

2017 High School Sequoyah Masterlist Smorgasbord

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda

By Becky Albertalli

Citation:

Albertalli, Becky. *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2015. 303 p.

Annotation:

Simon Spier is navigating his junior year hanging out with his friends, acting in the school musical...and keeping his sexuality a secret. That secret is threatened when he accidentally leaves his email open and his classmate Martin sees Simon's emails to another closeted student at their school, only known to Simon as "Blue." While Martin blackmails Simon in exchange for keeping his secret, Simon deals with his sexuality, changing friendships, and trying to figure out Blue's identity.

Booktalk:

High school junior Simon knows he likes guys but he's not quite ready to come out of the closet. Through Tumblr, he comes across another closeted classmate, "Blue," and they strike up an email correspondence. Simon accidentally leaves his email open one day at school and his classmate Martin reads Simon's emails with Blue. Since Martin has a crush on Simon's friend Abby, he blackmails Simon into being his wingman to help get a date with her. As he deals with the annoying Martin, Simon is intent on finding out Blue's identity while also coming to terms with his own. With well-developed, relatable characters this debut novel is a funny, touching story about coming out and coming-of-age.

Reviews:

Booklist starred 08/01/15

Kirkus starred 02/01/15

Publisher's Weekly 02/09/15

School Library Journal 01/01/15

Awards and Honors:

Rainbow List: 2016

National Book Award Longlist: Young People's Literature

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award nominee, 2017

William C. Morris YA Debut Award winner: 2016

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults: 2016

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Related Books:

One Man Guy by Michael Barakiva

Tell Me Again How a Crush Should Feel by Sara Farizan

The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle

Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

This Song is (Not) For You by Laura Nowlin

Fan Art by Sarah Tregay

Anything Could Happen by Will Walton

The Darkest Part of the Forest

By Holly Black

Citation:

Black, Holly. *The Darkest Part of the Forest*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015. 328 p.

Annotation:

In modern-day Pennsylvania, humans and fairies live side-by-side and young people spend their spare time in the forest, where a boy with pointed ears and horns rests for eternity in a glass coffin. One night, though, the fairy prince wakes up, causing Hazel and her friends to be swept up in a tide of change and the desperate need to separate fairy tales from real life so they can save themselves and their town.

Booktalk:

Siblings Hazel and Ben and all those in Fairfold are accustomed to living with the magical Folk who inhabit the forest surrounding their town. The magic of the Fae is just out of the reach of most – except for Ben, who has been gifted with a supernatural musical ability, but one over which he has no control. And deep in their forest sleeps a fairy prince in a glass coffin, the object of youthful romantic crushes for both Hazel and Ben, and the setting of many parties for the young people of Fairfold. When the prince wakes and Hazel frees him, the fragile truce between the town and the magical folk is broken. Hazel and Ben now must face a war with the prince's father, the Faerie king. And they have to overcome secrets that have been buried for a long time in Fairfold if they are to save themselves and their community. This book does a great job of managing the ebb and flow of action, keeping readers on edge and unsure of what will happen next. Several plot twists may surprise readers, but keep things interesting until the very end.

Reviews:

Booklist 11/1/15

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred 2/1/15

Horn Book Guide 10/1/15

Horn Book Magazine 1/1/15

Kirkus Reviews 10/15/15

Library Media Connection 3/1/15

New York Times 1/18/15

Publishers Weekly 11/3/15

School Library Journal 10/1/15

Awards and Honors:

ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults, 2016

E.B. White Award Young Adult Book of the Year, 2015

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, 2016

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults, 2016

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Related Books:

Tiger Lily by Jodi Lynn Anderson

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan

Other Books by Holly Black:

Black Heart

Red Glove

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown

White Cat

Walk on Earth a Stranger

By Rae Carson

Citation:

Carson, Rae. *Walk on Earth a Stranger*. New York: Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2015. 436 p.

Annotation:

Lee Westfall possesses the magical ability to sense gold. When the wrong people discover her powers, she disguises herself as a boy and joins her best friend Jefferson west toward gold. Her perilous journey across Gold Rush-era America includes romance, adventure, and mystery.

Booktalk:

It's Gold Rush-era America, and Lee Westfall has a valuable secret. She can sense gold deep in the earth. The buzzing in her veins whenever it's near is a valuable skill for gold-hungry pioneers.

When her gift costs her everything she knows and loves, she disguises herself as a boy and heads west in search of gold, safety, and love. *Walk on Earth a Stranger* is the first book in the Gold Seer Trilogy.

Reviews:

Booklist starred 08/01/15

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books 12/01/15

Horn Book Magazine 09/01/15

Publishers Weekly starred 06/22/15

School Library Journal 08/01/15

Teacher Librarian 12/01/15

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) 10/01/15

Kirkus starred 12/15/12

Publisher's Weekly starred 12/10/12

School Library Journal 02/01/13

Awards and Honors:

2015 National Book Award Longlist, Young People's Literature

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Related Books:

Forbidden Gold by L. Ron Hubbard

Newt's Emerald by Garth Nix

Ignite by Sara Larson

Soldier's Secret: the Story of Deborah Sampson by Sheila Klass

Other Books by Rae Carson:

The Girl of Fire & Thorns

The Crown of Embers

The Bitter Kingdom

Wolf by Wolf
By Ryan Graudin

Citation:

Graudin, Ryan. *Wolf by Wolf*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015. 400p.

Annotation:

In an alternate history where the Axis powers won World War II, teenage Yael escapes a concentration camp after gaining shape-shifting powers through Nazi experiments and enters a motorcycle race in an elaborate plot to kill Hitler.

Booktalk:

This book has everything: alternate history for fans of historical fiction and philosophy, a cross-continent motorcycle race for some action and adventure, a little bit of a love story for the romantics (but not too much to get in the way of the story), shape shifting for a fantasy element, bizarre Nazi medical experimentation for a sci-fi touch-- and a plot to kill Hitler for mystery and drama.

Reviews:

Booklist 09/01/15

Publisher's Weekly starred 08/03/15

School Library Journal 08/01/15

VOYA starred 10/1/15

Awards and Honors:

An Amazon Best YA Book of 2015

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults: 2016

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Related Books:

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Other Books by Ryan Graudin:

The Walled City

Iron by Iron (e-novella companion to *Wolf by Wolf*)

All that Glows series

Eden West
By Pete Hautman

Citation:

Hautman, Pete. *Eden West*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2015. 320 p.

Annotation:

The land of Grace is twelve square miles of paradise and is all of the world that seventeen-year-old Jacob has ever known. A series of encounters beyond the fences of his world begin to shake Jacob's faith that his people will be the only ones to escape the horrors of the Apocalypse. When Jacob meets Lynna, a girl from the neighboring ranch, Jacob's devotion to this life is put to the ultimate test.

Booktalk:

Seventeen-year-old Jacob has spent his life inside the high fences of Nod, the land of Grace. His parents joined Grace, the group that believes they will be the only people spared in the Apocalypse. A new member, who is brought in against his will, tests Jacob's faith in what he has always blindly believed. When he meets Lynna, a girl from the neighboring ranch, he must choose between love and the safety of the world that he has always known.

Reviews:

Booklist starred 02/01/15
Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books 06/01/15
Horn Book Guide 10/01/15
Horn Book Magazine 06/22/15
Library Media Connection starred 11/01/15
Publishers Weekly 02/02/15
School Library Journal starred 02/01/15
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) starred 04/01/15

Awards and Honors:

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Related Books:

Armageddon Summer by Jane Yolen
Woke Up Lonely by Fiona Maazel
Miracleville by Monique Polak
Conviction by Kelly Gilbert Loy

Other Books by Pete Hautman:

Invisible
All-in
Godless

Rash
Sweetblood
Blank Confession
Hole in the Sky
The Big Crunch
How to Steal a Car
Snatched
Mr. Was
The Obsidian Blade
Doppelganger
Skullduggery
What Boys Really Want
The Flinkwater Factor: A Novel in Five Thrilling Episodes
The Cydonian Pyramid
The Klaatu Terminus
Mrs. Million
The Prop: A Novel
No Limit
Drawing Dead: A Joe Crow Novel
The Mortal Nuts
Ring Game
Short Money
Doohickey: A Novel
Rag Man: A Novel

Dumplin'
By Julie Murphy

Citation:

Murphy, Julie. *Dumplin'*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2015. 375 p.

Annotation:

Life is getting complicated for confident, self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (aka “Dumplin’”). Trying to navigate a complicated relationship with her mother, best friend problems, the loss of a dear aunt, and her crush on a co-worker – Willowdean channels Dolly Parton as she prepares for the Miss Teen Blue Bonnet Pageant.

Booktalk:

“Willowdean. Cashier, Dolly Parton enthusiast, and resident fat girl.” This is how Willowdean Dickson (nicknamed “Dumplin’” by her mother) introduces herself to her cute new co-worker, Bo. Willowdean lives in Clover City, Texas - famous for one thing – the Miss Teen Blue Bonnet Pageant. Willowdean doesn’t want anything to do with the pageant that her former-beauty-queen mother helps run – until she needs to get her confidence back on track. Dealing with the loss of her dear aunt, best friend troubles, and relationship issues, Willowdean shows Clover City what she’s made of in this fun novel by Julie Murphy.

Reviews:

Booklist starred, 08/01/15

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, 12/01/15

Horn Book Magazine, 11/01/15

Kirkus Reviews, 06/01/15

Publishers Weekly starred, 06/01/15

School Library Journal, 08/01/15

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA), 08/01/15

Awards and Honors:

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Author’s You Tube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_pJ5USHnfGcIPwkemP_8A

Related Books:

Anatomy of a Misfit. Portes, Andrea.

Eleanor and Park. Rowell, Rainbow.

Other Books by Julie Murphy:

Side Effects May Vary

All the Bright Places

By Jennifer Niven

Citation:

Niven, Jennifer. *All the Bright Places*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. 378 p.

Annotation:

When Violet and Finch meet standing on the ledge of the school bell tower, both contemplating jumping, an unlikely bond forms. As their relationship grows, Finch tries to help Violet recover from the loss of her sister and she attempts to help him heal from severe depression.

Booktalk:

On a windy, winter day, Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet while standing on the ledge of the school bell tower, both contemplating jumping. Finch, an outsider, is obsessed with his own death and thinks it might be a good day to die. Violet, a popular girl, is struggling with the overwhelming grief of losing her sister. The two are paired up for a class assignment in which they must visit and report on a few of Indiana's natural wonders. As they wander the state, their relationship grows.

As Violet begins to heal, Finch is struggling to keep the depression away. Can Violet save him as he has saved her?

Reviews:

Booklist, November 2014

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, March 2015

Kirkus Reviews starred, October 2014

Library Media Connection starred, September 2015

New York Times, January 2015

Publishers Weekly starred, November 2014

School Library Journal starred, December 2014

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) starred, February 2015

Awards & Honors:

Goodreads Choice Award for Young Adult Fiction

A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2015

A Miami Herald Best Books for Children 2015

A TIME Top Young Adult Book of 2015

A NPR 2015 Guide to Great Reads Book

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

Texas-Tayshas High School Reading List 2016--Top Ten Titles

YALSA 2016 Best Fiction for Young Adults

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<http://www.eleanorandviolet.com/>

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Related Books:

Thirteen Reasons Why. Asher, Jay.

I Was Here. Forman, Gayle.
Hurry Down Sunshine. Greenberg, Michael.
Black Box. Schumacher, Julie.
The Memory of Light. Stork, Francisco X

Titles written for adult audiences include:

Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic
The Aqua Net Diaries: Big Hair, Big Dreams, Small Town
The Ice Master: The Doomed 1913 Voyage of the Karluk
The *Velva Jean* Series

Other books by Jennifer Niven:

Holding Up the Universe, October 2016

Out of Darkness
By Ashley Hope Pérez

Citation:

Pérez, Ashley Hope. *Out of Darkness*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Lab, 2015. 402p.

Annotation:

Against the backdrop of the worst school disaster in U.S. history, *Out of Darkness* is a moving portrayal of both love and hate. Mexican-American Naomi and African-American Wash secretly fall in love, but the destructive racism of 1930s east Texas may mean that their story is doomed before it even begins.

Booktalk:

Warning: do not read *Out of Darkness* in public unless you're okay with ugly-crying in front of people. Brace yourself for a read that is both beautiful and gut-wrenching. The story opens with the 1937 school explosion in New London, Texas, and then backtracks to the fall of 1936. Fifteen-year-old Naomi has just moved to New London with her two half-siblings and their father. As a Mexican-American, Naomi struggles to fit into the racially divided town. Her only friend is Wash, an African-American teen. Their love grows in the secrecy of the woods, but can it thrive amidst hatred, violence, and mounting tensions?

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Reviews:

Kirkus (starred) - June 1, 2015

School Library Journal (starred) - June 2015.

Booklist- September 1, 2015.

Awards and Honors:

2016 Michael L. Printz Honor for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

School Library Journal Best Book of 2015

Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2015

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016

Related Books:

The Game of Love and Death. Brockenbough, Martha

Eleanor and Park. Rowell, Rainbow.

Lies We Tell Ourselves. Talley, Robin.

Other Books by Ashley Hope Perez:

The Knife and the Butterfly

What Can't Wait

All American Boys
By Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Citation:

Reynolds, Jason. *All American Boys*. New York: Atheneum, 2015. 310 p. (Grades 9 and up).

Annotation:

Rashad, a regular guy who just happens to be black, is arrested unjustly and beaten badly by a police officer when he stops at the local store for a bag of chips.

Book Talk:

“Another thug was taken off the streets today!” is the story told by the media. “Of course the kid is claiming to be innocent. It’s what they all say!” are the words whispered behind everyone’s hand.

But Quinn, who was outside the store that day and witnessed the beating of Rashad, a black kid who attends his school, knows the truth and it is not being told. It just so happens that the police officer who beat Rashad is Quinn’s best friend’s brother and his lifetime mentor. Will Quinn be able to step up and do the right thing even if it means losing his best friend and being the factor that puts his mentor in prison? Two American boys, one black and one white, must face the truth and accept that the decisions made will change the world.

Reviews:

School Library Journal 2015 September

Horn Magazine 2015 Nov/Dec

Booklist 2015 September

Kirkus Review 2015 August

Awards and Honors:

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

School Library Journal Best Books: 2015

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Related Materials:

Wilson, Charles P. Shirley A. Wilson, and Malane Thou. “Perceptions of African American Police Officers on Racial Profiling in Small Agencies.” *Journal of Black Studies* 46.5 (2015): 482-505. Professional DevelopmentCollection Web. 29 Feb. 2016.

Similar Materials:

Fire From the Rock by Sharon Draper

All Involved by Ryan Gatties

Guardian by Julius Lester

How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon

Guantanamo Boy by Anna Perera

Other Books by Jason Reynolds:

The Boy In The Black Suit, 2015

When I Was the Greatest, 2015

As Brave As You, 2016

Ghost, 2016

Other Books by Brendan Kiely:

The Gospel of Winter, 2014

The Boy in the Black Suit

By Jason Reynolds

Citation:

Reynolds, Jason. *The Boy in the Black Suit*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015. 255 p.

Annotation:

Seventeen-year-old Matt reluctantly accepts a job at Mr. Ray's funeral home, in a rough Brooklyn neighborhood, soon after his mother's death. When Matt meets Lovey at her grandma's funeral, he begins to deal with his own grief and responsibilities.

Booktalk:

Have you ever lost anyone close to you?

Sixteen-year-old Matt sure has – his mom, but that's not why he wears a black suit every day. Matt lives in a rough Brooklyn neighborhood - his mom just died and his dad just can't seem to keep it together. When Matt applies for a job at the Cluck Bucket, and learns he may have to clean up vomit, he reluctantly accepts a job at Mr. Ray's funeral home.

While working at the funeral home, Matt meets Lovey (yes, that's really her name) at her grandmother's funeral. Lovey is tough, and Matt admires her for it. You will empathize with Matt and Lovey as they navigate their grief and family responsibilities in this coming-of-age novel by Jason Reynolds.

Reviews:

Booklist, 02/01/15

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, 02/01/15

Horn Book Guide, 10/01/15

Horn Book Magazine, 03/01/15

Kirkus Reviews, 10/15/14

Library Media Connection, 05/01/15

School Library Journal, 10/01/14

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA), 02/01/15

Awards and Honors:

Coretta Scott King Author Honor, 2016

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Related Books:

Boy 21. Quick, Matthew.

How to Save a Life. Zarr, Sara.

Other Books by Jason Reynolds:

All American Boys (co-authored with Brendan Kiely)

My Name is Jason. Mine too. (co-authored with Jason Griffin)
When I Was the Greatest

Bone Gap
By Laura Ruby

Citation:

Ruby, Laura. *Bone Gap*. New York: Balzer+ Bray, 2015. 368p.

Annotation:

When beautiful and kind Roza disappears from Finn and Sean O’Sullivan’s farm as mysteriously as she arrived, Finn O’Sullivan knows it was more than chance—but no one believes his claims of abduction. With the help of a fascinating girl named Petey, Finn will slide through the gaps in his world to find Roza—before it’s too late.

Booktalk:

Finn O’Sullivan is used to people leaving. His mom left just a few years ago, for a new boyfriend and a new life in Oregon. But when Roza leaves Finn and his older brother Sean’s farm as mysteriously as she appeared, Finn knows it isn’t the same at all. But when he can’t remember the face of the man who kidnapped Roza, no one in *Bone Gap* believes him--no one but Petey, a girl who whispers to bees and fascinates Finn. But the clock is ticking, and without Finn and Petey’s help, Roza will soon be gone forever, taken through a gap in the world of *Bone Gap*.

Reviews:

Booklist-starred review (January 2015)
Kirkus Reviews-starred review (January 15, 2015)
Publishers Weekly-starred review (March 2015)
VOYA-starred review (February 2015)
School Library Journal (December 2014)
New York Time Book Review (May 10, 2015)

Awards:

Michael L Printz Award (2016)
National Book Award Finalist (2015)
Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Interview with author: <http://www.epicreads.com/blog/cover-reveal-the-bone-gap-by-laura-ruby/>

Related Books:

The Love That Split The World by Emily Henry
Glory O’Brien’s History of the Future by A.S. King
September Girls by Bennett Madison
The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater
The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender by Leslye Walton

Other Books by Laura Ruby:

Bad Apple
Play Me
Good Girls

Challenger Deep
By Neal Shusterman

Citation:

Shusterman, Neal. *Challenger Deep*. New York: HarperTeen, 2015. 320 p.

Annotation:

Caden Bosch is on the crew of a pirate ship headed toward Challenger Deep, the deepest part of the Earth's seabed but he's also a high school student suffering from hallucinations due to mental illness. As his illness worsens, Caden's parents try to get him the help he needs.

Booktalk:

Fifteen-year-old Caden Bosch has two realities. In one, he's a high school student whose parents and friends start to notice his increasing paranoid thoughts and behaviors. In the other, he's a crew member on a pirate ship on its way toward Challenger Deep, the deepest part of the Earth's seabed located in the southern end of the Mariana Trench. As a crew member, he struggles with a mutinous parrot urging him to turn on the captain. As his two worlds collide, Caden's parents try to get him the help he needs in this powerful look at mental illness based on the experiences of the author's son, who also illustrates the book.

Reviews:

Booklist starred 02/01/15

Kirkus starred 02/01/15

Publisher's Weekly starred 02/16/15

School Library Journal starred 02/01/15

Awards and Honors:

Abraham Lincoln Award nominee: 2017

ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults nominee

Booklist Editors' Choice - Books for Youth - Older Readers Category, 2015

Bookpage Best Teen Book of the Year

Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor Book

Chicago Public Library Best Teen Book of the Year

Horn Book Fanfare Best Book of the Year

Kirkus Best Book of the Year

National Book Award Winner: Young People's Literature

New York Public Library Best Book of the Year for Teens

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

Publisher's Weekly Best Book of the Year

School Library Journal Best Book of the Year

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults: 2016

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Related Books:

Suicide Notes by Michael Thomas Ford
Invisible by Pete Hautman
OCD Love Story by Corey Ann Haydu
Calvin by Martine Leavitt
Cut by Patricia McCormick
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven
A Blue so Dark by Holly Schindler
Schizo by Nic Sheff
Freaks like Us by Susan Vaught
It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
Belzhar by Meg Wolitzer
Lowboy by John Wray

Other Books by Neal Shusterman:

The Accelerati Trilogy

- *Tesla's Attic*
- *Edison's Alley*
- *Hawking's Hallway*

Antsy Bonano series

- *The Schwa was Here*
- *Antsy Does Time*
- *Ship Out of Luck*

Dark Fusion

- *Dread Locks*
- *Red Rider's Hood*
- *Duckling Ugly*

Shadow Club

- *The Shadow Club*
- *The Shadow Club Rising*

Skinjacker Trilogy

- *Everlost*
- *Everwild*
- *Everfound*

Star Shards

- *Scorpion Shards*
- *Thief of Souls*
- *Shattered Sky*

The Unwind Dystology

- *Unwind*
- *Unstrung* (digital novella)
- *UnWholly*
- *UnSouled*
- *UnDivided*
- *UnBound* (short story collection)

Standalone Novels

Bruiser

The Dark Side of Nowhere
Dissidents
Downsiders
The Eyes of Kid Midas
Full Tilt
Speeding Bullet
What Daddy Did

Hello, Goodbye, and Everything in Between

By Jennifer E. Smith

Citation:

Smith, Jennifer E. *Hello, Goodbye, and Everything in Between*. New York: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015. 256 p.

Annotation:

Aidan and Clare are preparing to leave for college on opposite coasts. Aidan is UCLA bound while Clare is going to Dartmouth. They are high school sweethearts but now Clare thinks they should break up before leaving for college. On their last night together, they revisit places of important firsts such as where they first kissed.

Booktalk:

Aidan and Clare are high school sweethearts who are leaving for college tomorrow – on opposite coasts. On their last night together, they visit places of importance to their relationship as well as say goodbye to friends. Clare thinks it would be best to break up before leaving but Aidan does not agree and is determined to show her that they should be together as they visit special places and relive important moments of their relationship. Everything is changing and it is time to figure out how to be without each other.

Reviews:

Publishers Weekly - 06/01/2015

VOYA - 10/2015

School Library Journal - 07/01/2015

Kirkus – 06/06/2015

Awards:

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Related Books:

First & Then by Emma Mills

The Night We Said Yes by Lauren Gibaldi

Last Year's Mistake by Gina Ciocca

Until Friday Night by Abbi Glines

Other Books by Jennifer E. Smith

You Are Here

The Geography of You and Me

This Is What Happy Looks Like

The Comeback Season

The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight

Hold Tight, Don't Let Go

By Laura Rose Wagner

Citation:

Wagner, Laura Rose. *Hold Tight, Don't Let Go*. New York: Amulet Books, 2015. 263p.

Annotation:

After the devastating 2010 Haiti earthquake, cousins Magdalie and Nadine must build new lives for themselves in a refugee camp.

Book talk:

We've had some earthquakes in Oklahoma lately, but nothing like the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti back in 2010. I remember the news coverage and the outpouring of charitable support for Haiti, but after awhile we all moved on. But imagine losing your mother, your home, and your plans for the future, all in an instant. That's what happens to cousins Magdalie and Nadine in *Hold Tight, Don't Let Go*. They have to adapt to life in a makeshift tent in a refugee camp, but at least they have each other. That is, until Nadine is able to move to Miami. Magdalie is torn between trying to reunite with Nadine and building a new future for herself in Haiti.

Author websites:

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Reviews:

Kirkus (starred review) – Jan 6, 2015

Publisher's Weekly (starred review) – November 11, 2014

Booklist – November 15, 2014

School Library Journal – Jan 2015

The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Awards and Honors:

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016

Related Books:

Katz, Jonathon M. *The Big Truck Went By*. New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 2013. 306p. Adult nonfiction about the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake.

Lake, Nick. *In Darkness*. New York : Bloomsbury, 2012. 341p. Printz Award-winning novel about the Haiti earthquake.

Lowitz, Leza. *Up From the Sea*. New York: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2016. 272p. Novel about the aftermath of the 2011 tsunami in Japan.

The Bargaining
By Carly Anne West

Citation:

West, Carly Anne. *The Bargaining*. New York: Simon Pulse, 2015. 416p.

Annotation:

Penny has to spend her summer helping her new step-mother restore a broken down old home; not exactly the way Penny wanted to spend her summer. After all, stepmom is not that much older than Penny. To top it all off, the house is haunted. Penny finds that she is not only haunted by the recent death of a former friend but also by the ghosts that fill the old Carver House.

Booktalk:

Penny has a lot to deal with; her former manipulative friend, Rae is dead and her dad has recently wed a much younger woman. Mom cannot deal with Penny right now, and Dad thinks Penny should spend the summer with his new wife. Penny's step mom, April, has decided to restore an old house in the deep woods of Point Finney, Washington, and Penny's dad has advised her to spend the summer helping April. The locals of Point Finney are not exactly friendly and Penny soon figures out that the house she and April are living in as they restore it is haunted. Penny sees visions of children urging her to go into the woods as well as handprints left on the windows of the house and her stay in the house gets creepier with each day.

Reviews:

VOYA - 02/2015

School Library Journal – 11/01/2014

Kirkus – 11/04/2014

Awards:

Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee, 2017

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Related books:

Amity by Micol Ostow

The Hallowed Ones by Laura Bickle

The Waking Dark by Robin Wasserman

Other books by Carly Anne West:

The Murmurings