Acevedo, Elizabeth. **With the Fire on High.** New York: HarperCollins Children’s Books, a division of HarperCollins Publishers, 2019. 389 p. (Grades 9 and up). Deciding what to do after high school is difficult, but Emoni Santiago knows what her passion is: cooking. When a new elective opens up, Emoni has to take Culinary Arts. However, Emoni has a daughter, Emma, and she relies on her Abuela for so much. Can Emoni find the balance between school, family, and her future, or what will she have to sacrifice?

Bennett, Jenn, **Lady Rogue.** New York: Simon Pulse, 2019. 370 p. (Grades 9 and up). Annotation: Theodora longs to hunt treasure with her father. When her biggest heartbreak arrives, exclaiming that her father went missing while searching for Vlad Dracul’s ring, Theodora must confront her perception of the past. Searching for clues across Europe while trying to save her family from a murderous secret society, Theodora finds adventure and a new understanding of herself.

Cameron, Sophie. **Last Bus to Everland.** New York: Roaring Book Press, 2019. 327 p. (Grades 7 and up). Annotation: Brody feels completely disconnected from his family. When he befriends Nico and is introduced to Everland, Brody finds where he belongs. When doors across Everland begin closing permanently and his family life deteriorates even further, Brody realizes he must make a choice to stay with his family or remain in Everland forever.

de la Peña, Matt. **Superman: Dawnbreaker.** New York: Random House Children’s Books, a division of Penguin Random House LLC, 2019. 289 p. (Grades 8 and up). Annotation: Clark Kent may seem like the boy next door, but his life is anything but simple. Mystery surrounds Mankins Corporation, so Clark partners with his friend, Lana Lang, hungry to learn the truth. Add in missing migrant workers, questionable politics, and questions about Clark’s own identity, and there is enough to keep even the Man of Steel busy.

Foley, Jessie Ann **Sorry for your Loss.** New York: HarperTeen, 2019. 322 p. (Grades 9 and up). Annotation: Pup Flanagan is the youngest and the underdog of his 7 overachieving siblings. When his failing art grade lands him in hot water, he is surprised with a photography assignment that changes his perspective on life, love, and loss.

Giles, Lamar. *Spin*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2019. 387 p. (Grades 7 and up). DJ Parsec was a young DJ with real skill who was about to make it big until she was murdered on her deck before a big party. Kya was her best friend growing up, but they’ve kind of drifted apart. Fuse was the Queen of Parsec’s fan base. There is no love between them, but they are forced to work together to find Parsec’s killer before a group from the dark web comes for them.

Hughes, Naomi. *Refraction*. New York: PageStreet, 2019. 311p. (Grades 8 and up). Annotation: A real window into the horrifying world of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Join black market mirror dealer Marty on his quest to find his brother after the fog arrives on earth, spawning Beings that shred humans in moments.

Kemmerer, Brigid. *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*. New York: Bloomsbury YA, 2019. 484 p. (Grades 7 and up). Annotation: Harper is a feisty heroine who was just trying to save a girl from a creepy guy on the street when she finds herself in a magical castle with a Prince who is under the spell of a cruel witch. He is cursed to relive the season of his 18th birthday over and over until he finds someone to fall in love with him. Oh, and also, he turns into a murderous beast and kills everyone in sight at the end of the season. No worries. It’s fine.

Kritzer, Naomi. *Catfishing on CatNet*. New York: Tor Teen, 2019. 297 p. (Grades 8 and up). Annotation: Sixteen-year-old Steph has never lived in one place very long because of threats from her past, but is able to make friends through CatNet, a social media site that uses cat pictures as currency. When Steph is in danger, the sentient AI that admins CatNet comes to her rescue.

Levenseller, Tricia. *Warrior of the Wild*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2019. 329p. (Grades 8 and up) Annotation: Rasmira trains to become a warrior and plans to follow her father’s footsteps and become Chief. Sabotaged during her warrior test, she is banished forever unless she can complete an impossible task: kill the god her village pays tribute to each year.

Ribay, Randy. *Patron Saints of Nothing*. New York: Kokila, 2019. 323 p. (Grades 9 and up). Annotation: High school senior Jay Reguero is devastated when he learns his cousin Jun was murdered in the Philippines as part of President Duterte’s war on drugs. Jay travels to Manila during his spring break to reconnect with family and investigate his cousin’s murder.

Russo, Meredith. *Birthday*. New York: Flatiron Books, 2019. 278p. (Grades 7 and up). Annotation: Eric and Morgan sharing a birthday is the basis for their friendship and their lives being forever intertwined. Each birthday for six years, a glimpse into their lives reveals how grief, love, family dynamics, and discovering true sexual identity changes Eric and Morgan’s relationship.
Stiefvater, Maggie, *Call Down the Hawk*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2019. 469 p. (Grades 9 and up). Annotation: Return to the Raven Cycle universe for this captivating beginning to the Dreamer trilogy. Declan, Ronan and Matthew Lynch know about dreamers. When these brothers intersect with Hennessey and Jordan, girls who are struggling with creativity and identity, each one encounters a painful past while threats to their future close in.

Thomas, Angie. *On the Come Up*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2019. 447p. (Grades 8 and up). Annotation: Brianna Jackson has one goal: become a rapper so she can support her struggling family. Unfortunately, Bri’s hit song about her assault by a security guard gets the wrong sort of attention. This forces her to take a stand not just for her dreams, but against systemic racism.