Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson

Monday is missing, and only Claudia seems to notice. As Claudia digs deeper into her friend’s disappearance, she discovers that no one seems to remember the last time they saw Monday. How can a teenage girl just vanish without anyone noticing that she’s gone?

Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu

MOXIE GIRLS FIGHT BACK! In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, Viv, sixteen, starts an feminist zine. As Viv forges friendships with other young women, she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution.

Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson

Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school’s amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.

Pride by Ibi Zoboi

In a timely update of Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice, critically acclaimed author Ibi Zoboi skillfully balances cultural identity, class, and gentrification against the heady magic of first love in her vibrant reimagining of this beloved classic.

Swing by Kwame Alexander

Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam.

The Education of Margot Sánchez by Lilliam 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, the good looking but outspoken boy from the neighborhood.

Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coles

The Hate U Give meets All American Boys in this striking and heartbreaking debut novel, commenting on current race relations in America. When Marvin Johnson’s twin brother, Tyler, is shot and killed by a police officer, Marvin must fight injustice to learn the true meaning of freedom.

Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin by Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin

An intimate portrait of Trayvon Martin shares insights into the movement he inspired from the perspectives of his parents, who describe their efforts to bring meaning to his short life through the pursuit of justice.

Fiction & Nonfiction Titles

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After The Shot Drops by Randy Ribay
Bunny and Nasir have been best friends forever, but when Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, Nasir feels betrayed. Told from alternating perspectives, After The Shot Drops is a heart-pounding story about the responsibilities of great talent and the importance of compassion.

Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan
A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family’s vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school. After her local mosque is vandalized, she is devastated. Her friend Soojin is talking about changing her name. Does Amina need to become more “American” and hide who she really is?

Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life. Adib Khorram’s brilliant debut is for anyone who’s ever felt not good enough—then met a friend who makes them feel so much better than okay.

I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
The ghost of fifteen-year-old Alfonso Jones travels in a New York subway car full of the living and the dead, watching his family and friends fight for justice after he is killed by an off-duty police officer while buying a suit in a Midtown department store.

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.

Dear Martin by Nic Stone
Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
A fiercely stunning novel that takes place in 60 potent seconds, Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn’s fatal shooting, and seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah
The Emmy and Peabody Award-winning host of the Daily Show, Noah was indeed “born a crime” in apartheid South Africa. He was the son of a white Dutch father and a black Xhosa mother. Here he relates his rise to fame and his sometimes over-the-top mother’s influence.

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.