High School

**All the Stars and Teeth** by Adalyn Grace
Amora, an island princess, has spent her entire life training to become the next High Animancer. Unfortunately, she completely fails her test for the throne and is forced to leave the island for the first time ever. While sailing across the seas on a pirate ship, Amora searches for the truth about magic and the way to save the world as she knows it.

**Ordinary Hazards** by Nikki Grimes
Award-winning author and poet Nikki Grimes shares a stunning memoir written in prose. Despite childhood experiences that might have destroyed her spirit and her future, Grimes finds the power of writing at a young age, drawing from years of personal journals to share her story of hope and perseverance.

**Dig** by A.S. King
Dig follows the lives of five seemingly random teenagers. The Shoveler, shoveling snow and painting houses, Can I Help You? working at Arby’s and dealing pot through the drive thru, Loretta the Flea-Circus Ring Mistress, her abusive and neglectful home life, First-Class Malcolm splitting his time between Pennsylvania and Jamaica, and The Freak, showing up and disappearing with no control over where she goes. How do these teenagers’ lives intersect?

**Patron Saints of Nothing** by Randy Ribay
Jay is looking forward to coasting through his last semester of high school, graduating, and going away to college. His plans take a detour when he finds out his cousin—and closest friend—was murdered in the Philippines. Jay travels to the Philippines to solve the mystery surrounding his cousin Jun’s death while searching for his own answers about his faith, his family, and immigrant identity.

**Dread Nation** by Justina Ireland
The world changed the day the dead rose up on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Laws were put into place requiring Native Americans and African American children to attend combat schools to learn to fight the dead. This is not the life Jane wants, she wants to return home to Kentucky. But when things start to go wrong in Baltimore she gets caught up in a fight for her life.

**Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You** by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
Jason Reynolds asserts that this is NOT a history book. Dr. Kendi’s book, reimagined by Reynolds, breaks down the history behind the social construct of race in America. This timely exploration of racism provides historical background and calls for social change.

**The Grace Year** by Kim Liggett
Tierney is approaching her sixteenth year, when she will be banished along with the other girls her age. The banishment allows them to release their magic that gives them power to lure grown men and make women jealous, they will return from their yearlong banishment purified and ready for marriage. However, not all of them will return but who is it she should fear?

**Stepsister** by Jennifer Donnelly
Stepsister is at heart a story of self-worth, of being yourself. Isabelle tried to be everything her mother wanted her to be, everything she thought she should be. Isabelle thinks she needs to be beautiful, like Ella, and then everything will be okay. What she finds instead is that there is more to someone than just beauty and there is more to her.

**With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo
Emoni Santiago is many things: a doting teenage mother, a high school senior, an Afro-Latinx with Puerto Rican roots, and an amazing chef. Emoni jumps at the chance to take a new culinary arts course with a possible trip to Spain! Can she juggle all the challenges that life dishes up for her? Or will she have to get out of the kitchen? This delicious, authentic book will leave your soul well fed.