2019 Read Alouds: High School

**Between the Lines**
by Nikki Grimes
Told in multiple points of view from the students in Mr. Ward’s poetry class, this story is a mixture of narrative and verse. As each student participates in open-mic and poetry slam events, the reader learns more about their story and challenges.

**Far From the Tree**
by Robin Benway
Grace was adopted at birth. When she is faced with the reality of putting her own child up for adoption, she seeks out her biological siblings as a way to heal.

**The Hate U Give**
by Angie Thomas
Starr was the only witness the night her childhood friend was killed by a police officer. The murder becomes headline news, with much speculation about what actually happened that night. Starr is the only one with the truth, but will she be able to speak up?

**Long Way Down**
by Jason Reynolds
Will’s brother was just murdered and he’s out for revenge. On his way to find his brother’s killer, his building’s elevator makes a stop, with someone from his brother’s past on each floor. What will Will do when he gets to the bottom?

**One Of Us Is Lying**
by Karen M. McManus
Five students are serving detention when Simon, the class outcast, dies in the classroom. The police determine it wasn’t an accident. Who killed Simon?

**Scythe**
by Neal Shusterman
In a world where death has been conquered, Scythes are required to take lives, in order to keep the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to be a Scythe’s apprentice, a job neither of them want.

**Refugee**
by Alan Gratz
Three interrelated stories of survival. Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994, and Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015.

**Solo**
by Kwame Alexander
Blade is the son of a troubled rock star, with no interest in becoming like his father. When he finds out about a family secret, he runs off to Ghana where he learns about family and finding his place.

**Turtles All The Way Down**
by John Green
Aza has OCD. Aza’s best friend, Daisy, wants to solve the mystery of a billionaire gone missing. This story shows how Aza must navigate her intrusive and spiraling thoughts, while continuing to live her life as if nothing is wrong.

**What To Say Next**
by Julie Buxbaum
Social outcast, David Drucker, is used to keeping to himself to avoid getting bullied. Popular girl, Kit Lowell, is just looking for a quiet place after her dad dies. When Kit sits at David’s lunch table, an unlikely friendship is formed.