

## *3-Hours to a Firmer, Leaner Body... of YA Literature*

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### *Boys! Get Massive Size Fast! (Excessive Action - Little Character Development)*

**Boy Nobody by Alan Zadoff** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (June 11, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0316199681 \$18.00 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Boy Nobody receives instructions from his handlers to use his very specific skill set to achieve certain targets that cannot be carried out by older agents. He is never in a city or situation very long, he always has whatever tools and technology he needs, and his targets invariably die. Then, his most recent assignment causes him to have a morality crisis, as he begins to remember about his past. Can he complete his assignment about the mayor of a large city (and his daughter)? Should he?

**Crap Kingdom by DC Pierson**, Viking Juvenile (March 7, 2013) 368 pgs. 978-0670014323 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Tom has always wanted to be a hero, or at least more than he is, but when he is whisked away to a fantasy kingdom, it falls well short of his expectations. Everything there is made of throwaway stuff from our world, houses are patched together from junk, and the King does not respect Tom or his abilities. Tom passes on being the hero for the place he calls "Crap Kingdom." His friend Kyle get the same chance and runs with it, making Tom jealous and leading to a chance for Tom to be the hero after all.

**The Eye of Minds by James Dashner**, Delacorte Press (October 8, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0385741392 \$18.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Michael is a hacker that spends all his time on the VirtNet. When a rogue criminal known as a master programmer is found to be trapping people online, forever, essentially making them brain-dead, Michael is recruited by the government to find out what is happening. Along with his team, Michael ventures ever deeper into the VirtNet maze, only to find out he doesn't know anything at all, and he is in danger of being trapped online forever himself!

**Foul Trouble by John Feinstein**, Random House, (November 12, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0-375-86964-8 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Bestselling sports writer John Feinstein exposes the big money and back room deals that go into college recruiting in this high-octane YA novel.

**Fury by Alexander Gordon Smith**, Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR); Reprint edition (July 23, 2013) 688 pgs. 978-0374324957 \$19.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> What would you do if everyone around you came down sick, then one day turned on you, trying to rip you apart with anything at hand, and failing that, with their bare hands? This is the scenario that faces our group of protagonists who find each other in the midst of the craziness. Furious pacing makes this appropriate for reluctant readers, despite its size.

**Paradox by AJ Paquette**, Random House Books for Young Readers (June 25, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-0375869624 \$17.99

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades -Ana wakes in a strange rocket on a strange planet, with no knowledge of anything, except for finding instructions in her pocket and knives on her belt. She meets up with a few other fellow travelers and gradually comes to learn that her actions on this planet can help save the Earth. A big twist awaits, in the tradition of James Dashner.

**The Reluctant Assassin – (W.A.R.P. #1) by Eoin Colfer**, Disney-Hyperion; First Edition (May 7, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-1423161622 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades

Riley is an apprentice to Garrick, a thief and con man. He wants Riley to commit his first murder and theft on the night that a time machine is bringing a scientist back from Dickens' London to the present. Riley disappears when the device goes off and Garrick follows him to the future later, showing his incredible skills for survival and adaption, even in an unfamiliar time and place. Riley and his new teen FBI agent handler Chevie must get away from Garrick before he can use the time machine to change the world.

**Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson**, Delacorte Press (September 24, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0385743563 \$18.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The Calamity happened a decade ago, creating all super-villains, no super-heroes. The United States has fractured into mini-fiefdoms, all ruled by Epics, the people gifted with super abilities. Chicago is the kingdom of Steelheart, who seems invulnerable to everything. Daniel, whose father was killed in front of him at the very beginning of the Calamity, has dedicated his life to collecting minutiae about the Epics, which can help find their weakness. Every Epic has one, but they can be very, very eclectic.

**Swagger by Carl Deuker**, HMH Books for Young Readers (November 5, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0547974590 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Jonas, point guard for his basketball team, makes friends with Levi, a quiet boy with strict parents when Jonas moves into the district. He wants to know more about the basketball coach, an old-school coach who has definite ideas about how the game should be played. Jonas and Levi, while playing in the community, meet a young man who wants to be a coach. They develop a relationship and then the young coach joins their high school team as an assistant, but he has a destructive relationship with Levi, who hides it from everyone but Jonas.

**Sylo by D.J. MacHale**, Razorbill (July 2, 2013) 416 pgs. 978-1595146656 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Tucker's idyllic life on an island comes to an end when troops wearing SYLO patches quarantine his island because of a "virus." Tucker and friends find out there is more going on than an imaginary virus, UFO-like ships are flying around and a substance that dramatically affects physical performance called "The Ruby" is found in multiple places on the island. Soon, any questioning citizens are in detention, or fighting back against the troops, Tucker and friends among them.

*Everything is Wrong with the World – Like When One Pectoral is Bigger than the Other (Dystopian)*

**The 100 by Kass Morgan** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (September 3, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0316234474 \$18.00 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Wells, Glass, Clarke and Bellamy are all on the prison ship returning to a radiation poisoned Earth. 100 teen prisoners, monitored by bracelets for radiation levels and their health, are sent back to see whether all of humanity living under strict rules in ships above can return safely.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave by Rick Yancey** Putnam Juvenile; First Edition (May 7, 2013) 480 pgs. 978-0399162411 \$18.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Teenage Cassie's mother and father died, along with billions of other humans, in the third wave of alien attacks, her little brother was abducted in the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Wave, the one that will end humanity as we know it, is coming. Cassie and her companions must train to fight back or lose everything.

**The Darkest Path by Jeff Hirsch**, Scholastic Press (September 24, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0545512237 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Callum (Cal) is a soldier for the Glorious Path, a religious military order, even since he and his little brother were swept up in a raid years ago. He begins to question his orders, ending in killing his superior officer and going on the run. This one action sets in motion a chain reaction that will put in question the status of the whole country.

**Dualed by Elsie Chapman**, Random House Books for Young Readers (February 26, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0307931542 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> West is anxious. The time is coming that she, like all other citizens, will have to eliminate her alternate self (a genetically identical twin born to different parents - alt) to prove that she is worthy and capable to serve society. In fact, she is so good at stalking and killing that she is soon asked to operate as a "striker" outside the approval of society to kill other's people's alts.

**A Matter of Days by Amber Kizer**, Delacorte Press (June 11, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0385739733 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Nadia and her little brother Rabbit have so far survived the BluStar virus that has killed so many people and recently taken their mother. They know they can head across country to West Virginia, to their Grandfather's survivalist compound, because if anyone can survive, her Grandpa can. Along the way, they meet both good and bad characters, but they fall in with an ex-gang member turned farmer at one point. A good, middle-school appropriate version of McCarthy's *The Road*.

**Orleans by Sherri L. Smith**, Putnam Juvenile (March 7, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0399252945 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Fen is running for her life with an infant in the swampy gulf coast area that is now quarantined for the Delta Fever disease. Inside the walls, clean blood is currency, which researcher Daniel discovers when he sneaks into the quarantined area to do his work. Fen and Daniel meet and help each other survive in a difficult world.

**The Program by Suzanne Young**, Simon Pulse (April 30, 2013) 416 pgs. 978-1442445802 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Suicide is such an epidemic in this future world that kids are monitored daily for emotional balance and if they are found to be upset, or crazily in love, they are taken away by The Program. There, all references to their past are wiped out. They come back different, calmer and with no memory of the distress they were in before. Sloane and James love each other, but must hide it, lest they are taken away. First, James is found out, then Sloane. Will their love survive the treatment?

*This Workout is About Real Results (Non-Fiction) all MS-HS appropriate*

**Becoming Ben Franklin by Russell Freedman**. Holiday House (March 15, 2013) 86 pgs. 978-0823423743 \$24.95

Forget what you know about Ben Franklin. Meet 17-year-old runaway Ben, strong, energetic, and ambitious, with intelligence and charm to spare. Freedman traces Franklin's life and work, showing how a mischievous boy became a rebellious apprentice, then a successful colonial printer, and finally an influential figure in the world.

**Bones Never Lie by Elizabeth MacLeod**. Annick Press (March 5, 2013) 156 pgs. 978-1554514830 \$24.95

Some of History's biggest mysteries solved by forensic science.

**Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson**. Atheneum (August 27, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-1-44249-781-8 \$16.99 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> A remarkable memoir from Leon Leyson, one of the youngest children to survive the Holocaust on Oskar Schindler's list.

**Break These Rules: 35 YA authors on speaking up, standing out, and being yourself**. Chicago Review Press (September 1, 2013) 224 pgs. 978-1613747841 \$12.95 Essays and anecdotes from top YA authors on being a teenager.

**City of the Dead: the Galveston Hurricane by T. Neill Anderson** Charlesbridge Publishing (August 1, 2013) 142 pgs. 978-1580895149 \$16.95 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

8,000 people died in 1900 in a hurricane that cost over \$100 billion in today's adjusted dollars. Told from the perspective of several different real people that tried to ride out the hurricane, this is an accessible book that kids can read for information or projects.

**Courage Has No Color: the true story of the Triple Nickels: America's first black paratroopers by Tanya Lee Stone.** Candlewick (October 8, 2013) 160 pgs. 978-0763665487 \$17.99 Detailed accounting of the history of the 555<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion during WWII and beyond.

**Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin** Scholastic Press; First Edition (January 1, 2013) 224 pgs. 978-0545405720 \$16.99 Did you know there was a plot to steal Lincoln's body from its tomb to hold for ransom? To let a famous counterfeiter out of jail so he could get back to work. The Secret Service infiltrated the group, broke up the plans and laid in wait on the night of the raid. Eventually, Lincoln was buried under tons and tons of concrete, where he lies to this day. Fascinating true story that reads like a Crichton thriller.

**My Adventures as a Young Filmmaker by Andrew Jenks.** Scholastic Press; 2 edition (March 1, 2013) 224 pgs. 978-0545417273 \$19.99

Fans of the MTV and ESPN documentary filmmaker can find out about Jenks, from growing up to becoming a renowned documentary filmmaker in this comprehensive photo-biography. How did he do it? By following his own rules for success-always be flexible, fake it till you make it, and never accept no.

**The Nazi Hunters by Neal Bascomb,** Arthur A. Levine Books (August 27, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-0545430999 \$16.99

Adolf Eichmann, the organizer behind all the details of the Final Solution for Nazi Germany, got away after WWII. He reportedly relocated to Argentina under a false name and appeared to get away with his crimes. But, a random tip made its way to the Israeli government, and agents snatched him off the streets and bundled him back to Israel for trial in a case that makes spy thrillers seem boring. Factual, good for research and readable for pleasure.

**The President Has Been Shot by James L. Swanson,** Scholastic Press (September 24, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0545490078 \$18.99 The author of *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* brings his talents to narrating the events of John F. Kennedy's assassination. It is captivating and insightful, even being good for reading for pleasure. It works well for middle school kids.

**Rapture Practice by Aaron Hartzler.** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; 1 edition (April 9, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0316094658 \$17.99 As a teen growing up in a very religious house, Hartzler was taught to believe that the Rapture could happen at any moment, and he should be prepared. Slowly, he began to realize that he had different beliefs.

**Tillie Pierce: teen eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg by Tanya Anderson.** 21st Century (January 1, 2013) 96 pgs. 978-1467706926 \$34.00 Describes the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War through the eyes of Tillie Pierce, a teenager who lived through the fighting.

**Yoko Ono- Collector of Skies by Nell Beram and Carolyn Boriss-Krimskly,** Amulet Books (January 1, 2013) 184 pgs. 978-1419704444 \$24.95 This non-fiction book really brings Yoko Ono out of the role of John Lennon's wife and makes her life as an artist more real. Several of her installations are examined in depth, with pictures and explanations. Her childhood to wealthy, but emotionally distant parents, her time in multiple boarding schools and her tumultuous marriages before she married John Lennon are discussed.

## *Gym Newbies (Middle School)*

**Better Nate Than Ever by Tim Federle** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (February 5, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-1442446892 \$16.99 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Nate has always loved Broadway from afar, very afar. He's stuck in Pennsylvania, singing along with Broadway songs with his friend Libby. When he sees an open casting call for E.T. The Musical, he seizes a wild hair and goes to audition. Hilarity and the chasing of dreams ensues...

**Butter by Jade Lange**, Bloomsbury USA Childrens; 1 edition (September 4, 2012) 304 pgs. 978-1599907802 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> As a bit of a morbid joke, Butter (the nickname given to an extremely overweight high school kid) makes a website where he asks his peers to help him create a last menu for him to eat himself to death, online and live. At the same time, he is communicating under an alias with a girl at his school, who loves talking with him via computer, when she likely wouldn't have anything to do with him in real life. His website explodes in popularity, making him choose whether to follow through.

**Chupacabra by Roland Smith** (series) Scholastic Press (September 24, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0545178174 \$16.99 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

A continuation of the Cryptid Hunters series where competing billionaires try to be the first to find mythical creatures, one so he can preserve and prove their existence, the other, so he can have a stuffed, dead version in his office. That's about how deep this story gets, but there is lots of drama.

**House of Secrets by Chris Columbus/Ned Vizzini/Greg Call** Balzer + Bray; First Edition (April 23, 2013) 496 pgs. 978-0062192462 \$17.99 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Brendan, Eleanor, and Cordelia Walker once had everything they could ever want. But that changed when Dr. Walker lost his job in the wake of a mysterious incident. Now in dire straits, the family must relocate to an old Victorian house that used to be the home of occult novelist Denver Kristoff—a house that feels simultaneously creepy and too good to be true.

**The Incredible Charlotte Sycamore by Kate Maddison** Holiday House (March 15, 2013) 282 pgs. 978-0823427376 \$17.95 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Charlotte, the royal physician's daughter, lives a secret life. She often sneaks out for adventures with her commoner friends which goes badly one day when they are attacked by mechanical dogs. They are all bitten and appear to have symptoms of rabies, which gets progressively worse. They must solve who is behind the dogs to find a cure, but that puts them in the middle of royal politics.

**In Search of Goliathus Hercules** by Jennifer Angus, Albert Whitman & Company (March 1, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0807529904 \$17.99 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

10-year old Henri finds he can speak to insects when he is approached by a housefly in his grandmother's house. After saving a few insects from drowning in the river, he becomes an insect hero. They tell him about the lady who lives next door to him. She is evil and Henri leaves to find his father, who disappeared years before. Travelling with a circus, he develops an insect act and ends up going to Africa, looking for the Goliathus Hercules. But, in addition to his ability to speak to insects, he is undergoing a physical transformation himself.

**The Lost Kingdom by Matthew J. Kirby**, Scholastic Press (August 27, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0545274265 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Billy Bartram, his father and an eclectic group of scientists are heading out into the wilds of America to find a missing kingdom to help in their coming battle with the French. Their lighter-than-air ship is a wonder of technology, but saboteurs, giant bears and enemies are everywhere. A great adventure book for late elementary and middle school.

**The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson** (nothing I say can be trusted here, fanboy crush), Tor Teen; 1 edition (May 14, 2013) 348 pgs. 978-0765320322 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Joel wants to be a Rithmatist badly, but doesn't have the talent. He is only there because his departed father worked at the university where the art of fighting the two-dimensional chalklings is taught. He can only audit classes and study the writings of experts. When students start disappearing and staff at the university seems untrustworthy, Joel must jump in even though he is not prepared.

**Road Trip by Gary Paulsen/Jim Paulsen** Wendy Lamb Books (January 8, 2013) 128 pgs. 978-0385741910 \$12.99 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
A father and son road trip to a distant animal shelter to save a homeless border collie puppy.

**Sure Signs of Crazy by Karen Harrington** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (August 20, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0316210584 \$17.00 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, To Kill a Mockingbird's Atticus Finch, for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in the course of one momentous summer.

**The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata** NBA nominee Atheneum Books for Young Readers (June 3, 2014) 304 pgs. 978-1442474659 \$6.99 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Just when Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

**Zombie Baseball Beatdown by Paolo Bacigalupi** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (September 10, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0316220781 \$17.00 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

While practicing for their next baseball game, thirteen-year-old friends Rabi, Miguel, and Joe discover that the nefarious activities of the Delbe, Iowa, meatpacking plant have caused cows to turn into zombies.

### *Breaking the Routine (Paranormal)*

**Bang by Lisa McMann** (series, book 2) Simon Pulse (October 8, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1442466258 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

After Jules saves Sawyer in the first book, she finds out that she passed her "visions" on to Sawyer, who is now seeing a school shooting, but cannot locate the place or time. Plus, their families are enemies who don't want the kids talking to each other, so that makes planning hard. They begin to narrow it down, but even the best laid plans can go awry.

**Crash by Lisa McMann** (series), Simon Pulse (August 6, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1442405912 \$9.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Jules doesn't have much of a social life. She is always working at her parents' restaurant, and driving a food truck with two giant meatballs on top to school for transportation tends to quiet your social life. She also sees a vision of a horrific accident everywhere she turns. One of the bodies she sees? Her current crush and estranged friend from years earlier. Is the vision real? Can Jules avert the disaster and save Sawyer?

**Dead River by Cyn Balog**, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (April 9, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-0385741583 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Kiandra has been kept away from any source of water by her father because her mother died in the river. Now a teenager, she is out camping with friends when they visit a river. Weird things happen to her, she is approached by a ghost from a story her mother used to tell her, and she is romanced by a mysterious boy named Jack. The ghost, Trey, warns her off of Jack, but Kiandra is not convinced because Jack has told her he can let her see her mother again...

**In the Shadow of Blackbirds by Cat Winters** Harry N. Abrams; First Edition (April 2, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-1419705304 \$16.95 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to seances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.

**Life After Theft by Aprilynne Pyke** HarperTeen (April 30, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0061999000 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Jeff is the new guy in school and the only one who can see Kimberlee, a ghost with a lot of issues. To help her move on, and leave him alone, Jeff agrees to help her make put back in order everything she ruined before she died.

**The Memory of After by Lenore Appelhans** (previously title *Level 2*) Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers; First Edition (January 15, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-1442441859 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Felicia “lives” in Level 2, if forever reliving memories of her past life before she died counts as living. She and her fellow drones don’t even know there is anything else, until someone breaks into her pod to rescue her. Once Felicia understands the truth, that she might be able to reunite with her earthly boyfriend Neil, she is willing to challenge the Morati, the guardian angels who control Level 2.

**Of Triton by Anna Banks** (series), Feiwel & Friends (May 28, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1250003331 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Emma is back in this book two of a series, with romantic issues and familial issues. She loves a merman, but she is a half-breed, meaning she is supposed to be put to death by the Syrena society. Also, she finds out her mother is a princess of the Syrena, who has been hiding for years from her old life. Drama ensues.

### *When Arnold Was Mr. America (Historical Fiction/Period Piece)*

**Are You Experienced? by Jordan Sonnenblick** Feiwel & Friends; First Edition (September 3, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-1250025647 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Fifteen-year-old guitar player Rich cannot get his dad to tell him about his late uncle, so he decides to take his father's most prized possession, a guitar signed by Jimi Hendrix, which transports him back to 1969 Woodstock where he encounters his fifteen-year-old-dad and his uncle who is alive.

**Caged Graves by Dianne K. Salerni** Clarion Books (May 14, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0547868530 \$16.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Verity returns to the small town she was born in to marry her sweetheart she has corresponded with through letters. She had left town as a small child after her mother’s death years ago, but the town of Catawissa in the 1860’s is not what she thought it would be, especially her cold relationship with her father she has been reunited with, nor the caged grave of her mother, left in unconsecrated ground outside the normal burial yard. What Verity finds when she digs into the mystery will bring both excitement and danger into her life.

**Invasion by Walter Dean Myers** Scholastic Press (September 24, 2013) 224 pgs. 978-0545384285 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Josiah and Marcus were friends in Virginia, but now that they are both involved in the Normandy invasion, the differences in their positions is uncomfortable, for Josiah is a white infantryman and Marcus is a black transport driver, the only role the segregated army will allow him.

**A Moment Comes by Jennifer Bradbury** Atheneum Books for Young Readers (June 25, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-1416978763 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Before India was divided, three teens, each from wildly different backgrounds, cross paths. And then, in one moment, their futures become irrevocably intertwined.

**My Beautiful Hippy by Janet Nichols Lynch**, Holiday House (January 15, 2013) 186 pgs. 978-0823426034 \$16.95 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Joanne is becoming a young woman in San Francisco, right as the hippies are taking over during the Summer of Love in 1967. She is clashing against her family's stricter rules while at the same time beginning courtship with a boy who is in town with his older brother, who is in a band.

**Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz/Ruth Gruener/Jack Gruener** Scholastic Press (March 1, 2013) 272 pgs. 978-0545459013 \$16.99 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Torn from his home in Krakow, Yanek becomes a Nazi prisoner and must survive a succession of concentration camps.

**PS, Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia**, Amistad (May 21, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0061938627 \$16.99 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Delphine has gone to Washington D.C. to live with her father and watch her little sisters. But they aren't behaving, her mother (who works with the Black Panthers) is not responding to her letters and her dad is seeing a new woman. Delphine is a very serious young lady and when her mother finally responds, she tells her to "just be eleven."

**Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein**, Disney-Hyperion (September 10, 2013) 386 pgs. 978-1423183099 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Rose is a pilot for the Allies in WWII. Captured while ferrying planes around, she is sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp. There, she is bunked with the Rabbits, girls who had horrible medical experiments performed on them. The Rabbits want Rose to remember their story and pass it around if she survives. Eventually they end up at the Nuremberg War Trials, where several of the surviving girls testify.

**Sideshow of Merit by Nicole Pietsch**, nameelos (October 1, 2013) 330 pgs. 978-1608981632 \$22.95 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Tevan and James have emerged from a tuberculosis sanitarium healed but bruised in other ways from abusive treatment. Living out of a car, they apprentice to a circus, but the only act they can do is to have one of them choke the other kid to a state just short of death, and then bring him back. They're hired and they do their act, but things don't turn out as they think they will.

### *Namby-Pamby, Frou-Frou Stuff (Fantasy & Fairy)*

**Antigoddess by Kendare Blake** Tor Teen; First Edition (September 10, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0765334435 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The gods still exist, but with much less power than before in this modern world. Athena and Hermes have also discovered they are dying a slow, painful death. In their attempts to find out the source, they will traffic with other ancient gods, like Demeter, but also with monsters of the past.

**Chantress by Amy Butler Greenfield** Margaret K. McElderry Books (May 7, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-1442457034 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Lucy has been living in exile on a deserted island with her keeper, always following the rules laid down by her mother, never, ever sing. When she does, overcome with a melody, a chain reaction of events brings her back to her place of birth, where Spell-Singers like her are outlawed and hunted for. She meets Nat, a member of the resistance who vows to help keep her safe as she learns her craft.

**Coldest Girl in Coldtown by Holly Black** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; First Edition (September 3, 2013) 432 pgs. 978-0316213103 \$19.00 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Tana wakes after a party to find all of her friends dead of a vampire attack (someone must have left a window open). Only her boyfriend Aidan is alive, and he has been bitten. A mysterious stranger named Gavriel saves Tana from Aidan's attacks, which are driven by his intense hunger. They decide to take Aidan to a Coldtown, so named because Vampires are allowed to live there. The problem is, once you pass the gates, you can never, ever leave.



**Crown of Midnight by Sarah J. Maas** (series), Bloomsbury USA Childrens; First Edition (August 27, 2013) 432 pgs. 978-1619630628 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Celaena Sardothien has won the King's tournament to become his assassin, but the King is keeping her busy eliminating his political opponents and any complaining subjects. Celaena doesn't feel comfortable carrying out his wishes, so she doesn't, but her deceptions are about to blow up. Chaol, the King's guard she is carrying a little torch for, is similarly in hot water, his loyalties torn.

**Falling Kingdoms by Morgan Rhodes**, Razorbill (December 11, 2012) 432 pgs. 978-1595145840 \$18.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Possibly the worst fantasy book I read in the past few years. Enough said.

**Frozen by Melissa de la Cruz**, co-author: Michael Johnston, Putnam Juvenile (September 17, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0399257544 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Nat is dealing cards in New Vegas, trying to earn heat credits to survive in the cold temperatures. In her desperation, during a scuffle, she is able to palm a few large casino chips and earn enough money to pay for a special-ops crew to get her out of the walled town and out to the "Blue," a mythical place where the ecology is not ruined. That's where roguish Wes comes in, hired to get her out safely through the walls, guards, trashbergs (icebergs of discarded trash in the oceans), and other dangers. The trip does not go as smoothly as she would have wished...

**The Kingdom of Little Wounds by Susann Cokal**, Candlewick; First Edition (October 8, 2013) 576 pgs. 978-0763666941 \$22.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Seamstress Ava is just glad to be in the palace, even though the royal family is undergoing disease and death. When she accidentally pricks Queen Isabel while repairing her dress, she is demoted to invisible serving girl. Meanwhile, exotic foreigner Midi Sorte works closer to the Queen through her tragedy of losing her children. Ava's boss at court, an unctuous courtier, uses her and intends to usurp the King's power by worming his way into his confidence. A complex book with complicated themes.

**The Night Letter by Meghan Nuttall Sayres**, Nortia Press (February 12, 2013) 312 pgs. 978-0984835904 \$18.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Anahita is engaged to be married to a wealthy prince of a smaller kingdom, but she is kidnapped and taken elsewhere. Her prince intends to follow to the ends of the earth to retrieve her and he brings his whole coterie of followers along. Part action story, part political saga and part social commentary, this is a book that will educate about old Persian culture, including words in Farsi (with definitions).

**Obsidian Mirror by Catherine Fisher**, Dial (April 23, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0803739697 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Jack plans to be kicked out of school so that he can go home to spend time with his father, Oberon, who is obsessed with his experiments with the Chronoptika, a time traveling mirror device. Sarah has come from the future to destroy the device before it can do harm. Celtic Fairies are involved too, because the mirror works with their energies. Everyone has their own designs for the mirror, but only one can succeed.

**The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud** Disney-Hyperion (September 17, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-1423164913 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Lucy moves to London, desperately needing a job, despite her young age. Luckily, she is quite sensitive to ghosts and spooks, which London is now crawling with. She is hired by Anthony Lockwood, who has his own agency to protect folks from ghosts. Because only young people can sense ghosts, they are sent out on several dangerous tasks, as well as attempting to keep their agency afloat. Has the Bartimaeus humor in a new, appealing world.

**Spirit and Dust by Rosemary Clement-Moore**, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (May 14, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0385740807 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Daisy Goodnight can speak with the dead, and she works with the FBI. But things take a dangerous turn when she is kidnapped by the mafia, who want her to use her prodigious talents to help them find the mob boss' daughter, who is missing. The trail will go many places she does not expect.

**Towering by Alex Flinn** HarperTeen (May 14, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0062024176 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

When Rachel was taken to live in a tower by a woman she calls Mama, she was excited. She felt like a princess in a castle. But many years later, Rachel knows her palace is really a prison, and begins to plan her escape.

### *Workout Partners (Friends & Family)*

**Also Known As by Robin Benway**. Walker Books (February 26, 2013) 310 pgs. 978-0-8027-3390-0 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> As the active-duty daughter of international spies, sixteen-year-old safecracker Maggie Silver never attended high school so when she and her parents are sent to New York for her first solo assignment, Maggie is introduced to cliques, school lunches, and maybe even a boyfriend. Teen girl wit as only Benway can do.

**Chasing Shadows by Swathi Avasthi**. Knopf Books for Young Readers (September 24, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0375863424 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

One random act of violence can change your life. Holly and Savitri find their friendship in trouble after the death of their friend Corey and Holly's insistence to find his killer, despite the danger in it.

**Golden by Jessi Kirby**, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers; First Edition (May 14, 2013), 288 pgs. 978-1442452169 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Good-girl and Valedictorian Parker has never done anything without planning it, but when she reads the journal of a girl who disappeared years earlier, she gets a tip of where she might be. Then, along with her best friend and her crush, they make their way to discover what happened to Julianna and Shane, the golden couple that disappeared from town years ago. Parker discovers things about herself too, while on the road.

**Hostage Three by Nick Lake**, Bloomsbury USA Childrens; 1 edition (November 12, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-1619631236 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> On a yacht trip with her father, her step-mother and a few crew members, Amy is taken hostage by a group of Somali pirates. The Navy is notified, but cannot do anything as the pirates board and secure the yacht. If a ransom can be agreed upon, Amy and her family will be released. But, in the meantime, the hostages and the hostage-takers are in close, daily contact and Amy begins to see the sad lives that most Somalis live.

**Just Like Fate by Cat Patrick/Suzanne Young** Simon Pulse (August 27, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-1442472716 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> With her Grandmother dying, Caroline is given a choice to either stay by her Gram's side or go to the biggest party of the year.

**Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan**, Knopf Books for Young Readers (August 27, 2013) 208 pgs. 978-0307931900 \$16.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Harry and Craig are 17-year old boys, one of whom intends to come out to his family by the coverage of their Guinness-Record-book breaking 32-hour plus kiss. What makes this book about the various emotions and social actions that kind of news would engender unusual is that it is narrated by a Greek chorus of men who died in the AIDS crisis years earlier. Other gay boys are in the book too, drawn together by the spectacle in front of the local high school.

## *Like When You are Getting a Sweet Pump Going (Love...Love Gone Wrong)*

**All I Need by Susane Colasanti** Viking Juvenile (May 21, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-0670014231 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

When Skye, a hopeless romantic, meets Seth, hurt by a recent break-up, at an end-of-summer party they connect instantly, but their love is tested when she returns to high school and he begins to work his way through an Ivy-League college.

**Book of Broken Hearts by Sarah Ockler** Simon Pulse (May 21, 2013) 368 pgs. 978-1442430389 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Jude took an oath when she was a little girl never to date with or get involved at all with the Vargas boys, because of all the broken hearts from her older sisters. The problem is she didn't know Jude was a Vargas when she first met him and developed a crush on him. Now she must face the danger of falling for him completely and also the danger of her sisters finding out and being furious.

**Boy on the Bridge by Natalie Standiford** Scholastic Press (July 30, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-0545334815 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

1982 Leningrad is not everything nineteen-year-old Laura Reid thought it would be when she signed up to spend a semester studying Russian. Then she meets Alyosha and discovers the dissident Russia--a world of wild parties, underground books and music, love, and constant danger.

**How (Not) To Find a Boyfriend by Allyson Valentine**, Philomel (June 13, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0399257711 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

You know where this one is going the whole way, but the ride is a good beach read. Nora, a self-described "social pupa" wants to blossom into a butterfly, but her nerdy, valedictorian image won't do it. So, before her sophomore year, she becomes a cheerleader, changes her school schedule, and dumbs herself down. Then Adam comes to town, cute and attracted to nerdy girls, but Nora has spent time convincing everyone she is not that girl.

**Just One Day by Gayle Forman** (series) Speak; Reprint edition (August 20, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0142422953 \$9.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Allyson is on a tour of France with her school group when she meets Willem, a sexy foreign actor doing Shakespeare in the Park. She leaves her tour, and has a magical day in Paris with Willem, acting out as a character she calls Lulu, because Allyson would never do those things at all. Then, fate separates them, and Allyson must go back to the United States. In finding Lulu, Allyson finds herself, even as she loses Willem.

**Just One Year by Gayle Forman** (series), Dutton Juvenile (October 10, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0525425922 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Willem's side of the story, including why he did not get back to Lulu when she woke up. He was beaten by a group of thugs and ended up in the hospital. Without Allyson's (Lulu's) address or phone number, or even complete name, he is on his own to find her. Feeling a real emptiness, this former party boy begins to take stock of his life and what is important.

**Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (November 12, 2013) 272 pgs. 978-0316246767 \$18.00 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Zoe writes to a pen-pal on death row in Texas. Even though he never writes back, she is glad that someone is hearing her story and what she did. Casually attached to one boy, she ends up falling in love with his brother, which leads to the first boy's death. Overcome with grief and guilt, she has to tell someone, so she sits in her backyard shed and writes to the death row inmate.

**Love and Other Perishable Items by Laura Buzo**, Knopf Books for Young Readers (December 11, 2012) 256 pgs. 978-0375870002 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Young Amelia works at a grocery store where Chris, her crush, is in charge. She is literary and strange in her behaviors, but it is attractive to Chris, who feels like he is meandering through his life with no goals. He knows he cannot begin a relationship with her, but he does strike up a friendship.

**The Moon and More by Sarah Dessen**, Viking Juvenile; First Edition (June 4, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0670785605 \$19.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Emaline is about to leave her small town and her boyfriend of several years to go to college. She has dreams of what could be waiting for her out there. The intrusion of a New York documentarian making a film about a local who used to be a famous artist makes her feel stilted in the small town. But, events happen that show her a place where everyone knows you can be special too.

**OCD Love Story by Corey Ann Haydu**, Simon Pulse (July 22, 2014) 352 pgs. 978-1442457331 \$9.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Bea is compulsive, which is why she is seeing a psychiatrist. But now she has fixated on a “perfect couple” that sees the therapist right before she does. Her life revolves around her obsessions, whether it be checking to see that the couple is okay at night before she can rest, or fretting she will hurt someone with her car – making her drive well under the speed limit. Beck, a boy who shares her mental issues, seems to like her, and he is willing to put up with her issues, because he has his own, but as he gets to know her better, and she spins out of control, will he stay?

**Right of Way by Lauren Barnholdt**, Simon Pulse (June 10, 2014) 336 pgs. 978-1442451285 \$9.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Peyton and Jace broke up dramatically before they meet at a wedding out of state. Peyton is planning on running away, but has been ditched by her friend. Jace, momentarily speaking with her, agrees to drive her across several states to what he thinks is her summer job. Can they stop bickering long enough to survive the trip?

**This is What Happy Looks Like by Jennifer E. Smith** Poppy; First Edition (April 2, 2013) 416 pgs. 978-0316212823 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O'Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig, Wilbur.

**To Be Perfectly Honest by Sonja Sones** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (August 27, 2013) 496 pgs. 978-0689876042 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Fifteen-year-old 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.

### *Kids Starting to “Work It” (Coming of Age)*

**45 Pounds (More or Less) by Kelly Barson** Viking Juvenile (July 11, 2013) 256 pg. 978-0670784820 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Ann is 16, but a size 17. Her participation in an upcoming wedding prompts her to try to lose 45 pounds, leading to a string of weight loss plans, embarrassing encounters with a cute boy, clashes with her control freak mother and more. But, along the path to losing weight, Ann finds that learning to love who you are is just as important as being healthy.

**Beginning of Everything by Robyn Schneider** Katherine Tegen Books (August 27, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0062217134 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorp.

**Bully.com by Joe Lawlor** Eerdmans Books for Young Readers (April 1, 2013) 248 pgs. 978-0802854131 \$8.00 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Jun Li is brilliant, and more comfortable on computers than in face-to-face interactions. Then he is accused of cyber-bullying, which he claims he did not do. The principal gives Jun a week to get to the bottom of the case and find the real perpetrator, otherwise Jun will take the fall.

**Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell**, St. Martin's Griffin (September 10, 2013) 448 pgs. 978-1250030955 \$18.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Cath and Wren are twins, inseparable and anchored in their love for Simon Snow books (think Harry Potter). Then, they go off to college where Wren gets very involved in college life and Cath retreats into writing her Simon Snow fan-fiction, which is quite popular. However, there is a friend of Cath's roommate (Levi) that just won't leave her alone, no matter how much she ignores him. Wren is starting to spin out of control and Cath's feelings for Levi are too!

**Forgive me Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (August 13, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0316221337 \$18.00 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

It's Leonard Peacock's birthday and the often-picked upon teen is going to school with an ancient gun in his backpack to kill a particular student. The only thing that will stop him is if someone notices it is his birthday and wishes him a happy birthday.

**Heart of Glass by Sasha Gould**, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (March 12, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0385741521 \$15.99 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Laura is accepted into the secret, females only society (the Segreta) that helps those in need and she is engaged to be married to her love, Roberto. Then, a foreigner is found dead in Roberto's apartments, and he looks guilty. Laura uses her skills and her connections in the Segreta to get closer to the truth and free Roberto.

**If You Could be Mine by Sara Farizan**, Algonquin Young Readers (August 20, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1616202514 \$16.95 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> In Iran, the type of relationship Sahar and Nasrin have could get them executed. It is illegal to be gay there, but a sex-change operation? Totally legal. As Nasrin is promised to a man in marriage, Sahar considers the operation as a way of holding on to Nasrin. A look inside the strange world of homosexuals and people on the fringe in today's Iran.

**The Lucy Variations by Sara Zarr**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (May 7, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0316205016 \$18.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Lucy used to be a world-class piano prodigy, until she walked away at 14 years of age. Now her little brother Gus bears all the expectations of Grandpa, who runs the show. When Gus gets a new, young teacher, Lucy starts to think she might want to play again, for herself.

**Out of Nowhere by Maria Padian**, Knopf Books for Young Readers (February 12, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0375865800 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Tom is a star soccer player for his local high school team and he feels somewhat threatened when his town, an immigration place for Somali families entering the US, puts a wonderful soccer player on his team. Their team begins to win, big, even over rivals that usually defeat them. Eligibility issues and cultural misunderstandings take up the rest of the book, with endearing, realistic characters making decisions which will change everything.

**Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys**, Philomel; First Edition (February 12, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0399256929 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Josie lives and works in the French Quarter of 1950, but only until she can raise the money to go to college. She doesn't want to be anything like her mother, a lady of the night in a local brothel. The return of a dangerous man to town makes things hot, then a murder really shakes things up. The ladies at the brothel, especially Willie, the female owner, all look out for Josie. A book that will put you in the Big Easy.

**Piece of my Heart by Lynn Maddalena Mena**, Merit Press (June 18, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-1440561054 \$17.95 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Marisol is a gifted vocalist, she works parties as a karaoke singer. One night, she is discovered by a party-goer who has the hookup in the industry. Marisol's quick brush with fame leads her to treat her friends poorly and her boyfriend too. Will she alienate everyone trying to achieve her dream?

**Roomies by Sara Zarr and Tara Altebrando** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (December 24, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0316217491 \$18.00 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth is from the East Coast, Lauren is from San Francisco. They couldn't be more different, yet they were matched by their college as roommates. Though they get off to a slow start, eventually they become a safe person to unload about life right before college. Alternating chapters told by Zarr and Altebrando make the characters authentically different.

**Somebody Up There Hates You by Hollis Seamon**, Algonquin Young Readers (September 3, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1616202606 \$16.95 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Teen Richie has cancer and he is living in a hospice clinic. So is Sylvie, a teen girl his age. Their prognosis is not good, but there are things they wanted to accomplish before they die. Both of them are determined that although they may not beat their cancer, they will live what days they have on their own terms.

**This Song Will Save Your Life by Leila Sales** Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) (September 17, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0374351380 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey.

**A Thousand Words by Jennifer Brown**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (May 21, 2013) 228 pgs. 978-0316209724 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

A book that shows both sides of the Sexting issue. Ashleigh's boyfriend Kaleb is taking off for college and, encouraged by her friends, Ashleigh takes a naked selfie and sends it off to Kaleb. When the breakup happens, there is a revenge posting and soon the cat is out of the bag. It changes everything at school, both for Ashleigh and for Kaleb. A delicate look at a current issue.

**Until It Hurts to Stop by Jennifer R. Hubbard**, Viking Juvenile (September 12, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-0670785209 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Maggie, bullied all through junior high school by a posse of girls, enjoys time with Nick out in the mountains. They plan trips together, challenging their bodies with physical exertion. Nick is the only boy Maggie feels comfortable with. But then, her bully moves back to the district, and Maggie must deal with those buried feelings all over again. She is stronger this time, isn't she?

**Wild Awake by Hilary T. Smith** Katherine Tegen Books; First Edition (May 28, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0062184689 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> The discovery of a startling family secret leads seventeen-year-old Kiri Byrd from a protected and naive life into a summer of mental illness, first love, and profound self-discovery.

**Winger by Andrew Smith**, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (May 20, 2014) 464 pgs. 978-1442444928 \$16.99

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Ryan Dean West is younger than most of his boarding school classmates, making his female friend Annie think he is adorable. Only his rugby status keeps him popular, he thinks. Finally, he makes his feelings for Annie known and they try it out. Ryan Dean is a realistic, funny and confused kid who makes reading about him a real pleasure.

**Wise Young Fool by Sean Beaudoin**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (August 6, 2013) 448 pgs. 978-0316203791 \$18.00 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Ritchie is serving 90 days in juvie, tasked with keeping a journal of how he ended up there. His story unfolds in journal entries. It involves his best friend, an enthusiastic guy named El Hella, a battle of the bands, many hilarious band names, and a hot girl that keeps coming on to him who has a big, muscular boyfriend.

### *Not for Posers or the Faint of Heart*

**Game by Barry Lyga** (series), Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; First Edition (April 16, 2013) 528 pgs. 978-0316125871 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Sequel to: I Hunt Killers. After solving a deadly case in the small town of Lobo's Nod, seventeen-year-old Jazz, the son of history's most infamous serial murderer, travels to New York City to help the police track down the Hat-Dog Killer.

**If You Find Me by Emily Murdoch**, St. Martin's Griffin; First Edition (March 26, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1250021526 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Carey and Jenessa only remember the broken down camper deep in the national forest has been their home forever. Their mom, a mentally-ill lady, leaves on a frequent basis. Finally, she disappears for good and two social workers come to get the girls. Carey and Jenessa go back with their father and have to figure out how to live in the much faster paced real world. Can they keep their special relationship even as things change?

**Panic by Sharon Draper** Atheneum Books for Young Readers; First Edition (March 12, 2013) 272 pgs. 978-1442408968 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

As rehearsals begin for the ballet version of Peter Pan, the teenaged members of an Ohio dance troupe lose their focus when one of their own goes missing.

**Pretty Girl-13 by Liz Coley** Katherine Tegen Books (March 19, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0062127372 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Sixteen-year-old Angie finds herself in her neighborhood with no recollection of her abduction or the three years that have passed since.

**Scowler by Daniel Kraus** (the single nastiest scene I read this year!), Delacorte Books for Young Readers (March 12, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0385743099 \$16.99 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Ry's father is in prison, the best possible scenario, because he terrorized his family. Ry would escape with his action figures when he was a little boy. When his father returns to the farm after a jailbreak, his action figures come to life to advise him. Extremely dark, extremely nasty.

**The Waking Dark by Robin Wasserman** 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Knopf Books for Young Readers (September 10, 2013) 464 pgs. 978-0375868771 \$17.99

The town of Oleander, Kansas, survived the "Killing Day," where average citizens turned evil and killed 12 others in 5 separate murder-suicides. Then a deadly storm rolls through town killing even more people. Now, only 5 witnesses of the murders retain their sound minds, and must band together to save the town from whatever has come over it.

### *Gym Bunnies (Nice Girls)*

**The F-it List by Julie Halpern**, Feiwel & Friends (November 12, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1250025654 \$16.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Alex and Becca are best friends, until Becca does something horrible at Alex's father's funeral. They don't speak for a while, until Alex finds out Becca has cancer. She wants help finishing things on her bucket list, but a few a little zesty. Not your average cancer book by an author who said she couldn't write a sappy cancer book, but the F-it List was something she could do.

**Going Vintage by Lindsey Leavitt** Bloomsbury USA Childrens; 1 edition (March 26, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-1599907871 \$16.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

When sixteen-year-old Mallory learns that her boyfriend, Jeremy, is cheating on her with his cyber "wife," she rebels against technology by following her grandmother's list of goals from 1962.

**Goodbye, Rebel Blue by Shelley Coriel** Harry N. Abrams (October 1, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-1419709302 \$16.95 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Rebecca "Rebel" Blue, a loner rebel and budding artist, reluctantly completes the bucket list of Kennedy Green, an over-committed do-gooder classmate who dies in a car accident following a stint in detention where both girls met.

**Revenge of the Girl with the Great Personality by Elizabeth Eulberg** Point; First Edition (March 1, 2013) 272 pgs. 978-0545476997 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Tired of being the girl with the great personality who is constantly overshadowed by pretty girls, especially her pageant-princess little sister, sixteen-year-old Lexi decides to take on the pageant world herself.

### *Soft, Flaccid walk-in-the-park Books (Quiet Gems)*

**Black Helicopters by Blyth Woolston** Candlewick (March 26, 2013) 176 pgs. 978-0763661465 \$15.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Valley and her little brother Bo are on their own, ever since their father didn't return from one of his missions. But it isn't a problem, because she knows exactly what to do and how to survive, because their father, a paranoid survivalist, has trained them. From Valley's perspective, the only knowledge she has is what her father has told her, so she finds like-minded people to hide from the authorities.

**Counting by 7s by Holly Sloan Goldberg**, Dial (August 29, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0803738553 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Willow Chance has got it bad. Her adoptive parents died, after her original parents died. She will probably go to a group orphanage, but a chance encounter with Mai, a Vietnamese girl who goes to counseling with the same slacker counselor Willow does, leads to an unusual living situation. Willow is very knowledgeable, a real genius, but lacking the social skills children usually have. A sweet book about the bonds we form between each other.

**Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets by Evan Roskos**, Houghton Mifflin Books for Children (March 5, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0547928531 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> James is literally a tree-hugger, quotes Walt Whitman liberally and consults with an internal psychiatrist pigeon he calls Dr. Bird for his depression and anger. His parents don't know what to do with him, and he doesn't know why his older sister Jorie got kicked out of the house by his abusive father. James must work through his issues to find his place in the world.

**Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell**, St. Martin's Griffin; First Edition (February 26, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-1250012579 \$18.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Park is half-Korean in Omaha, Nebraska, but he still fits in on the fringes of school. Overweight with fiery red hair and an outspoken nature, Eleanor comes from a poor family, wears the same clothes almost daily and tries to avoid her abusive father. They meet on the bus, try to ignore each other, and eventually bond over comic books and 80's music. When Eleanor's family finally implodes, it will test their friendship.

**Far Far Away by Tom McNeal**, Knopf Books for Young Readers (June 11, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0375849725 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Jeremy Johnson Johnson (Yes, Johnson twice) exists on the outside of school society because he is quiet and a lover of fairy tales, but he is a hard worker, a good son and a little bit in love with Ginger, a spunky girl at his school. The other thing that separates him is that Jacob Grimm (the fairytale telling brother) is a ghost that follows him around and speaks to him daily. Kids have been disappearing in their town for years and Jeremy and Ginger are about to be in the middle of it. Quite clever and different than anything else.



**Kindness for Weakness by Shawn Goodman**, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (May 14, 2013), 272 pgs. 978-0385743242 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Caught while delivering a “package” for the older brother he idolizes, James is sent to juvenile hall. There, he finds that his kindness and gentleness is a liability, not a good thing. He makes some friends, tries to lay low, but runs afoul of a crooked guard. There are some adults who he relates to well, but some places have no good choices. A great story of a good kid in a bad place.

**Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner**, Candlewick (February 12, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0763665531 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Standish Treadwell is a strange kid. He doesn't think or talk like the other kids, plus he has differently colored eyes. He forms only one close friendship, which the Motherland takes away when they put his friend's father and family in prison. Standish knows that something strange is going on just over the wall from his house, because he lost a ball there and saw it. The Motherland is attempting to fake some PR and only Standish and his grandfather can stand in the way.

**Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick**, Roaring Brook Press (February 5, 2013) 272 pgs. 978-1596438002 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Seven stories of love unrequited, connected over centuries in clever ways. Eric and Merle, starting in the present, meet each other and feel a sense of déjà vu, but their story is the one repeated in various guises and lives hundreds of years back. Sometimes they are Vikings, sometimes soldiers in war, other times island residents. I am not making this sound good, but it is fantastic!

**Muckers by Sandra Neil Wallace**, Knopf Books for Young Readers (October 8, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0375867545 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Based on a real story of a hardscrabble copper mining town that unites behind its small football team as they progress through the playoffs. Interspersed with newspaper articles and characters that win your affection.

**Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool**, Delacorte Books for Young Readers; First Edition (January 8, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0385742092 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Jack is placed in a boarding school when his mother dies, where he befriends a strange boy named Early who spins stories that are a parallel to his search for his brother, missing in battle. A hike along the Appalachian trail, a boat ride, pirates and a giant bear await.

**Paperboy by Vince Vawter**, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (May 14, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-0385742443 \$16.99 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Victor is an 11-year old boy who has taken over a paper route for his vacationing friend. Determined to do a good job, he gets deeply into the task, getting to know the people on his route, but he is hampered by his severe stutter. He gets to know an abused woman, a friendly, knowledgeable heavy reader that opens his eyes, and he must fight for position among the other paperboys. A real charmer of a book.

**Reality Boy by A.S. King**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (October 22, 2013) 368 pgs. 978-0316222709 \$18.00 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Gerald is known as “The Crapper” because he took a dump on the kitchen table when he was angry during the reality tv series his mother enrolled them in. He cannot escape his fame anywhere, and he still has the anger issues. His family life is poor, a sister is a psychopath, but things look up when a girl that works the register down the line from him at the arena returns his interest.

*It's Like Who Keeps Using the Bench Press but not Toweling off the Seat?  
(Mystery)*

**Being Henry David by Cal Armistead** Albert Whitman Teen (March 1, 2013) 312 pgs. 978-0807506158 \$16.99 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Seventeen-year-old 'Hank,' who can't remember his identity, finds himself in Penn Station with a copy of Thoreau's Walden as his only possession and must figure out where he's from and why he ran away.

**Catherine by April Lindner** Poppy; 1 edition (January 1, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0316196925 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
In this retelling of "Wuthering Heights," Catherine explains how she fell in love with a brooding musician and left her family to return to him, and her daughter describes searching for her mother many years later.

**Charm and Strange by Stephanie Kuehn** St. Martin's Griffin; First Edition (June 11, 2013) 224 pgs. 978-1250021946 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Win is a teen loner, sure that the "wolf" inside him that causes him to react in anger makes him unworthy. The discovery of a body near a teen party in the woods brings instant seriousness to goings-on. His younger self Drew, also narrates his passage through a disastrous childhood full of painful secrets. One never knows what to think about Win/Drew and this short, but thoughtful book.

**The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die by April Henry**, 224 pgs. 978-0805095418 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Cady wakes up just in time to notice two of her fingernails have been pulled, only to hear "take her out back and finish her off." She is barely able to survive, but has no memory and there are people after her. Ty, a McDonald's employee, helps her and travels with her as she discovers she is wanted for a murder, along with her family. She and Ty travel to a relative's house to figure things out. Let's just say that Cady is not paranoid, there are people after her.

**Golden Day by Ursula Dubosarsky**, Candlewick; Reprint edition (August 6, 2013) 160 pgs. 978-0763663995 \$15.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
One of the strangest books ever! A bunch of private school young girls from Australia are taken from their school to visit some seaside caves by their strange teacher. While there, the sea begins to come in and the girls are separated from their teacher, as well as the guide. All the girls get back safely, but the teacher never returns. Questioned fiercely by the police, the girls keep the secret of what really happened, for years and years, until the secret is the most important thing ever.

**Loud Awake and Lost by Adele Griffin**, Knopf Books for Young Readers (November 12, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0385752725 \$16.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Ember almost died in the car accident that took 6 weeks of her memory too. After her long recovery, she begins to piece together what happened, as unpleasant as it might be. It involves a young man and a music club downtown and the relationship they had. Her family doesn't want to talk about it with her, but she is feeling lost and she must find herself.

**Period 8 by Chris Crutcher**, Greenwillow Books (March 26, 2013) 288 pgs. 978-0061914805 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Paul is a serious high-schooler with a serious girlfriend, Hannah, whom he really treasures. Because he considers himself honest, he tells her of a quick dalliance he had earlier, causing her to punish him and break up with him. Paul is good friends with a teacher who runs a Period 8 class where the only rule is that the truth must be told. They swim together daily, but when someone in Period 8 breaks the rules and intends to hurt others, things will come to a head.

**Picture Me Gone by Meg Rosoff** Putnam Juvenile (October 3, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-0399257650 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Twelve-year-old Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, who may lead them to clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing.

**Tangle of Knots by Lisa Graff**, Philomel (February 5, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-0399255175 \$16.99 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

11-year old Cady has a Talent for baking, which brings her into the sights of a Talent-thief, who scoops up others' talents, taking them for himself. Events center around a lost-baggage center, where unclaimed items left on planes and airports go to be sold off. Actual recipes for cakes mentioned in the story come at the end of chapters. Young, sweet, worth reading if magical realism is enjoyed.

**Zebra Forest by Adina Rische Gerwitz**, Candlewick; Debut edition (April 9, 2013) 208 pgs. 978-0763660413 \$15.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Annie and Rew have always been told their father was dead, killed in a fight years ago. When he, very much alive, escapes to their house and lives among them against their will for several days, it brings out feelings about their father the kids are not used to dealing with. Action and psychological drama follow.

### *Books for Scrawny Pale Guys (Sci-Fi)*

**The Different Girl by Gordon Dahlquist**, Dutton Juvenile (February 21, 2013) 240 pgs. 978-0525425977 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Veronika lives on a deserted island with three other girls her age. Their routine, and the adults that care for them never changes. That is, until May washes up on the shore. May questions everything and the girls begin to wonder also. Requires quite a bit of inference to figure out what is going on, too slow for most kids to enjoy.

**Inhuman by Kat Falls**, Scholastic Press (September 24, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0545370998 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Everything west of the Mississippi is the Feral Zone, where the animal virus has taken hold. A giant wall and army troops protect everyone inside from the half-animal/half-human creatures that roam outside. Illegal Fetches go out to reclaim and return property left in the mad rush to safety years earlier. Lane's father is a Fetch, but the government is on to him and they force Lane to go after him, or lose her father forever. Soon, she is in the wasteland outside the walls, with her sarcastic guide Rafe fighting off creatures like the Chimpacabra!

**The Living by Matt de La Pena**, Delacorte Press (November 12, 2013) 320 pgs. 978-0385741200 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Shy has taken a job on a cruise liner, which is a great place to be when a massive earthquake hits California, except for the residual tsunamis. Dazed and barely alive, Shy and his companion must make it to safety on the island they can see, except the island might even be more dangerous.

**Loop by Shandy Lawson**, Disney-Hyperion (April 30, 2013) 208 pgs. 978-1423160892 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Ben and Maggie have met, courted, enjoyed each other's company and died, countless times. They are one of the few caught in a time loop, unable to change the horrible end that comes every time. With each time through, they retain a little more memory of where/why/when and they attempt to change, but time doesn't give up easily.

**Man Made Boy by Jon Skovron** Viking Juvenile (October 3, 2013) 368 pgs. 978-0670786206 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Tired of being sheltered from humans, seventeen-year-old Boy, son of Frankenstein's monster and the Bride of Frankenstein, runs away from home and embarks on a wild road trip across America.

**More than This by Patrick Ness**, Candlewick; First Edition (September 10, 2013) 480 pgs. 978-0763662585 \$19.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Seth dies in the first sentence of the book, then spends the rest of it trying to determine where he is, because he has woken up in a deserted city, chased by a mysterious motorcycle rider. Definitely deep, definitely thick and not for casual readers, this book tries to straddle the line between philosophy and sci-fi, dystopian action.

**Of Beast and Beauty by Stacey Jay** (retelling), Delacorte Press (July 23, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0385743204 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

A sci-fi version of Beauty and the Beast set in domes where the Smooth-Skins live protected from the Monsters who live out in the desert, unprotected from storms and radiation. In a raid on the city, Gem, a member of the Monstrous, is captured and begins to talk to Isra, a blind princess with a kind heart. She finds out more about their plight in the desert, but has her own issues, as she must marry a man she does not love.

**Only Ever Always by Penni Russon**, Delacorte Press (July 9, 2013) 176 pgs. 978-0385743525 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Claire and Clara are opposite sides of the same person in different worlds. Claire's world is our world, but when she travels to Clara's world with the notes of a special music box, everything is broken and it is difficult to survive. Over several trips back and forth, Claire gets more and more involved in Clara's dream world, but the people she comes to know are in great danger.

**Pivot Point by Kasie West** HarperTeen (February 12, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0062117373 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Addie has the power to search alternate futures and uses her gift to make a life-altering decision. Looking into the future she sees the next six weeks of two different lives. Both futures hold the potential for love and loss, and she is forced to choose which fate she is willing to live through.

**Tandem by Anna Jarzab**, Delacorte Press (October 8, 2013) 448 pgs. \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Sasha is unaware that there are parallel worlds all around her, until she is kidnapped from her world to play the role of a missing princess in an alternate universe. If she can complete the task, she will be returned unharmed to her world. But, she starts to get involved with the struggle and a particular boy who is involved in the fight on the alternate world.

**When We Wake by Karen Healy**, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (March 5, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0316200769 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Tegan is the first cryogenically frozen and revived person to survive 100 years of freezing. As such, she is very valuable to the military and government, but she wants to live her life too. As the "Living Dead Girl" she is a target for religious fundamentalists who think she is an abomination, while the government seems to have nefarious plans for her too.

### *Them Books with all the Pitchurs (Graphic Novels)*

**Battling Boy by Paul Pope** First Second (October 8, 2013) 208 pgs. 978-1596431454 \$15.99 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Acropolis'

superpowered hero has passed away, defeated by the criminal underground. In answer, Battling Boy's father (himself a hero) sends him to prove himself in a real, dangerous situation. Battling Boy does not feel ready, but a triumph over his first mega-monster propels him into the limelight, where he will need every ounce of his powers and his ingenuity to survive the targeting of the same criminal element that killed the last hero.

**The Bird King by Shaun Tan** Arthur A. Levine Books (February 1, 2013) 128 pgs. 978-0545465137 \$19.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

A must for any artist, this sketchbook from award-winning, multi-talented artist Shaun Tan contains early drawings and concepts from several of his already published books. What is neatest about this collection is watching the progression from the artist's head to the page, to the final product. As inventive and clever as his other art books.

**Boxers/Saints by Gene Luen Yang** First Second (September 10, 2013) 512 pgs. 978-1596439245 \$34.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

In the late 1800's, a weak Chinese government allowed Western trade and religious intervention in China. The two main characters display the disparate attitudes many urban and rural Chinese had that led to the Boxer Rebellion. Some welcomed the missionaries and trade, others saw it as an attack on what it meant to be Chinese. By the time these two graphic novels are over, you will be entertained, educated and recommending this to others.

**Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant by Tony Cliff**, First Second (August 27, 2013) 176 pgs. 978-1596438132 \$15.99 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> A graphic novel with an exuberant spirit and a strong heroine as the central protagonist. After Delilah decimates a unit of soldiers chasing after her, she joins forces with Selim, a mild-mannered man who goes with her, because he will be blamed for her escape anyway. Theirs is an unusual, but neat friendship that grows through shared hardship. Lots of action and color will draw any eye.

**Jerusalem by Boaz Yakin**, First Second (April 16, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-1596435759 \$24.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

A serious graphic novel of the chaotic times around the formation of the State of Israel through the lens of a Jewish family that is in turmoil itself. One brother is a communist, the other is a Jewish separatist, so fighting takes place inside and outside the home. Based on memories from the author's family.

**March (book one) by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell** Top Shelf Productions; First Edition (August 13, 2013) 128 pgs. 978-1603093002 \$14.95 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The story of the Montgomery bus boycott, various civil rights marches, lunch counter sit-ins and Congressman John Lewis' personal story from childhood. Well illustrated, light and educational, as well as entertaining. One to have on hand for students learning about civil rights.

**Relish: My Life in the Kitchen by Lucy Knisley**, First Second (April 2, 2013) 176 pgs. 978-1596436237 \$17.99 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

For any foodie, this graphic novel traces Knisley's childhood among food lovers, and her obsession with food and food preparation today. Each chapter is bookended with a recipe, as well as loving color illustrations.

**Romeo and Juliet by Gareth Hinds**, Candlewick (September 10, 2013) 144 pgs. 978-0763659486 \$21.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Gareth Hinds, fresh off success from *Beowulf*, brings his talents to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Using a multicultural cast, he brings in the Bard's words verbatim, cutting out parts he couldn't fit in. It is colorful and easy to access, making the words come alive.

**Star Wars: Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown**, Scholastic Inc.; First Edition (August 27, 2013) 160 pgs. 978-0545505178 \$12.99 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Roan wants to go to pilot school like his older brother, but he is denied and he doesn't know why. Then, his invitation to Jedi Academy comes and he understands better. There, he makes friends and learns from Yoda and other instructors how to use the force. A standard school book set in the Star Wars universe with heart and feeling.

**War Brothers by Sharon McKay and Daniel LaFrance**, Annick Press (February 7, 2013) 176 pgs. 978-1554514885 \$18.95 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Based on interviews with authorities as well as the children themselves, this graphic novel tackles the serious issues of child soldiers forced into fighting for Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army. Their capture, conversion to child soldiers and escape is covered. As bad as all of that is, the kids find it hard to return to normal society after participating in savagery.

### *One More Rep (Series & Sequels)*

**The Assassin's Curse by Cassandra Clarke** (series), Strange Chemistry (October 2, 2012) 320 pgs. 978-1908844019 \$9.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Ananna runs away from an engagement she told her parents she didn't want. Because of the embarrassment she has caused her fiance's family, and because she is a pirate, her life is forfeit. An assassin is sent after her, one that never fails. But, when she saves his life, he is tied to her with powerful magic that makes him stay with her and protect her. They visit magicians and places trying to break the curse, while learning to enjoy each other's permanent company.

**Dark Triumph by Robin LaFevers** (series), HMH Books for Young Readers; First Edition (April 2, 2013) 400 pgs. 978-0547628387 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Sybella is sent back to her cruel father's court to carry out the plans of Lord Mortain, where she must put up with the depredations of Baron D'Albret. After she frees the Duchess' most loyal warrior, the Beast of Waroch, from D'Albret's dungeons, her cover is blown and her life is at risk.

**The Dream Thieves by Maggie Stiefvater**, (series) Scholastic Press; First Edition (September 17, 2013) 416 pgs. 978-0545424943 \$18.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The crew from Aglionsby school is still looking for the ley lines, but they are being sapped by something and a mysterious grey man is in town, ruthlessly cutting through whoever he must to find the prize for his clients. Blue and friends are also under stress, Rowan's dreams are getting more frequent, powerful and are intruding into the day.

**The Pirate's Curse by Cassandra Clarke** (series), Strange Chemistry (June 18, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-1908844286 \$9.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Ananna and Naji still have major issues. His enemies in the Mist still want to kill him, and he is still bound to Ananna, feeling pain whenever she is in danger. She is still chased down by the Pirates, because of her broken engagement from the first book. They begin the book stranded on an island, but end up traveling all over trying to break their curse.

**The Runaway King by Jennifer Nielsen** (series) Scholastic Press; First Edition (March 1, 2013) 352 pgs. 978-0545284158 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Jaron has just become King, but an assassination attempt makes him feel that leaving the kingdom in the hands of a caretaker temporarily might be best for the citizens. As he travels farther from the castle, he feels freer, but also he is put in difficult situations that make his return to his kingship unlikely. He ends up with pirates on the coast, just trying to survive, much less reclaiming his spot.

**Scarlet by Marissa Meyer** (series), Feiwel & Friends; First Edition (February 5, 2013) 464 pgs. 978-0312642969 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

It turns out there are many things Scarlet doesn't know about her missing grandmother, or the grave danger she has lived in her whole life. When Scarlet encounters Wolf, a street fighter who may have information as to her grandmother's whereabouts, she is loath to trust this stranger, but is inexplicably drawn to him. As Scarlet and Wolf unravel one mystery, they encounter another when they meet Cinder. Now, all of them must stay one step ahead of the vicious Lunar Queen Levana.

**Shadow on the Sun by David Macinnis Gill** (series), Greenwillow Books (March 26, 2013) 432 pgs. 978-0062073358 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

This sequel to *Black Hole Sun* brings Durango back, along with his artificial intelligence helper Mimi, on Mars. His crooked father, in charge of Mars, wants him to rule with him, and he will stop at nothing to force him into the role. All Durango wants is to get his partner back, but Vienne is wounded and missing.

**Siege and Storm by Leigh Bardugo** (series), Henry Holt and Co. (BYR); First Edition (June 4, 2013) 448 pgs. 978-0805094602 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Alina and Mal are on the run, safely away from the Darkling for the moment. But, he has emerged more powerful than ever and he wants Alina back. He wants her to find amplifiers that will increase her power, so that he can use her greater power. Fighting against the Darkling will take her further away from Mal and everything she values.

**Song of the Quarkbeast by Jasper Fforde** (series), HMH Books for Young Readers (September 3, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0547738482 \$16.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Strange, teen manager of Kazam Mystical Arts Management, has several problems. Magic crackle is increasing, yet several of her magicians are offline. She has entered into a bet with another magic business which will require her to close down if she loses, and the odds are getting worse each day. Lastly, King Snodd is changing the rules against her every way he can.

**Under the Light by Laura Whitcomb** (series), HMH Books for Young Readers (May 14, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-0547367545 \$17.99 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Sequel to *A Certain Slant of Light*. Tells the events of what happens right after Jenny and Billy get their bodies back from the possession of Helen and James. Jenny's very strict, religious parents are very aggressive in trying to keep her under control, where Billy comes from a much more relaxed family that has no expectations of him. They are bonded by their twin possessions, and learn to enjoy spending time together.

### *Better Stop Before We Blow a Deltoid (Series Finales)*

**Bitter Kingdom by Rae Carson** (series) Greenwillow Books; First Edition (August 27, 2013) 448 pgs. 978-0062026545 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> The third and last book of one of the best Fantasy series for Middle School and High School. Young Queen Elisa is a fugitive from her own kingdom, on the run to rescue her lover and head guard from the very fortress of her enemies, the Invierno, an ancient, powerful people focused on her destruction.

**Champion by Marie Lu** (series) Putnam Juvenile (November 5, 2013) 384 pgs. 978-0399256776 \$18.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Day and June have both been given places of honor in the Republic. June is close to the Elector and Day has a military job. But, when an outbreak of plague hits their enemy, war threatens again and only a cure can stop it. But the cure will wreck Day and June's relationship and cost one of them everything they hold dear. 3<sup>rd</sup> and final book of the series.

**Emerald Green by Kerstin Gier** (series), Henry Holt and Co. (BYR) (October 8, 2013) 464 pgs. 978-0805092677 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The series closes with a doozy. Gwen finds out that Gideon may not love her, but may be using her. Count St. Germain is becoming even creepier and nasty, Gwen's jealous sister Charlotte is trying to raise trouble and several time travelers want to kill Gwen to keep her from completing the circle of blood samples needed to activate the chronograph. Frantic time-traveling and planning all come to a head here in the final book.

**Fallout by S.A. Bodeen** (Series), Feiwel & Friends (September 24, 2013) 336 pgs. 978-0312650117 \$16.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Back to the bunker! The second book in the series that began with *the Compound*. Eli and his family are now famous because of their crazy father's survivalist bunker gambit and his incredible wealth. They are having a bit of an issue fitting back in, staying safe and avoiding journalists and a group of survivalists that are apparently watching them in public. Even with his father supposedly gone, his plans are still afoot, carried out by his minions.

**Fearless by Cornelia Funke** (series), Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (April 2, 2013) 432 pgs. 978-0316056106 \$19.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Jacob is back in the mirrorworld, looking for any magical item that can lift the curse on him that will take his life in a few months. His partner Fox is helping him. Nothing works, so they must look for an item that might not even exist, a magical crossbow that can heal any person. There is competition for the crossbow, Jacob and Fox are having relationship issues, and a Bluebeard is on the loose. A rare sequel that is better than the original, IMHO.

**Fox Forever by Mary E. Pearson** (series), Henry Holt and Co. (BYR); First Edition edition (March 19, 2013) 304 pgs. 978-0805094343 \$17.99 8<sup>th</sup>-12th

End of the series that started with *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*. Hundreds of years in the future, Locke's consciousness is taken out of stasis in a box and put into a new, perfect body. Then, he is used to help the rebellion against the government by getting close to a target's daughter. But the Network's plans may not be the best for him and his friends, so he has to deviate from the script a teeny-tiny bit.

**The Girl Who Soared Over Fairyland and Cut the Moon in Two by Catheryne M. Valente** (series), Feiwel & Friends (October 1, 2013) 256 pgs. 978-1250023506 \$16.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10th

September wants to get back to Fairyland, but cannot. She tricks her way there but finds out everything is not perfect after she restored people's shadows in the last book. In fact, she has to choose a profession by law (Royal Scofflaw, revolutionary and criminal) and ends up at the Moon, trying to stop a Yeti who is shaking the moon apart with his radical speed.

**Horde by Ann Aguirre** (series), Feiwel & Friends (October 29, 2013) 432 pgs. 978-1250024633 \$17.99 7<sup>th</sup>-12th

Deuce, Fade, Stalker and Tegan have found a place of relative safety from the groups of Freaks that are getting stronger and more intelligent. But, the Horde is traveling towards where they and their adopted families are living, so the group must join together to stitch together an army from the disparate cities where humans huddle to survive.

**The Lord of Opium by Nancy Farmer** (series), Atheneum Books for Young Readers; First Edition (September 3, 2013), 432 pgs. 978-1442482548 \$17.99 6<sup>th</sup>-10th

10 years later Farmer gives us a direct sequel to *The House of the Scorpion*! Former clone-in-waiting Matt is now the head of a drug industry, since El Patron died and he is, genetically speaking, El Patron. Nobody gives him credit for a chance to lead, nor the breathing room to get his feet under him. Matt especially wants to do something for the eejits, slaves who have had their minds taken from them. But first, he must secure his own power base or lose everything.

**Royal Ranger by John Flanagan** (series), Philomel (November 5, 2013) 464 pgs. 978-0399163609 \$18.99 5<sup>th</sup>-10th

Will has undergone a great loss and is now middle-aged. To break him out of his funk, his superiors in the ranger program assign him an apprentice, much like he used to apprentice to Halt. He will have to do his best to both train his apprentice well and overcome his own difficulties.