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A girl from the forest enlists at Pennyroyal Academy, where princesses and knights are trained to battle the two great menaces of the day: witches and dragons.

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*Numbers* by Rachel Ward
*The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater
*Forget Me* by K. A. Harrington
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The rich and marginally famous get to try out a new weight loss drug called Solu on a "Lose Cruise" before it is released to the general public. However, Solu seems to have some extreme side effects. Lots of insight in to the artificialness of celebrity culture and promotes positive body image in a relatable way. Romance pared with horror makes this a hit for all audiences.  
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Claire discovers that her family has secrets that can put her and her brothers in mortal danger.  
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What happens when the parents of a socially awkward boy and the most popular girl in school decide for them all to move in together?  
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   * Trust Me, I'm Lying by Mary Elizabeth Summer
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