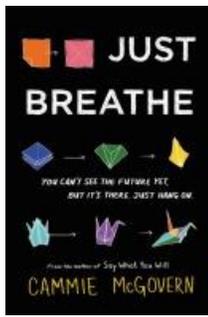


Just Breathe by Cammie McGovern

David Scheinman is the popular president of his senior class, battling cystic fibrosis. Jamie Turner is a quiet sophomore, struggling with depression. Neither Jamie nor David can bring themselves to reveal the secrets that weigh most heavily on their hearts and their time for honesty may be running out.



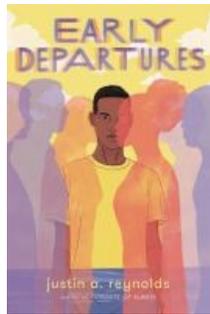
When We Were Infinite by Kelly Loy Gilbert

Knowing that the friendships she depends on will change when her parents split up, Beth witnesses a private act of violence in her crush's home before forging a pact with her friends to offer support in the face of a life-altering decision.



Early Departures by Justin A. Reynolds

Q doesn't know that he died, and that he's about to die again. He doesn't know that Jamal tried to save him. And that the reason they haven't been friends for two years is because Jamal blames Q for the accident that killed his parents. But what if Jamal could have a second chance? A new technology allows Q to be reanimated for a few weeks before he dies...permanently.



The Ghosts We Keep by Mason Deaver

Everything happens for a reason. At least that's what everyone keeps telling Liam after his older brother Ethan is killed in a hit-and-run. Feeling more alone and isolated than ever, Liam has to not only learn to face the world without Ethan, but also face the fading relationships of his two best friends in the process.

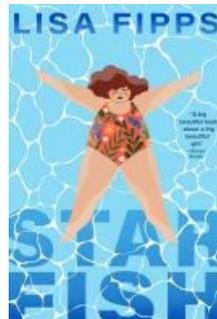
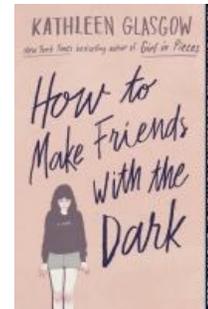
You've Reached Sam by Dustin Thao

Julie fell in love with Sam the day she met him. But Sam died. Desperate to hear his voice one more time, Julie calls his cellphone expecting to hear his voicemail but then Sam answers, and suddenly their cellphones become the living connection between them, a connection Julie finds impossible to let go.



How to Make Friends With the Dark by Kathleen Glasgow

Tiger, sixteen, has been pushing away from her overprotective mother. When her mother dies suddenly, Tiger must learn to live when it feels she is surrounded by darkness.



Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Ever since Ellie wore a whale swimsuit and made a big splash at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. She's found her safe space in her swimming pool where she feels weightless in a fat-obsessed world. In the water, she can stretch herself out like a starfish.

Books That Will Make You Cry or Give You All The Feels!



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Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ten-year-old Della can rely on her older sister, Suki, for anything, but when Suki attempts suicide, Della must seek help and speak out about the sexual abuse they've both suffered at the hands of their mother's boyfriend.

Instructions for Dancing

by Nicola Yoon

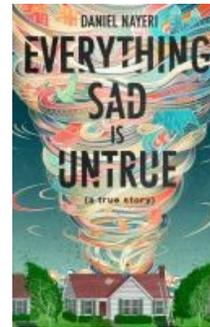
Evie Thomas doesn't believe in love anymore. Especially after the strangest thing occurs one otherwise ordinary afternoon: she witnesses a couple kiss and is overcome with a vision of how their romance began and how it will end. After all, even the greatest love stories end with a broken heart, eventually.



Everything Sad Is Untrue: (A True Story)

by Daniel Nayeri

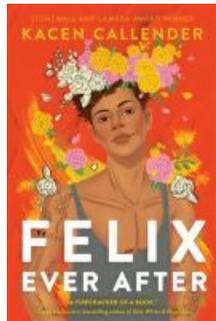
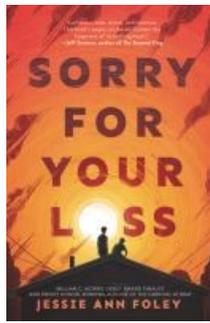
Khosrou (everyone calls "Daniel") tries to tell a story. His story. But no one believes him. To them he is a dark-skinned, hairy-armed boy with a big butt whose lunch smells funny; who makes things up and talks about poop too much. But his stories, stretching back years, and decades, and centuries, are beautiful, and terrifying.



Sorry for Your Loss

by Jessie Ann Foley

The only person who ever made Pup think he could be more was his older brother Patrick. But Patrick died suddenly, leaving Pup with a family who won't talk about it and acquaintances who just keep saying, "sorry for your loss." But an unexpected friend exposes Pup to a whole new world.



Felix Ever After

Felix has never been in love. He is proud of his identity: black, queer, and transgender. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages, after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned, he comes up with a plan for revenge. He didn't count on his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle.

The Cost of Knowing

by Brittney Morris

Sixteen-year-old Alex Rufus's curse of seeing the future distracts him from being and doing his best, but when he sees his little brother Isaiah's imminent death, he races against time, death, and circumstances to save him.



You'd Be Home Now

by Kathleen Glasgow

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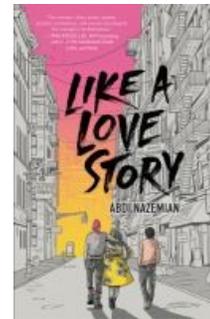
You Should See Me in a Crown

Liz has always done her best to avoid the spotlight in her small, wealthy, and prom-obsessed high school. She is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen which leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of true friendships.

Like a Love Story

by Abdi Nazemian

It's 1989 in NYC and the world is changing. Reza knows he's gay, but all he knows of gay life are images of men dying of AIDS. Judy falls for Reza and they start dating. Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen. As Reza and Art grow closer, Reza struggles to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart.



The Lucky Ones

by Liz Lawson

May survived the school shooting, but her twin brother died. Zach lost most of his friends when his mother decided to defend the shooter. His friend Conor talks Zach into coming to band practice on the same night May goes with her friend Lucy to audition for a new band. Now both might figure out that surviving could be an option after all.



Lovely War

The Greek goddess Aphrodite recounts two tales of tragic love during WWI to her husband, Hephaestus, and her lover, Ares, in a luxe Manhattan hotel room at the height of World War II. She seeks to answer the age-old question: "Why are Love and War eternally drawn to one another?"



Three Things I Know Are True

by Betty Culley

Life changes forever for Liv when her older brother, Jonah, accidentally shoots himself with his best friend Clay's father's gun. Now Jonah needs round-the-clock care just to stay alive, and Liv seems to be the only person who can see that her brother is still there inside his broken body.



Vampires, Hearts & Other Dead Things

Victoria and her dad have shared a love of the undead since the first vampire revealed his existence on live TV. When her dad is diagnosed with terminal cancer, Victoria vows to find a vampire, so that she can become one and then save her father.