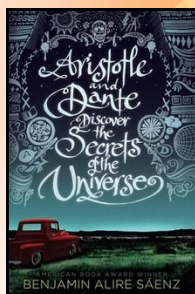


The Education of Margot Sanchez

By Lilliam Rivera

YA RIVERA

Margot Sanchez is paying off her debts by working in her family's South Bronx grocery store, but she must make the right choices about her friends, her family, and Moises.

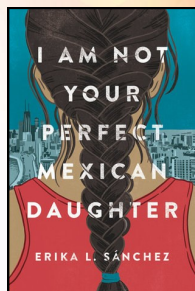


Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

By Benjamin Alire Sáenz

YA SAENZ

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

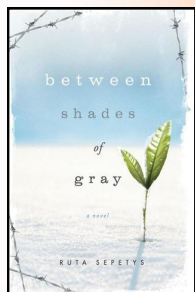


I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

By Erika L. Sánchez

YA SANCHEZ

When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies, Julia, who longs to go to college, discovers that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.

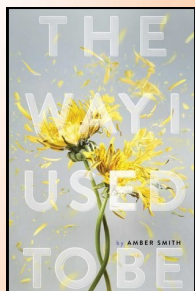


Between Shades of Gray

By Ruta Sepetys

YA SEPETYS

In 1941, Lina and her family are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where they must fight for their life.



The Way I Used to Be

By Amber Smith

YA SMITH

After being raped by her brother's best friend, Eden must learn to embrace the power of survival she never knew she had hidden within her heart.

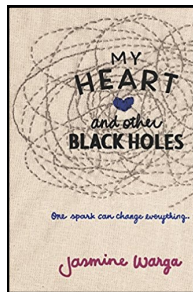


The Hate U Give

By Angie Thomas

YA THOMAS

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.



My Heart and Other Black Holes

By Jasmine Warga

YA WARGA

Aysel's hobby, planning her own death, takes a new path when she meets a boy who has a similar plan of his own.

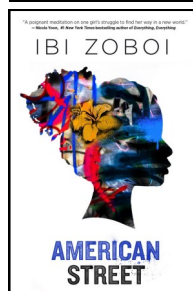


Eliza and Her Monsters

By Francesca Zappia

YA ZAPPIA

Eliza Mirk is the anonymous creator of Monstrous Sea, a wildly popular webcomic, but when a new boy at school tempts her to live a life offline, everything she's worked for begins to crumble.



American Street

By Ibi Zoboi

YA ZOBOI

Separated from her detained mother after moving from Haiti to America, Fabiola struggles to navigate the home of her loud cousins and a new school on Detroit's gritty west side.

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Tough Topics Young Adult Booklist



The Lines We Cross

By Randa Abdel-Fattah

YA ABDEL-FATTAH

Michael attends anti-immigration rallies with his parents until a friendship with a Muslim refugee newcomer from Afghanistan compels him to question his family's politics.



Internment

By Samira Ahmed

YA AHMED

Set in a horrifying near-future United States, Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens where they have to fight for their freedom.



Speak

By Laurie Halse Anderson

YA ANDERSON

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

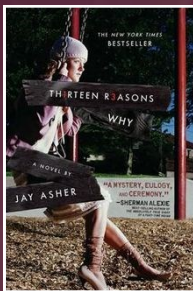


Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday

By Natalie C. Anderson

YA ANDERSON

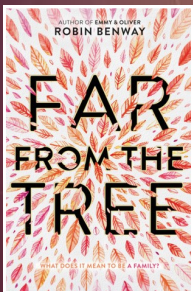
Forced by the CIA to go undercover as a child soldier, Somali refugee Abdi must earn the trust of Al Shabaab's top leaders, but this means doing terrible things he never imagined himself capable of.



Thirteen Reasons Why By Jay Asher

YA ASHER

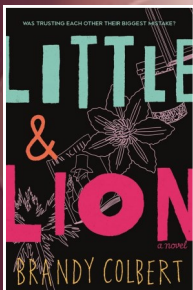
After receiving a box containing thirteen cassette tapes from his dead friend, Hannah, Clay spends a night recounting the events leading up to her death.



Far From the Tree By Robin Benway

YA BENWAY

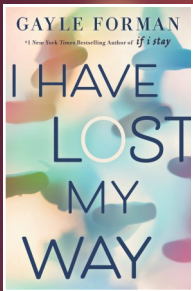
Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child.



Little & Lion By Brandy Colbert

YA COLBERT

Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl, pushing Lionel's bipolar disorder to spin out of control.



I Have Lost My Way By Gayle Forman

YA FORMAN

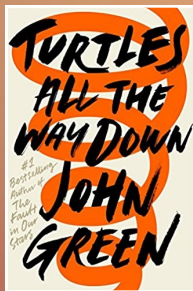
Three teenagers, Freya, Harun, and Nathaniel feel lost in various ways and when they collide in Central Park, they begin to find purpose in their lives.



Under Rose-Tainted Skies By Louise Gornall

YA GORNALL

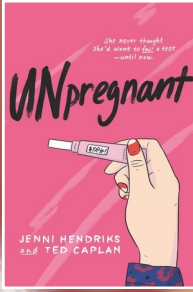
Norah, who has agoraphobia and OCD, develops feelings for Luke, but wonders if she can conquer her inner demons enough to be with him.



Turtles All the Way Down By John Green

YA GREEN

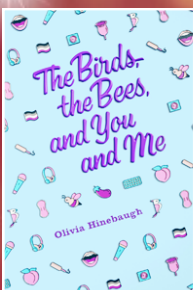
Aza Holmes, a high school student with obsessive-compulsive disorder, becomes focused on searching for a fugitive billionaire.



Unpregnant By Jenni Hendriks

YA HENDRIKS

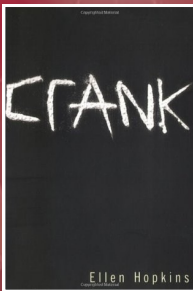
When Veronica Clarke discovers she is pregnant, she enlists the help of high school misfit Bailey Butler to drive her over nine hundred miles to the closest abortion clinic.



The Birds, the Bees, and You and Me By Olivia Hinebaugh

YA HINEBAUGH

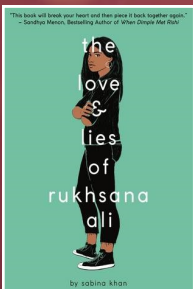
Lacey responds to the failure of her school's abstinence-only sexual education curriculum by handing out advice and contraceptives in the girls' bathroom, even as her own life gets complicated.



Crank By Ellen Hopkins

YA HOPKINS

Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter, but she meets a boy who introduces her to drugs and becomes a very different person, struggling to control her life and her mind.



The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali By Sabina Khan

YA KHAN

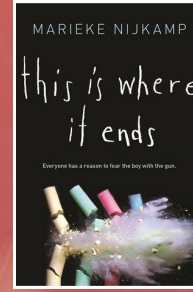
Rukhsana's parents whisk her off to Bangladesh after they catch her kissing her girlfriend. There, she must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path.



Sold By Patricia McCormick

YA MCCORMICK

Lakshmi is sold to a brothel in India by her stepfather. She remembers her mother's wisdom, "Simply to endure is to triumph," until the day comes that she can reclaim her life.



This Is Where It Ends By Marieke Nijkamp

YA NIJKAMP

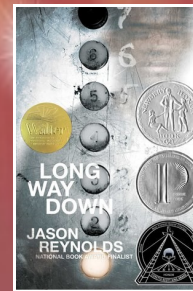
Minutes after the Opportunity High School assembly, someone starts shooting as four teens tell the tale from separate perspectives.



All the Bright Places By Jennifer Niven

YA NIVEN

Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school and begin an unlikely relationship, where each feels as if they can save the other.



Long Way Down By Jason Reynolds

YA REYNOLDS

Driven by the secrets and vengeance that mark his street culture, Will contemplates over the course of 60 seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.



Patron Saints of Nothing By Randy Ribay

YA RIBAY

Jay travels to the Philippines to find out why his cousin was murdered. There, he is forced to reckon with the many sides of his cousin before he can face the whole horrible truth -- and the part he played in it.