

2012 TAYSHAS List
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I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced	Ali, Nujood with Delphine Minoui	2010	Three Rivers Press	978-0307589675
In this powerful autobiography, Nujood narrates her tale of being an unwilling 10-year-old bride given to a man three times her age who continually rapes and abuses her before she even reaches puberty. Determined to regain her childhood, Nujood becomes the first child bride in Yemen to win a divorce and face all the obstacles that this decision incurs not only for herself, but for all of her family members.				
Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing	Angel, Ann	2011	Amulet Books	978-0810983496
The story of 1960s rocker Janis Joplin from small town Texas to hippie San Francisco chronicling the ups and downs of her music career, her drug and alcohol abuse, and her search to find freedom, fame, and self-acceptance.				
Compulsion	Ayarbe, Heidi	2011	Harper Collins / Balzer+Bray	978-0061993862
Soccer star Jake Martin is set to lead his team to their third straight state championship if he can keep his impairing obsessive compulsive disorder in check.				
I Am J	Beam, Cris	2011	Little, Brown and Co.	978-0316053617
Born into a female body, 17-year-old J's brain has always told him he is male. When he kisses his best friend, Melissa, her rejection forces him to search for a solution.				
Flip	Bedford, Martyn	2011	Random House / Wendy Lamb	978-0385739900
Upon waking, Alex discovers he is in another boy's body. Will he be able to return, or is he stuck forever?				
Teenage Waistland	Biederman, Lynn and Pazer, Lisa	2010	Random House	978-0375860348
Told in separate voices, three New York City morbidly obese teens reveal the pain, loss, and betrayal that guides their lives as they prepare to participate in a surgical weight loss trial.				
Chime	Billingsley, Franny	2011	Dial	978-0803735521
Living in a time and place where both evil and benevolent spirits roam, Briony Larkin feels cursed by a secret about her own involvement in her family's tragedies				
White Cat: The Curse Workers	Black, Holly	2010	Margaret K. McElderry Books	978-1416963974
Cassel Sharp has grown up believing he is the only non-gifted member of a family of magical curse workers. He discovers he may have the most powerful talent of all and his family has manipulated this power for their own evil purposes.				

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Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the lawless Years of Prohibition	Blumenthal, Karen	2011	Roaring Book Press	978-1596434493
The era of Prohibition from 1920-1930 is chronicled from its temperance beginning to abolish alcohol, to the time of lawlessness following the passing of the 18th Amendment and its eventual repeal.				
Lie	Bock, Caroline	2011	St. Martin's Press	978-0312668327
Caroline Bock's Lie exposes the ramifications of destruction that happen when racially motivated hate crimes occur in a community. This novel realistically captures the conscience of all involved, and the ethical dilemmas faced by the whole town.				
Beauty Queens	Bray, Libba	2011	Scholastic Press	978-0439895972
Story of what happens when a plane full of teen beauty pageant contestants crash on a tropical island.				
Queen of Hearts	Brooks, Martha	2010	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	978-0374342296
In 1941, fifteen year old Marie-Claire and her two siblings are quarantined in a tuberculosis sanatorium where survival is questionable and treatments severe.				
Bitter End	Brown, Jennifer	2011	Little, Brown and Co	978-0316086950
Alex has never had a serious boyfriend. When Cole, the hot new guy falls for her, he's everything she's dreamed of. So why can't she keep him from hurting her?				
Stolen	Christopher, Lucy	2010	Scholastic / Chicken House	978-0545170932
Gemma is abducted by Ty and taken to the desolate Australian outback, where escape is impossible. She gradually sees beauty in the landscape. Will she fall for Ty as well?				
Leverage	Cohen, Joshua C.	2011	Dutton Books	978-0525423065
When a member of the gymnastics team gets brutally attacked by three football players, Danny, a gymnast, and Kurt, a football player with a past, both know the truth and feel compelled to keep the secret.				
Dash and Lily's Book of Dares	Cohn, Rachel and Levithan, David	2010	Alfred A. Knopf	978-0375859557
At a bookstore Dash finds a notebook with clues for a treasure hunt. A conversation between Dash and Lily full of dares and flirtations begins. Friendship might turn into romance.				

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Notes from the Blender	Cook, Trish and Halpin, Brendan	2011	Egmont	978-1606841402
When death metal freak Declan's dad and popular Neilly's mom end up pregnant and engaged, it sounds like a recipe for disaster, but what the blender produces may surprise the teens.				
What Happened to Goodbye	Dessen, Sarah	2011	Viking	978-0670012947
Mclean's parents have divorced after her mom's scandalous affair. Now Mclean lives with her Dad whose job moves him frequently. Mclean is searching for her identity.				
Entwined	Dixon, Heather	2011	HarperCollins / Greenwillow	978-0062001030
Azalea is the oldest of the twelve dancing princesses of Eathesbury. Forbidden to dance after the death of their mother, the girls put themselves into the hands of a dangerous, magical stranger.				
Annexed	Dogar, Sharon	2010	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	978-0547501956
Anne Frank's story is well-known to many. Annexed tells a similar story, but from the perspective of Peter van Pels, the young man hiding with the Franks and his family.				
Revolution	Donnelly, Jennifer	2010	Delacorte Press	978-0385737647
Andi, an angry grieving girl from Brooklyn, must travel with her father to Paris to complete a school assignment on a French composer, where she discovers a diary written during the French Revolution by a young female street performer.				
You Against Me	Downham, Jenny	2011	Random House / David Flickling	978-0385751605
Eighteen-year-old Mikey seeks revenge for his younger sister's alleged rape, but in the process, falls in love with Ellie, the sister of the accused.				
Wildthorn	Eagland, Jane	2010	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	978-0547370170
The moment Louisa Cosgrove arrives at Wildthorn, she knows something is not quite right. Louisa had unknowingly been committed to an insane asylum and does not understand why.				
How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend	Ghislain, Gary	2011	Chronicle Books	978-0811874601
David's quiet summer is about to turn wild when he meets Zelda, a gorgeous 325-year-old alien from the planet Vahalal on a mission to find her "chosen one"—Johnny Depp.				

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Ruby Red	Gier, Kerstin	2011	Henry Holt & Co.	978-0805092523
In a family of eccentrics, Gwen is happy to be normal—until she suddenly discovers that she's a time traveler, destined to work with the handsome but arrogant Gideon.				
The Girl is Murder	Haines, Kathryn Miller	2011	Roaring Book Press	978-1596436091
Fifteen year old Iris' privileged life in 1942 New York City has been turned upside down after her mother's suicide and her father's loss of a leg at Pearl Harbor inhibits his detective business which Iris secretly helps.				
Blank Confession	Hautman, Pete	2010	Simon & Schuster	978-1416913283
Sixteen year old Shayne Blank turns himself into the police to confess to murder.				
The Big Crunch	Hautman, Pete	2011	Scholastic Press	978-0545240758
Wes and Jen don't fall in love at first sight. They don't hear bells ringing when they meet. In fact neither wants to be in a relationship, but they do fall in love and it's messy, complicated, confusing, exciting, and lovely.				
Paper Covers Rock	Hubbard, Jenny	2011	Delacorte	978-0385740555
In 1982, at the beginning of his junior year, boarding school student Alex uses his gift for writing as he struggles with the guilt of witnessing and not acting quickly during the drowning death of his good friend.				
Five Flavors of Dumb	John, Anthony	2010	Dial Books	978-0803734333
Piper becomes manager of the Battle of the Bands winner, Dumb, and has her work cut out for her trying to get paying gigs and keeping the band together.				
The Name of the Star	Johnson, Maureen	2011	G.P. Putnam's Sons	978-0399256608
While attending a boarding school in London, Louisiana native Rory becomes directly involved in a series of murders by a copycat Jack the Ripper.				
Please Ignore Vera Dietz	King, A.S.	2010	Random House/Alfred A. Knopf	978-0375865862
High school senior Vera Dietz is struggling with the secrets of the sudden death of her ex-best friend Charlie who had recently betrayed her secrets when he became part of a destructive group.				

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Cate of the Lost Colony	Klein, Lisa	2010	Bloomsbury	978-1599905075
As the woman of Walter Raleigh's affection, Cate is banished to Virginia by the Queen. Surviving with the aid of Native Americans, she falls in love with the native, Manteo.				
Girl In Translation	Kwok, Jean	2010	Riverhead Books	978-1594487569
Ah-Kim Chang and her mother persevere through grueling work and horrendous living conditions to immigrate to Brooklyn. A loving parent, constant study, and the friendship of Annette help her adjust to American culture.				
Hothouse	Lynch, Chris	2010	Harperteen	978-0061673795
When their firefighter dads are killed, their surviving sons are drawn together to help each other deal with the loss and find a way to survive the pain.				
Exposed	Marcus, Kimberly	2011	Random House	978-0375866937
When her best friend stops talking to her Kimberly is very confused. Then she finds out her friend was raped and is accusing her brother.				
Thunder over Kandahar	McKay, Sharon E.	2010	Annick Press	978-1554512669
A gripping, yet tender story focusing on the friendship of two Muslim girls living in Afghanistan: one of means and western-educated and the other of impoverished means about to be married to settle her uncle's gambling debts. Amidst the harsh realities of war and poverty, both girls help each other as they try to get out of this Taliban-infiltrated country and escape to the West.				
Shine	Myracle, Lauren	2011	Amulet	978-0810984172
Backwoods Black Creek, N.C. hides dangerous secrets about meth use, alcoholism, abuse, and most recently a vile hate crime which leaves Patrick, a gay teen, in a comatose state. Sixteen-year-old Cat is determined to solve the crime against her friend, disregarding her own safety.				
Recovery Road	Nelson, Blake	2011	Scholastic Press	978-0545107297
Madeline, a sixteen-year-old addict, is in rehab when she falls in love with fellow addict Stewart. Can their love withstand the challenges of living straight?				
Trapped	Northrop, Michael	2011	Scholastic Press	978-0545210126
A tale of survival, seven high school students are stranded at school when a week-long blizzard closes school, the power is lost, pipes freeze, and the roof begins collapsing.				
Delirium	Oliver, Lauren	2011	HarperCollins/Harper	978-0062112439
Lena is approaching her 18th birthday when she will finally and gladly receive her government required brain alteration which prevents the disease amor deliria nervosa, the emotion of love.				

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This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein	Oppel, Kenneth	2011	Simon & Schuster	978-1442403154
Young Victor is precocious, enthusiastic, and an energy-filled teenager whose descent into the darkest recesses of man's soul happens when his twin brother Konrad falls deathly ill. Desperate to cheat death, Victor begins the eternal quest to obtain the forbidden Elixir of Life.				
Karma	Ostlere, Cathy	2011	Razorbill/Penguin	978-1595143389
In 1984, after the death of Maya's Hindu mother, she and her Sikh father travel to India with her mother's ashes, and must resort to extreme actions to survive the turmoil after Indira Gandhi's assassination.				
I Will Save You	Pena, Matt de la	2010	Delacorte Press / Random House	978-0385738286
Tragedy has always followed Kidd. Things turn around when he gets a beach job and meets Olivia. Then his ex-best friend Devon appears. Can Kidd save Olivia from Devon?				
Anna and the French Kiss	Perkins, Stephanie	2010	Dutton Books	978-0142419403
Despite her reluctance to spend her senior year at a top-notch American boarding school in Paris, Anna falls in love with the city its culture and gorgeous classmate St. Clair, who has a serious girlfriend.				
The Things a Brother Knows	Reinhardt, Dana	2010	Wendy Lamb	978-0375844560
Boaz has returned from the Iraq war a hero. But Levi knows something is terribly wrong and is determined to find out the reason.				
The Queen of Water	Resau, Laura & Maria Virginia Farinango	2011	Delacorte Press	978-0385738972
Living in poverty in an Andean village in Ecuador, seven year old Virginia is sold by her parents as a servant for an abusive upperclass mestizo family. Based on a true story				
Illegal	Restrepo, Bettina	2011	Harper Collins / Katherine Tegen	978-0061953422
Nora's father left their small town in Mexico for better opportunities in Texas. After months of not hearing anything from him, Nora travels to Houston in search of her father and her future.				

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Across the Universe	Revis, Beth	2011	Razorbill	978-1595144676
Amy agreed to be frozen, packed as cargo on a space ship headed to another planet, and reanimated 300 years later. When Amy gets accidentally unfrozen ahead of schedule, she awakens to a bleak society fueled by secrets.				
Divergent	Roth, Veronica	2011	HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books	978-0062024022
When 16-year-old Tris joins the reckless "Dauntless" faction, she isn't prepared for the brutality and violence of the initiation—or for the plot to overthrow the social order she uncovers.				
A Good Long Way	Saldana, Rene, Jr.	2010	Piñata Books	978-1558856073
Following the lives of Roelito, Beto and Jessy in one day, through family struggles, school, and dreams for the future.				
Between Here and Forever	Scott, Elizabeth	2011	Simon Pulse	978-1416994848
Seventeen year old Abby feels it is her responsibility to "heal" her comatose sister. In the process she discovers herself and how perceptions are often very different than reality.				
White Crow	Sedgwick, Marcus	2011	Roaring Book Press	978-1596435940
When troubled Rebecca visits a crumbling seaside town for the summer, she meets the eerily strange Ferelith, whose twisted games lead them to discover the grisly secrets of Winterfold Hall.				
Between Shades of Gray	Sepetys, Ruta	2011	Penguin / Philomel	978-0399254123
Fifteen-year-old Lina is taken in the night, shipped in cattle cars to the frozen Siberian wilderness, where survival demands all her strength and retaining her humanity becomes an act of courage.				
The Berlin Boxing Club	Sharenow, Robert	2011	HarperCollins	978-0061579684
After Karl, a Jewish teen growing up in 1930s Germany, is beaten up by a gang of Hitler Youth at school, world championship boxer Max Schmeling gives him boxing lessons.				
Confessions of the Sullivan Sisters	Standiford, Natalie	2010	Scholastic Press	978-0545107105
Almighty, the Sullivan sisters grandmother, has been offended by one of her grandchildren. She threatens to give her vast wealth to charity unless the guilty grandchild confesses their sin in writing.				

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Between	Warman, Jessica	2011	Walker Books	978-0802721822
In the afterlife, Liz, an 18 year old popular privileged girl uses her hazy memories and replays of her family and friends to discover the events leading up to her drowning and also the disturbing traits of her character.				
The Mockingbirds	Whitney, Daisy	2010	Little, Brown and Co	978-0316090537
As a victim of date rape, Alex turns for help from the Mockingbirds, a secret society for justice at her elite prep school.				
Pink	Wilkinson, Lili	2011	Harper Teen	978-0061926532
When Ava questions her life and her sexual identity she transfer to a new high school in an attempt to reinvent herself. Things do not turn out as hoped.				
Miles From Ordinary	Williams, Carol Lynch	2011	St. Martin's Griffin	978-0312555122
The roles have switched for fourteen-year-old Lacey and her mentally unbalanced mother as Lacey strives to bring normalcy to their fragile lives while her mother's behavior becomes increasingly bizarre and frightening.				
Beatle Meets Destiny	Williams, Gabrielle	2010	Marshall Cavendish	978-0761457237
When eighteen-year-old John "Beatle" Lennon serendipitously meets a girl named Destiny McCartney, it seems their fates have aligned. If only Beatle weren't already dating his twin sister's best friend.				
The Space Between Trees	Williams, Katie	2010	Chronicle Books	978-0811871754
When Evie lies to a stranger at Zabet's funeral, claiming that Zabet was her best-friend, she unintentionally becomes involved in figuring out who killed Zabet with Zabet's real best-friend, Hadley.				
Blink and Caution	Wynne-Jones, Tim	2011	Candlewick Press	978-0763639839
While foraging for breakfast from room-service trays, Blink witnesses a fake kidnapping scheme. Meanwhile, Caution is fleeing her abusive druggie boyfriend when through a chance meeting in a train station, she cons Blink out of his remaining cash.				