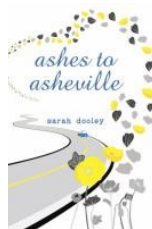


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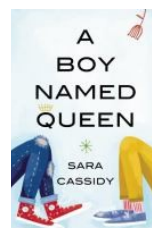
Ashes to Asheville by Dooley, Sarah
y DOOLEY 2017
Twelve-year-old Fella is swept away on a wild road trip by her older sister Zany to fulfill one of their mothers' dying wishes.



The Best Man by Richard Peck
j PECK 2016
Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.



Better Nate Than Ever by Tim Federle
j FEDERLE 2013
An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T.". Look for the sequel Five, Six, Seven Nate!



A Boy Named Queen by Sara Cassidy
j CASSIDY 2016
Evelyn befriends Queen, the new boy in town, who does not seem to get fazed by bullies and lives by his own rules, and soon begins to learn new things about the world and herself.



Drum Roll, Please by Lisa Jenn Bigelow
j BIGELOW 2018
Unexpectedly enjoying her membership in a band she was talked into joining, drummer Melly embarks on what she believes will be a rocking summer at camp only to find everything upended by her parents' separation, her best friend's estrangement, her crush on a fellow camper and her doubts about her performance readiness.



George by Alex Gino
j GINO 2015
Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self.



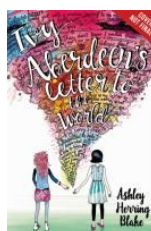
Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky
y POLONSKY 2014
Grayson, a transgender twelve-year-old, learns to accept her true identity and share it with the world.



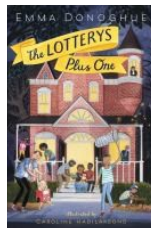
The Hammer of Thor by Rick Riordan
j RIORDAN 2016
Magnus and friends help the god of thunder find his missing weapon before all Muspellheim breaks loose.



Hurricane Child by Kheryn Callender
j CALLENDER 2018
Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl--and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother.



Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake
j BLAKE 2018
Twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed in a tornado, and in the aftermath of the storm, she begins to develop feelings for another girl at school.



The Lottery Plus One by Emma Donoghue
j DONOGHUE 2017
When Sumac Lottery's estranged grandfather comes to live with her and her large family in their sprawling Victorian home, Sumac quickly realizes he's not the easiest person to get along with. But can she help him find a home where he belongs?



The Marvels by Brian Selznick
j SELZNICK 2015
In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900--and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.



The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy
j LEVY 2014
Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, Kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.



My Mixed-up Berry Blue Summer by Jennifer Gennari
j GENNARI 2012
Twelve-year-old June Farrell spends the summer at her Vermont home getting used to the woman her mother is planning to marry and practicing her pie-baking skills, as she hopes to win the blue ribbon at the fair.

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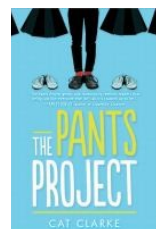
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One True Way by Shannon Hitchcock
j HITCHCOCK 2018
From the moment she met Samantha, star of the school basketball team, on her first day at Daniel Boone Middle School, Allison Drake felt she had found a friend, something she needs badly since her brother died and her father left—but as their friendship grows it begins to evolve into a deeper emotion, and in North Carolina in 1977, it is not easy to discover that you might be gay.



The Other Boy by M. G. Hennessey
j HENNESSEY 2016
Since twelve-year old Shane moved to a new town, he has been concealing the fact he was born a girl, but when one of his classmates learns he is a transgender, Shane must deal with the reactions of his entire community.



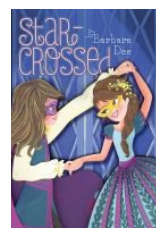
The Pants Project by Cat Clarke
j CLARKE 2017
Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy.



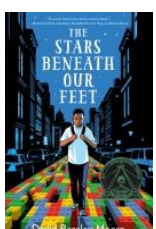
P.S. I Miss You by Jen Petro-Roy
j PETROROY 2018
Forbidden to contact her pregnant sister after her strict Catholic parents send her to stay with a great-aunt, Evie secretly sends her letters, writing about their family, her life, and the new girl in school, June, who may be more than a friend.



Saving Montgomery Sole by Mariko Tamaki
y TAMAKI 2016
An outcast teen girl explores the mysteries of friendship, family, faith, and phenomena, including the greatest mystery of all—herself.



Star-crossed by Barbara Dee
j DEE 2017
When Mattie is cast as Romeo in an eighth-grade play, she is confused to find herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, a new classmate who is playing Juliet.



The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
j MOORE 2017
Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, 12-year-old Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.



Graphic Novels
The Backstagers: Volume One, Rebels Without Applause by James Tynion
ygn TYNION 2017
When Jory transfers to an all-boys private high school, he's taken in by the only ones who don't treat him like a new kid, the lowly stage crew known as the Backstagers. Not only does he gain great, lifetime friends, Jory is also introduced to an entire magical world that lives beyond the curtain. With the unpredictable twists and turns of the underground world, the Backstagers venture into the unknown, determined to put together the best play their high school has ever seen.



Drama by Raina Telgemeier
jgn TELGEMEIER 2012
Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.



Lumberjanes: Volume One, Beware the Kitten Holy by Noelle Stevenson
jgn STEVENSON 2015
Best friends Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley spend a fun summer at Lumberjane scout camp where they encounter yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons while solving a mystery that holds the fate of the world in the balance.



The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
ygn WANG 2018
Prince Sebastian's secret weapon (and best friend) is the brilliant dressmaker Frances—one of only two people who know the truth: sometimes this boy wears dresses. But Frances dreams of greatness, and being someone's secret weapon means being a secret. Forever. How long can Frances defer her dreams to protect a friend?



Princess Princess Ever After by Katie O'Neill
jgn ONEILL 2016
When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, the two band together to defeat a jealous sorceress with a dire grudge against Sadie.



The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill
jgn ONEILL 2017
When Greta, a blacksmith apprentice, discovers a lost tea dragon at the marketplace, she learns about the dying art form from Hesekeiel and Erik.



The Witch Boy by Molly Ostertag
jgn OSTERTAG 2017
In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted . . . and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch.