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REALISTIC



HUMOR



ROMANCE



FANTASY



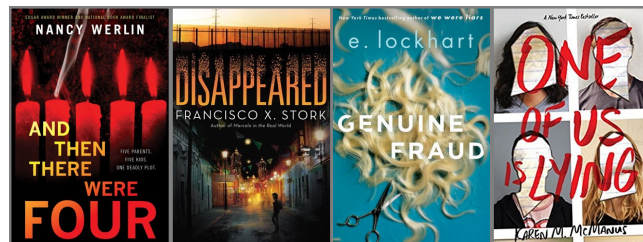
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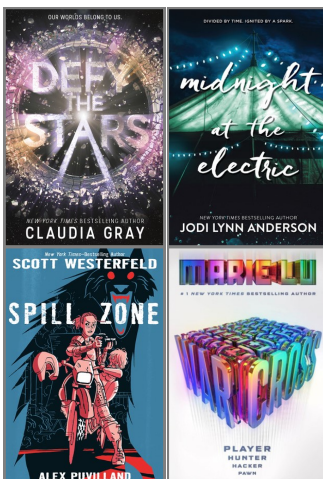
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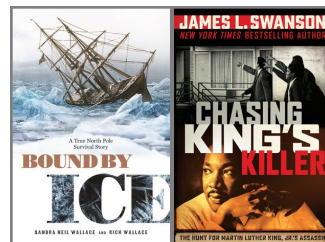
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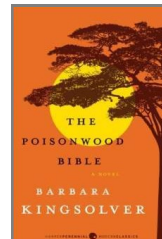
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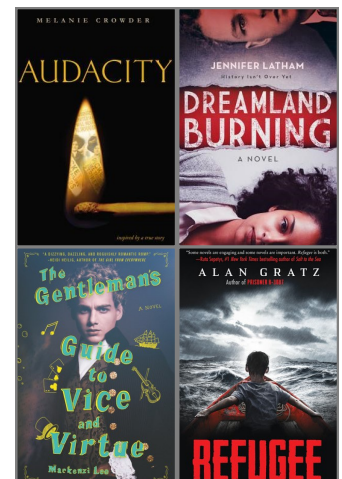
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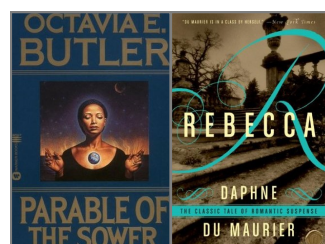
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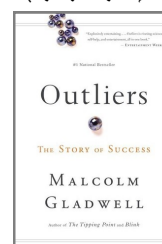
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CLASSIC



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FANTASY

The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton

Camellia is a revered Belle. Belles control Beauty in a land where beauty means everything. People are born ugly and can only be made beautiful by a Belle. When Camellia is chosen by the Queen to tend to the royal family, she learns that the very essence of her existence is a lie. Her powers are far greater and more dangerous than she ever imagined.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Zelie remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zelie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zelie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

The Cruel Prince by Holly Black

Jude was seven when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans, especially Prince Cardan. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him.

Daughter of the Pirate King by Tricia Levenseller

When her father, the ruthless pirate king, discovers that a legendary treasure map can be found on an enemy ship, his daughter Alosa knows that she's the only pirate for the job. She deliberately facilitates her own kidnapping to ensure her welcome on the ship.

HISTORICAL

Audacity by Melanie Crowder

Based on the life of Clara Lemlich, a Russian Jewish immigrant who worked tirelessly for the rights of fellow young women factory workers in the early twentieth century.

Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham

When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters tell the story of William, another teen grappling with the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot.

The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue By Mackenzi Lee

Monty, a young bisexual British lord, embarks on an unforgettable Grand Tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush. When one of Monty's reckless decisions turns their trip abroad into a harrowing manhunt, it calls into question everything he knows, including his relationship with the boy he adores.

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape riots and unrest in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering connections that tie their stories together.

HUMOR

Grendel's Guide to Love and War by A. E. Kaplan

Tom lives a quiet life writing in his notebooks and pining for Willow, the girl next door. But when Willow's brother starts throwing wild parties, the idyllic senior citizens' community where they live is transformed into a war zone. Tom comes up with a plan to end the parties for good but of course it's not that simple.

Nice Try, Jane Sinner by Lianne Oelke

After a personal crisis and subsequent expulsion from high school, Jane Sinner sets out to redefine herself through a series of schemes and stunts, including participating in a low-budget reality TV show at her local community college.

MEMOIR

Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card by Sara Saedi

Sara Saedi uncovered a family secret: she was breaking the law by living in the United States. She didn't learn of her undocumented status until her older sister wanted to apply for an after-school job. The funny, poignant, and true story of one teen's experience of growing up in America as an undocumented immigrant from the Middle East.

Becoming Kareem by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming the basketball star he's known to be, and getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.

How Dare the Sun Rise by Sandra Uwiringiyimana

The story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.

Survivors Club by Michael Bornstein

The incredible true story of Michael Bornstein—who at age 4 was one of the youngest children to be liberated from Auschwitz—and of his family.

MYSTERY/THRILLER

And Then There Were Four by Nancy Werlin

When a building collapses around five teenagers, they know something strange is going on. Little by little, the group pieces together a theory: their parents are working together to kill them all. Is it true? And if so, how and why?

Disappeared by Francisco X Stork

Four months ago Sara's best friend, Linda, disappeared from the streets of Juarez. Sara has been using her job as a reporter to draw attention to girls kidnapped by the criminals who control the city, but now she and her family are being threatened. Meanwhile her brother, Emiliano, is being lured into the narcotics business by the promise of big money.

Genuine Fraud by E. Lockhart

Told through flashbacks, best friends Jule and Imogen are orphaned outcasts who will do almost anything to attain a happy, wealthy life.

One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. One of them, Simon, never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention he's dead and it wasn't an accident. He'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?

NONFICTION

Bound by Ice by Sandra Neil Wallace

The 1897 journey of the crew of the USS Jeannette, who departed San Francisco hoping to find a route to the North Pole. The ship became locked in ice drifted for nearly two years before it sank. The crew began a treacherous journey to reach civilization.

Chasing King's Killer by James L. Swanson

James Earl Ray and Martin Luther King, Jr. had two very different life journeys but their paths fatally collide when Ray assassinates the world-renowned civil rights leader. An inside look into both of their lives and an examination of the assassination and its aftermath.

REALISTIC

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs.

Dress Codes for Small Towns by Courtney C. Stevens

Gender-nonconforming Billie likes to buck convention and get into trouble with her group of five friends. When one confesses to Billie that she's in love with another, Billie's filled with a nagging sadness as she realizes that she's in love with them both.

Far from the Tree by Robin Benway

After placing her own baby up for adoption, Grace discovers she has a younger sister and an older brother. Told in alternate voices of Grace, outspoken sister Maya, and their brother Joaquin, who has languished in foster care for most of his life.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez

When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.

Love, Hate & Other Filters by Samira Ahmed

Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents' world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.

Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu

Vivian is fed up with her high sexist dress codes, hallway harassment, and gross comments from guys during class. She creates a feminist zine and distributes it anonymously. Viv's just blowing off steam, but soon realizes that she has started a girl revolution at her school.

Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen

Wren Clemmens is hustled out of her house at 3 a.m. and taken to a wilderness therapy camp. Eight weeks of survivalist camping to turn your life around. Yeah, right.

ROMANCE

I Believe in a Thing Called Love by Maurene Goo

Senior Desi Lee decides to tackle her flirting failures by watching Korean tv dramas, where the hapless heroine always seems to end up in the arms of her true love by episode ten.

A Semi-Definitive List of Worst Nightmares by Krystal Sutherland

Esther's grandfather was cursed by Death and everyone in her family is doomed to suffer one great fear in their lifetime. She doesn't know what her great fear is yet and keeps a list of worst nightmares. Her friend Jonah decides to help her work her way through the list.

The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli

A cute new girl enters Molly's twin sister Cassie's life, along with a cute hipster-boy sidekick. Molly wants to win him over, but one problem: Molly's coworker, Reid, a chubby Tolkien superfan. There's absolutely no way Molly could fall for Reid.

When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon

Dimple Shah is tired of her Mamma's obsession with finding the "Ideal Indian Husband." Rishi Patel is a hopeless romantic who wants to be arranged. Their parents didn't mean to start turning the wheels on this "suggested arrangement" but when they noticed them both gravitate toward the same summer program, they figured...why not?

SCIENCE FICTION

Defy the Stars by Claudia Gray

Teenaged soldier Naomi and an enemy robot, Abel, who is programmed to obey her commands, set out on an interstellar quest to save her home planet, Earth colony Genesis.

Midnight at the Electric by Jodi Lynn Anderson

The fates of three teens in three different time periods and places are entwined in ways both heartbreaking and hopeful (Kansas: 2065, Oklahoma: 1934, England: 1919).

Spill Zone by Scott Westerfeld

Three years ago an event destroyed Poughkeepsie. Uncanny manifestations & lethal dangers now await anyone who enters the Spill Zone. Addison makes her living taking photos there. When an eccentric collector makes a million-dollar offer, Addison breaks her own hard-learned rules of survival.

Warcross by Marie Lu

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

SPORTS

Game Change by Joseph Monninger

Zeb is a quarterback on his high school's undefeated football team, but he never plays. Why would he when T.T. Munroe—a walking, talking highlight reel—is around? That is, until T.T.'s injured a week before the state championship. Now Zeb is starting. When a college recruiter says Zeb could have a future, he realizes there's a bigger life out there.

Hooper by Geoff Herbach

Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. When he's tapped to play on a team with the best players in the state, it confirms that basketball is his ticket to the good life. When a police incident threatens to break the bonds Adam's finally formed, he must make an impossible choice.

A Season of Daring Greatly by Ellen Emerson White

Making history as the first woman to be signed by a major league baseball team, eighteen-year-old Jill is confronted by coaches, players, and fans who want to keep baseball an all-male sport while dealing with her own doubts about her choices.