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. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything.

This side of home
by Renée Watson
Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new--white--family that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.

Tiffany Sly lives here now
by Dana Davis
Tiffany comes to live with her wealthy biological father, whom she has never met, and his family after her mother’s death, but her position in her very strict new home is threatened when another man claims to be her father.

Tyler Johnson was here
by Jay Coles
Accompanying his twin to a party that is thrown into chaos by a shooting, Marvin, a multicultural teen, is horrified when his brother goes missing and is found dead, possibly at the hands of a racist police officer.

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Dear Martin
by Nic Stone
Profiled by a racist police officer in spite of his excellent academic achievements and Ivy League acceptance, a disgruntled college youth navigates the prejudices of new classmates and his crush on a white girl by writing a journal to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the hopes that his iconic role model’s teachings will be applicable half a century later.

The hate u give
by Angie Thomas
Caught between her poor neighborhood and her fancy prep school, sixteen-year-old Starr Carter becomes the focus of intimidation and more after witnessing the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.

Let’s talk about love
by Claire Kann
A secretly asexual college student who desires a swoon-worthy romance without sex despair of ever having a relationship when she is unable to convince any prospective partners that love and sex do not always go together, a resolve that is tested by her crush on a young man she is sure will not understand her.

Little & Lion
by Brandy Colbert
Returning home to Los Angeles from boarding school, Suzette grapples with her bisexuality when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl.

Long way down
by Jason Reynolds
Driven by the secrets and vengeance that mark his street culture, 15-year-old Will contemplates over the course of 60 psychologically suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother. By the National Book Award finalist author of When I Was the Greatest.

Monday’s not coming
by Tiffany D. Jackson
Knowing when her best friend stops showing up at school that something is terribly wrong, Claudia, who depends heavily on her friend to defend her from bullies and help her navigate the toughest time in her life, is baffled when nobody around her seems to remember the last time they saw her friend.

Monster
by Walter Dean Myers
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken. A Coretta Scott King Honor Book.

Running with lions
by Julian Winters
Sebastian Hughes, star goalie on the high school’s soccer team, is looking forward to his senior year until his estranged childhood best friend, Emir Shah, shows up to summer training camp.

Solo
by Kwame Alexander
Seventeen-year-old Blade endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past to navigate the challenges of his former rockstar father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.