

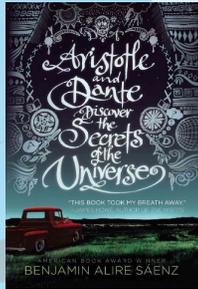
**Esperanza Rising**  
Pam Munoz Ryan  
YA RYAN (also +)

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers.



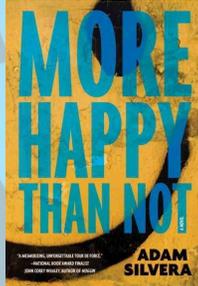
**Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe**  
Benjamin Alire Sáenz  
YA SAENZ

Ari is an angry loner with a brother in prison, and when he and Dante become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself and his family.



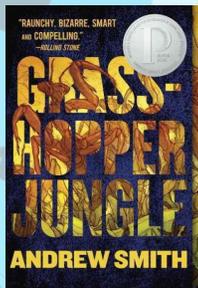
**More Happy Than Not**  
Adam Silvera  
YA SILVERA

After enduring his father's suicide, his own suicide attempt, broken friendships, and more in the Bronx projects, Aaron considers the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure.



**Grasshopper Jungle**  
Andrew Smith  
YA SMITH

Austin narrates the end of humanity as he and his best friend Robby accidentally unleash an army of giant, unstoppable bugs and uncover the secrets of a decades-old experiment gone terribly wrong.



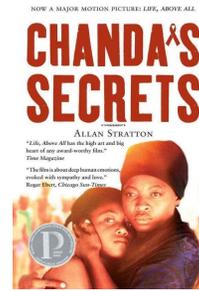
**Marcelo in the Real World**  
Francisco X. Stork  
YA STORK

Marcelo, a teen boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father's corporate law firm.



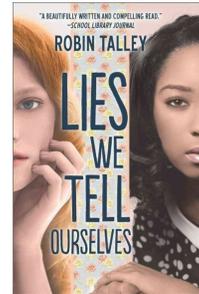
**Chanda's Secrets**  
Allan Stratton  
YA STRATTON

Chanda is a perceptive girl living in a small city in Southern Africa. When her youngest sister dies, the first hint of HIV/AIDS emerges, and Chanda must confront the growing shame and stigma of the disease.



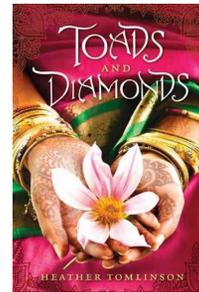
**Lies We Tell Ourselves**  
Robin Talley  
YA TALLEY

In 1959 Virginia, Sarah, a black student who is one of the first to attend a newly integrated school, forces Linda, a white integration opponent's daughter, to confront harsh truths when they work together on a school project.



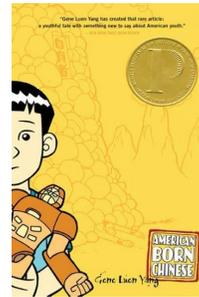
**Toads and Diamonds**  
Heather Tomlinson  
YA TOMLINSON

A retelling of the Perrault fairy tale set in pre-colonial India, in which two stepsisters receive gifts from a goddess and each walks her own path to find her gift's purpose.



**American Born Chinese**  
Gene Luen Yang  
YA GRAPHIC BOOK YANG # 1

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Also by this author: Shadow Hero.



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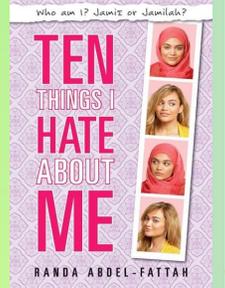


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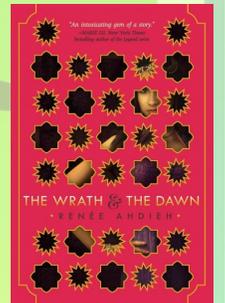
**Ten Things I Hate About Me**  
Randa Abdel-Fattah  
YA ABDEL-FATTAH

Lebanese-Australian Jamilah hides her heritage from her classmates and tries to pass by dyeing her hair blonde and wearing blue-tinted contact lenses, until her conflicted feelings become too much for her to bear. Also by this author: Does My Head Look Big in This?



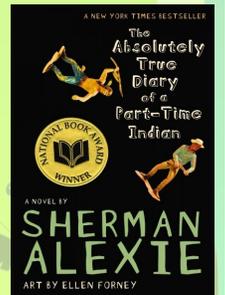
**The Wrath and the Dawn**  
Renee Ahdieh  
YA AHDIEH

In this reimaging of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous king of Khorasan, but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.



**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**  
Sherman Alexie  
YA ALEXIE

Budding cartoonist Junior switches from his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to an all-white school.



**A Step From Heaven**  
Na An  
YA AN

A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.



**The Game of Love and Death**  
**Martha Brockenbrough**  
**YA BROCKENBROUGH**  
 Flora and Henry grew up together, innocent of the forces that might keep a white boy and an African American girl apart. Years later their mutual love of music sparks an even more powerful connection, but what they don't know is that they are pawns in a game played by Love and Death.



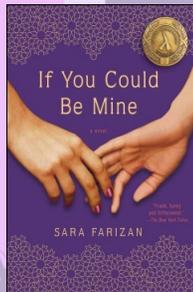
**Killer of Enemies**  
**Joseph Bruchac**  
**YA BRUCHAC**  
 In a world that has barely survived an apocalypse, Lozen is a monster hunter for tyrants who are holding her family hostage. Sequel: Trail of the Dead.



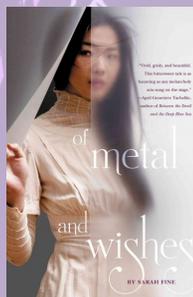
**Fighting for Dontae**  
**Mike Castan**  
**YA CASTAN**  
 When Javier is assigned to work with a special education class and connects with Dontae, who has both physical and mental disabilities, his reputation among gang members no longer seems very important.



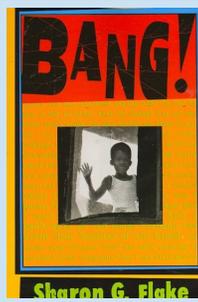
**If You Could Be Mine**  
**Sara Farizan**  
**YA FARIZAN**  
 In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret until Nasrin's parents announce her arranged marriage and Sahar proposes a drastic solution.



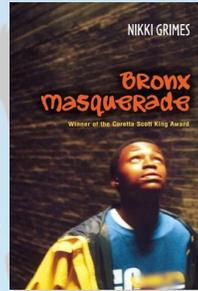
**Of Metal and Wishes**  
**Sarah Fine**  
**YA FINE**  
 Wen assists her father in his medical clinic, where she hears the whisper of a ghost who grants wishes to those who need them the most.



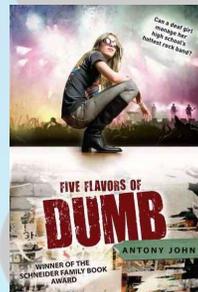
**Bang!**  
**Sharon G. Flake**  
**YA FLAKE**  
 A teenage boy must face the harsh realities of inner city life, a disintegrating family, and destructive temptations as he struggles to find his identity as a young man.



**Bronx Masquerade**  
**Nikki Grimes**  
**YA GRIMES**  
 While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.



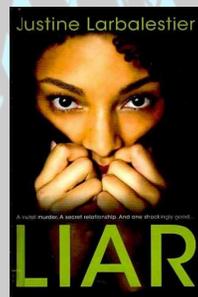
**Five Flavors of Dumb**  
**Antony John**  
**YA JOHN**  
 Although she is deaf, Piper becomes the manager for her classmates' popular rock band, called Dumb, giving her the chance to prove her capabilities to her parents and others.



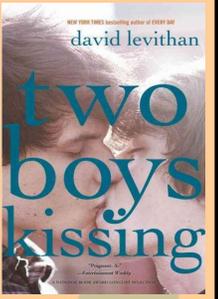
**Openly Straight**  
**Bill Konigsberg**  
**YA KONIGSBERG**  
 Tired of being known as "the gay kid," Rafe decides to assume a new persona when he enters an elite prep school, but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.



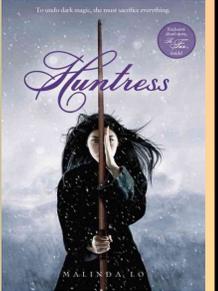
**Liar**  
**Justine Larbalestier**  
**YA LARBALESTIER**  
 Compulsive liar Micah promises to tell the truth after revealing that her boyfriend has been murdered.



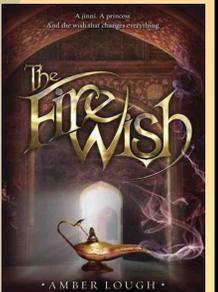
**Two Boys Kissing**  
**David Levithan**  
**YA LEVITHAN**  
 A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.



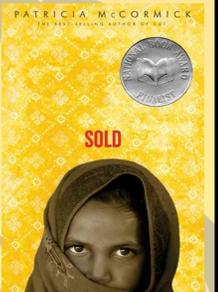
**Huntress**  
**Malinda Lo**  
**YA LO**  
 Kaede and Taisin are called to go on a dangerous journey to Tanlili, the city of the Fairy Queen, in an effort to restore the balance of nature in the human world. Prequel: Ash.



**The Fire Wish**  
**Amber Lough**  
**YA LOUGH**  
 Zayele, a human on her way to marry a prince of Baghdad, switches places with Najwa, a jinni in training to be a spy in the war against humans in order to avoid the marriage.



**Sold**  
**Patricia McCormick**  
**YA MCCORMICK**  
 Lakshmi enjoys her life until the Himalayan monsoons wash away her family's crops and she is sold to a brothel in India by her stepfather.



**Shadowshaper**  
**Daniel José Older**  
**YA OLDER**  
 After the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change in front her, Sierra Santiago discovers her Puerto Rican family are "shadowshapers," and finds herself in a battle for the lives of her family and friends.

