Flamer by Mike Curato
It’s the summer between middle school and high school, and Aiden Navarro is away at camp. Everyone’s going through changes - but for Aiden, the stakes feel higher. As he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can’t stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance.

Heartstopper by Alice Oseman
Charlie, a highly-strung, openly gay over-thinker, and Nick, a cheerful, soft-hearted rugby player, meet at a British all-boys grammar school. Friendship blooms quickly, but could there be something more...?

Mooncakes by Suzanne Walker
A story of love and demons, family and witchcraft. One fateful night, Nova Huang follows reports of a white wolf into the woods, and she comes across the unexpected: her childhood crush, Tam Lang, battling a horse demon in the woods. As a werewolf, Tam has been wandering from place to place for years, unable to call any town home. Their latent feelings are rekindled against the backdrop of witchcraft, untested magic, occult rituals, and family ties both new and old in this enchanting tale of self-discovery.

Teen Titans: Beast Boy by Kami Garcia
Garfield Logan just wants to be noticed, but after Gar throws away the “supplements” his parents are giving him to suppress his growth, he turns into Beast Boy and everyone starts noticing him— including his crush.

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei
Long before George Takei braved new frontiers in Star Trek, he woke up as a four-year-old boy to find his own birth country at war with his father’s - and their entire family forced from their home into an uncertain future. This is a graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei’s childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II.

The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen
Tiến loves his family and his friends... but Tiến has a secret he’s been keeping from them, and it might change everything. An amazing YA graphic novel that deals with the complexity of family and how stories can bring us together.

The Daughters of Ys by M.T. Anderson
Drifting apart after their queen mother’s unexplained death, the sister princesses of an Atlantis-like city from Celtic legend find their bond irrevocably changed when their once-protected world becomes vulnerable to dangerous monsters.

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang
Gene understands stories, but Gene doesn’t get sports. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it’s all anyone can talk about. The men’s varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that’s been decades in the making. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars... he knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn’t know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons’s lives, but his own life as well.

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than just foils and lunges. Discover there's much more to fencing.

Nicholas Cox is determined to prove himself in the world of competitive fencing. He's dealing with a lot, including family troubles, dropping grades, and the newly formed women's basketball team at his high school. With Ren's new friends and Luna all on the basketball team, the lines between their lives on and off the court begin to blur.

Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights by Mikki Kendall

This graphic novel examines the long history of women and activism through an intersectional lens, highlighting the women integral to progressive movements like abolition, labor, and LGBTQ+ rights.

A Map to the Sun by Sloane Leong

One summer day, Ren meets Luna at a beachside basketball court and a friendship is born. But when Luna moves to back to Oahu, Ren's messages to her friend go unanswered. Years go by. Then Luna returns, hoping to rekindle their friendship. Ren is hesitant. She's dealing with a lot, including family troubles, dropping grades, and the newly formed women's basketball team at their high school. With Ren's new friends and Luna all on the basketball team, the lines between their lives on and off the court begin to blur.

Almost American Girl by Robin Ha

When Chuna's mother moved them from South Korea to the American South, the teen's life became a seemingly hopeless struggle to regain her footing. An enduring love of art led the newly named Robin to social lifelines, confidence, and a maturing appreciation of the highs and lows of American and Korean culture. An intimate, contemplative take on forging identity.

Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder

Tyler Feder shares her story of her mother's first oncology appointment to facing reality as a motherless daughter in this frank and refreshingly funny graphic memoir.

The Montague Twins by Nathan Page

Orphaned teens Pete and Al Montague and their adopted sister, Charlie, already known for solving mysteries in their small New England town, begin studying magic as they investigate a disappearance connected to a seventeenth-century witch.

The Oracle Code by Marieke Nijkamp

After Barbara Gordon survives a gunshot wound that leaves her paralyzed from the waist down, she reluctantly agrees to undergo physical and mental therapy at the Arkham Center for Independence. But when patients start disappearing, Barbara suspects that more is going on behind the mysterious walls of Arkham Center.

Nubia: Real One by L.L. McKinney

The world may laud white superheroes like Wonder Woman, but 17-year-old Nubia knows it’s different for Black girls like her. For her whole life, her moms have struggled to keep her safe—and to conceal her super strength and speed; Nubia’s abilities could make her a target. But during a convenience store robbery, Nubia inadvertently reveals her superpowers while protecting a friend.

You Brought Me the Ocean by Alex Sanchez

Jake Hyde doesn’t swim—not since his father drowned. Luckily, he lives in the middle of the desert, yet he yearns for the ocean. Jake’s life begins to outpace his small town, which doesn’t make it any easier to come out to his mom, or his best friend, or the world. But Jake is full of secrets. What power will he find when he searches for his identity, and will he turn his back to the current or dive head first into the waves?