of Simon Snow, by Rainbow Rowell

Simon Snow is the worst Chosen One who's ever been chosen. That's what his roommate and evil nemesis Baz, says. Half the time, Simon can't even make his wand work, and the other half, he starts something on fire. His mentor's avoiding him, his girlfriend broke up with him, and there's a magic-eating monster running around, wearing Simon's face. Baz would have a field day with all of his, except he hasn't bothered to show up for their final year at the Watford School of Magicks.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe, by Benjamin Saenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

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Realistic:

The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander *

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend and all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks, by E. Lockhart

An off-beat comedy of a girl who, over the summer between her freshman and sophomore years, transforms from a scrawny, awkward child with frizzy hair to a curvy beauty, all while sitting quietly in a suburban hammock, reading the short stories of Dorothy Parker and drinking lemonade.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie, by David Lubar

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

I'll Give you the Sun, by Jandy Nelson

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

Ghost, by Jason Reynolds *

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

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Romance:

The Darkest Part of the Forest, by Holly Black

In the town of Fairfold, where humans and fae exist side by side, a boy with horns on his head and ears as pointed knives awakes after generations of sleep in a glass coffin in the woods, causing Hazel to be swept up in new love, shift her loyalties, feel the fresh sting of betrayal, and to make a secret sacrifice to the faerie king.

The Selection, by Kiera Cass *

Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in the caste-divided nation of Illea, which formed after the war that destroyed the United States. America is chosen to compete in the Selection—a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince—but all she really wants is a chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her.

To All the Boys I've Loved Before, by Jenny Han *

Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidently sent.

The Flip Side, by Shawn Johnson

An elite teenaged gymnast with Olympic dreams finds it hard to train when an irresistible guy comes along and threatens to throw her whole world off balance.

When Dimple Met Rishi, by Sandhya Menon

When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects," but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.

Love and Gelato, by Jena Evans Welch

After her mother dies, Lina travels to Italy to meet her estranged father, where she discovers her mother's journal and sets off on an adventure to unearth her mother's secrets.

Well, That Was Awkward, by Rachel Vail

There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful friend, Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy A.J.

The Sun is Also a Star, by Nicola Yoon

Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. When he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.

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Science Fiction:

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams *

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy who, for the last fifteen years, has been posting as an out-of-work actor.

Feed, by M.T. Anderson

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Ender's Game, by Orson Scott Card *

After being sent to Battle School, Ender quickly becomes Earth's best hope to defeat the alien invaders who nearly destroyed the planet.

The City of Ember, by Jeanne DuPrau *

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger, to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

House of the Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Have Space Suit-Will Travel, by Robert A. Heinlein

A high school senior wins a space suit in a soap jingle contest and after putting it on suddenly finds himself on a space odyssey.

Virals, by Kathy Reichs *

Tony Brennan is the leader of a band of teenage 'sci-philes' who live on an island off the coast of South Carolina and when the group rescues a dog caged for medical testing, they are exposed to an experimental strain of canine parvovirus that changes their lives forever.

Zeroes, by Scott Westerfeld*

Scam, Crash, Flicker, Anonymous, Bellwether, and Kelsie, all born in the year 2000 and living in Cambria California, have superhuman abilities that make their lives interesting, but not heroic. Until, they must work as a community to respond to a high stakes crisis.