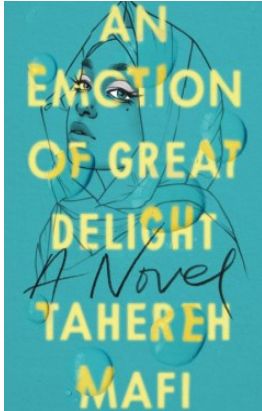
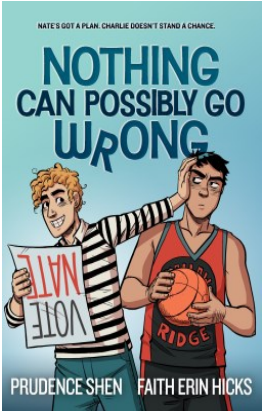
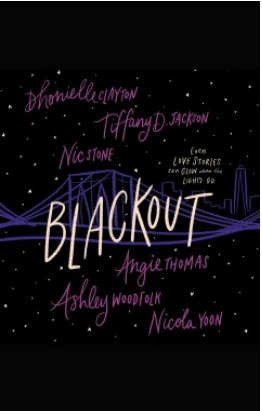
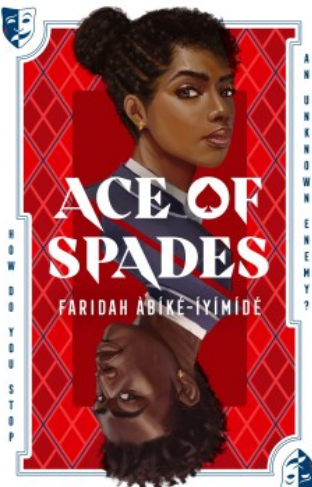


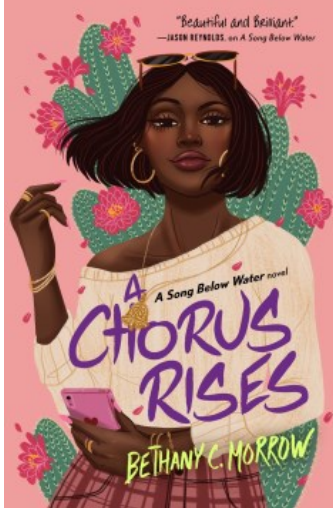
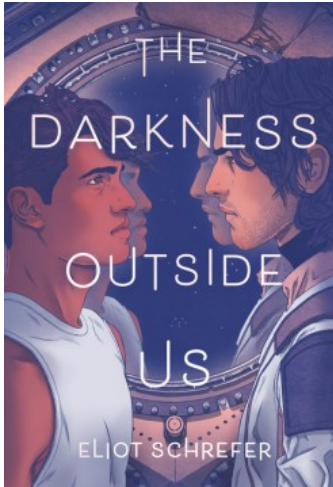
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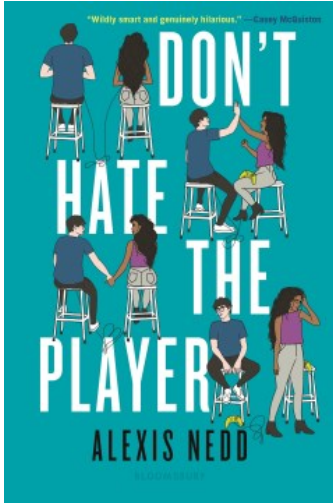
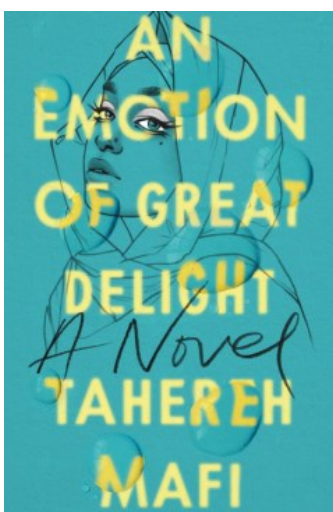
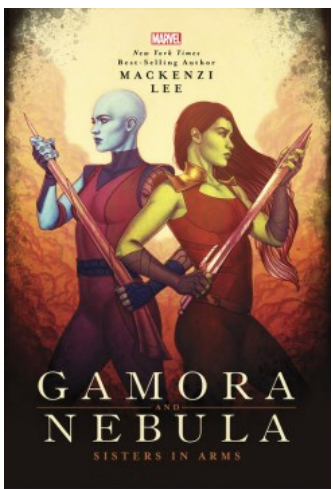
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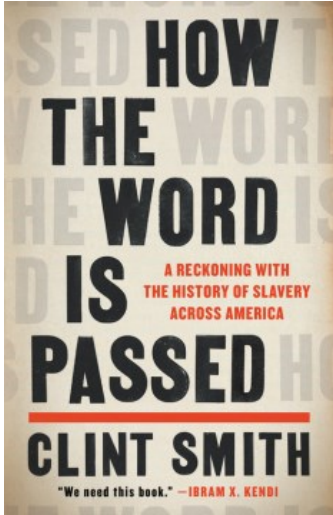
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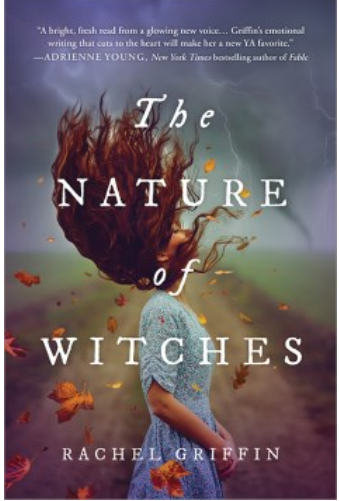
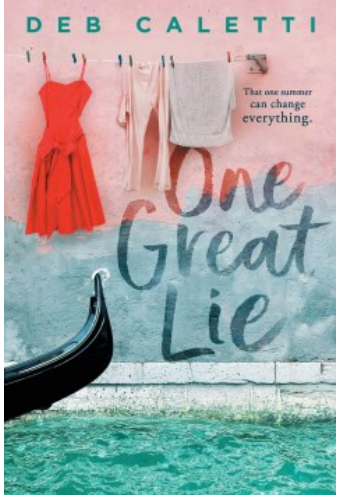
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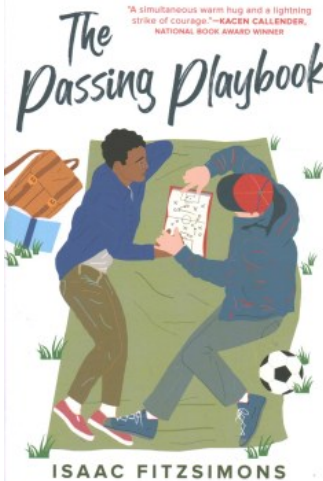
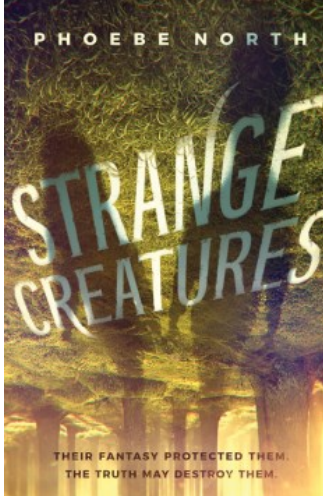
	Title/Author/Release	Genre/Subject	Summary
 978-1-25080-081-7	<i>Ace of Spades</i> - Faridah Abike-Iyimide 6-1-2021	Thriller	When two Niveus Private Academy students are selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects, it looks like their year is off to an amazing start. Shortly after the announcement is made, though, someone who goes by Aces begins using anonymous text messages to reveal secrets about the two of them that turn their lives upside down and threaten every aspect of their carefully planned futures.

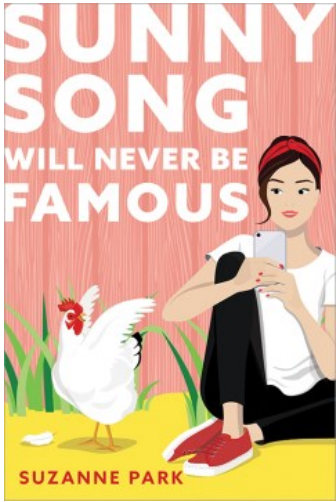
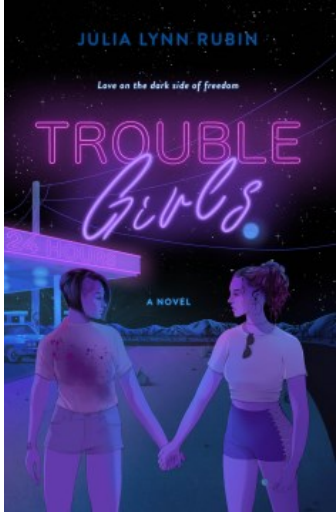
 978-1-25076-006-7	<i>Better Together: A Novel</i> - Christine Riccio 6-1-2021	Romance Comedy	Jamie and Siri are sisters, torn apart at a young age by their parent's volatile divorce. They've grown up living completely separate lives: Jamie with their Dad and Siri with their Mom. Now, reunited after over a decade apart, they hatch a plot to switch places. It's time they get to know and confront each of their estranged parents. With an accidental assist from some fortuitous magic, Jamie arrives in New Jersey, looking to all the world like Siri, and Siri steps off her flight sporting a Jamie glamour.
 978-1-25031-603-5	<i>A Chorus Rises: A Song Below Water Novel</i> - Bethany C. Morrow 6-1-2021	Fantasy	Teen influencer Naema Bradshaw has it all: she's famous, stylish, gorgeous--and she's an Eloko, a charismatic person gifted with a melody that people adore. Vilified by those closest to her, Naema heads to the Southwest where she is determined to stage a comeback. But when her online advocates start targeting other Black girls, Naema will realize that--for Black girls like her--even the privilege of fame has its limits.
 978-0-06-288828-0	<i>The Darkness Outside Us</i> - Eliot Schrefer 6-1-2021	Science fiction Romance	Ambrose wakes up on the Coordinated Endeavor with no memory of a launch. There's more that doesn't add up: evidence indicates strangers have been on board, the ship's operating system is voiced by his mother, and his handsome, brooding shipmate has barricaded himself away. But nothing will stop Ambrose from making his mission succeed--not when he's rescuing his own sister.

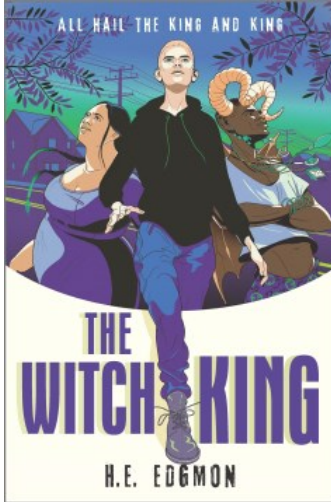
 978-1-54760-502-6	<i>Don't Hate the Player</i> - Alexis Nedd 6-1-2021	Romance Online gaming	Emilia Romero is living a double life. By day, she's a field hockey star with a flawless report card. But by night, she's kicking virtual butt as the only female member of a highly competitive eSports team. Emilia has mastered the art of keeping her two worlds thriving, which hinges on them staying completely separate. But her perfectly balanced life is thrown for a loop when a member of a rival team recognizes her . . .
 978-0-06-297241-5	<i>An Emotion of Great Delight</i> - Tahereh Mafi 6-1-2021	Realistic fiction Identity	It's 2003, several months since the US declared war on Iraq, Shadi, who wears hijab, keeps her head down. Shadi is named for joy, but she's haunted by sorrow. Her brother is dead, her father is dying, her mother is falling apart, and her best friend has dropped out of her life. Shadi tries to navigate her crumbling world by soldiering through, saying nothing. She devours her own pain, each day retreating farther and farther inside herself until finally, one day, everything changes. She explodes.
 978-1-36802-225-5	<i>Gamora and Nebula: Sisters in Arms</i> (<i>Marvel Universe YA, 2</i>) - Mackenzi Lee 6-1-2021	Action adventure Superheroes	Gamora arrives on Torndune, not knowing that her sister is in hot pursuit. Nebula has followed Gamora to Torndune in hopes of claiming the planet's heart first and shaming her sister as vengeance. But the closer they get to the heart of the planet--and to each other--the closer they get to uncovering the truth of what brought them there and the role they may unknowingly be playing in a twisted competition with galactic consequences.

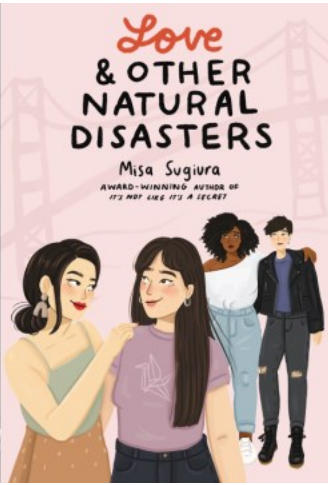
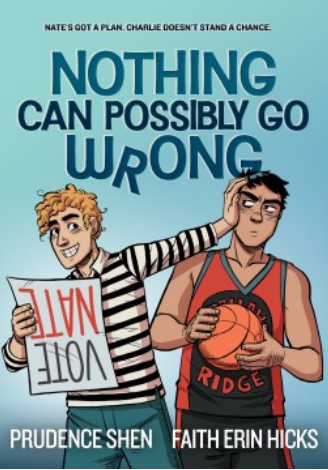
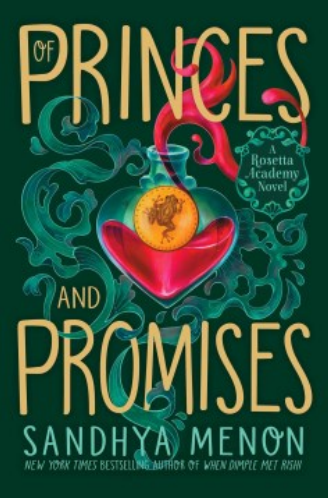
 978-1-33859-334-1	<i>The Ghosts We Keep</i> - Mason Deaver 6-1-2021	Realistic fiction Grief	Liam Cooper's brother Ethan is killed suddenly in a hit-and-run. Feeling more alone and isolated than ever, Liam has to not only learn to face the world without one of the people he loved the most, but also face the fading relationships of his two best friends in the process. Soon, Liam finds himself spending time with Ethan's best friend, Marcus, who might just be the only person that seems to know exactly what they're going through.
 978-0-316-49293-5	<i>How the Word is Passed</i> - Clint Smith 6-1-2021	Adult for YA Narrative nonfiction US History Slavery	Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks--those that are honest about the past and those that are not--that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves.
 978-1-52471-896-1	<i>Instructions for Dancing</i> - Nicola Yoon 6-1-2021	Romance	Evie Thomas doesn't believe in love anymore. She finds herself at a dance studio with a boy named X. Falling for X is definitely not what Evie had in mind. If her visions of heartbreak have taught her anything, it's that no one escapes love unscathed. But as she and X dance around and toward each other, Evie is forced to question all she thought she knew about life and love. In the end, is love worth the risk?

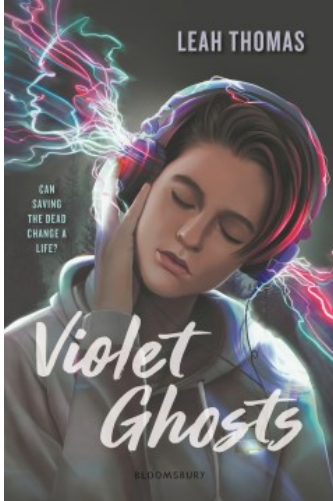
 978-1-53446-853-5	<i>The Lucky List</i> - Rachael Lippincott 6-1-2021	Romance Grief	Emily's mom died of cancer 3 years ago, and nothing has felt right for Emily since. Emily finds her mom's senior year summer bucket list. When Blake suggests that Emily take it on as a challenge, the two set off on a journey to tick each box and help Emily face her fears before everything changes. As they go down the list, Emily finally begins to feel closer to mom again, but her bond with Blake starts to deepen, too, into something she wasn't expecting.
 978-1-72822-942-3	<i>The Nature of Witches</i> - Rachel Griffin 6-1-2021	Fantasy Magic Witches	Witches, who for centuries have maintained the climate, are losing their power as the atmosphere becomes more erratic, and all hope for a better future lies with Clara Densmore, an Everwitch whose rare magic is tied to every season.
 978-1-53446-317-2	<i>One Great Lie</i> - Deb Caletti 6-1-2021	Romance Mystery Italy	When Charlotte wins a scholarship to a writing workshop in Venice with the charismatic and brilliant Luca Bruni, it's a dream come true. As Bruni's behavior becomes increasingly unnerving, and as Charlotte begins to unearth the long-lost work of Isabella (involving a long-time family mystery) with the help of sweet, smart Italian Dante, other things begin to rise, too--secrets about the past, and secrets about the present.

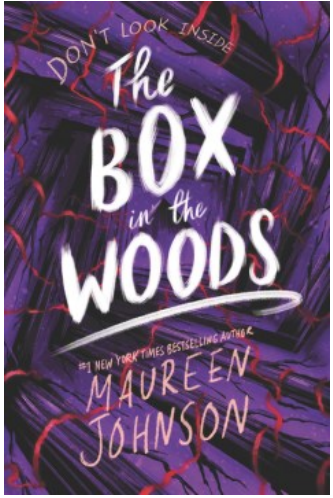
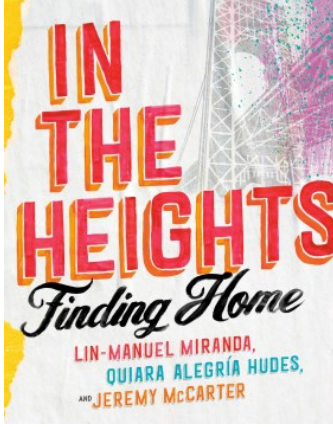
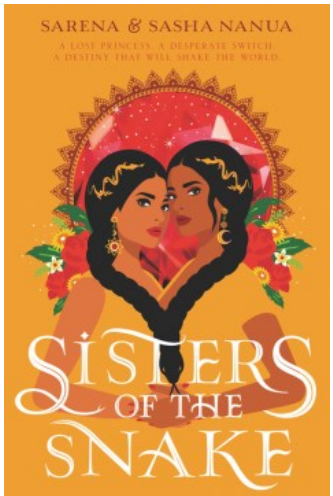
 978-1-984815-40-8	<i>The Passing Playbook</i> - Isaac Fitzsimons 6-1-2021	Romance Identity	Spencer Harris is a proud nerd, an awesome big brother, and a David Beckham in training. He's also transgender. After transitioning at his old school leads to a year of isolation and bullying, Spencer gets a fresh start at Oakley, the most liberal private school in Ohio. But when a discriminatory law forces Spencer's coach to bench him, Spencer has to make a choice: cheer his team on from the sidelines or publicly fight for his right to play, even though it would mean coming out to everyone--including the guy he's falling for.
 978-1-33868-172-7	<i>Simone Breaks All the Rules</i> - Debbie Rigaud 6-1-2021	Romance Family Prom	Simone Thibodeaux is fed up with her over-protective mother's insistence on micro-managing her life, like picking her prom date. So together with her fellow late-bloomer friends, Simone comes up with a bucket list of rule-breaking (like cutting classes, and sneaking out of the house)--but soon things get complicated, and Simone has to decide which rules are worth breaking, and which should just be left alone.
 978-0-06-284115-5	<i>Strange Creatures</i> - Phoebe North 6-1-2021	Realistic fiction Siblings	Annie and her older brother, Jamie are inseparable. When life became too much for them, they created their own fantasy world, called Gumlea, where no one else could find them. Then Jamie disappears. Everyone begins to accept that Jamie is gone for good. Everyone, that is, except Annie, who believes that Jamie, somehow, has entered Gumlea, and who believes that she's the only one who can bring him back.

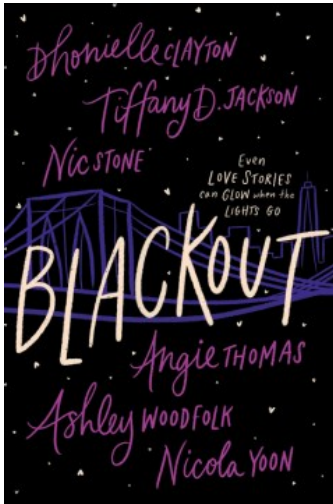
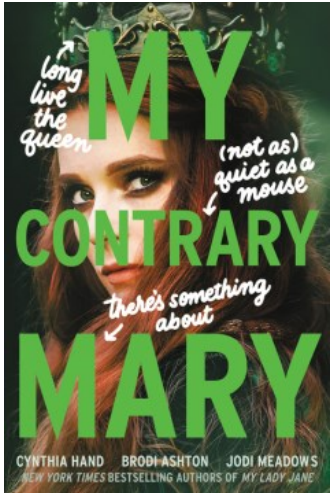
 978-1-72820-942-5	<i>Sunny Song Will Never Be Famous</i> - Suzanne Park 6-1-2021	Romance	Sunny has a list of summer goals. Not on Sunny's list: accidentally filming a PG-13 cooking video that goes viral. Extremely not on her list: being shipped off to a digital detox farm camp in Iowa for a whole month. She's traded in her WiFi connection for a butter churn, and if she wants any shot at growing her social media platform this summer, she'll need to find a way back online. But between some unexpected friendships and an alarmingly cute farm boy, Sunny might be surprised by the connections she makes when she's forced to disconnect.
 978-1-25075-724-1	<i>Trouble Girls</i> - Julia Lynn Rubin 6-1-2021	Thriller	When Trixie picks up her best friend Lux for their weekend getaway, they're looking to forget the despair of being trapped in their dead-end rust-belt town. But a single night of violence derails their trip, and the girls go from ordinary high schoolers to wanted fugitives. Trixie and Lux realize that they can only rely on each other, and that the love they find together is the one thing that truly makes them free.
 978-0-06-302576-9	<i>The (Un)Popular Vote</i> - Jasper Sanchez 6-1-2021	Realistic fiction Romance Identity School elections	Everything Mark knows about politics, he learned from his father, the Congressman who still pretends he has a daughter and not a son. Soon Mark feels emboldened to engage with voters--and even start a new romance. But with an investigative journalist digging into his past, a father trying to silence him, and the bully frontrunner standing in his way, Mark will have to decide which matters most: perception or truth, when both are just as dangerous.

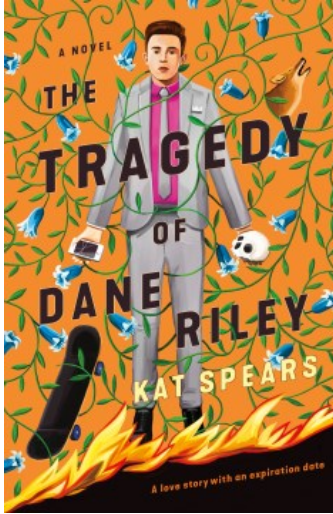
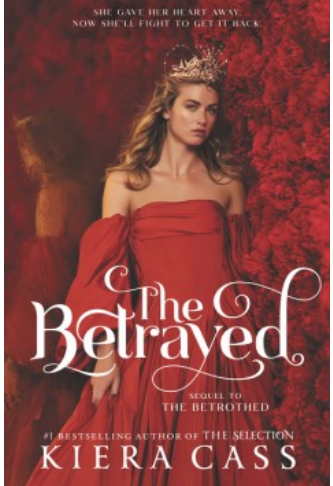
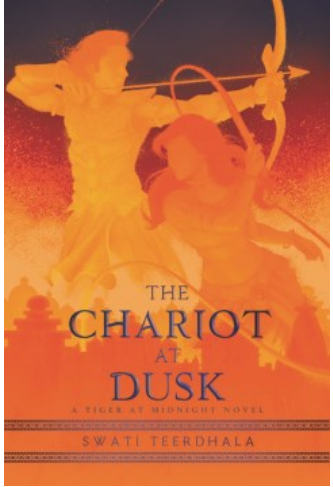
 978-0-425-29080-4	<i>We Are Inevitable</i> - Gayle Forman 6-1-2021	Romance	When Aaron sees the opportunity to sell the family bookstore, he jumps at it, thinking this is the only way out of his small town. But he doesn't account the town's out-of-work lumberjacks taking on the failing shop as their pet project. All of them will help Aaron to come to terms with what he's lost, what he's found, who he is, and who he wants to be, and show him that destruction doesn't inevitably lead to extinction.
 978-1-53444-027-2	<i>We Can't Keep Meeting Like This</i> - Rachel Solomon 6-1-2021	Romance	Quinn and Tarek's families have been in business together for years: Quinn's parents are wedding planners, and Tarek's own a catering company. At the end of last summer, Quinn confessed her crush on him in the form of a rambling email--and then he left for college without a response. Quinn can't deny her feelings for him are still there, especially after she learns the truth about his silence and is able to open up about her own fears.
 978-1-33521-279-5	<i>The Witch King (The Witch King Duology, 1)</i> - H.E. Edgmon 6-1-2021	Fantasy	In Asalin, fae rule and witches like Wyatt Croft...don't. Wyatt's betrothal to his best friend, fae prince Emyr North, was supposed to change that. But when Wyatt lost control of his magic one devastating night, he fled to the human world. Now a coldly distant Emyr has hunted him down. Despite transgender Wyatt's newfound identity and troubling past, Emyr has no intention of dissolving their engagement. But as he gets to know Emyr, Wyatt realizes the boy he once loved may still exist.

 978-0-06-299123-2	<i>Love & Other Natural Disasters</i> - Misa Sugiura 6-8-2021	Romance	When Willow enlists Nozomi to pose as her new girlfriend to make her ex jealous, Nozomi is a willing volunteer. Because Nozomi has a master plan of her own: one to show Willow she's better than a stand-in, and turn their fauxmance into something real. But as the lies pile up, it's not long before Nozomi's schemes take a turn toward disaster...and maybe a chance at love she didn't plan for.
 978-1-25077-961-8	<i>Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong</i> (<i>Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong</i> #1) - Prudence Shen; illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks 6-8-2021	Graphic novel Friendship School elections	Charlie's the laid-back captain of the basketball team. Nate is the neurotic, scheming president of the robotics club. They are friends, however unlikely, until Nate declares war on the cheerleaders and the cheerleaders retaliate by making Charlie their figurehead in the ugliest class election campaign the school has ever seen. At stake? Student group funding that will either cover a robotics competition or new cheerleading uniforms, but not both.
 978-1-53441-757-1	<i>Of Princes and Promises</i> (<i>Rosetta Academy</i> #2) - Sandhya Menon 6-8-2021	Classic retelling Romance	When Caterina finds out Alaric is taking a supermodel to the upcoming gala, she knows she cannot arrive without the perfect date. The solution? Sweet-but-clueless Rahul Chopra and a mysterious pot of hair gel with the power to alter the wearer into whatever his heart desires. When Rahul tries it, he transforms instantly into RC--debonair, handsome, and charming. But transformation comes with a price: As Rahul enjoys his new social standing, the line between his two personas begins to blur...

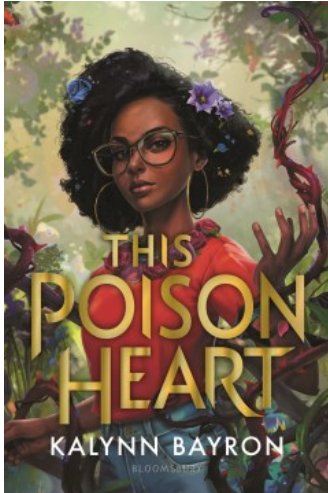
 978-1-947627-48-2	<i>Thirty Talks Weird Love</i> - Alessandra Narváez Varela 6-8-2021	Novel in verse Realistic fiction Depression	Out of nowhere, a lady comes up to Anamaria and says she's her, from the future. This thirty-year-old "future" lady doesn't seem to be dangerous but she won't stop bothering her. Maybe Thirty's right, maybe she's not supposed to be so exhausted with her life, but how can she ask for help when her city is mourning the much bigger tragedy of its stolen girls?
 978-1-54760-463-0	<i>Violet Ghosts</i> - Leah Thomas 6-8-2021	Supernatural Murder	Dani's best friend, Sarah, is a ghost. But maybe that's normal when you've spent your childhood running from an abusive parent. Dani is afraid that if he tells Sarah he's trans, she won't bother haunting him anymore. Sarah's got good reason to distrust boys, having been strangled by one. But as Dani starts to find his place in the living world, he'll need to let go of his ghosts.
 978-1-53446-528-2	<i>Blood Like Magic</i> - Liselle Sambury 6-15-2021	Fantasy Magic	After years of waiting for her Calling--a trial every witch must pass in order to come into their powers--the one thing Voya Thomas didn't expect was to fail. When Voya's ancestor gives her an unprecedented second chance to complete her Calling, she agrees--and then is horrified when her task is to kill her first love. And this time, failure means every Thomas witch will be stripped of their magic. Voya is determined to save her family's magic no matter the cost. The problem is, Voya has never been in love, so for her to succeed, she'll first have to find the perfect guy--and fast.

 978-0-06-303260-6	<i>The Box in the Woods</i> <i>(Truly Devious, Book 4)</i> - Maureen Johnson 6-15-2021	Mystery	Back in 1978, four camp counselors were killed in the woods outside of the town of Barlow Corners, their bodies left in a gruesome display. The new owner offers Stevie an invitation: Come to the camp and help him work on a true crime podcast about the notorious murder case. But something evil still lurks in Barlow Corners. When Stevie opens the lid on this long-dormant case, she gets much more than she bargained for.
 978-0-593-22959-0	<i>In the Heights: Finding Home</i> - Lin-Manuel Miranda, Quiara Alegría Hudes, and Jeremy McCarter 6-15-2021	Adult for YA Musical Theater	This book offers untold stories, perceptive essays, and the lyrics to Miranda's songs--complete with his funny, heartfelt annotations. It also features newly commissioned portraits and never-before-seen photos from backstage, the movie set, and productions around the world. This is the story of characters who search for a home--and the artists who created one.
 978-0-06-298559-0	<i>Sisters of the Snake</i> - Sasha and Sarena Nanua 6-15-2021	Fantasy Royalty Twins	Princess Rani longs for a chance to escape her gilded cage and prove herself. Ria is a street urchin, stealing just to keep herself alive. When these two lives collide, everything turns on its head: because Ria and Rani, orphan and royal, are unmistakably identical. A deal is struck to switch places--but danger lurks in both worlds, and to save their home, thief and princess must work together. Or watch it all fall into ruin.

 978-0-593-34972-4	<i>The Summer of Lost Letters</i> - Hannah Reynolds 6-15-2021	Romance	Abby finds old love letters in her grandmother's things. She heads to Nantucket for the summer to learn more about her grandmother and the secrets she kept. But when she meets Edward's handsome grandson, who wants to stop her from investigating, things get complicated. As Abby and Noah grow closer, the mysteries in their families deepen, and they discover that they both have to accept the burdens of their pasts if they want the kinds of futures they've always imagined.
 978-0-06-308809-2	<i>Blackout</i> - Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon 6-22-2021	Short stories Romance	A summer heatwave blankets New York City in darkness. But as the city is thrown into confusion, a different kind of electricity sparks... A first meeting. Long-time friends. Bitter exes. And maybe the beginning of something new. When the lights go out, people reveal hidden truths. Love blossoms, friendship transforms, and new possibilities take flight.
 978-0-06-293004-0	<i>My Contrary Mary</i> - Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, and Jodi Meadows 6-22-2021	Fantasy Historical fiction	Mary is the queen of Scotland and the jewel of the French court. Except when she's a mouse. Yes, reader, Mary is an Edian (shapeshifter) in a kingdom where Verities rule. It's a secret that could cost her a head. Luckily, Mary has a confidant in her betrothed, Francis. But things take a treacherous turn after the king meets a suspicious end. Thrust onto the throne, Mary and Francis face a viper's nest of conspiracies, traps, and treason. And if Mary's secret is revealed, heads are bound to roll.

	<i>The Tragedy of Dane Riley: A Novel</i> - Kat Spears 6-22-2021	Classic retold Realistic fiction Depression	Dane Riley's grasp on reality is slipping, and he's not sure that he cares. While his mother has moved on after his father's death, Dane desperately misses the man who made Dane feel okay to be himself. He can't stand his mother's boyfriend, or the boyfriend's son, whose favorite pastime is tormenting Dane. Then there's the girl next door: Dane can't quite define their relationship, and he doesn't know if he's got the courage to leave the friend zone.
 978-0-06-229166-0	<i>The Betrayed</i> (<i>Betrothed</i> #2) - Kiera Cass 6-29-2021	Fantasy Romance	After fleeing Coroa and leaving the memory of her beloved Silas behind, Hollis is adjusting to life in Isolte. The Eastoffe family's affection is a balm on her weary spirit, though Etan, a surly cousin with a deep distaste for Coroans, threatens to upset the uneasy peace she's found. While tensions at home ratchet up, disquiet in the kingdom of Isolte is reaching a fever pitch. The Eastoffes may have the power to unseat a tyrannical king--but only with Hollis's help.
 978-0-06-286927-2	<i>The Chariot at Dusk</i> (<i>Tiger at Midnight</i>, 3) - Swati Teerdhala 6-29-2021	Fantasy Adventure	Esha is reeling from Kunal's betrayal, but she has a kingdom to rule from behind a thin smokescreen--pretending to be Princess Reha while she sends her most trusted soldiers to collect Reha and Kunal by any means necessary. But the Yavar are attacking from every front in search of legendary artifacts that will give them the power to break the precarious janma bond and release the destructive magic back into the lands.

 978-0-593-20482-5	<i>Eat Your Heart Out</i> - Kelly deVos 6-29-2021	Horror	Vee barely has a chance to meet the other members of her pod, all who seem as unhappy to be at Featherlite as she does, when a camper goes missing down by the lake. Then she spots something horrifying outside in the snow. Something...that isn't human. Plus, the camp's supposed "miracle cure" for obesity just seems fishy, and Vee and her fellow campers know they don't need to be cured. Of anything.
 978-0-06-286570-0	<i>The Girl Least Likely</i> - Katy Loutzenhiser 6-29-2021	Romance Humor	Gretchen has always been more of a "least likely" than a "most likely" kind of girl. So how does she somehow find herself living out every trope from her favorite rom-coms: The Best Friend Crush. Makeover(!) The Roguish Bad Boy. The Perfect Cover: A way for Gretchen to escape into her new funny-girl alter ego and figure out who she really is--and what she really wants. But as rom-coms have taught her, leading a double life can only last so long. . . .
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