

TAYSHAS 2017 Annotated List

Author	Title	Publisher	Year	Annotation	Top Ten
Aher, Cecelia	Flawed	Feiwel & Friends	2016	In a futuristic society, people who do not follow certain ethical standards are considered "flawed" and are branded with an "F" to indicate their status. They are shunned and harassed by others and denied certain privileges. Celestine North, who has always been perfect, decides to help a flawed person, which results in dire consequences for her.	
Avery, Lara	The Memory Book	Poppy/ Imprint of Little Brown	2016	After receiving a devastating diagnosis, Sammie McCoy decides the best way to hold on to her past and what she hopes to be her future is to write everything down in her Memory Book.	
Aveyard, Victoria	Red Queen	HarperTeen	2015	Mare Barrow lives in a dystopian society divided by the color of one's blood. Silvers are the elite rulers and have supernatural powers. Reds have no powers and must serve Silvers and fight their wars. Mare accidentally finds out that she is a Red with Silver powers and is forced to masquerade as a Silver as she tries to advance the Red Revolution.	
Bardugo, Leigh	Six of Crows	Henry Holt & Companay	2015	When Kaz Brekker is offered a job he can't refuse to make more money than he ever dreamed of, he puts together a talented team to help him succeed.	
Berry, Julie	The Passion of Dolssa	Viking	2016	Botille feels compelled to protect Dolssa in 1241 France when a friar is hunting Dolssa to burn her at the stake as a heretic.	
Blake, Kendare	Three Dark Crowns	HarperTeen	2016	Every generation, triplet girls are born to a queen. Each girl has a gift: poisoner, naturalist, elemental. The girls are raised separately after age 6, but come together when they are 16 to fight to the death to win the crown.	
Buxbaum, Julie	Tell Me Three Things	Delacorte	2016	After her mother dies and her father remarries, Jessie and her father move to California to live with his new family. Jessie has a hard time adjusting until she is befriended through an anonymous email by someone who offers to help her adapt to her new high school.	
Caleb Roehrig	Last Seen Leaving	Feiwel & Friends	2016	When Flynn's girlfriend, January, goes missing, he is immediately a suspect. As he searches for clues as to her whereabouts, he surprisingly discovers that she is not the person he thought he knew. Flynn is also forced to face the truth that he is gay, and he cannot change that.	

Cameron, Sharon	The Forgetting	Scholastic	2016	Every twelve years the all the citizens of Canaan lose their memories. To help them recover lost events, etc. they write daily in their diaries, which they keep strapped to their bodies at all times. However, seventeen-year-old Nadia remembers everything, but she must hide her ability. She is becoming more and more suspicious of town officials and begins to search for the truth behind the Forgetting.	
Cavallaro, Brittany	A Study in Charlotte	Harper Collins/Katherine Tegen Books	2016	Charlotte Holmes and Jamie Watson, descendants of Sherlock and Dr. Watson, attend the same boarding school in New England. Suspected of murdering a fellow student, they work together to find the real culprit.	
Chee, Traci	The Reader*	Putnam's Sons/Penguin Group	2016	Sefia needs answers: who killed her father, who kidnapped her aunt, and what's so important about a rectangular object that people are willing to kill for it? To find out these answers she will travel across several countries, save a boy from vigilantes, and join a group of pirates searching for lost treasure.	Top Ten
Chokshi, Roshani	The Star-Touched Queen	St. Martin's Press	2016	Born under cursed stars, Maya has little chance to escape a terrible arrange marriage. When a mysterious suitor comes to her rescue, she accepts his proposal and enters a mysterious world that just might hold the answers she's been looking for.	
Donnelly, Jennifer	These Shallow Graves	Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books	2015	New York City society girl Jo Montfort wants to be another Nelly Bly. After her father's unexpected suicide, Jo investigates the cause with the help of Edward, a young reporter.	
Elliott, Kate	Court of Fives*	Little Brown and Company	2015	Jessamy, raised in a patriarchal society, defies tradition to become a Five, one who competes in a multilevel dangerous competition. When another Patron brings down Jes's family, her mother and sisters' lives are forfeit, and Jes must figure out how to save them.	Top Ten
Federle, Tim	The Great American Whatever	Simon & Schuster	2016	Quinn has hardly left his room in 6 months. His best friend has had enough and takes him to a college party where Quinn meets Amir, who helps him start living again.	
Gilbert, Kelly Loy	Conviction	Hyperion	2015	When Braden's father, an evangelical talk show host and his baseball pitching coach, is arrested for murder, Braden must try to use his Christian faith to figure out how to continue pitching and testify at the trial. An estranged brother comes home to help.	
Glasgow, Kathleen	Girl in Pieces*	Delacorte Press	2016	Charlie's pain is written where everyone can see, in the scars that criss-cross her body, put there by her own hand. Can Charlie stop herself before she cuts too deep?	Top Ten
Goodman, Alison	The Dark Days Club	Viking	2016	When Lady Helen is invited to join the Dark Days Club, she must decide between being safe and making a respectable match in marriage, or fighting demons alongside the scandalous Lord Carlston.	

Hall, Tim	Shadow of the Wolf	Scholastic	2015	Robin Loxley becomes Maid Marion's body guard as they are thrown together when Robin is forced to leave his village and Marion leaves her father's castle while he is away at war. They develop a deep friendship and understanding of each other. As the two get older, Marian soon learns that she is the peace offering to the Sheriff of Nottingham. When Robin tries to rescue Marian, he is blinded. Robin soon becomes a student of the forest and with new powers, Robin learns he can change his and Marian's destiny.	
Hamilton, Alwyn	Rebel of the Sands	Viking	2016	Amani has skills: sharpshooter, thief, spy. She sets her sights on escaping her dusty village with the help of the mysterious Jin, a mythical horse, and her every man for herself attitude.	
Hand, Cynthia	My Lady Jane	HarperTeen	2016	History can be so boring at times! Memorizing names and dates...yawn. Lady Jane Grey's part in history gets an upgrade with helping fight the battle between shape-shifting Edian's and purist Verities, and finding her heart's desire.	
Hartzler, Aaron	What We Saw	HarperTeen	2015	A town that loves its basketball team is divided by controversy after the rape of a teen girl at a team member's wild party.	
Headley, Maria Dahvana	Magonia	Harper/ Harper Collins	2015	Aza Ray has been in and out of hospitals her whole life. She's come to accept the fact that no one knows what is wrong with her, until one day...she sees a ship in the sky. Finally, she may get the answers she wants as to why she's so sick, but does she really want to know the truth if it involves leaving behind everyone she loves.	
Hitchcock, Bonnie-Sue	The Smell of Other People's Houses*	Wendy Lamb Books	2016	The story is set in 1970s Alaska and told from the perspective of four teenagers learning how to cope with dysfunction and save each other.	Top Ten
Hutchinson, Shaun David	We Are the Ants	Simon Pulse	2016	Henry Denton has been abducted by aliens for a number of years. During a recent abduction, he is told by the "sluggers" that they are going to wipe out the earth in 144 days. Henry must decide the fate of the human race even though he has to many problems of his own.	
Jennings, Jazz	Being Jazz	Crown	2016	Jazz knew from a young age that even though she was born male, she identified as female. She is an ambassador for transgender awareness, and tells her story (so far!) for readers.	
Johnston, E.K.	Exit, pursued by a bear	Dutton	2016	At cheerleading camp, someone slips Hermione a roofie and everything goes black. As she adjusts to what happened to her, she works to regain control and live her best life possible.	

Jude, Sarah	The May Queen Murders	HMH	2016	Set in Rowan's Glen a farming community in the Missouri Ozarks, residents are warned not to go into the woods or walk alone because families' dogs have started disappearing. When the May Queen ceremony is revived and sixteen-year-old Ivy's cousin goes missing, Ivy discovers that Rowan's Glen is harboring deep, dark secrets.
Kaufman, Amie	Illuminae	Alfred A. Knopf	2015	Kady and Ezra are among a few thousand survivors who flee their home planet before it is destroyed. But, will they survive what awaits them in the dark void of space with a plague and a rogue AI computer plotting to destroy them all?
Kennedy, Katie	Learning to Swear in America	Bloomsbury	2016	With an asteroid hurtling towards Earth, Yuri, a teenage Russian physics prodigy, is brought to the United States in hopes that he can save the world from total destruction. If only he could stop thinking about the American girl with yellow bangs...
Kephart, Beth	This is the Story of You	Chronicle Books	2016	A super storm hits an island used to storms, and Mira survives to discover losses and gains that change everything she has known.
Klass, David	Losers Take All	Farrar, Straus, Giroux	2015	At Fremont High School, the new principal decrees that every senior must be on an athletic team. A group of unathletic misfits forms their own soccer team to defy the school's sports-crazy system.
Kraus, Daniel	The Death and life of Zebulon Finch	Simon & Schuster	2015	Zebulon is a freak show attraction, science experiment, soldier, lover, and murderer. However, the most interesting thing about Zebulon is he has been all of this while being dead at age 17.
Lackey, Mercedes	Hunter	Hyperion	2015	Joyeaux Charmand is an orphan that has been trained to fight Othersiders. The world has been destroyed and though pockets of civilization exist, Joy's life changes when she is summoned to Apex to join the Hunters. Will Joy succeed as a Hunter or will she go back to the only home and hope that she has ever known?
Laure, Estelle	This Raging Light	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2015	Lucille Bennett does her best to "rage against the dying of the light" when she finds herself taking care of her younger sister after both of her parents abandon the family.
Louis Bayard	Lucky Strikes	Henry Holt and Company	2016	During the Depression, when 15 year old Melia's Mother dies, Melia saves herself, her siblings, and her gas station, by claiming a lost bum as their "Daddy".
Lubar, David	Character, Driven	TOR Teen	2016	Cliff is hanging on to the edge of his life, trying not to give in to the bullies, making it through his senior year, and giving love one more try.
Mabry, Samantha	A Fierce and Subtle Poison	Algonquin	2016	Lucas spends summers in Puerto Rico, enjoying the old señoras' stories of the poisonous girl in the cursed house. When his girlfriend disappears, he turns to the mysterious girl for help.

Mackler, Carolyn	Infinite in between	HarperTeen	2015	Five teens write letters to their future selves at freshmen orientation and promise to meet up again at graduation. Follow them as they navigate the ever changing world of high school.	
McCarthy, Cori	You Were Here	Sourcebooks Fire	2016	The main character, distraught by her older brother's death, attempts to heal by retracing the steps that led to his death. Along the way she meets up with old friends who are also encountering struggles.	
McGinnis, Mindy	The Female of the Species	Katherine Tegan Books	2016	In her small home town, Alex is known as the girl with the dead sister. Jack, the popular athlete and Peekay, the preacher's kid, discover during their senior year that Alex is not just the strange loner in their class, but one who knows how to challenge a violent rage that won't be stopped.	
McLemore, Anna-Marie	The Weight of Feathers	Thomas Dunne Books	2015	Lace knows enough to stay away from the Corbeau family. But a chance encounter with a mysterious boy who later saves her life might be enough to shatter all that she has know of her family and the life she once had.	
Mead, Richelle	The Glittering Court	Razorbill	2016	Adelaide disguises herself to escape an arranged marriage. She travels with other girls to be part of the Glittering Court which promises to transform ordinary girls into upper-class ladies able to marry wealthy men.	
Medina, Meg	Burn Baby Burn*	Candlewick Press	2016	Son of Sam is loose in 1977 NYC, and even though that makes Nora uneasy, she has her own monster to deal with--her brother.	Top Ten
Miranda, Megan	The Safest Lies	Crown Books for Young Readers	2016	Seventeen year old Kelsey Thomas has been living with the after effects of her mother's abduction, seventeen years prior, her entire life. This "inherited" fear dictates her every move, until she meets Ryan Baker who shows her she doesn't have to be afraid of everything. Until, one night, her mother disappears and her worst fears begin to come true.	
Ness, Patrick	The Rest of Us Just Live Here	Harper Teen	2015	For Mike and his best friends, all they want is to make it to their high school graduation without their high school blowing up...again. But when all the Indie kids in school start going missing, Mike isn't so sure he and his friends will even make it to their Prom.	
Niven, Jennifer	Holding Up the Universe	Knopf	2016	Libby is known as the world's fattest teen, but she has lost some weight and is looking forward to new possibilities while attending high school. Jack is popular but hides a secret. He cannot recognize faces. When Jack and Libby collide, sparks fly.	
O'Guilin, Peadar	The Call	David Fickling Books/Scholastic	2016	In an isolated, modern Ireland, children, beginning with age ten, attend Survival Colleges where they are taught techniques to survive the Call--three minutes in the brutal, Grey Land of the Sidhe, Irish faeries. Nine out of ten teens never return.	

Oliver, Lauren	Replica*	HarperCollins	2016	Two teen girls, one living in a secret, scientific research institute, and the other a daughter of a prominent family, tell their stories. Eventually, their paths cross and they come to some shocking revelations!	Top Ten
Patel, Sonia	Rani Patel in Full Effect*	Cinco Puntos Press	2016	When she's not working at her family's store or restaurant on the island of Moloka'i, seventeen year old Rani Patel is at home studying to be a doctor. What people don't know is that she's more than the Gujarati girl her father expects her to be. Breaking traditions by speaking her mind and forging her own path, Rani's strength and confidence build through her raps, which she keeps secret in a journal. When word gets out about Rani's skills, she gets invited to join a local rap group and the world may finally get to see the real Rani- in full effect.	Top Ten
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Rhythm Ride A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound	Roaring Book Press	2015	The Groove takes readers on a ride telling them about the founding of Motown Records and the recording artists of the legendary record label.	
Pung, Alice	Lucy & Linh	Alfred A. Knopf	2016	In a series of letters, Lucy writes to Linh about getting into the prestigious school, Laurinda after winning an equal access scholarship. The world of Laurinda is a stark contrast to Christ the King the school she attended in Stanley, a working class suburb. Her classmates at Laurinda are more affluent. Lucy has to navigate a new world and adjust to a new school, and classmates.	
Quick, Matthew	Every Exquisite Thing	Little, Brown	2016	Nanette, a promising soccer star and high school senior, changes all her future plans after reading a novel given to her by her favorite teacher.	
Reynolds, Jason and Brendan Kiely	All American Boys	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2015	When Rashad, a young black man, is beaten by a police officer, Quinn, a young white man, is there to witness it. For both of them, it is a turning point in what they understand about social justice and how they view the world.	
Russo, Meredith	If I Was Your Girl	Flatiron Books	2016	After living a stressful life as a boy, Andrew moves to finish his senior year while living with his dad in another city. However, Andrew has had transgender surgery and is secretly adjusting to a new identity as Amanda.	
Savit, Gavriel	Anna and the Swallow Man	Alfred A. Knopf	2016	Anna's father leaves Krakow in 1939 and never returns. The mysterious Swallow Man takes Anna under his wing and teaches her how to survive while WWII rages around them.	
Schlitz, Laura Amy	The Hired Girl	Condlewick Press	2015	Joan Skraggs is an overworked 14 yr old girl growing up on a Pennsylvania farm at the turn of the century. Her brothers belittle her and her dad does not see the need for her to have any type of education or life. Joan decides to change her life and run away to New York. Through a series of mishaps and good fortune, she is taken in as a cook and maid and learns more than she every thought possible.	

Schmidt, Gary D.	Orbiting Jupiter	Clarion Books	2015	Joesph, a 14 year old foster child and father to a newborn baby, has suffered through horrible things in his past. When he comes to live with Jack's family he finally enjoys the support and love of a family; however, his past continues to haunt him.	
Sepetys, Ruta	Salt to the Sea*	Philomel	2016	Near the end of World War II, refugees are fleeing from the Russian army, hoping to board the Wilhelm Gustloff, a German military transport ship, and get to freedom and safety. The four main characters are among those refugees, and each has a secret they are hiding.	Top Ten
Silvera, Adam	More Happy Than Not	Soho Teen	2015	If you could remove your worst memories, would you? Aaron believes the answer to his happiness resides in taking away the memory of something he believes is the root of all his problems. But, can you really forget something that makes you who you are?	
Skye, Evelyn	The Crown's Game	Balzer + Bray	2016	Two teen enchanters must use their magic in a duel to the death in order to earn the right to be the Russian Tsar's Imperial Enchanter. The winner's magic will become unimaginably powerful and will become the tsar's closest confidant, advisor, and protector of the Russian Empire.	
Smith, Amber	The Way I Used to Be	Simon & Schuster Children's Books/McElderry Books	2016	Raped by her brother's best friend during her freshman year, Eden spends the next three years desperately trying to cope with the trauma of the assault.	
Starmer, Aaron	Spontaneous	Dutton Books	2016	When students at her school start spontaneously combusting, Mara uses her humor and her wit to get to the bottom of what's happening to her senior class.	
Stork, Francisco X	The Memory of Light	Arthur A. Levine	2016	Vicky feels like she is failing at life, and when she wakes up in a mental ward, she thinks she has now failed at death. She agrees to stay in treatment for two weeks to see if she can find a reason to keep living.	
Sullivan, Tara	Bitter Side of Sweet	G.P. Putnam's sons	2016	Hoping to start a new life with opportunities, Amadou and his little brother Seydou, leave their home in Mali to work on a cacao plantation in the Ivory Coast. Instead, they end up as slaves working for brutal foreman. When a mysterious new worker comes to the camp, both brothers there might still be hope left for them.	
Taylor, Janet B	Into The Dim	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2016	After her mother's death, Hope Walton is called to spend time with her aunt at the family estate in Scotland. Once there, Hope finds that everything she's known about her mother and even herself is not what it seems...or even when it seems.	
Thomas, Kara	The Darkest Corners	Delacorte Press	2016	Tessa returns to her small hometown wondering if she and her friend Callie helped send the wrong man to prison and if the real killer is still out there.	

Watson, Renee	This Side of Home	Bloomsbury	2015	Twins Maya and Nikki Younger have lived in the same neighborhood their whole lives. They know their neighbors and like that they live in a predominately black neighborhood. But things begin to change and the older homes are getting bought by new people, renters are being forced to move out for new home owners and upscale business are beginning to become the new norm. The twins have always believed in the same things, but with the changes, come changes for their family as well. Will they survive?	
Whaley, John Corey	Highly Illogical Behavior	Dial Books	2016	Solomon Reed has made his life small on purpose. He hasn't left his house in three years, and it's best that way. But when Lisa and her handsome boyfriend Clark attempt to enter his world, Solomon finds he might just have something to go outside for.	
White, Kiersten	And I Darken	Delacorte Press	2016	Ugly, fierce Lada and her beautiful, sensitive brother Radu are taken from their home as collateral between their father Vlad Dracul and the Ottoman Empire. When they befriend the sultan's son Mehmed, it creates a difficult triangle between the three.	
Winters, Cat	The Steep and Thorny Way	Amulet Books	2016	Hannalee Denny cannot understand why her dead father's ghost keeps appearing on the very road where he was ran over. With her mother quickly remarried and Joe, her father's accused murder recently released from prison, Hanalee wants justice and answers. The more she digs, the more she discovers that her little hometown is not the christian place it presents itself and any one the least bit different is not welcomed.	
Wright, David and Luc Bouchard	Away Running	Orca Book Publishing	2016	Freeman Behanzin, a San Antonio corner safety, and Mathieu Dumas, a Canadian quarter back, are in Paris in to play American Football. After a fateful confrontation, Matt and Free learn what friendship really means.	
Wynne-Jones, Tim	The Emperor of Any Place*	Candlewick	2015	After Ethan's father dies, he finds a book that was sent to his father under mysterious circumstances. He tries to unravel the mystery around the book and his grandfather and a seemingly haunted island.	Top Ten
Zentner, Jeff	The Serpent King*	Crown	2016	Dill, Lydia, and Travis cling to each other their senior year of high school as they dream of escaping their small-town living that is full of brutality, secrets, and fears.	Top Ten