

THE REAL WORLD

Anderson, Laurie Halse

WINTERGIRLS

Not even her friend's death from anorexia can stop Lia from starving and cutting herself.

Anderson, M. T.

THE ASTONISHING LIFE OF OCTAVIAN NOTHING; TRAITOR TO THE NATION, VOL. 1 POX PARTY *

Young Octavian and his mother are free from slavery – but he is anything but free as the subject of a horrific scientific experiment.

Asher, Jay

THIRTEEN REASONS WHY

Clay receives a set of tapes and is shocked to hear the voice of Hannah, who killed herself two weeks ago.

Blundell, Judy

STRINGS ATTACHED

In 1950s New York, 17-year-old Kit tries to make it on her own, but she becomes beholden to her boyfriend's mobster dad.

Cohn, Rachel

DASH AND LILY'S BOOK OF DARES

Told in the alternating voices of Dash and Lily, two sixteen-year-olds carry on a wintry scavenger hunt at Christmas-time in New York, neither knowing quite what--or who--they will find.

Dessen, Sarah

DREAMLAND

Caitlin begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.

Draper, Sharon M.

COPPER SUN

Captured in Africa and sold into sexual slavery in 18th century America, Amari finds an ally in Polly, a white indentured servant.

Forman, Gayle

IF I STAY

In a coma from the accident that killed her family, Mia looks back over her life and must decide whether to stay or go.

Green, John

LOOKING FOR ALASKA

The nucleus of Pudge's boarding school friends is razor-sharp, sexy, and self-destructive Alaska, who has perfected the arts of pranking and evading school rules.

Green, John

WILL GRAYSON, WILL GRAYSON

Two boys with difficult love lives and a shared name accidentally meet and hilariously change the direction of each others' lives.

Hornby, Nick

SLAM

For 16-year-old Sam, life is about to get extremely complicated. He and his ex-girlfriend Alicia have gotten themselves into a bit of trouble. Sam is suddenly forced to grow up and struggle with the familiar fears and inclinations that haunt us all.

Johnson, Angela

THE FIRST PART LAST

The love of 16-year-old Bobby's life is his baby daughter.

Lindner, April

JANE

In this contemporary retelling of "Jane Eyre," an orphaned nanny becomes entranced with her magnetic and brooding employer, a rock star with a torturous secret from his past.

Lockhart, E.

THE DISREPUTABLE HISTORY OF FRANKIE LANDAU-BANKS

Frankie, tired of being underestimated, takes on the male secret society at her exclusive boarding school.

Lynch, Chris

INEXCUSABLE

Keir knows he is a good guy, and he really loves Gigi, so how can she claim he raped her?

Peet, Mal

TAMAR

15-year-old Tamar uncovers the shocking truth about her beloved grandfather, a member of the Dutch resistance during WWII.

St. James, James

FREAK SHOW

Billy Bloom is gay, but it's mostly theoretical, as he hasn't had much experience. When he moves to a new school, Billy's efforts to fit in and stand out at the same time are both hilarious and heartrending.

Smith, Andrew

IN THE PATH OF FALLING OBJECTS

While hitchhiking across New Mexico, two brothers become involved with a pregnant girl and her companion, a jealous psychopath.

Soto, Gary

AFTERLIFE

A young man is murdered, but that's just when his life becomes interesting as he finally sees that people love him.

Stork, Francisco X.

MARCELO IN THE REAL WORLD

Sheltered Marcelo discovers love and exposes injustice when he is forced to work at his father's law firm over the summer.

Whitney, Daisy

THE MOCKINGBIRDS

A powerful group of students are in charge of meting out justice at Alex's school, and when she is date raped, she turns to them.

Williams-Garcia, Rita

JUMPED

Leticia overhears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina after school and must decide whether or not to get involved.

Zusak, Markus

THE BOOK THIEF

Narrated by Death and set in Nazi Germany, this is the powerful tale of a scrappy foster child with an affinity for forbidden books.

Zusak, Markus

I AM THE MESSENGER

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

THE FANTASTIC

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FEED

When everyone is connected to a vast computer network through a brain implant, a malfunctioning feed can be deadly.

Bacigalupi, Paolo

SHIP BREAKER

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Bray, Libba

BEAUTY QUEENS

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.

Donnelly, Jennifer

REVOLUTION

While in Paris doing research for her senior project, Andi becomes obsessed with the 200-year-old diary of another desperate teen.

Fisher, Catherine

INCARCERON *

Finn awakens in a huge sentient prison that no one from Outside enters, and from which no one from Inside ever escapes.

Hale, Shannon

BOOK OF A THOUSAND DAYS

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, but then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as maids.

Hardinge, Frances

LOST CONSPIRACY

Neither Arilou nor her younger sister Hathin is exactly what she seems, and they live a lie that is carefully constructed and jealously guarded.

McBride, Lisa

HOLD ME CLOSER, NECROMANCER

College drop-out Sam works at a burger joint and has a slacker lifestyle until he learns he's a necromancer—the hard way.

McKinley, Robin

SUNSHINE

On her day off from work at the coffeehouse, Sunshine is captured by vampires who leave her as bait in their own internal war.

Ness, Patrick

THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO *

Todd must flee his home town, a settlement where there are no women and all the men can hear each others' thoughts.

Pearson, Mary

THE ADORATION OF JENNA FOX

Jenna awakens from an 18-month-long coma with no memory of her past or the car crash she could not have medically survived.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth

LIFE AS WE KNEW IT *

When a meteor hits the moon, the catastrophic results to life on earth are chronicled in Miranda's desperate diary.

Reeve, Philip

FEVER CRUMB *

Is the mystery of Fever, adopted daughter of Dr. Crumb, the key to the secret that lies at the heart of post-technology London?

Rosoff, Meg

HOW I LIVE NOW

Fifteen-year-old Daisy is sent from Manhattan to England to visit her aunt and cousins she's never met. Her aunt goes away on business soon after Daisy arrives. The next day bombs go off as London is attacked and occupied by an unnamed enemy.

Stiefvater, Maggie

SHIVER *

When a yellow-eyed boy appears on her porch, Grace knows that he is the wolf who has been living in the nearby woods for years.

Werlin, Nancy

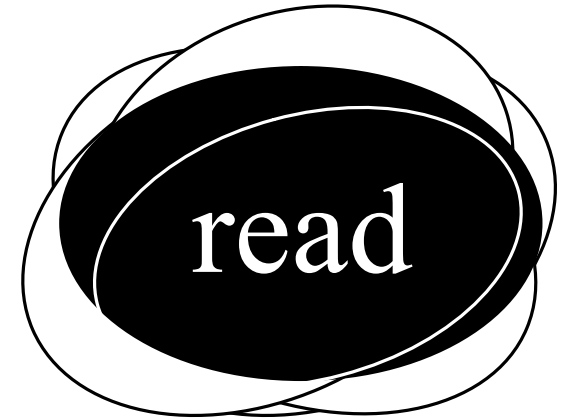
IMPOSSIBLE

Pregnant Lucy must perform three impossible tasks to break the Elfin Knight's curse that will doom her unborn daughter.

***This book part of a series.**

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The Fantastic



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