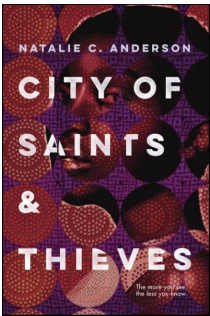
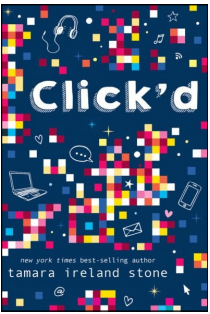


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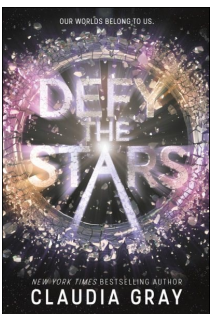
City of Saints & Thieves by Natalie C. Anderson

Going from a maid's daughter to a highly trained thief, Tina's life has been far from easy. With her mother dead, she is determined to destroy the man who killed her. But as she gets closer, will the truth come out the way she had hoped? Set in the streets of Sangui City, Kenya and the remote Congo, this adventure is a nonstop ride.



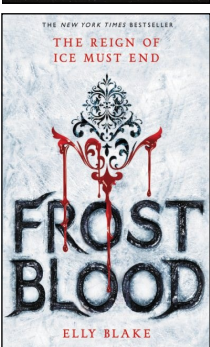
Click'd by Tamara Ireland Stone

CLICK'D is an empowering novel about friendship, dreams, and following your heart. Allie's new app CLICK'D turns out to be a huge hit and watching her app go viral is amazing! But when she discovers a glitch that threatens to expose everyone's secrets, she has to figure out how to make things right. Can Allie fix her app and win back her friends before she presents CLICK'D to the judges?



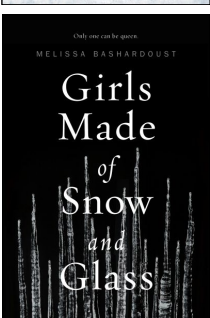
Defy the Stars by Claudia Gray

Noemi, a human girl, and Abel, a mechanized warrior, are enemies, forced to try to survive aboard a long abandoned ship. These enemies become unlikely allies who must work together to help the galaxy find peace. And along the way, they just may find out what it truly means to be human.



Frostblood by Elly Blake

Ruby has been hiding her illegal power to manipulate fire her whole life, but after being captured and imprisoned by the Frostblood King, she knows she must fight. When a rebel group releases her, she vows to learn to use her powers, and destroy the king.

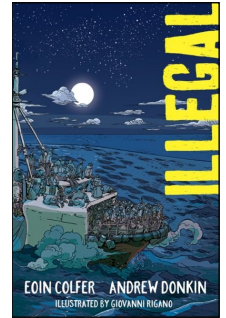


Girls Made of Snow and Glass by Melissa Bashardoust

Can you escape your true nature? Lynet and her stepmother, Mina, have always gotten along, but when secrets from the past are revealed, they find their relationship changing. A dark and compelling retelling of Snow White.

Illegal by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin

A solid graphic novel that highlights the plight of an undocumented immigrant. Ebo sets out from Ghana for Europe in search of his brother Kwame and sister Sisi. Facing challenging landscapes and circumstances, his only hope to be reunited with his family.



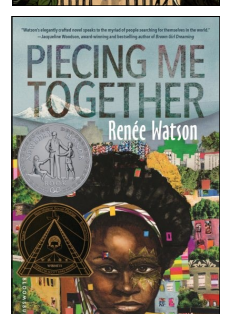
Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson

Rose Lee Carter can't wait to move north, far from the harsh climate of 1950s Mississippi. However, before she can leave, Emmett Till is murdered and Rose must make a decision—leave the tumultuous south behind or stay to fight for justice?



Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Jade is supposed to be fighting for a way out of a poor neighborhood to save her future. She attends a mostly white private school, takes SAT prep classes, and has just joined Women to Women, a program for "at risk" youth. But Jade isn't in a rush to leave her neighborhood. She doesn't want to be saved, she doesn't need to be saved, and it's time she explains that to the "helpful" adults in her life.



Posted by John David Anderson

When cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, Frost and his D & D-playing friends don't care. Frost doesn't even own a cell. Frost and his friends start posting sticky notes and it catches on. Soon everyone is posting, but for every positive note, there is a negative one. Words have power and school will never be the same.



Saints and Misfits by S. K. Ali

Janna, a Muslim teen, is struggling with her identity while realizing that her extended family contains saints, misfits, and monsters. A powerful coming-of-age story.

