Going Bovine
by Libba Bray
YF Bray
2010. In an attempt to find a cure for Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Cameron Smith, a disaffected 16-year-old boy, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he met in the hospital.

Jellicoe Road
by Melina Marchetta
YF Marchetta
2009. High school student Taylor Markham, who was abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of 11, struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

The White Darkness
by Geraldine McCaughrean
YF McCaughrean
2008. When her uncle takes her on a dream trip to the Antarctic wilderness, Sym's obsession with Captain Oates and the doomed expedition becomes a reality as she is soon in a fight for her life in some of the harshest terrain on the planet.

American Born Chinese
by Gene Luen Yang
YGN Yang
2007. This graphic novel alternates between three stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in American popular culture.

Looking for Alaska
by John Green
YF Green
2006. Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

How I Live Now
by Meg Rosoff
YF Rosoff
2005. To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, 15-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, but soon war breaks out and rips the family apart.

The First Part Last
by Angela Johnson
YF Johnson
2004. Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Postcards from No Man's Land
by Aidan Chambers
YF Chambers
2003. Jacob Todd travels to Amsterdam to honor his grandfather, a soldier who died in a nearby town in World War II, while in 1944, a girl named Geertrui meets an English soldier named Jacob Todd, who must hide with her family.
Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley
YF Boulley
2022. Treated like an outsider in both her hometown and on the Ojibwe reservation, a half-Native American science geek and star hockey player places her dreams on hold in the wake of a family tragedy.

Everything Sad Is Untrue: (A True Story)
by Daniel Nayeri
YF Nayeri
2021. At the front of a middle school classroom in Oklahoma, a boy named Khosrou (whom everyone calls "Daniel") stands, trying to tell a story. His story. But no one believes a word he says.

Dig
by A.S. King
YF King
2020. When their rags-to-riches grandparents decide against bequeathing the family fortune to their descendants, five teens confront difficult secrets and the realities of their disadvantages before uniting in the effort to save the family name.

The Poet X
by Elizabeth Acevedo
YF Acevedo
2019. The daughter of devout immigrants discovers the power of slam poetry and begins participating in a school club as part of her effort to understand her mother’s strict religious beliefs.

We Are Okay
by Nina LaCour
YF LaCour
2018. Running back to college and shutting out everyone from her life in California after a traumatic summer that nobody else knows about, Marin is forced to confront what happened during a lonely, fateful winter break.

March: Book Three
by John Lewis
GN Biography Lewis
2017. Congressman John Lewis, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement, joins co-writer Andrew Aydin and artist Nate Powell to bring lessons of history to vivid life for a new generation, urgently relevant for today’s world.

Bone Gap
by Laura Ruby
YF Ruby
2016. Treated as an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, Finn is the only witness to an abduction, but his inability to distinguish between faces hampers his ability to help with the investigation and subjects Finn to further ridicule.

I’ll Give You the Sun
by Jandy Nelson
YF Nelson
2015. A story of first love and family loss follows the estrangement between daredevil Jude and her loner twin brother, Noah, as a result of a mysterious event brought to light by a beautiful, broken boy.

In Darkness
by Nick Lake
YF Lake
2013. Following the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a gang member, is trapped in the rubble of a hospital. As he grows weaker, he has visions of his life and of Toussaint L’Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804.

Ship Breaker
by Paolo Bacigalupi
YF Bacigalupi
2011. A tale set in a Gulf Coast shanty town 100 years in the future finds teen Nailer dreaming of a better life on the sea before discovering a beached clipper ship and lone survivor.

Midwinterblood
by Marcus Sedgwick
YF Sedgwick
2014. Seven linked vignettes of passion and love unfold on a Scandinavian island inhabited throughout various time periods by Vikings, vampires, ghosts and a curiously powerful plant that resembles a dragon.

Where Things Come Back
by John Corey Whaley
YF Whaley
2012. Cullen’s summer in Lily, Arkansas is marked by his cousin’s death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother’s disappearance.

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