978-0-316-05621-2
In a realistic future after global warming has taken its toll, ship breakers scavenge the metal and oil from beached tankers on the Gulf Coast. Nailer is a young ship breaker who comes upon a particularly interesting “lucky strike”.

Try these too:
*Dark Life* – Kat Falls
*Maze Runner* – James Dashner
*Surviving Antarctica* – Andrea White

978-1-59990-286-9
When Genevieve's mom decides that the family should spend their summer at an authentic frontier community, Genevieve, who does NOT want to be there, sneaks in a cell phone. In between weeding, milking, and doing laundry by hand, she uses it to keep in touch with her friends. When the phone is discovered, Genevieve must choose whether she will stay or return to the modern life. But the choice is not as easy as she thought it would be.

Try these too:
*Gimme a Call* – Sarah Mlynowski
*Hattie Big Sky* – Kirby Larson

978-0-375-84449-2
"Fat Cat" is the nickname Catherine Locke heard for the first time 4 years ago. Since then her self-image, her relationships with friends, and her general health has deteriorated. It takes a year-long science experiment involving giving up junk food, forgoing most modern technology, and going out on several dates for Cat to realize it truly is what's on the inside that matters to those closest to you.

Try these too:
*Artichoke’s Heart* – Suzanne Supplee
*The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* – E. Lockhart
*Flipped* – Wendelin Van Draanen

978-1-42311-639-4
Kat's trying to escape the family “business”. But when her father's life is in danger, she is pulled back into the art thieves world she worked so hard to escape.
Brody Bennet is the one! Lily cannot wait to share this knowledge with him so that he can become her prince and live with her back home under the sea. Yes, this mermaid has the perfect plan until Quince, her obnoxious yet hot neighbor, steps in at the wrong time and wrecks everything.

978-0-525-42364-5  
The Officials know best. Cassia is thrilled with the Match they've selected for her - her best friend Xander. But, then, for a split second, another Match flashes on the screen, the mysterious Ky. Which one is truly Cassia's perfect Match? And how did this happen when the Officials never make mistakes?

978-0-547-27981-7  
When newspaper writer Mitch is asked to cover the school’s sports teams, he is not thrilled. But covering the mysterious new player on the football team might prove to be the story of the year.

978-0-8037-3298-8  
Middle school is hard enough without your genius little sister joining you for 8th grade. Add parents who don't just teach Shakespeare, but LIVE it--daily, and you've got the makings of a tragicomedy even the Bard would love.
978-0-375-84366-2
Sam, a computer hacker, has just begun using a neuro headset. Neuro headsets have become everyday things and you can hear my thoughts and I can tune in to your world. 24 hour live feeds to the Internet, shopping, and gaming are in your mind's eye. A constant barrage of information is enough to drive anyone insane. Step into Sam's world where nothing is quite as it seems and the fate of the world rests in his mind.

Try these too:
*The Gardener* – S. A. Bodeen  
*Z. Rex* – Stephen Cole  
*Goldstrike* – Matt Whyman

978-0-8037-3396-1
In the bloody and violent world of Incarceron, prisoners like Finn are left to rot while the outside world imagines that Incarceron is a paradise. But Princess Claudia lives in her own ornate prison—a world fabricated according to an artificial "protocol" designed to resemble a deceptively beautiful kingdom of the past. When Claudia is promised to marry a cruel prince after the death of her betrothed, she must find an escape and happiness, and Finn may be her only hope.

Try these too:
*Leviathan* – Scott Westerfeld  
*The Hunchback Assignments* – Arthur G. Slade  
*Airman* – Eoin Colfer

978-0-385-73793-7
David Greenberg dreams of becoming the next Jon Stewart. A farfetched dream, considering he's getting swirlies from the class bully and his best friend leaves him to suffer alone. Can David manage to create his videos solo, keep his audience and his hair dry?

Try these too:
*Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol* – Jim Krieg  
*Zen and the Art of Faking It* – Jordan Sonnenblick  
*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* – Tom Angleberger

978-0-7614-5582-0
When Princess Taoshira of the Blue Crescent Islands and Prince Ramil of Gerfal are ordered to marry to form an alliance against a powerful warlord, they are horrified. There is no way that
two people from such different worlds could ever get along. But when they are both
kidnapped, they must find a way to put their differences aside to save their countries and
themselves.

Try these too:
*Conspiracy of Kings* - Megan Whalen Turner
*Finnikin of the Rock* - Melina Marchetta

978-0-06-195099-5
Alex Van Helsing is surprised to discover that he doesn’t simply share the name of a legendary
vampire hunter; he might actually become one too.

Try these too:
*A Banquet for Hungry Ghosts* - Ying Chang Compestine
*Claire de Lune* – Christine Johnson
*Eighth Grade Bites* – Heather Brewer

978-0-374-39951-1
The fate of the human race rests with 14-year-old Tom Filber; social outcast, dysfunctional
family, alienated and bullied by his classmates, and host for an extraterrestrial gastropod. We
are doomed.

Try these too:
*Cosmic* - Frank Cottrell Boyce
*Repossessed* – A. M. Jenkins
*Brains for Lunch* – K. A. Holt

978-0-399-25096-5
When Elizabeth’s teacher suggests she take a job at the library, she is excited about the chance
to earn some extra money. But she quickly learns that the New York Circulating Material
Repository is no ordinary library.

Try these too:
*Reckless* – Cornelia Funke
*Princess of Glass* – Jessica Day George
*Into the Wild* – S. B. Durst

978-0-06-113408-1
What might your life be like if you were truly empathic? Empathic the way that Bruiser is,
Bruiser who "steals" the pain of those he loves and bears their scars. When Bruiser meets
Bronte and her brother Tennyson, Bruiser must decide just how far he will go, no, how far he can go, for love and friendship.

Try these too:
*Thirteen Days to Midnight* – Patrick Carman
*Bait* – Alex Sanchez
*You Don’t Know Me* – David Klass

Jeffrey and Tad are complete opposites and best friends. Both cancer survivors, they now try to survive middle school. Maybe happily ever after isn’t all it’s cracked up to be.

Try these too:
*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* – Jordan Sonnenblick
*Ways to Live Forever* – Sally Nicholls
*Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze* – Alan Silberberg

Pancho is a good kid whose life has taken a bad turn. After his father’s death and sister’s murder, he finds himself in trouble with the law and placed at an orphanage where he is introduced to a world where friendship, revenge, and death become intertwined.

Try these too:
*Ways to Live Forever* – Sally Nicholls
*Antsy Does Time* – Neal Shusterman

Wiles, Deborah. *Countdown*. Scholastic Press, 2010. 978-0-545-10605-4
1962: Franny Chapman lives in the shadow of the Cold War and life is changing faster than she can imagine. Margie, her best friend, suddenly dislikes her for no apparent reason. Her older sister, Jo Ellen, is mysteriously leaving home for long periods. Crazy Uncle Otts is making a fool of the family in front of the whole neighborhood, and the entire United States is worried about Russia launching a nuclear bomb from Cuba. The world is on edge as President Kennedy tries to negotiate a peaceful settlement, but Franny’s world will never be the same.

Try these too:
*The Green Glass Sea* – Ellen Klages
*The Year of the Bomb* – Ronald Kidd
*The Red Umbrella* - Christina Diaz Gonzalez

In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry, apprentice-assistant to the Monstrumologist, Dr. Warthrop,
recounts his bizarre and horrific encounters with the mythic creatures known as, Anthropophagi, a brutal species that feed on human prey.

Try these too:

The Enemy - Charles Higson
The Prince of Mist - Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Night Wings - Joseph Bruchac

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