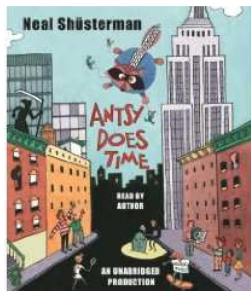


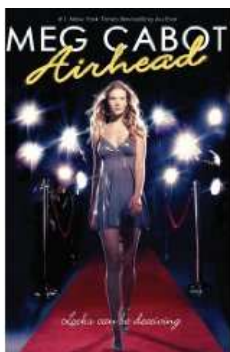
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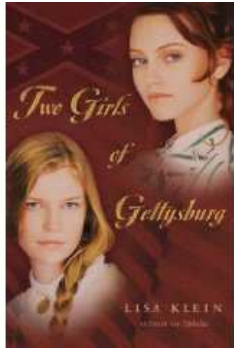
Antsy Does Time by Neal Shusterman - Antsy's friend Gunnar announces that he suffers from a rare disease and has just six months to live. In an effort to encourage Gunnar, Antsy writes him a contract giving him a month out of his own life. Many people are moved by what Antsy does and before you know it all the students in the school as well as teachers and principals have also filled out the forms giving months of their lives to Gunnar. As Antsy spends more time at Gunnar's house he realizes that something is not right with this family when they act as though nothing is wrong with Gunnar. Eventually Antsy discovers Gunnar is not actually going to die. So, why did Gunnar lie?



The Big Splash by Jack Ferraiolo - Welcome to Franklin Middle School where Matt Stevens is in seventh grade and he is hired to look into who took down Nikki Fingers with a squirt gun in the middle school with something that you will never guess? Any guesses? Cat pee. When someone gets shot it looks like they have wet their pants. It is very humiliating and they are considered an outcast for life. Just who ordered the hit on Nikki and why? There is even a captivating mystery in the book involving Matt's father, who disappeared many years ago remains unsolved by the end of the book, and Matt's mother has secrets to tell. This book is full of twists and turns and there are clues that are given that keep the reader guessing until the very end.



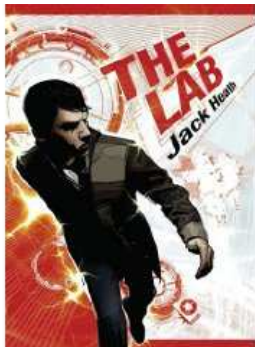
Airhead by Meg Cabot - Sixteen year-old Emerson Watts loves to play video games and hang out with her best friend Christopher. But when she is involved in a mysterious accident she discovers that she has an extended stay in the hospital for over a month. Eventually when Em comes to out of her coma she discovers that her parents are acting very strange. Then things get really weird. Two people kidnap Em insisting that she is actually Nikki Howard, a famous teenage supermodel. When she looks into a mirror she sees Nikki's face. When she looks at her body she see Nikki's figure and she realizes that there is nothing that she can do about it. If Emma tells anyone what has happened, her family will be forced to pay millions in medical bills. Who was behind the switch? What was the motive? How can she convince Christopher the boy she loves that she is the same person that she has always been?



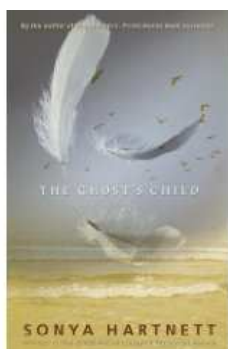
Two Girls of Gettysburg by Lisa Klein - Lizzie and Rosanna are cousins and best friends. The date is 1860 and the people of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania quickly get involved in the Civil War. Lizzie's father and brother, Luke, enlist in the Union army. Rosanna goes to Richmond and becomes involved with John Wilcox whom she immediately marries. He enlists in the Confederate army and is wounded in battle. Rosanna hurries to his side to help him any way she can. As she does so she becomes a nurse and she finds that she has a gift for helping the wounded be nursed back to health. So Rosanna and Lizzie are on the opposite ends of this terrible war. This is really a new and wonderful perspective of the Civil War which is seen through the eyes of Lizzie and Rosanna. Will the girls be reunited? Will their friendship endure?



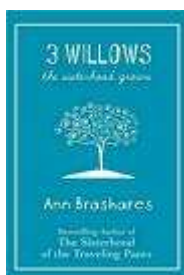
Box Out by John Coy - Things appear to be looking up for 6'4" sophomore Liam Bergstrom. He has a beautiful girlfriend who is in France for the semester. He has just moved up to varsity because he is valuable to his coach for his ability to box out. What does it mean to box out? To box out means that you put yourself between a player and the basket to get the rebound. Liam starts to feel uncomfortable when his coach insists on players praying out loud before games even though he is a practicing Catholic. His coach tells Liam that his office door is always open for the two of them to talk should he have a question. Liam takes him up on his offer and asks him about prayer before games and the coach pretty gets defensive. Eventually, Liam contacts a lawyer. The coach and school administration are contacted about legal action being brought against the school. Liam receives so much flack that he quits the team. To add insult to injury, his girlfriend breaks up with him through e-mail.



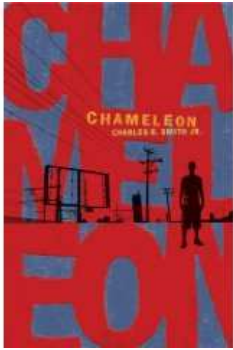
The Lab by Jack Heath - Agent Six of Hearts is a genetically engineered superhuman agent. He is actually a clone made up of human DNA and various parts of other animals. Agent Six is constantly forced to fight using his martial arts skills, and many times throughout this book he is falling to his death and yet, he manages to escape. There is heartstopping and suspenseful action on every page. This book is an absolute rush which is divided into five missions and it is easy to read. In his most dangerous mission, Six is sent to break into Lab's headquarters to make sure that clones of himself aren't created and sold as assassins to the highest bidder. But will he be too late? Australian writer Jack Heath's started writing The Lab when he was thirteen years-old because he was trying to impress a girl who liked to read.



The Ghost's Child by Sonya Hartnett - One day Maddy came home and told her parents that she had fallen in love with a boy who lived on the beach who did not have a home and he lived on raw fish. Well, her parents wanted to meet him even though they had a lot of reservations. So one day it happened. "Mom and dad, this is Feather!" Then the father said, "I want to make sure that my daughter is going to be taken care. Can you leave your life on the beach and provide a home that my daughter can live in?" Feather nodded and said, "I will." They moved to a nice little cottage in the forest and after a year they had a wonderful life together. Maddy and Feather would go on picnics and take walks and spend a lot of time together. But one day Feather smiled at Maddy and said, "I love you Maddy and I always will. I will never forget you. But I have to go." They walked home together and Feather tried to act like nothing was different. Maddy went to bed and sometime during the night Feather kissed her good-bye, and in the morning he was gone. In the years and pages to follow Maddy takes a long journey to see if she can find and win back Feather her true love.



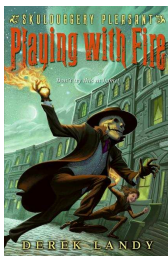
3 Willows by Ann Brashares - A new sisterhood has been formed and it is not Bridget, Carmen, Lena, and Tibby. Instead, it is Ama, Polly, and Jo. They became best friends in the third grade and their common bond is not a pair of jeans, but three Willow Trees that they planted at school one day when they were waiting for their parents to pick them up. As the plants start to grow so do their friendship. For the next six years you could always see these girls together. They were inseparable. It is now the summer before they enter South Bethesda High School where the legend of the original sisterhood first began. Unfortunately, this new sisterhood is struggling and they are starting to go their separate ways because they are changing. Ama is normally kind of studious but she becomes involved in an outdoor camp in Wyoming and she feels stretched beyond what she is used to. Polly finds out that her grandmother may have been a famous model and so she goes to modeling camp to pursue her new interest. Jo is still struggling over her brother's death and her parent's are having problems in their marriage. So she goes with her mother for the summer and stays at a beach house and gets a job at a restaurant and starts to hang out with the waitresses' popular crowd. But when Ama, Polly, and Jo come back together in the fall even though they have been apart, their friendship is as strong as ever.



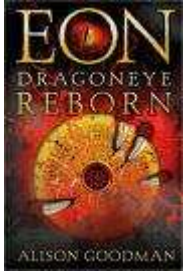
Chameleon by Charles Smith - Shawn is fourteen years old, is an African-American and it is a hot summer in south central Los Angeles. Shawn and his friends are spending time playing basketball together, talking about girls, and staying away from gang members. Shawn doesn't know it but his life is about to change...dramatically! During the summer he lives in three different locations. During the day he lives with his alcoholic Aunt Gertie in Compton where there are gangs all over the place. In the evening, he lives with his mom in Carson. On the weekends, he lives with his divorced father who lives in a hilltop home with an ocean view. Even though his parents are divorced they allow him to decide where he will go to high school next fall. By the end of the summer, Shawn will have to make that decision. Will he choose the freedom and peace in Carson or the random violence of Compton? Is Shawn willing to exchange the good friends that he has made and his growing interest in beautiful Marisol in exchange for going to a newer school that is in a safer area to live, but he doesn't know anyone? For Shawn, this makes it for him a summer that he will never forget.



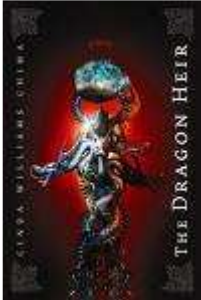
Angel by Cliff McNish - Freya is just trying to fit in at school and make some new friends. She is just coming out of a mental breakdown that lasted three years. This was all caused by the obsession that Freya had developed with angels. As a matter of fact, it became so strong that she actually believed that she had an encounter with a real, living angel when she was eight years old. But that was a long time ago and now Freya has put that behind her. Angels are no longer a part of her life. She has even made friends with the most popular girl in the school Amy Carr and her group of friends. But then a new girl, Stephanie, arrives in school who quickly becomes an outcast. She reveals that she has an obsession with angels with her class one day. This is the same obsession that Freya once had. Stephanie is immediately labeled a loser by the new friends that Freya has worked so hard to make and she just can't bring herself to defend Stephanie. But everything changes when the dark angel appears. Until she understands who this angel is, and why she sees him, Freya will never find peace.



Playing With Fire by Derek Landy - Skulduggery is a skeleton detective and he is the good guy in the book and he has a great sense of humor. He is training thirteen year-old Stephanie. She has made progress, but she has a lot to learn. Skulduggery's old enemy, Baron Vengeous, and his group of well-known monsters are determined to release the Faceless Ones and destroy the world. The entire plan rests with Baron's ability to obtain the most vital ingredient to make it all happen....and that is Stephanie's blood.



Eon: Dragon Eye Reborn by Alison Goodman - Eon is twelve years old and he is one of the candidates to be the next apprentice or Dragoneye which is a person who can communicate and direct one of the twelve energy dragons. But, in reality, Eon is Eona, a sixteen year old girl and in this fantasy world, females are forbidden from practicing dragon magic. If Eona is discovered she will be put to death for her deception. Unfortunately, Eona is not chosen by the Rat Dragon, but the Mirror Dragon who has been absent for over 500 years shows up and people are absolutely stunned when she picks Eon even though she is the least likely choice. As she takes her place among the apprentices, Eona finds out that there is a plan to take over the throne of the emperor. Eona must learn how to use the power of the Mirror Dragon in order to bring about justice.



The Dragon Heir by Cinda Chima - For centuries, the wizards have avoided getting involved in a war with one another. But that has now changed and Trinity must prepare for an attack. Jason is not a very powerful wizard until he finds a huge opal called a Dragonheart buried in a dark and mysterious cave at Raven's Ghyll. It is rumored to be a deadly weapon and source of power for all of the magical guilds. The ancient stone has quite an effect on Madison Moss who feels a powerful connection to the Dragonheart. Trinity's enemies think they can then use Madison to steal the powerful opal so they can get their hands on the Dragonheart and use its power for their own evil plans.