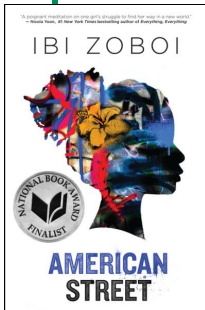


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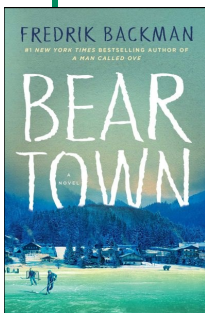


American Street by Ibi Zoboi

Fabiola and her mother are on their way to the United States when her mother is detained by U. S. Immigration and sent back to Haiti. Fabiola is left to navigate her three boisterous cousins, Detroit's west side, a new school and an unpredictable romance all alone with only her faith as solace.

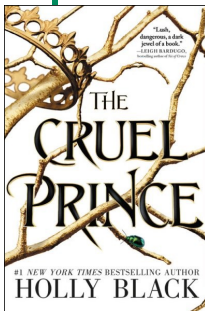
Beartown by Fredrik Backman

The junior ice hockey team is close to winning the championship and the whole town is swirling with anticipation. When a scandal involving a player erupts, parents, children, and coaches are forced to choose sides. Courage and true strength of character will be found in the most unlikely places.



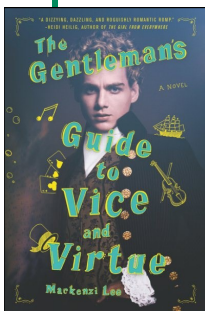
The Cruel Prince by Holly Black

After her parents' murder, Jude, a mortal, was taken away to live in the High Court of Faerie. Jude wants nothing more than to belong in the fey world, but doing so means defying a bloodthirsty prince.



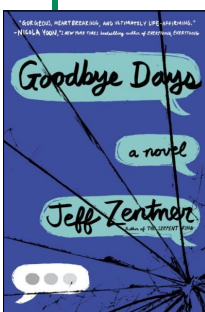
The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee

Wealthy young men in England used to go on a "grand tour" of Europe after completing their education. With his best friend Percy and his wise-beyond-her-years little sister Felicity to accompany him, and adventure at every turn, Monty's own grand tour is an unpredictable roller coaster ride.



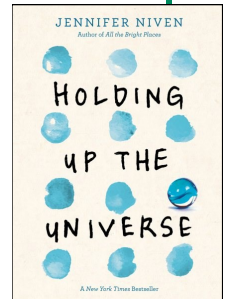
Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner

Carver Briggs sent a text message to his friend Mars, a text that may have resulted in the car crash that killed Mars and Carter's two other best friends. With everyone blaming Carver, he must develop new relationships and learn how to cope with his guilt and grief.



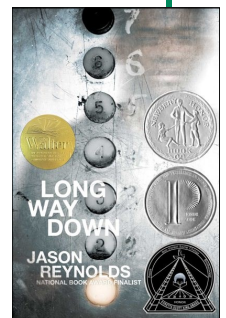
Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven

After a traumatic event, Libby is ready to take on a normal teenage life. Jack is popular, but he has a secret that could upend his life. Though seemingly different, when stuck in community service together they are both surprised to find how alike they really are.



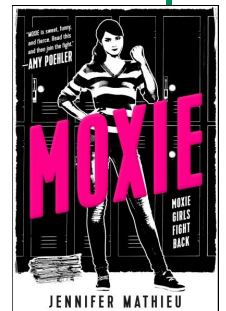
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. These are the rules that Will lives by, the rules that drive him to seek vengeance after his brother Shawn is killed. As Will descends the elevator, it stops at each floor where victims of gun violence from his past join him.



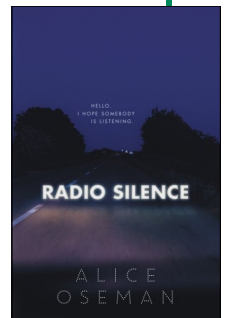
Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu

Viv has had enough of her Texas high school's sexist, football-loving, and small-minded world. Taking a page from her feminist mother's past, she rocks the student body with her underground "zine," and she brings together a seemingly disparate group of girls who find they have a lot to share.



Radio Silence by Alice Oseman

This is not a love story. This is a story about a life-changing friendship, a mysterious podcast, and a devastating secret. After the paths of Frances and Aled intersect at a pivotal point, they learn that the only way to live the life you want is to use your voice.



Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor

Lazlo Strange, a bookish orphan, travels to the semi-mythical city of Weep. There, he finds a blue-skinned family of young gods living in the sky citadel—and falls in love with Sarai, a manipulator of dreams.

