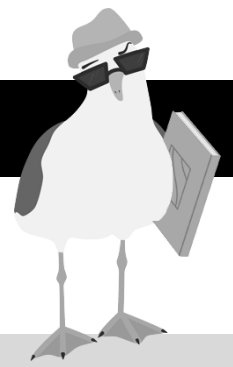


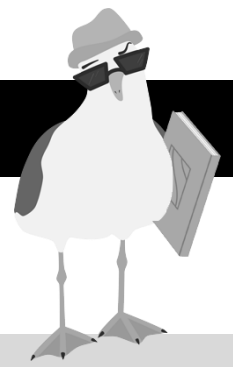
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REALISTIC FICTION

Title	Author	Description
<i>As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow</i>	Zoulfa Katouh	Eighteen-year-old Salama Kassab, a pharmacy student volunteering at the hospital in Homs, Syria, is desperate to find passage on a refugee boat for herself and her pregnant sister-in-law, but first she must learn to see the events around her for what they are—not a war, but a revolution.
<i>We Deserve Monuments</i>	Jas Hammonds	When seventeen-year-old Avery moves to rural Georgia to live with her ailing grandmother, she encounters decade-old family secrets and a mystery surrounding the town's racist past.
<i>The Summer of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Jen Ferguson	Lou has enough confusion in front of her this summer. She'll be working in her family's ice-cream shack with her former best friend, King, who is back in their Canadian prairie town after disappearing three years ago. But when she gets a letter from her biological father, Lou immediately knows that she cannot meet him. While King's friendship makes Lou feel safer, when her family's business comes under threat, she soon realizes that she can't ignore her father forever.
<i>Loveless</i>	Alice Oseman	Georgia has parents who are still in love, two sets of grandparents that are still together, and a brother who married his girlfriend, but at eighteen she has never even kissed someone (not even her lesbian best friend, Felipa) or particularly even wanted to; at the prom afterparty she is surrounded by couples making out, and she really does not know what is wrong—but in college she comes to understand herself as asexual/aromantic, and to capture the part of her identity that has always eluded her.
<i>Ace of Spades</i>	Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé	Devon Richards and Chiamaka Adebayo, two students at Niveus Private Academy, are selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects and struggle against an anonymous bully who reveals all of their secrets.

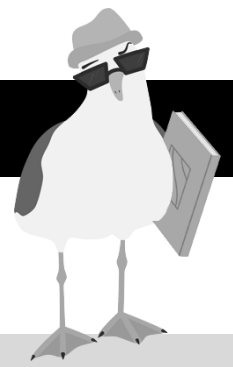
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HISTORICAL FICTION

Title	Author	Description
<i>We Are Not Free</i>	Traci Chee	For fourteen-year-old budding artist Minoru Ito, her two brothers, her friends, and the other members of the Japanese-American community in southern California, the three months since Pearl Harbor was attacked have become a waking nightmare: attacked, spat on, and abused with no way to retaliate—and now things are about to get worse, their lives forever changed by the mass incarcerations in the relocation camps.
<i>I Must Betray You</i>	Ruta Sepetys	In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.
<i>Lovely War</i>	Julie Berry	New York City, 1942. World War II is at its zenith. A stunningly attractive couple meets in a Manhattan hotel room for a forbidden tryst. But these are no ordinary lovers. When immortals Ares and Aphrodite are caught by the latter's jealous husband, the goddess of passion must justify her actions, or face judgment on Mount Olympus. To plead her case, she spins a tale that took place in Europe some twenty-five years earlier- the story of four mortals whose lives entwined in the crucible of World War I.
<i>Last Night at the Telegraph Club</i>	Malinda Lo	When Lily realizes she has feelings for a girl in her math class, it threatens Lily's oldest friendships and even her father's citizenship status and eventually, Lily must decide if owning her truth is worth everything she has ever known.
<i>The Black Kids</i>	Christina Hammonds Reed	Set in 1992 during the Rodney King Riots, Ashley Bennett, a wealthy high school senior, gets caught up in the riots. She must deal with the horrible truth that wealth will not protect her and her family from danger and violence.

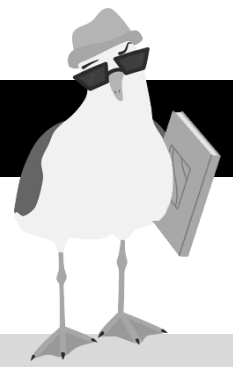
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SCIENCE FICTION

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<i>The Sound of Stars</i>	Alechia Dow	In an alien-invaded society where music, art, and books are illegal, Ellie keeps a secret library. When an alien stumbles upon her library, the two embark on a journey to save humanity.
<i>Skyward</i>	Brandon Sanderson	After her disgraced pilot father is killed, Spensa wants nothing more than to prove that she can be a great pilot and help defeat the invading alien force called the Krell.
<i>They Both Die at the End</i>	Adam Silvera	Mateo and Rufus, complete strangers, meet up on their End Day, the day they will both die. The pair form a powerful and heartbreaking bond as their final moments loom.
<i>Scythe</i>	Neal Shusterman	In the first book of this trilogy, Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice a Scythe, a person who must decide who lives and who dies in a world with no hunger, disease, or death.
<i>The Weight of the Stars</i>	K. Ancrum	A light science fiction novel about Ryann, a delinquent teen who wants to become an astronaut, and Alexandria, whose mother is on a one-way space mission. The two spend night after night searching for radio signals in space, and form an unlikely relationship.

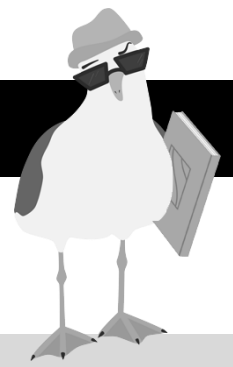
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FANTASY

Title	Author	Description
<i>All of Us Villains</i>	Amanda Foody and C.L. Herman	Every generation, seven families select a champion to compete in a tournament to the death for control of high magick—the most powerful resource in the world. This year, a salacious tell-all book draws reporters, tourists, and government agents to Ilvernath to watch the bloody curse unfold and some of the champions are determined to thwart their destinies and rewrite their stories.
<i>The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea</i>	Axie Oh	In this retelling of the Korean legend The tale of Shim Cheong, sixteen-year-old Mina is swept away to the Spirit Realm, where, assisted by a motley crew of demons, gods, and lesser spirits, she sets out to awaken the sleeping Sea God and save her homeland and family from deadly storms.
<i>Legendborn</i>	Tracy Deonn	To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, Bree Matthews infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights. Bree must decide if she will use her magic to take down this group or join the fight in a magical war.
<i>Foul Lady Fortune</i>	Chloe Gong	In 1931 Shanghai, two Nationalist spies pose as a married couple to investigate a series of brutal murders causing unrest in the city.
<i>The Sunbearer Trials</i>	Aiden Thomas	As each new decade begins, the Sun's power must be replenished so that Sol can keep traveling along the sky and keep the evil Obsidian gods at bay. Seventeen year old Teo must find a way to survive the trials to pick the new sunbearer.

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MYSTERY/THRILLER/HORROR

Title	Author	Description
<i>Rust in the Root</i>	Justina Ireland	It is 1937, and Laura Ann Langston lives in an America divided—between those who work the mystical arts and those who do not.
<i>The Inheritance Games</i>	Jennifer L. Barnes	When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.
<i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i>	Holly Jackson	As her senior Capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.
<i>The Honeys</i>	Ryan La Sala	Mars has always been the lesser twin, the shadow to his sister Caroline's radiance. But when Caroline dies under horrific circumstances, Mars is propelled to learn all he can about his once-inseparable sister who'd grown tragically distant.
<i>Belladonna</i>	Adalyn Grace	Nineteen-year-old orphan Signa Farrow confronts Death—and her own deadly powers—when she investigates the mysterious murder of a relative at the Thorn Grove estate.

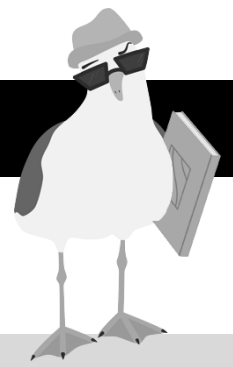
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SPORTS

Title	Author	Description
<i>After the Shot Drops</i>	Randy Ribay	Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.
<i>The Contender</i>	Robert Lipsyte	Alfred Brooks, a high school dropout, deals with a friend's drug addiction and street kids bullying him. He begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the boxer—that before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender.
<i>Dragon Hoops</i>	Gene Luen Yang	Gene understands stories, but doesn't get sports. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page.
<i>Bright Burning Stars</i>	A.K. Small	Kate and Marine, best friends and longtime students at the intensely competitive Paris Opera Ballet School, must decide what price they are willing to pay to win the only available spot in the professional ballet company that operates the school.
<i>Furia</i>	Yamile Saied Méndez	Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

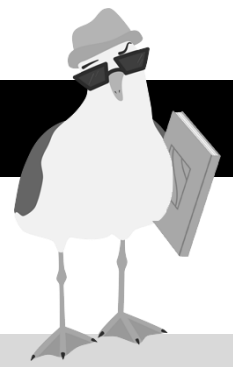
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Romance

Title	Author	Description
<i>I Kissed Shara Wheeler</i>	Casey McQuiston	After seventeen-year-old Chloe is kissed by Shara, her rival for valedictorian, Shara vanishes. Chloe and two of her classmates, who have also been kissed by Shara, must follow the trail of clues she left behind, but during the search, Chloe starts to suspect there might be more to Shara and their small Alabama town than she thought.
<i>Hani and Ishu's Guide To Fake Dating</i>	Adiba Jaigirdar	Everyone likes Humaira 'Hani' Khan—she's easy going and one of the most popular girls at school. But when she comes out to her friends as bisexual, they invalidate her identity, saying she can't be bi if she's only dated guys. Panicked, Hani blurts out that she's in a relationship...with a girl her friends absolutely hate—Ishita 'Ishu' Dey. Despite their mutually beneficial pact, they start developing real feelings for each other.
<i>This is My Brain in Love</i>	I.W. Gregorio	Rising high school juniors Jocelyn Wu and Will Domenici fall in love while trying to save the Wu family restaurant, A-Plus Chinese Garden.
<i>You Have a Match</i>	Emma Lord	A new love, a secret sister, and a summer she'll never forget. Abby spends a summer getting to know her older sister and falling for her friend, Leo.
<i>The Lesbianna's Guide to Catholic School</i>	Sonora Reyes	Sixteen-year-old Mexican American Yami Flores starts Catholic school, determined to keep her brother out of trouble and keep herself closeted, but her priorities shift when Yami discovers that her openly gay classmate Bo is also annoyingly cute.

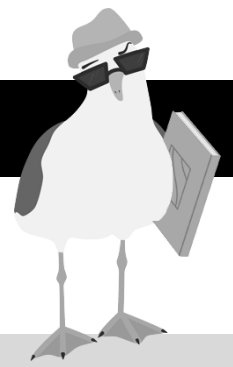
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NONFICTION/BIOGRAPHY

Title	Author	Description
<i>Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults</i>	Robin Wall Kimmerer and Monique Gray Smith	Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer's best-selling book <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> is adapted for a young adult audience by children's author Monique Gray Smith, bringing Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.
<i>I'm Glad My Mom Died</i>	Jennette McCurdy	A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life.
<i>We Are Displaced</i>	Malala Yousafzai	In this book, which is part memoir, part communal storytelling, Malala not only explores her own story, as a displaced child in Pakistan, but she also shares the personal stories of some of the incredible girls she has met on her journeys—girls who have lost their community, relatives, and often the only world they've ever known.
<i>Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, teenagers who resisted the Nazis.</i>	K.R. Gaddy	The Edelweiss Pirates were a loosely organized group of working-class young people in the Rhine Valley of Germany. They faced off with Nazis during the Third Reich and suffered consequences for their resistance during and after World War II.
<i>Stamped</i>	Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi	This book depicts a history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, as well as ways readers can recognize and “stamp” out racist thoughts in their daily lives.
<i>Assassination Vacation</i>	Sarah Vowell	A tour of historic sites in America where incidents of political violence have occurred reveals lesser-known points of interest pertaining to each and shares information about how history has been shaped by popular culture and tourism.

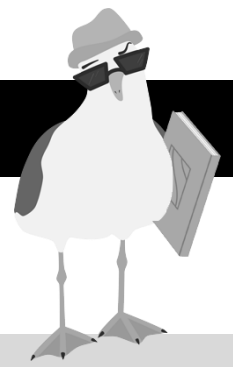
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YA'S BEST SELLERS

Title	Author	Description
<i>The Poet X</i>	Elizabeth Acevedo	Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, Xiomara Batista has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. She pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook. When she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she can't stop thinking about performing her poems.
<i>Shadow and Bone</i>	Leigh Bardugo	Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.
<i>The Selection</i>	Kiera Cass	After being forced to register in The Selection, a competition to become the next princess of Illéa and the bride of Prince Maxon, America Singer's life changes as she discovers a life outside her comfort zone.
<i>City of Bones</i>	Cassandra Clare	Clary Fray, a seemingly average teenage New Yorker, is whisked into a world of Shadowhunters, vampires, werewolves, faeries, and demons. She must adjust to and navigate this new world as she discovers her true identity.
<i>The Hunger Games</i>	Suzanne Collins	Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her sister's place in the deadly Hunger Games, in which there can only be one survivor. She desperately fights for her life and unknowingly entangles herself into a budding romance.
<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	John Green	Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at a cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

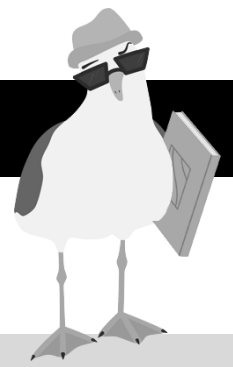
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YA'S BEST SELLERS (CONTINUED)

Title	Author	Description
<i>A Court of Thorns and Roses</i>	Sarah J. Mass	Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from stories, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, a High Lord of the faeries. As her feelings toward him transform from hostility to a fiery passion, the threats against the faerie lands grow. Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse, or she will lose Tamlin forever.
<i>One of Us is Lying</i>	Karen M. McManus	On a seemingly normal day in Bayview High, Simon Kelleher dies in detention and Bronwyn, Nate, Addy, and Cooper, the four students in detention with him just moments before his death, are now the prime suspects in a murder investigation.
<i>Cinder</i>	Marissa Meyer	Meyer crafts a futuristic world in her fairytale retelling of Cinderella featuring Linh Cinder, a cyborg mechanic who lives in New Beijing of the Eastern Commonwealth during the time of a deadly pandemic. When Cinder is tasked with a special assignment from Prince Kai she meets unexpected people and uncovers hidden information about herself.
<i>All the Bright Places</i>	Jennifer Niven	Told in alternating voices, when Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school—both teetering on the edge—it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey to discover the "natural wonders" of the state of Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another.
<i>Divergent</i>	Veronica Roth	In Veronica Roth's dystopian world, people are split into five factions based on their personalities and values. Beatrice Prior faces a life-altering decision as she must choose a faction that she has to remain in for the rest of her life.
<i>Eleanor & Park</i>	Rainbow Rowell	Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

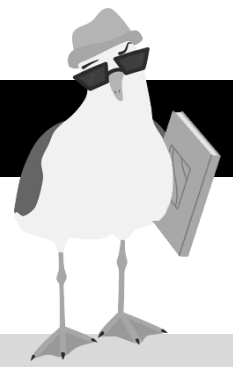
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<i>An Ember in the Ashes</i>	Sabaa Tahir	Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution.
<i>The Hate U Give</i>	Angie Thomas	Starr Carter, a sixteen-year-old black girl living in the underprivileged neighborhood, Garden Heights, witnesses the innocent murder of her childhood best friend, Khalil at the hands of a white police officer. Thomas tells a riveting story following Starr's journey for justice.
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak	Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
<i>The Sun is Also a Star</i>	Nicola Yoon	Yoon's heartfelt novel is set in New York City and follows Natasha Kingsley and Daniel Bae, two teenagers whose stories intertwine unexpectedly. In the span of only one day, they get to know each other and fall in love despite their extremely different life circumstances and personalities.

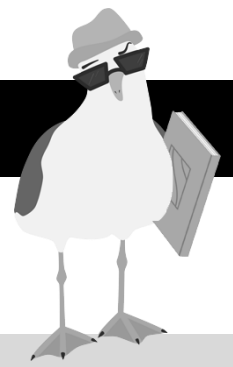
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BOOKS TO LOOK FOR IN 2023

Title	Author	Description
<i>The Davenports</i>	Krystal Marquis	The Davenports are one of the few Black families of immense wealth and status in 1910 Chicago, and their two daughters, Olivia and Helen, are finding their way and finding love—even where they are not supposed to.
<i>Immortality: A Love Story</i>	Dana Schwartz	When Hazel becomes the personal physician to Princess Charlotte, the sickly granddaughter of King George III, she is dragged into the glamour and romance of the British court, but she soon realizes malicious forces are at work in the monarchy, and she may be the only one capable of setting things right.
<i>She Is a Haunting</i>	Trang Thanh Tran	Seventeen-year-old bisexual Jade Nguyen is spending the summer in Vietnam at the French colonial house her estranged father is fixing up as a vacation rental, but unbeknownst to her family, the house and its ghosts have other plans.
<i>Five Survive</i>	Holly Jackson	Six friends on a spring break road trip in an R.V. are the target of a sniper.
<i>Warrior Girl Unearthed</i>	Angeline Boulley	When Perry learns about the "Warrior Girl," an ancestor whose bones and knife live in archives at a university rather than with her people, she is determined to change that. Diving into research, she discovers the school has been finding loopholes in the federal law that allows tribes to request the return of sacred items and ancestral remains. So it looks like the only way Perry will be able to get back both Warrior Girl and several other ancestors' remains will be to steal them back.

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MIXED MEDIA NOVELS

Title	Author	Description
<i>Ain't Burned All The Bright</i>	Jason Reynolds	A smash up of art and text that viscerally captures what it means to not be able to breathe, and how the people and things you love most are actually the oxygen you most need.
<i>The Snow Fell Three Graves Deep: Voices From the Donner Party</i>	Allan Wolf	In 1846, a group of emigrants bound for California face a choice: continue on their planned route or take a shortcut into the wilderness. Eighty-nine of them opt for the untested trail, a decision that plunges them into danger and desperation and, finally, the unthinkable.
<i>The Black Flamingo</i>	Dean Atta	A coming-of-age story about Michael, a mixed race gay teen who discovers the Drag Society and, along the way, discovers who he is.
<i>Illuminae</i>	Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff	This epic space opera, written in classified documents, emails, chats, and interviews, tells the story of newly broken up Kady and Ezra, as they battle an invading force, a plague, and a rogue ship.
<i>Punching the Air</i>	Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam	Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even in a diverse art school, he's seen as disruptive and unmotivated by a biased system. Then one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy.

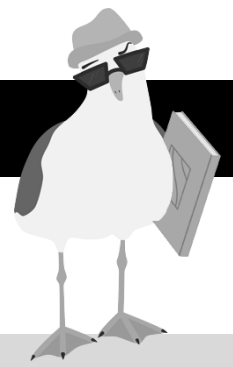
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AWARD WINNING NOVELS

Title	Author	Description
<i>All My Rage</i>	Sabaa Tahir	Michael L. Printz Award Winner 2023 A family extending from Pakistan to California, deals with generations of young love, old regrets, and forgiveness.
<i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i>	Angeline Boulley	William C. Morris Award Winner 2022 Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.
<i>The Rose Code</i>	Kate Quinn	Alex Award Winner 2022 Joining the elite Bletchley Park codebreaking team during World War II, three women from very different walks of life uncover a spy's dangerous agenda years later against the backdrop of the royal wedding of Elizabeth and Philip.
<i>The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen</i>	Isaac Blum	William C. Morris Award Winner 2023 Hoodie Rosen's life isn't that bad. Sure, his entire Orthodox Jewish community has just picked up and moved to the quiet, mostly non-Jewish town of Tregaron, but Hoodie's world hasn't changed that much. The people of Tregaron aren't happy that so many Orthodox Jews are moving in at once, but that's not Hoodie's problem. That is, until he meets and falls for Anna-Marie Diaz-O'Leary—who happens to be the daughter of the headstrong mayor trying to keep Hoodie's community out of the town.
<i>When the Angels Left the Old Country</i>	Sacha Lamb	Stonewall Award Winner 2023 Uriel the angel and Little Ash are the only two supernatural creatures in their shtetl. The angel and the demon have been studying together for centuries, but pogroms and the search for a new life have drawn all the young people from their village to America. When one of those young people, Essie, goes missing, Uriel and Little Ash set off to find her. Along the way the angel and demon encounter humans in need of their help.

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CLASSICS

Title	Author	Description
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Agatha Christie	In a blood-chilling and suspenseful novel, Agatha Christie tells the story of ten people who are stuck on a solitary island with a murderer in their midst. Slowly, they begin to die one-by-one, and they must find the identity of the killer before it is too late.
<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	Betty Smith	Growing up in Brooklyn, NY, in the early 1900s, Francie and her extremely poor family struggle to make ends meet at home, school, and work.
<i>Little Women</i>	Louisa May Alcott	Alcott gives a coming-of-age story following the four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy and their progression from young girls into strong, independent women.
<i>I Capture the Castle</i>	Dottie Smith	Seventeen-year-old Cassandra and her family live in not-so-genteel poverty in a ramshackle old English castle. She fills three notebooks with sharply funny yet poignant entries. Her journals chronicle the great changes that take place within the castle's walls, and her own first descent into love.

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BOOKS FOR RELUCTANT READERS

Title	Author	Description
<i>Be Not Far From Me</i>	Mindy McGinnis	Lost in the Great Smoky Mountains, rising high school senior Ashley Hawkins must fight for survival without any tools, growing in awareness that the world is not tame, and neither are people.
<i>The Loop</i>	Ben Oliver	Luka Kane has spent 736 days wrongfully imprisoned inside the Loop awaiting his execution. Each day is the same. Each day is torturous. But things are starting to change. Whispers of war are circulating. Strange things are happening to the prisoners. And the warden delivers a message: Luka, you have to get out ... Now Luka must decide whether breaking out of the Loop is his only way to survive, especially if there's any chance of saving the ones he loves. But the population on the outside may be far more terrifying than anything he could have imaged. And in order to save his family, he'll have to discover who is responsible for the chaos that has been inflicted upon the world
<i>You Should See Me in a Crown</i>	Leah Johnson	Liz Lighty has always done her best to avoid the spotlight in her small, wealthy, and prom-obsessed midwestern high school, after all, her family is black and rather poor, especially since her mother died; instead she has concentrated on her grades and her musical ability in the hopes that it will win her a scholarship to elite Pennington College and their famous orchestra where she plans to study medicine—but when that scholarship falls through she is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen, which plunges her into the gauntlet of social media which she hates and leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of true friendships.
<i>Golden Arm</i>	Carl Deuker	Lazarus Weathers, a high school senior from the wrong side of the tracks, seeks to protect his half-brother while pitching his way out of poverty, one strike at a time.
<i>Dry</i>	Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman	A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.