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Stubby joined the 102nd regiment during their basic training at Yale in 1917. He was smuggled on board a transport ship and went with the 102nd to France where he mastered a right-pawed salute and became an essential member of the team. Follow Stubby’s astounding career in the trenches of World War One and learn how he became a symbol of the “War to End All Wars.”

Crowe, C. *Death Coming Up the Hill.* Boston: HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014. Douglas Ashe keeps a weekly record of historical and personal events in 1968, the year he turns seventeen, including the escalating war in Vietnam, assassinations, rampant racism, and rioting; his first girlfriend, his parents’ separation, and a longed-for sister.

Cypess, Leah. *Death Sworn.* New York: Greenwillow Books, a Division of HarperCollins, 2014. Ileni has been the most promising magical student in her generation, but her treasonous tribe exiles her to an enclave of deadly assassins when her magic begins to fail and Ileni must fight for her life in a hostile environment.


Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia.* New York: Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Follow the downfall of the Romanov imperial family of Russia as they fail to grasp the dire poverty and discontent of their countrymen and become consumed with mystic medicine to treat the beloved male heir and ignore the signs pointing to revolution and the ultimate end to the royal family.

Giles, Gail. *Girls Like Us.* Somerville: Candlewick Press, 2014. Quincy and Biddy move in together after graduating from a special education program. In alternating voice, they tell the story of past hurts, current problems, and tell how they find their own kind of family.

Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost.* New York: Philomel, 2014.. Albie has never felt that he was good enough at school, sports, or anything else. Living with parents who have always been successful at everything they do makes Albie’s not-good-enough status even more difficult. With the help of his new nannie, though, Albie tries to find a way to stop being just almost good enough.

Han, Jenny. *To All the Boys I've Loved Before.* New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014. Lara Jean Song is a 16 year old girl who has been in love exactly 5 times in her life. The boys, of course,
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never knew it and she poured out her heart to each of them in a letter in order to move on. When the letters are mysteriously mailed, Lara finds herself having to confront the boys and answer for the things she ‘wrote’ to them. This is a humorous, sweet story about facing your feelings and finding love in places you never thought you would.

Hattemer, Kate. *The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Disgusted by the underhanded antics of a reality television crew that is filming in their high school, a group of students, along with trusty gerbil sidekick Baconnaise, plots to destroy the TV production with an underground poetry publication.

Holt, K.A. *Rhyme Schemer*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2014. Kevin is a bully. He loves to be the one to cause others discomfort. He has even discovered how to do it through poetry. When the tables are turned and the bully becomes the bullied, how does he ask for help? Can a medium he used to bully others suddenly become his salvation?

Larson, Sara B. *Defy*. New York: Scholastic, 2014. Alexa Hollen is an exceptional swordsman. When she disguises herself as a boy and joins the royal guard, she quickly distinguishes herself and earns a spot on the coveted elite guard for the prince. When a powerful sorcerer kidnaps Alexa, the prince and a fellow guard, Alexa must decide how far she will go to keep her identity secret, and discovers she is not the only secret keeper in the group.

Lockhart, e. *We Were Liars*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2014. The Liars: Four wealthy teenagers, a mix of friends and cousins. A private island. A terrible accident. A secret that must be kept at all costs. You will either love the Liars or hate them, but either way it will keep you reading until the last twist-turning page.

Milford, K. *Greenglass House*. New York: Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014. At Greenglass House, which happens to be a smuggler’s inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeeper’s adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing. Soon unexpected guests start arriving and bringing with them their stories.

Miller, Lauren. *Free to Fall*. New York: HarperTeen, 2014. Rory Vaughn’s phone has a life-changing, highly advanced app named Lux to make perfect, personalized decisions for her until Rory decides it is time for her to stop ignoring her thoughts and make her own decisions to discover the truth.

Philbrick, Rodman. *Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina*. New York: Blue Sky Press, an imprint of Scholastic, 2014. Zane Dupree has never met anyone from his father’s side of the family. When his mother comes in contact with his paternal grandmother, Zane and his dog set out on a journey to meet and
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spend time with her where she lives in New Orleans. Zane and his grandmother are separated during Hurricane Katrina and Zane must rely on his new friends to survive the aftermath of the storm.

After being sold to a goat herder by her aunt and uncle, thirteen-year-old Astri escapes with her younger sister on a journey to America determined to join her father and live a better life east of the sun and west of the moon. Norwegian folktales weave throughout the story bringing colorful characters and magical elements to life along with the hardships of 19th century immigration.

In a society that has women choose marriage or the military, the general's daughter Kestral would rather play music than fight. When she impulsively purchases a slave for far more than he's worth, she unknowingly opens herself up to love, rebellion, and a host of other complications she never expected.

Finn is a teenage boy who is living in the shadow of his mother’s death, his notoriety through his father's best-selling book, his epilepsy, a need to measure time in miles not minutes. When his father goes away for the weekend, Finn and Cade take an unauthorized road trip to their dream college in Oklahoma. Nursing a broken heart from the girl who moved away, Finn grapples with his lost love, unexpected hero status and the pains of growing up in this coming of age road trip novel.

After discovering his master is secretly a wanted thief, servant boy Kit Bristol is thrust into a magical adventure involving a faerie princess, a magical map, and a race to keep a magical assassination from plunging two worlds into chaos.

Van Wagenen, Maya. *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek*. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2014. In this honest memoir about social hierarchy in a Texas middle school, eighth grader Maya Van Wagenen conducts an experiment by following the social tips from an 1950’s guide to being popular. Follow Maya’s year as she challenges herself to sit with and engage every social group in her school while following the guide’s beauty tips and secrets to becoming popular.