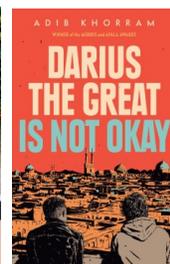




### More Than Just a Pretty Face

by Syed M. Masood (he/him) - Y MASOOD

Enduring family disapproval and the possible cancellation of his arranged marriage because of his ambition to become a chef, Danyal Jilani competes in a school-wide academic championship, where his efforts to prove his intelligence are complicated by his crush on a teammate who loves his cooking.



### Tell me how you really feel

by Aminah Mae Safi (she/her) - Y SAFI

Sana has had a crush on Rachel for years, but when she tried to ask her out it went very badly, and despite not being able to stand Sana, Rachel casts her in Rachel's senior project when she realizes that Sana is perfect for the role



### The light at the bottom of the world

by London Shah (she/her) - SHAH

Enduring a subterranean existence beneath the ruins of a submerged London at the end of the 21st century, a teen joins a prestigious submersible race in the hope of clearing her father's name before unexpected corruption exposes devastating truths.

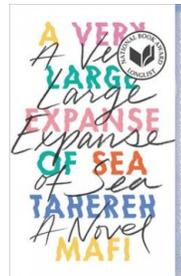
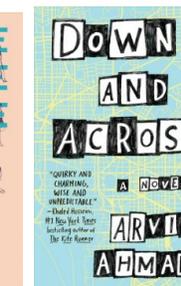
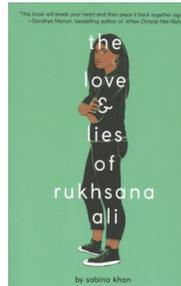
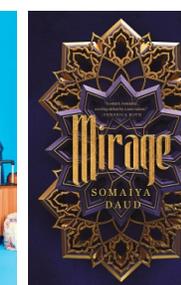


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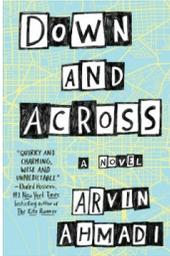
by Jasmine Warga (she/her) - Y WARGA

Traveling to Indiana with her estranged rock star father to meet his family, Taliah learns about how her parents met and separated, her mother's experience as a Jordanian immigrant, and her own ability to accept change.

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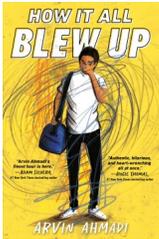
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## Down and across

by Arvin Ahmadi (he/him) - Y AHMADI

A chronic underachiever who never finishes what he starts struggles through college applications without a clue about where to dedicate his studies, a situation that compels him to sneak off to Washington, D.C., to seek the advice of a famous psychology professor, only to find himself on an unexpected high-speed adventure filled with daring and revelations.



## How It All Blew Up

by Arvin Ahmadi (he/him) - Y AHMADI

Fleeing to Rome in the wake of coming out to his Muslim family, a failed relationship and blackmail, 18-year-old Amir Azadi embarks on a more authentic life with new friends and dates in the Sistine Chapel before an encounter with a U.S. Customs officer places his hard-won freedom at risk.



## Love from A to Z

by S. K. Ali (she/her) - Y ALI

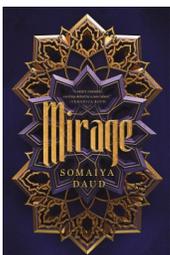
Suspended for standing up against a teacher's hate speech, a Muslim teen visits her aunt in Qatar, where she bonds with a motherless young man who is attempting to hide his multiple sclerosis diagnosis from his grieving father.



## The candle and the flame

by Nafiza Azad (she/her) - Y AZAD

The death of a powerful leader and echoes of a violent past draw a young woman from a thriving Silk Road city into a magical war between two clans of formidable djinn.



## Mirage

by Somaiya Daud (she/her) - Y DAUD

An epic fantasy inspired by the author's Moroccan heritage depicts an 18-year-old dreamer who is forced to work as a body double to protect a princess who is so hated that she is being targeted by death threats.



## Home is not a country

by Safia Elhillo (she/her) - Y ELHILLO

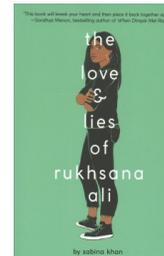
A novel in verse follows the experiences of a misfit teen in a discriminatory suburban community who questions her mixed heritage before unexpected family revelations force her to fight for her own identity.



## We hunt the flame

by Hafsa Faizal (she/her) - Y FAIZAL

Zafira, who disguises herself as a man to become The Hunter, and Nasir, an assassin for his father, the sultan, are both seeking a lost artifact that could return magic to their cursed world.



## The love & lies of Rukhsana Ali

by Sabina Khan (she/her) - Y KHAN

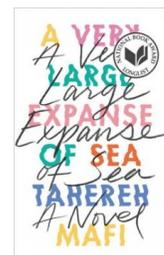
After her conservative Muslim parents catch her kissing her girlfriend Ariana, Rukhsana Ali finds herself whisked off to Bangladesh and must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path.



## The henna wars

by Adiba Jaigirdar (she/her) - Y JAIGIRDAR

When Nishat, an Irish girl of Bengali heritage, sees her old friend Flávia again, she feels attracted, but when they both enter a school contest as henna artists, their feelings for each other become more complicated.



## A very large expanse of sea

by Tahereh Mafi (she/her) - Y MAFI

A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life, until she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down.