



**The Truth About My Bat Mitzvah**, Nora Raleigh Baskin  
Realistic fiction  
ISBN: 9781416935582

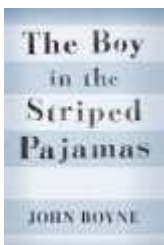
After her beloved grandmother, Nana, dies, non-religious twelve-year-old Caroline becomes curious about her mother's Jewish ancestry.

**The Compound**, S. A. Bodeen  
Suspense ISBN: 9780312370152

After his parents, two sisters, and he have spent six years in a vast underground compound built by his wealthy father to protect them from a nuclear holocaust, fifteen-year-old Eli, whose twin brother and grandmother were left behind, discovers a secret that will shock them all.



**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**, John Boyne  
Historical allegory ISBN: 9780385751070



Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

**Eighth Grade Bites**, Heather Brewer  
Vampire fiction ISBN: 9780525478119

For thirteen years, Vlad, aided by his aunt and best friend, has kept secret that he is half-vampire, but when his missing teacher is replaced by a sinister substitute, he learns that there is more to being a vampire, and to his parents' deaths, than he could have guessed.

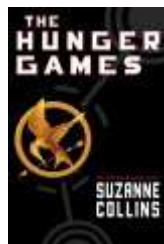


**Airman**, Eoin Colfer  
Adventure ISBN: 9781423107507

In the late nineteenth century, when Conor Broekhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, he is branded a traitor, imprisoned, and forced to mine for diamonds under brutal conditions while he plans a daring escape from Little Saltee prison by way of a flying machine that he must design, build, and, hardest of all, trust to carry him to safety.



**Hunger Games**, Suzanne Collins  
Futuristic, ISBN: 9780439023481



In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

**Losing Forever**, Gayle Friesen  
Realistic fiction  
ISBN: 9781553370314

Jes struggles to balance her life, dealing with her mother's second marriage, her devious soon-to-be stepsister Angela, and her best friend's lovesick behavior.



**The Graveyard Book**, Neil Gaiman  
Fantasy  
ISBN: 9780060530921

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

**Gone**, Michael Grant  
Science fiction ISBN: 9780061448775



In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not.

**Football Genius**, Tim Green  
Sports ISBN: 9780061122705

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.



**Found**, Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Science fiction ISBN: 9781416954170



When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

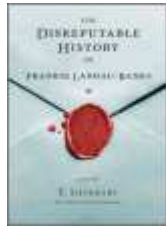
**The Ruby Key**, Holly Lisle  
Fantasy ISBN: 9780545000123

In a world where an uneasy peace binds Humans and Nightlings, Genna and Dan learn of their uncle's plot to gain immortality in exchange for human lives, and the two strike a bargain which sets them on a dangerous journey along the Moonroads in search of a key.

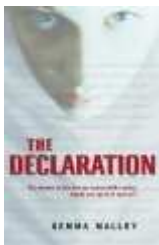


**The Disreputable History of Frankie-Landau Banks**, E. Lockhart  
Realistic ISBN: 9780786838189

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.



**The Declaration**, Gemma Malley  
Science fiction  
ISBN: 9781599901190



In 2140 England, where drugs enable people to live forever and children are illegal, teenaged Anna, an obedient "Surplus" training to become a house servant, discovers that her birth parents are trying to find her.

**The Reminder**, Rune Michaels  
Science fiction, ISBN: 9781416941316

A teenaged girl who hears her dead mother's voice makes a startling discovery after breaking into her father's industrial robotics lab and finding his latest secret project: a lifelike replica of her mother's head that looks, talks, moves, and even smiles just like her mother.



**Night of the Howling Dogs**, Graham Salisbury  
Survival, ISBN: 9780385731225



In 1975, eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

**My Swordhand is Singing**, Marcus Sedgwick  
Vampire story, ISBN: 9780375846892

In the dangerous dark of winter in an Eastern European village during the early seventeenth century, Peter learns from a gypsy girl that the Shadow Queen is behind the recent murders and reanimations, and his father's secret past may hold the key to stopping her.



**Amazing Grace**, Megan Shull  
Realistic fiction ISBN: 9780786856909



Tired of the endorsements, press conferences, and tournaments, Grace Kincaid, a beautiful tennis superstar, goes into hiding and starts a new life in Alaska, with the help of a former FBI agent, where she transforms herself into the girl she's always wanted to be.

**Everlost**, Neal Shusterman  
Afterlife fiction  
ISBN: 9780689872372

When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.



**The Red Thread**, Roderick Townley  
Mystery, ISBN: 9781416908944



Bothered by insomnia, nightmares, and claustrophobia, sixteen-year-old Dana sees a therapist who hypnotizes her into remembering past lives, involving her in an age-old mystery and causing her to question what kind of person she is.

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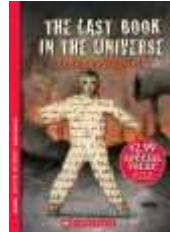
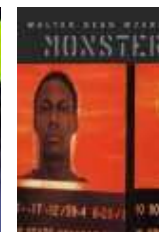
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