

HIGH SCHOOL

YA FICTION

☀Ashton

Diplomatic Immunity

A seventeen-year-old aspiring reporter decides to write a scathing exposé on an elite Washington, D.C., private school, but her life changes when her subject comes to her for help.

Hannah Says: “Fun, cute boys and awesome parties – a perfect beach read, but you know, with a conscience. Maybe...”

🎵☀Blake

Three Dark Crowns

In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born—three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. Mirabella is a fierce elemental, able to control storms or flames with the snap of her fingers. Katharine is a poisoner, able to ingest the deadliest poisons without harm. And Arsinoe, a naturalist, can control nature. But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose ... it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins. The last queen standing gets the crown.

Lizzy Says: “Blood, lust, competition. All the making of a great new series. Be prepared, this first book sets the stage for the next two to come, so it starts slow as we get to know each sister and ends... well... bloody.”

🎵☀Buxbaum

Tell Me Three Things

Sixteen-year old Jessie, still grieving over her mother's death, must move from Chicago to "The Valley," with a new stepfamily but no new friends until an anonymous fellow student emails and offers to help her navigate the school's treacherous social waters.

☀Cavallaro

Study in Charlotte: A Charlotte Holmes Mystery

Jamie Watson has always been intrigued by Charlotte Holmes; after all, their great-great-grandfathers are one of the most infamous pairs in history. But the Holmes family has always been odd, and Charlotte is no exception. She's inherited Sherlock's volatility and some of his vices—and when Jamie and Charlotte end up at the same Connecticut boarding school, Charlotte makes it clear she's not looking for friends. But when a student they both have a history with dies under suspicious circumstances, ripped straight from the most terrifying of the Sherlock Holmes stories, Jamie can no longer afford to keep his distance. Danger is mounting and nowhere is safe—and the only people they can trust are each other.

🎵☀Dessen

Saint Anything

Sydney's charismatic older brother Peyton has always been the center of attention in the family, but when he's sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and the world until she meets the Chathams, including gentle, protective Mac, who makes her feel seen for the first time.

Lizzy Says: “Sarah Dessen is master of feel good realistic fiction and handles teenage love stories like a master. She doesn't disappoint.”

Gardener

You're Welcome, Universe

When Julia finds a slur about her best friend scrawled across the back of the Kingston School for the Deaf, she covers it up with a beautiful (albeit illegal) graffiti mural. Her supposed best friend snitches, the principal expels her, and her two mothers set Julia up with a one-way ticket to a "mainstream" school in the suburbs, where she's treated like an outcast as the only deaf student. The last thing she has left is her art, and not even Banksy himself could convince her to give that up. Out in the 'burbs, Julia paints anywhere she can, eager to claim some turf of her own. But Julia soon learns that she might not be the only vandal in town. Someone is adding to her tags, making them better, showing off--and showing Julia up in the process. She expected her art might get painted over by cops. But she never imagined getting dragged into a full-blown graffiti war.

Hannah Says: "Julia is the coolest art class nerd you've met, she has a big heart but with a serious edge that just might be her downfall."

☀Glasgow

Girl in Pieces

Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people do in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The broken glass washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you. Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen before you can find your way back from the edge. A deeply moving portrait of a girl in a world that owes her nothing, and has taken so much, and the journey she undergoes to put herself back together.

Hannah Says: "Gut-wrenching and real, this story will destroy your soul and then build your faith in humanity back, one piece at a time."

☀Gregorio

None of the Above

Incredibly compelling and sensitively told, *None of the Above* is a thought-provoking novel that explores what it means to be a boy, a girl, or something in between. What if everything you knew about yourself changed in an instant? When Kristin Lattimer is voted homecoming queen, it seems like another piece of her ideal life has fallen into place. She's a champion hurdler with a full scholarship to college and she's madly in love with her boyfriend. In fact, she's decided that she's ready to take things to the next level with him. But Kristin's first time isn't the perfect moment she's planned--something is very wrong. A visit to the doctor reveals the truth: Kristin is intersex, which means that though she outwardly looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts." Dealing with her body is difficult enough, but when her diagnosis is leaked to the whole school, Kristin's entire identity is thrown into question. As her world unravels, can she come to terms with her new self?

Hattrup

Frannie and Tru

When fifteen-year-old Frannie's seventeen-year-old cousin Tru moves in for the summer after a bad coming-out experience, Frannie feels desperate to impress her worldly older cousin, only to discover that his charismatic facade may hide a dark secret.

Hannah Says: "Tru has a serious Gatsby-quality that might just lead him over a cliff one day – literally. Can Frannie save Tru? Or will Tru save Frannie? Or does anyone really need to be 'saved' at all?"

☀Jackson

Allegedly

Mary B. Addison killed a baby. Allegedly. She didn't say much in that first interview with detectives, and the media filled in the only blanks that mattered: a white baby had died while under the care of a churchgoing black woman and her nine-year-old daughter. The public convicted Mary and the jury made it official. But did she do it? There wasn't a point to setting the record straight before, but now she's got Ted--and their unborn child--to think about. When the state threatens to take her baby, Mary's fate now lies in the hands of the one person she distrusts the most: her Momma. No one knows the real Momma. But does anyone know the real Mary?

Hannah Says: "I screamed, legit screamed, while reading this."

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Karin

That Thing We Call a Heart

Shabnam Qureshi is facing a summer of loneliness and boredom until she meets Jamie, who scores her a job at his aunt's pie shack. Shabnam quickly finds herself in love, while her former best friend, Farah, who Shabnam has begun to reconnect with, finds Jamie worrying. In her quest to figure out who she really is and what she really wants, Shabnam looks for help in an unexpected place—her family, and her father's beloved Urdu poetry.

Hannah Says: "Shabnam is having none of this "Good Muslim girl" stuff that people keep throwing at her. She is what she is, and you better get on board. Will her struggle for independence be her downfall or are the roots her true strength?"

☀Leech

Wait for Me

On her father's farm in Scotland in 1945, Lorna Anderson's life consists of endless chores, rationing, knitting Red Cross scarves, and praying for an Allied victory. So when Paul Vogel, a German prisoner of war, is assigned as the new farmhand, Laura is appalled. How can she possibly work alongside the enemy when her own brothers are risking their lives for their country? But as Lorna reluctantly spends time with Paul, she feels herself changing. The more she learns about him—from his time in the war to his life back home in Germany—the more she sees the boy behind the soldier. Soon Lorna is battling her own warring heart. Loving Paul could mean losing her family and the life she's always known. With tensions rising all around them, Lorna must decide how much she's willing to sacrifice before the end of the war determines their fate.

Hannah Says: "Romance? Check. War? Check. As if love wasn't hard enough, Lorna has to compete with a World War, will she and her heart make it out in one piece?"

☀Longo

Up to this Pointe

Devastated when her dream of becoming a professional ballerina falls through, seventeen-year-old Harper Scott takes a job as a research assistant, wintering over at McMurdo, a U.S. science station at the tip of Antarctica where, for the first time, she considers other possible futures.

Hannah: "Ballet is Harper's everything. Her heart, her mind, and her soul. When she fails to become a ballerina her whole world, her whole being crumbles and she does as any young dancer would – runs away to Antarctica. Harper soon finds herself at the end of the world, in total darkness, seeing what she is truly made of."

Menon

When Dimple Met Rishi

Dimple Shah has it all figured out. With graduation behind her, she's more than ready for a break from her family, from Mamma's inexplicable obsession with her finding the "Ideal Indian Husband." Ugh. Dimple knows they must respect her principles on some level, though. If they truly believed she needed a husband right now, they wouldn't have paid for her to attend a summer program for aspiring web developers...right?

Hannah: "Oh, swoon! A young coder, Dimple has no time for boys. Any boys, buy certainly no time for her parents' match making. Is a summer away before college enough distance to stop her parents' meddling in her life or enough time to create the next big app?"

🎵☀Oliver

Vanishing Girls

Sisters Dara and Nick used to be inseparable, but that was before Dara kissed Parker. That was before the accident that left Dara's face scarred. Now the sisters totally estranged. When Dara vanishes on her birthday, Nick thinks Dara is just playing around. But another girl, Madeline Snow, has vanished, too. Nick becomes increasingly convinced that the two disappearances are linked-- and she has to find her sister, before it's too late.

Lizzy Says: "I can't say much because SPOILERS but let me just say that it has major twist at the end!"

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🎵☀Portes

Anatomy of a Misfit

The third most popular girl in school's choice between the hottest boy in town and a lonely but romantic misfit ends in tragedy and self-realization.

🎵☀Quick

Every Exquisite Thing

Nanette O'Hare, a star student and athlete, is given a mysterious out-of-print cult classic novel by her beloved teacher that sparks the rebel within her, but as she befriends the reclusive author and attempts to insert her true self into the world with wild abandon, Nanette learns the hard way that sometimes rebellion comes at a high price.

Lizzy Says: "A quirky read that I enjoyed so much. If books were in high school cliques this story would be hanging out with the hipsters, if it were even into that sort of thing."

Rivera

The Education of Margot Sanchez

Pretty in Pink comes to the South Bronx in this bold and romantic coming-of-age novel about dysfunctional families, good and bad choices, and finding the courage to question everything you ever thought you wanted. After "borrowing" her father's credit card to finance a more stylish wardrobe, Margot Sanchez suddenly finds herself grounded. And by grounded, she means working as an indentured servant in her family's struggling grocery store to pay off her debts. With each order of deli meat she slices, Margot can feel her carefully cultivated prep school reputation slipping through her fingers, and she's willing to do anything to get out of this punishment. Lie, cheat, and maybe even steal...Margot's invitation to the ultimate beach party is within reach and she has no intention of letting her family's drama or Moises—the admittedly good looking but outspoken boy from the neighborhood—keep her from her goal.

Hannah Says: "Margot doesn't understand why she has to be kept from her friend's house in the Hamptons when all she did was borrow her dad's credit card. Well, maybe it wasn't quite 'borrowing' but, whatever. Will being stuck in Harlem all summer crush her dreams of popularity? Or will she be able to rejoin the queen bees at summer's end?"

🎵☀Russo

If I Was Your Girl

Amanda Hardy is the new girl in school. Like anyone else, all she wants is to make friends and fit in. But Amanda is keeping a secret, and she's determined not to get too close to anyone. But when she meets sweet, easygoing Grant, Amanda can't help but start to let him into her life. As they spend more time together, she realizes just how much she is losing by guarding her heart. She finds herself yearning to share with Grant everything about herself, including her past. But Amanda's terrified that once she tells him the truth, he won't be able to see past it. Because the secret that Amanda's been keeping? It's that at her old school, she used to be Andrew. Will the truth cost Amanda her new life, and her new love?

🎵☀Schneider

Beginning of Everything

Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.

Silverman

Girl Out of Water

Ocean breeze in her hair and sand between her toes, Anise can't wait to spend the summer before her senior year surfing and hanging out on the beach with friends. Santa Cruz is more than her home—it's her heart. But when her aunt, a single mother, is in a serious car accident, Anise must say goodbye to California to help care for her three young cousins. Landlocked Nebraska is the last place Anise wants to be. Sure, she loves her family, but it's hard to put her past behind her when she's living in the childhood house of the mother who abandoned her. And with every Instagram post, her friends back home feel further away. Then she meets Lincoln, a charismatic, one-armed skater who challenges her to swap.

Hannah Says: "Anise belongs in the water off Santa Cruz, not stuck on land in Nebraska. Total exile is not easy, but will Anise be able to salvage her summer?"

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☀Thomas

The Hate U Give

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

Hannah Says: "Get ready for a marathon read, because you won't be able to put this down. You will take every step right along with Starr through this story. Time to get woke."

🎵☀Yoon

Sun is also a Star

Natasha: I'm a girl who believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Or dreams that will never come true. I'm definitely not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a crowded New York City street and falls in love with him. Not when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica. Falling in love with him won't be my story. Daniel: I've always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents' high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. Something about Natasha makes me think that fate has something much more extraordinary in store--for both of us. The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true?

🎵☀Zoboi

American Street

On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find *une belle vie*—a good life. But after they leave Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins, Chantal, Donna, and Princess; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own. Just as she finds her footing in this strange new world, a dangerous proposition presents itself, and Fabiola soon realizes that freedom comes at a cost. Trapped at the crossroads of an impossible choice, will she pay the price for the American dream?

Hannah Says: "US Immigration has detained her mom and Fabiola's whole world has spun and left her, alone, with her family who she has never met. Will she be able to free her mother to build the American dream together or will America turn into her worst nightmare?"

J NON-FICTION

J 306.362 Davis

In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives

J 382.4409 Cottman

Shackles from the Deep: Tracing the Path of a Sunken Slave Ship, a Bitter Past, and a Rich Legacy

☀J 509.22 Ignatofsky

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World

J 943.08 Freedman

We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler

YA NON-FICTION

YA 304.8 Osborne

This Land is Our Land: A History of American Immigration
Uprooted: The Japanese Experience During World War II

YA 940.53 Marrin

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J BIOGRAPHIES

J BIO THORPE Sheinkin

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

YA BIOGRAPHIES

YA MINAMOTO Turner

Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune