

Title	Author	Genre	Summary
A Curious Kind of Magic	Mara Rutherford	Fantasy	Desperate to save her late father's failing curiosity shop, Willow teams up with Brianna, a cursed girl who brings objects to life. With Finley's help, they embark on a perilous quest through Scottish folklore, uncovering secrets, friendship, and real magic along the way.
All the Noise at Once	DeAndrea Davis	Realistic/ boy perspective	Black, autistic Aiden dreams of playing football with brother Brandon, but he melts down at tryouts. After Aiden gets another chance, some teammates start a fight. Police intervene, and Brandon is charged with a felony. Aiden must clear his brother's name and navigate how to be autistic and Black.
Better Than Revenge	Kasie West	Romance	Seventeen-year-old Finley dreams of podcast fame—until her boyfriend Jensen steals her idea to make the team. Furious, she plots revenge and unexpectedly finds it on the football field, taking Jensen's spot with help from his charming rival, Theo. But as sparks fly, Finley must choose between payback and her heart.
Bingsu for Two	Sujin Witherspoon	Romance	After quitting his job at his parent's cafe, River gets a new job at a competing cafe. He accidentally shares a video at work that goes viral, and everyone thinks he's dating prickly coworker, Sarang. They decide to keep up the charade and social media presence to save the cafe.
Cope Field	TL Simpson	Realistic, boy perspective	When Crawford Cope receives community service for hitting his former pro baseball player father over the head with a bat, he knows he's gotten off easy. Upon meeting Hannah Flores at his assignment, Craw's shell is cracked open, and Hannah helps him realize how hard his "perfect" life actually is.
Crashing Into You	Rocky Callen	Romance/Realistic	Leti races from her problems as a scholarship student and the only female underground street racer—until she crashes into Jacob. He's a gangly, autistic kid dreaming of space. Maybe together, these two souls used to orbiting others can finally find their own place to fit in.
Darkly	Marisha Pessl	Mystery	When Dia Gannon enters a contest for an internship with the estate of the great game designer Louisiana Veda, she has no idea what lies in store for her in the world of Darkly—participating in live-action recreations of Veda's lost game, "Valkyrie" and uncovering the truths of its mysterious creator.
Death in the Cards	Mia P. Manasala	Mystery	Danika enjoys reading tarot cards for her clients. Her ultimate goal is to work with her mom, as a private investigator. A senior, Eli, at her school who she has read for goes missing and the girl's younger sister, Gaby, comes back to Danika for help.
Death in the jungle : murder, betrayal, and the lost dream of Jonestown	Candace Fleming	NF	Death in the Jungle is a young adult appropriate telling of the Jonestown massacre. The author did an incredible job of narrating what happened with the Peoples Temple and Jim Jones, their cult leader.
Every Borrowed Beat	Erin Stewart	Romance	Seventeen-year-old Sydney Wells was supposed to die—until a heart transplant saved her life. Searching for purpose and the girl whose heart beats in her chest, she finds Mia's family and her best friend, Clayton. But as Sydney falls for him, she uncovers secrets that could break more than one heart.
Every Time You Hear That Song	Jenna Voris	Romance/Historical	Decklee Cassel's music has been the soundtrack of aspiring journalist Darren Purchase's life in tiny Mayberry, AR. When Decklee dies and leaves a scavenger hunt for fans, Darren can't resist following the clues, discovering secrets about her idol's life and coming to terms with her own identity along the way.
Everything I Promised You	Katy Upperman	Romance	Lia and Beck were destined to be together after Lia's mother consulted a fortune teller. But when Beck unexpectedly passes away, Lia, overwhelmed with grief, moves before senior year. She encounters mysterious Isaiah. Despite their undeniable connection, Lia is determined to keep her distance, unwilling to defy the prophecy.
Fake Skating	Lynn Painter	Romance	After her parents' divorce, Dani moves back for her senior year to her mother's hometown and rekindles a friendship (and maybe something more) with her childhood best friend turned local hockey star Alec.
Girls like Her	Melanie Sumrow	Realistic	Ruby is in jail for supposedly killing a rich white man in Dallas. She is being tried as an adult even though she is 15 years old. With the help of an incredible attorney and caseworker they help her avoid life in prison.
Heir of Storms	Laurn Hamilton Murray	Fantasy	Though her family wields fire magic, Blaze is a Rain Singer. At birth, she summoned a storm that ravaged the empire. Reviled for the destruction she caused, she must compete in a series of deadly trials that decide the future rulers of the kingdoms in a palace full of secrets.
Road Home*	Rex Ogle	NF	In this powerful finale to his memoir trilogy, Rex Ogle recounts being outed, rejected by his father, and forced onto the streets of New Orleans. As he searches for love, safety, and belonging, Road Home reveals a raw, vulnerable story of survival, identity, and the unyielding quest to find home.
Rules for Camouflage	Kirstin Cronn-Mills	Realistic	Neurodivergent Evvie is just trying to make it to graduation by following her "Rules for Camouflage." Aided by her octopus friend Aretha, the denizens of the Lair refuge at school, and fellow zoo volunteer Blue, Evvie fights to graduate while remaining true to her "unruly brain."
Shampoo Unicorn*	Sawyer Lovett	Realistic	Three teens—Brian, a gay podcaster in West Virginia; Greg, a closeted football star; and Leslie, a trans girl in Pennsylvania—connect through a podcast exploring rural queer life. When a hate-fueled incident hospitalizes Greg, their paths intertwine, leading to self-discovery and community.
Sisters in the Wind	Angeline Boulley	Realistic	Lucy Smith, newly released from foster care, narrowly escapes a threat on her life and is forced to rely on attorney Jameson and his friend Daunis. From them, Lucy learns about the Ojibwe heritage and family her father kept a secret, but Lucy has secrets of her own.
Skipshock	Caroline O'Donoghue	SciFi	When her train to boarding school jumps through time and space, Margo finds herself riding with Moon, a "salesman" who travels through a series of worlds where time bends and rules change at every train stop. The two must navigate conspiracies, violence, and a possible romance to get Margo home.
Such Lovely Skin	Tatiana Scote-Bonne	SciFi/Horror	Viv, a Twitch streamer, stopped streaming when she accidentally killed her sister and covered it up. When Viv decides to make a comeback and start streaming again, the game she chooses ends up summoning something she never expected - a demonic mimic - that begins to ruin her life.
The Executioners Three	Susan Dennard	Mystery	Freddie Gellar didn't mean to get half the rival high school arrested—she just called the cops after hearing screams in the woods. But when a body turns up the next day, Freddie's instincts scream murder. Now this X-Files-obsessed teen sleuth is determined to uncover the truth before the killer strikes again.

<b>The Glass Girl</b>	Kathleen Glassgow	Realistic	The Glass Girl is a realistic depiction of addiction as a teenager. Bella is 15 years old and everything is falling apart; her grandmother died, her grades are slipping and her boyfriend breaks up with her. A drink starts to make it feel like she has it together but does she?
The Kill Factor	Ben Oliver	SciFi	In a near-future ruled by social media influence, Emerson Ness, jailed on arson and manslaughter charges, is offered the opportunity to win her freedom in a new "game show" being broadcast around the world. The catch? It's a fight to the death and only the last person standing escapes.
The Scammer	Tiffany D. Jackson	Thriller	Jordyn is free from her protective parents and ready to crush it at a historically black university. Her roommate's brother is released from prison and he ends up staying with them at their dorm and wreaking havoc.
This Is Where We Die	Cindy R.X. He	Horror	Having barely survived an avalanche on a skiing trip, the six remaining teens graduate high school nearly two years later and manage to rent out a private island for a graduation party. Unfortunately, not all of them will be making it back from the sandy shores...
This Thing of Ours	Frederick Joseph	Realistic	After a sports injury ends his basketball dreams, Ossie Brown joins a writing program that opens his eyes to racism, inequality, and censorship. With the help of his friends, he finds a new voice and confronts racism, classism, homophobia, and book-banning—ultimately standing up for himself, his teacher, and his community.
Twenty-four Seconds from Now	Jason Reynolds	Romance/Realistic/boy perspective	Neon's been counting down—months, weeks, days, minutes—to this moment with Aria, the girl who's turned every awkward disaster into something unforgettable. But now, locked in her bathroom and trapped in his own head, he's realizing that love, intimacy, and growing up might be a lot messier than he imagined.
<b>Under the Same Stars*</b>	<b>Libba Bray</b>	Historical	A mysterious tree known as the Bridegroom's Oak links three groups of teenagers across 1940s rural Germany, 1980s West Berlin, and 2020 Brooklyn. The connections between them and the mysteries the tree holds in its branches vividly depict the power of storytelling as resistance.
When We Ride	Rex Ogle	Realistic, boy perspective	"Brothers from another mother" since 3rd grade, seniors Diego and Lawson struggle to support single-mother households. While Diego busses tables, Lawson chases fast money in the drug scene. This is a story of friendship and loyalty and deciding how much to sacrifice of yourself in order to save a person you love from themselves.
*We as a committee feel that every title on this list is worthy of the honor and is a quality book for high school students; however, we acknowledge that some titles are in need of review for our school librarians to ensure that they are within their collection development policy. (Books with an asterisk (*) may need further review before purchase.)			
<b>*TOP 3 TITLES are in bold print.</b>			