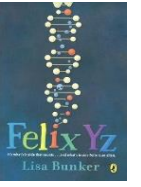

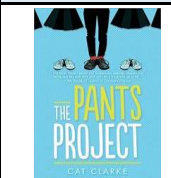
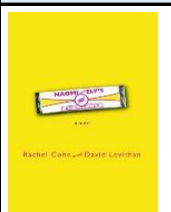
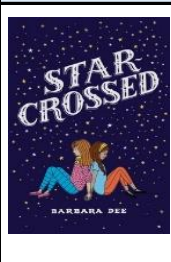
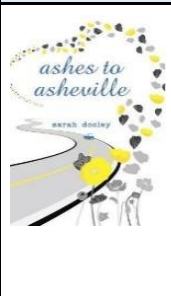
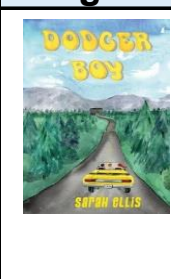
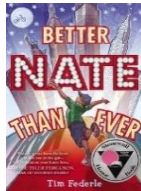
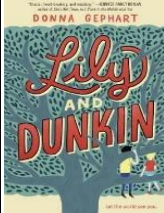



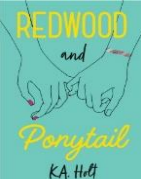



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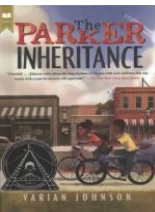
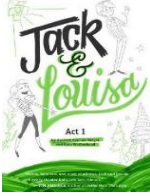



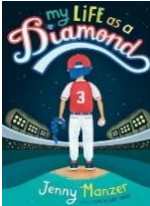
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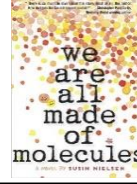



Title	Author	Call #
<b>Alan Cole is Not a Coward</b>	Bell, Eric	FIC BEL
	<p>Alan Cole can't stand up to his cruel brother, Nathan. He can't escape the wrath of his demanding father, who thinks he's about as exceptional as a goldfish. And—scariest of all—he can't let the cute boy across the cafeteria know he has a crush on him. But when Nathan discovers Alan's secret, his older brother announces a high-stakes round of Cole vs. Cole. Each brother must complete seven nearly impossible tasks to win. If Alan doesn't want to be outed, he's got to prove—to Nathan, to the world, to himself—that this goldfish can learn to swim. May the best Cole win.</p>	
<b>Drum Roll, Please</b>	Bigelow, Lisa Jenn	FIC BIG
	<p>Melly only joined the school band because her best friend, Olivia, begged her to. But to her surprise, quiet Melly loves playing the drums. Now she and Olivia are about to spend the next two weeks at Camp Rockaway, jamming under the stars in the woods. But this summer brings a lot of big changes for Melly: her parents split up, her best friend ditches her, and Melly finds herself unexpectedly falling for another girl at camp. To top it all off, Melly's not sure she has what it takes to be a real rock n' roll drummer. Will she be able to make music from all the noise in her heart?</p>	
<b>A High Five for Glenn Burke</b>	Bildner, Phil	FIC BIL
	<p>When sixth grader Silas Wade does a school presentation on former Major Leaguer Glenn Burke, it's more than just a report about the irrepressible inventor of the high five. Burke was a gay baseball player in the 1970s--and for Silas, the presentation is his own first baby step toward revealing a truth about himself he's tired of hiding. Soon he tells his best friend, Zoey, but the longer he keeps his secret from his baseball teammates, the more he suspects they know something's up--especially when he stages one big cover-up with terrible consequences.</p>	
<b>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World</b>	Blake, Ashley Herring	FIC BLA
	<p>When a tornado rips through town, twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed and her family of five is displaced. Ivy feels invisible and ignored in the aftermath of the storm--and what's worse, her notebook filled with secret drawings of girls holding hands has gone missing. Mysteriously, Ivy's drawings begin to reappear in her locker with notes from someone telling her to open up about her identity. Ivy thinks--and hopes--that this someone might be her classmate, another girl for whom Ivy has begun to develop a crush. Will Ivy find the strength and courage to follow her true feelings?</p>	
<b>Felix Yz</b>	Bunker, Lisa	FIC BUN
	<p>Adam says he can't remember where he was for the two months he went missing in a Florida swamp. That's not true. He does remember. The truth: He was driving with his parents, and the car crashed when his father swerved to avoid colliding with a giant Sasquatch-like creature standing in the highway. Haunted by his parents' disappearance and hounded for claiming to have seen Bigfoot, Adam sets off into the deadly wilderness on a hunt for answers as to what really happened that night. The answer he finds is more terrifying--and more fascinating--than he could have imagined.</p>	
<b>Zenobia July</b>	Bunker, Lisa	FIC BUN
	<p>Zenobia July is starting a new life. She used to live in Arizona with her father; now she's in Maine with her aunts. She used to spend most of her time behind a computer screen coding; now she's coming out of her shell and discovering a community of friends at school. People used to know her as a boy; now she's able to live openly as the girl she always knew she was. When someone anonymously posts hateful memes on her school's website, Zenobia knows she's the one with the abilities to solve the mystery, all while wrestling with the challenges of a new school, a new family, and coming to grips with presenting her true gender for the first time.</p>	


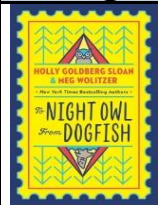
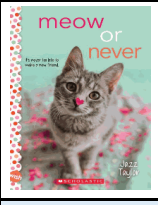
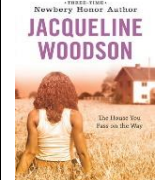
<b>Hurricane Child</b>	Callendar, Kheryn	FIC CAL
	<p>Being born during a hurricane is unlucky, and 12-year-old Caroline has had her share of bad luck. She's hated and bullied by everyone in her small school on St. Thomas, a spirit only she can see won't stop following her, and -- worst of all -- Caroline's mother left home one day and never came back.</p> <p>But when a new student named Kalinda arrives, Caroline's luck begins to turn around. Kalinda, a solemn girl from Barbados with a special smile for everyone, becomes Caroline's first and only friend -- and Caroline's new crush. Now, Caroline must find the strength to confront her feelings for Kalinda, brave the spirit stalking her through the islands, and face the reason her mother abandoned her. Together, Caroline and Kalinda must set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother -- before Caroline loses her forever.</p>	
<b>The Pants Project</b>	Clarke, Cat	FIC CLA
	<p>Liv knows he was always meant to be a boy, but with his new school's terrible dress code, he can't even wear pants. Only skirts. Operation: Pants Project begins! The only way for Liv to get what he wants is to go after it himself. But to Liv, this isn't just a mission to change the policy—it's a mission to change his life. And that's a pretty big deal.</p>	
<b>Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List</b>	Cohn, Rachel	FIC COH
	<p>Naomi and Ely are best friends. Inseparable since childhood. Naomi is straight. Ely is gay. Naomi dates guys who she claims to like. They're okay, but she likes Ely more. To protect their feelings, Naomi and Ely created a No Kiss List—a list of people neither of them is allowed to kiss under any circumstances. Naomi's latest boyfriend Bruce isn't on that list. But he probably should have been. Because when Ely kisses Bruce, it breaks Naomi's heart. The result? A rift of universal proportions. Can these best friends come together again, or will this be end of Naomi and Ely: the Institution?</p>	
<b>Star-Crossed</b>	Dee, Barbara	FIC DEE
	<p>12-year-old Mattie is thrilled when she learns the eighth grade play will be <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>. In particular, she can't wait to share the stage with Gemma Braithwaite, who has been cast as Juliet. Gemma is brilliant, pretty—and British!—and Mattie starts to see her as more than just a friend. But Mattie has also has a crush on Elijah since, well, forever. Is it possible to have a crush on both boys AND girls? If that wasn't enough to deal with, things offstage are beginning to resemble their own Shakespearean drama. And due to a last-minute emergency, Mattie is asked to step up and take over the leading role—opposite Gemma's Juliet—just as Mattie's secret crush starts to become not-so-secret in her group of friends.</p>	
<b>Ashes to Asheville</b>	Dooley, Sarah	FIC DOO
	<p>After Mama Lacy's death, Fella was forced to move in with her grandmother, Mrs. Madison. The move brought Fella all sorts of comforts she wasn't used to at home, but it also meant saying goodbye to her sister Zoey (a.k.a. Zany) and her other mother, Mama Shannon. Already heartbroken, Fella soon finds herself alone in Mrs. Madison's house, grieving both the death of her mother and the loss of her entire family. Then one night, Zany shows up at Mrs. Madison's house determined to fulfill Mama Lacy's dying wish: to have her ashes spread over the lawn of the last place they were all happy as a family. Of course, this means stealing Mama Lacy's ashes and driving hundreds of miles in the middle of night to Asheville, North Carolina. Their adventure takes one disastrous turn after another, but their impulsive journey helps them rediscover the bonds that truly make them sisters.</p>	
<b>Dodger Boy</b>	Ellis, Sarah	FIC ELL
	<p>In 1970 Vancouver, thirteen-year-old Charlotte and her best friend, Dawn, are keen to avoid the pitfalls of adolescence. Couldn't they just skip teenhood altogether?</p> <p>But life becomes more complicated when the girls meet a Texan draft dodger who comes to live with Charlotte's Quaker family. Tom Ed expands Charlotte's horizons as they discuss everything from war to civil disobedience to women's liberation. Grappling with exhilarating and disturbing new ideas, faced with a censorship challenge to her beloved English teacher and trying to decode the charismatic draft dodger himself, Charlotte finds it harder and harder to stick to her unteen philosophy, and to see eye to eye with Dawn.</p>	

<b>Better Nate Than Ever*</b>	Federle, Tim	FIC FED
	<p>Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he's wanted to star in a Broadway show. (Heck, he'd settle for seeing a Broadway show.) But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one (except his best pal Libby) appreciates a good show tune? With Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There's an open casting call for <i>E.T.: The Musical</i>, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom.</p>	
<b>Lily and Dunkin</b>	Gephart, Donna	FIC GEP
	<p>Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth grade.</p> <p>Dunkin Dorfman, birth name Norbert Dorfman, is dealing with bipolar disorder and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse.</p> <p>One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.</p>	
<b>George</b>	Gino, Alex	FIC GIN
	<p>When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl.</p> <p>George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be <i>Charlotte's Web</i>. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy.</p> <p>With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.</p>	
<b>The Other Boy</b>	Hennessey, M.G.	FIC HEN
	<p>12-year-old Shane Woods is just a regular boy. He loves pitching for his baseball team, working on his graphic novel, and hanging out with his best friend, Josh.</p> <p>But Shane is keeping something private, something that might make a difference to his friends and teammates, even Josh. And when a classmate threatens to reveal his secret, Shane's whole world comes crashing down.</p> <p>It will take a lot of courage for Shane to ignore the hate and show the world that he's still the same boy he was before. And in the end, those who stand beside him may surprise everyone, including Shane.</p>	
<b>One True Way</b>	Hitchcock, Shannon	FIC HIT
	<p>Welcome to Daniel Boone Middle School in the 1970s, where teachers and coaches must hide who they are, and girls who like girls are forced to question their own choices. Presented in the voice of a premier storyteller, <i>One True Way</i> sheds exquisite light on what it means to be different, while at the same time being wholly true to oneself. Through the lives and influences of two girls, readers come to see that love is love is love.</p>	
<b>Redwood and Ponytail</b>	Holt, K.A.	FIC HOL
	<p>Kate and Tam meet, and both of their worlds tip sideways. At first, Tam figures Kate is your stereotypical cheerleader; Kate sees Tam as another tall jock. And the more they keep running into each other, the more they surprise each other. Beneath Kate's sleek ponytail and perfect fade, Tam sees a goofy, sensitive, lonely girl. And Tam's so much more than a volleyball player, Kate realizes: She's everything Kate wishes she could be. It's complicated. Except it's not. When Kate and Tam meet, they fall in like. It's as simple as that. But not everybody sees it that way.</p>	
<b>Totally Joe</b>	Howe, James	FIC HOW
	<p>As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography, and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.</p>	



<b>The Parker Inheritance</b>	Johnson, Varian	FIC JOH
	<p>The letter waits in a book, in a box, in an attic, in an old house in Lambert, South Carolina. When Candice Miller finds the letter, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left Lambert in a cloud of shame. But the letter describes an injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. Grandma tried and failed. But now Candice has another chance. So with the help of Brandon Jones, the quiet boy across the street, she begins to decipher the clues in the letter. The challenge will lead them deep into Lambert's history, full of ugly deeds, forgotten heroes, and one great love; and deeper into their own families, with their own unspoken secrets. Can they find the fortune and fulfill the letter's promise before the summer ends?</p>	
<b>Jack and Louisa: Act 1</b>	Keenan-Bolger, Andrew	FIC KEE
	<p>12-year-old Jack Goodrich was a Broadway star, with two shows under his belt and a third in rehearsals. But when his voice suddenly changes, Jack and his parents leave the spotlight and move far from New York City to Shaker Heights, Ohio. While Jack hopes to leave his Broadway past behind, his new neighbor refuses to let him off the hook. Louisa is a self-proclaimed "musical theater nerd" and can hardly believe when an actor moves to town. What's more, the local theater has announced auditions for her favorite show, <i>Into the Woods</i>. As the audition date looms nearer, the two are faced with difficult choices. Should Jack risk humiliation and return to the stage? Will Louisa have confidence to go it alone? And can friendship survive all those complicated octave leaps?</p>	
<b>My Most Excellent Year</b>	Kluger, Steve	FIC KLU
	<p>Best friends and unofficial brothers since they were six, ninth-graders T.C. and Augie have got the world figured out. But that all changes when both friends fall in love for the first time. Enter Al. She's pretty, sassy, and on her way to Harvard. T.C. falls hard, but Al is playing hard to get. Meanwhile, Augie realizes that he's got a crush on a boy. It's not so clear to him, but to his family and friends, it's totally obvious!</p>	
<b>See You at Harry's</b>	Knowles, Johanna	FIC KNO
	<p>Starting middle school brings all the usual challenges for twelve-year-old Fern. She feels invisible — until the unthinkable happens, and Fern feels not only more alone than ever, but also responsible for the tragedy that has wrenched her family apart. Nothing will ever be the same — but can Fern and her family find a way to heal?</p>	
<b>The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*</b>	Levy, Dana Alison	FIC LEV
	<p>The start of the school year is not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.</p>	
<b>My Life as a Diamond</b>	Manzer, Jenny	FIC MAN
	<p>Caspar "Caz" Cadman loves baseball and has a great arm. When his family moves from Toronto to a suburb of Seattle, the first thing he does is try out for the local summer team, the Redburn Ravens. Even though Caz is thrilled when he makes the team, he worries because he has a big secret. No one knows that back in Toronto, Caz used to live life as a girl named Cassandra. And it's nobody's business. Caz will tell his new friends when he's ready. But when a player on a rival team starts snooping around, Caz's past is revealed, and Caz worries it will be Toronto all over again. Will Caz's teammates rally behind their star pitcher? Or will Caz be betrayed once more?</p>	

<b>Hurricane Season</b>	Melleby, Nicole	FIC MEL
	<p>Eleven-year-old Fig enrolls in an art class to better understand her father, a composer and pianist whose mental illness she tries to conceal from classmates, neighbors, and social services.</p>	
<b>Marco Impossible</b>	Moskowitz, Hanna	FIC MOS
	<p>Best friends Stephen and Marco attempt a go-for-broke heist to break into the high school prom and get Marco onstage to confess his love for (and hopefully steal the heart of) Benji, the adorable exchange student and bass player of the prom band. Of course, things don't always go according to plan, and every heist comes with its fair share of hijinks.</p>	
<b>Kissing Kate</b>	Myracle, Lauren	FIC MYR
	<p>Kate was Lissa's best friend. they've shared everything for four years. then one night at a drunken party, Kate leaned in to kiss Lissa, and Lissa kissed her back. And now Kate is pretending Lissa doesn't exist. Confused and alone, Lissa's left questioning everything she thought she knew about herself, and about life. but with the help of a free-spirit new friend, Lissa's beginning to find the strength to realize that sometimes falling in love with the wrong person is the only way to find your footing.</p>	
<b>We Are All Made of Molecules</b>	Nielson-Fernlund, Susin	FIC NIE
	<p>Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when, two years after Stewart's mother died, his father moves in with his new girlfriend--Ashley's mother, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house.</p>	
<b>The Best At It</b>	Pancholy, Maulik	FIC PAN
	<p>Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay.</p>	
<b>Seafire*</b>	Parker, Natalie C.	FIC PAR
	<p>After her family is killed by corrupt warlord Aric Athair and his bloodthirsty army of Bullets, Caledonia Styx is left to chart her own course on the dangerous and deadly seas. She captains her ship, the Mors Navis, with a crew of girls and women just like her, who have lost their families and homes because of Aric and his men. The crew has one mission: stay alive, and take down Aric's armed and armored fleet. But when Caledonia's best friend and second-in-command barely survives an attack thanks to help from a Bullet looking to defect, Caledonia finds herself questioning whether to let him join their crew. Is this boy the key to taking down Aric Athair once and for all . . . or will he threaten everything the women of the Mors Navis have worked for?</p>	
<b>The Best Man</b>	Peck, Richard	FIC PEC
	<p>Archer Magill has spent a the last five years searching for grown-up role models. Three of the best are his grandpa, the great architect; his dad, the great vintage car customizer; and his uncle Paul, who is just plain great. These are the three he wants to be. Along the way he finds a fourth—Mr. McLeod, the first male teacher in the history of the school. But now here comes middle school and puberty. Archer wonders how much change has to happen before his voice does. Then a really big one when he's the best man at the wedding of two of his role models.</p>	

<b>Gracefully Grayson</b>	Polonsky, Ami	FIC POL
	<p>Grayson Sender has been holding onto a secret for what seems like forever: "he" is a girl on the inside, stuck in the wrong gender's body. The weight of this secret is crushing, but sharing it would mean facing ridicule, scorn, rejection, or worse. Despite the risks, Grayson's true self itches to break free. Will new strength from an unexpected friendship and a caring teacher's wisdom be enough to help Grayson step into the spotlight she was born to inhabit?</p>	
<b>A Possibility of Whales</b>	Rivers, Karen	FIC RIV
	<p>12-year-old Natalia Rose Baleine Gallagher loves possibilities: the possibility that she'll see whales on the beach near her new home, that the boy she just met will be her new best friend, that the photographers chasing her actor father won't force Nat and her dad to move again. Most of all, Nat dreams of the possibility that her faraway mother misses and loves Nat. The thing is, Nat doesn't even know who her mother is. She left Nat as a baby, and Nat's dad refuses to talk about it. Nat knows she shouldn't need a mom, but she still feels like something is missing.</p>	
<b>So Hard to Say</b>	Sanchez, Alex	FIC SAN
	<p>When Frederick shows up at school, Xio is thrilled. The new boy is shy, cute, and definitely good boyfriend material. Before long, she pulls him into her lively circle of friends. Frederick knows he should be flattered by Xio's attention. After all, she's popular, pretty, and a lot of fun. So why can't he stop thinking about Victor, the captain of the soccer team, instead?</p>	
<b>To Night Owl From Dogfish</b>	Sloan, Holly Goldberg	FIC SLO
	<p>The only thing Avery Bloom and Bett Devlin have in common is that they are both twelve years old, and that their dads have fallen in love. Bett and Avery are sent, against their will, to the same sleepaway camp. Their dads hope that they will find common ground and become friends--and possibly, one day, even sisters. But things soon go off the rails for the girls (and for their dads too). Now that they can't imagine life without each other, will the two girls (who sometimes call themselves Night Owl and Dogfish) figure out a way to be a family?</p>	
<b>Lumberjanes*</b>	Tamaki, Mariko	FIC TAM
	<p>Welcome to Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady Types. The five scouts of Roanoke cabin--Jo, April, Molly, Mal, and Ripley--love their summers at camp. They get to hang out with their best friends, earn Lumberjane scout badges, annoy their no-nonsense counselor Jen. and go on supernatural adventures. When challenge-loving April leads the girls on a hike up the TALLEST mountain they've ever seen, things don't go quite as planned. For one, they didn't expect to trespass into the lands of the ancient Cloud People. Also, unicorns.</p>	
<b>Meow or Never</b>	Taylor, Jazz	FIC TAY
	<p>Avery Williams can sing, but not in front of people. She prefers to stay backstage--which is where, to her surprise, she finds a cat tucked away into a nook. Avery names the stray Phantom and visits her any time she's feeling stressed (which is a lot these days). As she sings to Phantom one day, her crush, Nic, overhears her and ropes Avery into auditioning for the school's musical. Despite her nerves, Avery lands the lead role! She knows she should be excited, but mostly Avery is terrified. Can Phantom help her through her stage fright? And what will happen if anyone learns her secrets?</p>	
<b>The House You Pass on the Way</b>	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
	<p>13-year-old Staggerlee used to be called Evangeline, but she took on a fiercer name. She's always been different--set apart by the tragic deaths of her grandparents in an anti-civil rights bombing, by her parents' interracial marriage, and by her family's retreat from the world. This summer she has a new reason to feel set apart--her confused longing for her friend Hazel. When cousin Trout comes to stay, she gives Staggerlee a first glimpse of her possible future selves and the world beyond childhood.</p>	