In the Shadow of the Sun, by Anne Sibley O'Brien
How this book stands out: Gripping realistic survival fiction set in North Korea.
You might also like: Traitor, Mapping the Bones, La Linea

Black Panther: The Young Prince, by Ronald L. Smith
How this book stands out: T’Challa and M’Baku learn how to survive undercover at their wild Chicago school.
You might also like: Miles Morales: Spider-Man, Squirrel Meets World, Akata Witch

Nevermoor 1: The Trials of Morrigan Crow, by Jessica Townsend.
How this book stands out: A girl on the run for her life finds she has magical powers she never dreamed of.
You might also like: The Hotel Between, Wundersmith (Nevermoor #2), the Harry Potter series

The Lone Star Reading List encourages reading for pleasure, and is aimed at students in grades 6-8. Each year, 20 books—exploring a variety of topics, reading tastes, and maturity levels—are chosen by a committee of school and public librarians from across Texas.

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How this book stands out: Action-packed story with baby sitters AND monsters! Who would have guessed those monsters under the bed were REAL?
You might also like: Killer Pizza, Max Helsing & the 13th Curse, Nightmares!

Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World, by Ashley Herring Blake
How this book stands out: Story of a girl coming to grips with personal tragedy...and personal preferences.
You might also like: One True Way, Star Crossed, George

Not if I Save You First, by Ally Carter
How this book stands out: A young woman must save the life of the President’s son in wintertime Alaska.
You might also like: I Am Still Alive, Hatchet, IQ series

Storm Runner, by J.C. Cervantes
How this book stands out: Zane takes on the gods of Mayan mythology to keep his family, his town, and his dog safe. For all fans of Percy Jackson!
You might also like: The Lightning Thief, Aru Shah and the End of Time, The Serpent’s Secret

Time Bomb, by Joelle Charbonneau
How this book stands out: Six kids are at school when a bomb goes off...and one of them is the bomber.
You might also like: Don’t Turn Around, This is Where It Ends, Hate List

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http://ww.txla.org/groups/yart
After Zero, by Christina Collins
How this book stands out: A girl deals with selective mutism after things go terribly wrong at school and at home.
You might also like: Wintergirls, Speak, The Science of Breakable Things

The Night Diary, by Veera Hiranandani
How this book stands out: Everything changes when India and Pakistan break up in 1947, and Nisha becomes a refugee.
You might also like: Escape from Aleppo, A Ticket to India, Amal Unbound

Everless, by Sara Holland
How this book stands out: Intricately-plotted fantasy, romance and action intertwine in this story.
You might also like: An Enchantment of Ravens, The Kiss of Deception, The Tiger’s Curse

The Parker Inheritance, by Varian Johnson
How this book stands out: Two kids solve a mystery and find out a town secret from the dark days of the Civil Rights era.
You might also like: The Lions of Little Rock, The Great Shelby Holmes, Chasing Vermeer

Letters to the Lost, by Brigid Kemmerer
How this book stands out: Two lost souls find each other…and love.
You might also like: More Than We Can Tell, Just Listen, By Your Side

Restart, by Gordon Korman
How this book stands out: Amnesia makes Chase take a hard look at the bully he once was…and wonder if he can change.
You might also like: Gifted, The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, Stargirl

Space Runners 1: The Moon Platoon, by Jeramey Kraatz
How this book stands out: Action-packed adventure with kids vs. invading aliens!
You might also like: Last Day on Mars, Randoms, Space Case

From Twinkle, With Love, by Sandhya Menon
How this book stands out: Could Twinkle be in love with the wrong twin brother?
You might also like: Love & Gelato, P.S. I Like You, My So-Called Bollywood Life

Resistance, by Jennifer E. Nielsen
How this book stands out: Gritty story of a courier in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II.
You might also like: A Night Divided, Grenade, Projekt 1087.

Ghost Boys, by Jewell Parker Rhodes
How this book stands out: Jerome is killed by a police office and joins the army of ghost boys looking for Justice and closure.
You might also like: The Stars Beneath our Feet, How It Went Down, I Am Alfonso Jones, All-American Boys

The First Rule of Punk, by Celia C. Perez
How this book stands out: Funny story about learning to feel at home with yourself, complete with “zine” illustrations!
You might also like: How to Rock Braces and Glasses, Better Nate than Ever, Blackbird Fly

City of Ghosts, by Victoria Schwab
How this book stands out: Cassidy can see ghosts. But it’s the ghosts that can see HER that have her on the run!
You might also like: Hunt for the Seventh, Spirit Hunters, The Screaming Staircase.