The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall
by Katie Alender

Citation:

Annotation:
Delia learns that the house she has inherited is an old insane asylum that has the nickname “Hysteria Hall”. She must race against time to save herself, the ones she loves and the ghosts before her from being consumed by the house forever.

Booktalk:
Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in an insane asylum? Here is your chance to follow Delia, who has inherited the Piven Institute for the Care and Correction of Troubled Females, nicknamed “Hysteria Hall.” When her family moves into their new house, Delia is in for the ride of her life. She meets many ghosts as she learns why “Hysteria Hall” likes to keep troubled girls in the novel *The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall* by Katie Alender

Reviews:
*Horn Book Guide*, 04/01/16
*Kirkus Reviews*, starred, 06/01/15
*School Library Journal*, 06/01/15
*Voice of Youth Advocates* (VOYA), 10/01/15

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Like-Try-Why: Like *The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall*? Try *Bloody Mary: The Summoning* by Hillary Monahan. Why? Both stories deal with ghosts and what they want to take from the living.
Circus Mirandus
by Cassie Beasley

Citation:

Annotation:
Micah loves to listen to his grandfather’s stories about the wonderful Circus Mirandus. Though no one else thinks the stories are true, Micah believes. Now, he must find the invisible circus and the wish-granting Light Bender, before it is too late.

Booktalk:
Micah loves to listen to his grandpa’s stories about the enchanting, but invisible, Circus Mirandus. Micah needs some enchantment in his life to escape the awful reality of his mean Aunt Gertudis. Micah is already an orphan, and his grandfather, who loves him, is dying. Micah, who enjoys tying knots, must set out to untangle a metaphorical one. He must find Circus Mirandus, and convince the Lightbender to grant his Grandpa’s last wish. Circus Mirandus is both whimsical and serious. The characterization and fantasy plot will draw readers in. Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley will make an excellent read-aloud.

Reviews:
Booklist, starred, 6/20/2015
Common Sense Media, 6/2/2015
Kirkus Review, starred, 6/2/2016
New York Times, Editor’s Choice, 6/19/2015
Publisher’s Weekly, starred, 4/20/2015
School Library Journal, starred, 4/9/2015

Awards/Honors:
Charlotte Huck Award for Outstanding Fiction for Children, 2016
Cybils Awards, 2015 Elementary and Middle Grade (Speculative Fiction)
Kirkus Book Award 2015 (Young Readers)
New Horizons Book Award, 2016
New York Times Notable Children’s Books

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Like/Try/Why:
If you like The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis, try Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley. Both stories have intricate fantasy plots and settings and young characters who are extremely believable.
If you like *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate, try *Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley. Both stories have fantasy elements, and both portray children confronting tough situations.

**Note:** Cassie Beasley has a new book scheduled for release August 29, 2017, entitled *Tumble and Blue* about two children who have heard about, and go to find, a mysterious wish-granting alligator.
The War That Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Citation:

Annotation
Ada and her little brother Jamie travel to the London countryside during World War II. A woman is forced to share her home with them during when no one else chooses them from the train full of displaced children. After being abused by her mother for years due to her disability, Ada begins to wonder if she can truly be loved.

Booktalk
At the age of nine, Ada has never learned to walk and has never left her London apartment. Her twisted foot embarrasses her mother, and she is too ashamed to let her be seen. Her brother Jamie, however, attends school and is loved by their mother. When WWII begins, their mother wants to send Jamie to the countryside to keep him safe. Ada decides that she will learn to walk in secret and escape with her brother rather than staying with their cruel mother. The children are taken in by Susan Smith, who ends up being kind and trustworthy, so what will happen when the war ends and they are expected to return to the mother who doesn’t want them? Find out by reading Kimberly Brubaker Bradley’s novel The War That Saved My Life.

Reviews:
ALA Booklist, 12/01/14
Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books, 03/01/15
Horn Book Magazine, starred, 01/01/15
National Council for Social Studies Notable Children’s Trade
School Library Journal, 11/01/14
Wilson’s Children’s Catalog
Wilson’s High School Catalog
Wilson’s Junior High Catalog

Awards and Honors:
Newbery Honor
2016 Schneider Family Book Award
Odyssey Award
ILA Teacher's Choice Award
Winner of the Josette Frank Award
Wall Street Journal Best Children's Books of 2015
New York Public Library's 100 Books for Reading and Sharing
Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best Books 2015
Publishers Weekly Best Books of 2015
Kirkus Best Books of 2015
Horn Book Fanfare Book 2015
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Other books by this author
Jefferson’s Sons: A Founding Father’s Secret Children
For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy
Forces Make Things Move
Energy Makes Things Happen
Leap of Faith
The Lacemaker and the Princess
POP!: A Book about Bubbles

Related books
Prisoner of Night and Fog by Anne Blankman
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

Like-Try-Why
If you like Prisoner of Night and Fog by Anne Blankman, try The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Both books are set in WWII and share stories of children outside of the Holocaust.

If you like A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen, try The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Both books are set in tense times with families being separated.
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club
by Phillip Hoose

Citation:

Annotation:
When the Nazis occupy Denmark without any resistance from the Danish government, Knud Pedersen and other teens decide to fight back on their own. The Churchill Club uses theft and sabotage to thwart the Nazi soldiers at every turn - until the boys are caught and arrested.

Booktalk:
Knud Pedersen and his friends are furious. Their country of Denmark has been occupied by Nazi Germany, and the Danish government is doing nothing to stop them. The teenagers decide that if their leaders won’t fight the Nazis, then they will. The young men create the Churchill Club, named for British leader Winston Churchill, and risk their own safety and lives to stop the Nazis however they can. The boys start with small acts of theft and sabotage to thwart their enemies, but as their exploits escalate, so does the threat of being caught. Award winning author Phillip Hoose uses interviews with the adult Knud Pedersen to tell the real-life story of how a group of school boys set out to start a revolution in The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen the Churchill Club.

Reviews
Booklist, starred, 04/15/15
Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books starred, 07/01/15
Christian Library Journal, 03/01/16
Horn Book Guide, starred, 04/01/16
Horn Book Magazine, starred, 07/01/15
Kirkus Reviews, starred, 04/01/15
Library Media Connection, starred, 02/01/16
New York Times, 09/13/15
Publishers Weekly, starred, 03/16/15
School Library Journal, starred, 05/01/15
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA), 06/01/15

Awards or Honors
Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Honor, 2016

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Related Books
*The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

*Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs, and Survivors in World War II Denmark* by Deborah Hopkinson

**Like-Try-Why**
If you like Phillip Hoose’s *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club*, try *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti. Both books reveal teenagers who risk their lives to take a stand against the Nazis.

If you like Phillip Hoose’s *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club*, try *Shadow on the Mountain* by Margi Preus. Both books feature teenagers who join resistance movements against the Nazis.
**Roller Girl**
by Victoria Jamieson

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
If you had to ask 12-year-old Astrid when it started, she would tell you it was the summer after her 5th grade year. The summer when she, and her long-time best friend Nicole, saw their first roller derby game. The summer when Nicole didn’t want to hang out with her anymore. The summer when Nicole made a new best friend. The most challenging summer Astrid will ever have both on, and off, the rink.

**Booktalk:**
Having a friend with no similar interests as you is hard, but losing a friend because of it is even harder. Twelve-year-old Astrid is about to find this out the hard way when she develops an interest in roller derby, but Nicole, her best friend since forever, wants nothing to do with roller derby… or Astrid. Does Astrid have what it takes to be a Derby Girl and make a name for herself? Find out in Victoria Jamieson’s graphic novel *Roller Girl*.

**Reviews**
*Horn Book Magazine*, starred, 03/01/15
*New York Times*, 05/10/15
*Publishers Weekly*, starred, 01/26/15
*School Library Journal*, starred, 12/01/14
*Kirkus*, starred, 12/15/14

**Awards and Honors**
A Newbery Honor book, 2016
2016-2017 Texas Bluebonnet Award winner
*A Publishers Weekly* Best Book of 2015
*A School Library Journal* Best Book of 2015
*A Parents Magazine* Best Children's Book of 2015
An ALA Notable Children's Book of 2016

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**Related Books:**
*Smile* by Raina Telgemeier
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
*Lumberjanes* by Noelle Stevenson
Blackbird Fly
by Erin Entrada Kelly

Citation:

Annotation:
Apple, a Filipino American girl, is tormented by bullies at school and feels uncomfortable about her own culture at home. Through the music of The Beatles and learning how to play the guitar, she finds friendship and acceptance of her heritage.

Booktalk:
Eighth grade can be hard. It’s even harder when your differences make you the target of hateful bullies. Apple moved from the Philippines to Louisiana several years ago, but she still finds life difficult due to her nickname and the embarrassment her mom causes her because she doesn’t speak English well. Apple finds solace in music and will listen to her late father’s Beatles cassette every day. She longs to have a guitar and play the music herself, but her mother forbids it. When bullies create a “Dog Log” of “ugliest girls in the school,” and Apple finds herself on the list, she throws herself into secretly learning to play the guitar with some encouragement from a new friend at school. A story filled with music and friendship, Apple learns more about herself, her heritage, and who her true friends are in this sweet story, with a Beatles song listed in every chapter, in Blackbird Fly by Erin Entrada Kelly.

Reviews:
Booklist, 02/01/15
Kirkus Reviews, starred, 01/01/15
Publishers Weekly, starred, 03/16/15
School Library Journal, starred, 12/01/14

Awards or Honors:
20 Years of Dia, 2016
Best Children’s Books of the Year, 2016
Choices, 2016
Distinguished Books, 2015
Notable Children's Books, 2016

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Related Books:
*The Land of Forgotten Girls* by Erin Entrada Kelly
*Listen Slowly* by Thanhha Lai
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Like-Try-Why:
If you like *Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly, try *Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass* by Meg Media. Both feature the main character being bullied at school.

If you like *Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly, try *Listen, Slowly* by Thanhha Lai. Both feature main characters learning more about their culture and heritage, Filipino and Vietnamese, respectively.

If you like *Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly, try *Booked* by Kwame Alexander. Both feature main characters that have a passion for an extracurricular activity, music and soccer, respectively.
This Monstrous Thing
by Mackenzi Lee

Citation:

Annotation:
In a steampunk re-telling of *Frankenstein*, a Geneva mechanic brings his brother back to life using clockwork parts.

Booktalk:
Alasdair Finch makes an unthinkable choice: he uses clockwork pieces to bring his brother Oliver back to life. Oliver returns, but as more monster than man. *This Monstrous Thing* by Mackenzi Lee is a classic steampunk retelling of *Frankenstein* with a surprise cameo by Mary Shelley herself.

Reviews:
*Booklist*, 09/01/15
*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, 10/01/15
*Horn Book Guide*, 04/01/16
*Horn Book Magazine*, 09/01/15
*Kirkus Reviews*, 07/01/15
*Publishers Weekly*, 06/08/15
*School Library Journal*, 08/01/15
*Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)*, starred, 12/01/15

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Like-Try-Why
If you like *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, try *This Monstrous Thing* by Mackenzi Lee. Each of these books deals with loss and creation and the boundaries of science.

If you like *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer, try *This Monstrous Thing* by Mackenzi Lee. Each of these novels includes elements of steampunk as well as retellings of other stories/fairy tales.

If you like *The Rithmatist* by Brandon Sanderson, try *This Monstrous Thing* by Mackenzi Lee. Each of these novels includes elements of steampunk as well as characters struggling with being outcasts.
Annotation:
After doing nothing during an attack on a developmentally disabled classmate named Belinda, Emily and Lucas find themselves with community service. While helping with a class on relationships at a center for disabled people, Emily and Lucas begin to learn more about the people they are working with. When Belinda doesn’t return to school after the trauma of her attack, though, they begin to wonder if they can learn more about Belinda and help her.

Booktalk:
What would you do if you witnessed an attack on a classmate? Emily and Lucas find themselves in this situation at a football game and don’t help their developmentally disabled classmate named Belinda. Belinda doesn’t return to school, and Lucas and Emily are given community service at a center for disabled people helping with a class on boundaries and relationships. While Lucas and Emily begin to feel like they are helping people, they still worry about what they might be able to do to help Belinda in Cammie McGovern’s novel A Step Toward Falling.

Reviews:
Publishers Weekly, starred, 07/27/15
Booklist, starred, 10/01/15
School Library Journal, starred, 09/01/15
Kirkus, 07/01/15
Horn Book Magazine, 08/27/15
Horn Book Guide, 01/13/16
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA), 10/01/15
The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books (BCCB)

Awards or Honors:
Booklist Best Young Adult Books of 2015

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Like-Try-Why:
If you like Girls Like Us by Gail Giles, try A Step Toward Falling by Cammie McGovern. Both books have genuine voices of developmentally disabled characters going through difficult situations.

If you like The Beginning of Everything by Robyn Schneider, try A Step Toward Falling by Cammie McGovern. Both books have romantic plot points between two unlikely characters.
Citation:

Annotation:
Seventeen-year old Minnow Bly has spent twelve years as part of the Kevinian cult, where she lost her family, her ability to trust others, and, after rebelling against the “Prophet,” her hands. After the Prophet is murdered and the cult’s camp is set on fire, Minnow is sent to a juvenile detention facility, where an FBI agent urges Minnow to discuss what happened with the cult in exchange for her freedom.

Booktalk:
Since the age of five, Minnow Bly lived with her family inside the confines of the Kevinian cult led by a twisted but charismatic leader known as the “Prophet.” They are allowed no communication with the outside world, and the men serve as deacons for the Prophet and have several wives. The women are forced to marry young, are not allowed to learn how to read, and their only purpose is to have children. When Minnow meets Jude, an outsider, she begins to question everything the Prophet has ever told her. In a moment of complete disrespect and defiance, Minnow is punished by having her hands brutally removed. Shortly after that, the Prophet is killed and the camp is destroyed in a fire. Minnow is placed in juvenile detention facility for severely beating a boy. While navigating the ins and outs of the juvenile facility, Minnow must also decide if she will tell her story to an FBI agent in order to gain her freedom. Is Minnow able to let go of the past? Read *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly* by Stephanie Oakes to learn more about this courageous young woman.

Reviews:
*Booklist*, starred, 05/01/15
*Horn Book Guide*, 10/01/15
*Kirkus Reviews*, 04/01/15
*Library Media Connection*, 12/01/15
*Publishers Weekly*, starred, 04/27/15
*School Library Journal*, 04/01/15
*Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)*, starred, 08/01/15

Awards or Honors:
William C. Morris Debut Nominees, 2016
Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, (SCBWI), Fiction Honor, 2016

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Related Books:
*Down from the Mountain* by Elizabeth Fixmer
The Patron Saint of Butterflies by Cecelia Galante
Devoted by Jennifer Mathieu
Eden West by Pete Hautman

Like-Try-Why:
If you like The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly, try Down from the Mountain by Elizabeth Fixmer. Both are stories about young girls living in cults who realize that the outside world is different from what they have been led to believe.

If you like The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly, try The Patron Saint of Butterflies by Cecelia Galante (a previous OLA Intermediate Sequoyah Masterlist choice). Strong female characters learn to trust others as they work to overcome difficult circumstances after being part of a cult.

If you like The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly, try Devoted by Jennifer Mathieu. This is another story of a young girl who begins to question the religious beliefs she has been told about and struggles to find her place in the world.

If you like The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly, try Eden West by Pete Hautman. Told from the point of view of Jacob, a seventeen-year old boy living within the confines of an eight-foot-high, twelve-square-mile compound, it is the story of questioning all that one believes and holding on to one’s faith, despite learning painful truths.
**Shadowshaper**
by Daniel Jose Older

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
Sierra Santiago is a gifted artist and paints murals on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood. After seeing some of her creations change and then disappear, she learns that she is a Shadowshaper and must battle an evil that threatens her family, friends, and community.

**Booktalk:**
Sierra Santiago paints beautiful murals in her Brooklyn neighborhood and expects nothing more during the upcoming summer than to paint and hang out with her friends. However, her carefree plans are cut short when she discovers the murals changing. She sees some faces weeping and others disappearing altogether. Sierra teams up with a new kid on the block, the sexy and equally artistically talented Robbie, to get to the bottom of it all. As they investigate what is happening to the murals, Sierra discovers she is a Shadowsaper, able to connect her art with the spirits of her ancestors. Sierra must now battle with a sinister foe who wants to take all of the Shadowshaper power by killing off all the others, which include most of Sierra’s family. This exciting fantasy will have you racing to the finish, as well as falling in love with the vivid Brooklyn setting and laughing at the comic relief from Sierra’s hilarious friends. *Shadowshaper* by Daniel Jose Older is not a story to miss!

**Reviews:**
*Booklist*, starred, 05/15/15  
*Kirkus Reviews*, starred, 03/15/15  
*Publishers Weekly*, starred, 04/13/15  
*School Library Journal*, starred, 04/01/15

**Awards or Honors:**
Best Fiction for Young Adults, 2016  
Best of the Best-of List, 2015  
*Booklist* Top 10 Arts Books for Youth, 2015  
*Publishers Weekly* Best Children's Book, 2015  
YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, 2016
Author Website:
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Related Books:
Labyrinth Lost by Zoraida Cordova
The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds
Chaos by Nalo Hopkinson

Like-Try-Why:
If you like Shadowshaper by Daniel Jose Older, try Labyrinth Lost by Zoraida Cordova. Both have main female characters that come into powerful family magic and have to battle sinister foes.

If you like Shadowshaper by Daniel Jose Older, try The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds. Both feature Brooklyn as the main setting, and both main characters have a strong community of family and friends that play big roles in their stories.

If you like Shadowshaper by Daniel Jose Older, try Chaos by Nalo Hopkinson. Both novels feature Caribbean folklore in the fantastical and magical elements of each story.
The Seventh Most Important Thing
by Shelley Pearsall

Citation:

Annotation:
Arthur Owens threw a brick at the Junk Man for wearing a hat. In his almost new funeral suit, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to help the Junk Man collect the world’s seven most important things. From deserted alleys and garbage cans, Arthur discovers redemption can be found in the least expected places.

Booktalk:
Angry over his father’s death, Arthur threw a brick at the local Junk Man (James Hampton) and broke the Junk Man’s arm. Now, Arthur will be spending his next 30 Saturdays collecting the seven most important things. At school Arthur is the seen as “juvie freak,” but an impulsive act of heroism results in friendship with fellow misfit, Squeak. Do you know what the seven most important things are? Lightbulbs, foil, mirrors, pieces of wood, glass bottles, coffee cans, and cardboard. Confused? So was Arthur Owens, at first. To discover what Mr. Hampton created read The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall.

Reviews:
Booklist, starred, 08/01/15
Kirkus, starred, 07/01/15
School Library Journal, starred, 07/01/15

Awards or Honors:
100 Notable Titles for Reading and Sharing, 2015
ALA Notable Books for Children, 2016
Booklist Top 10 Art Books for Youth, 2015
Booklist Top 10 Historical Fiction Books for Youth, 2016
Cybils Awards Nomination, 2015
ILA Teachers’ Choices 2016 Reading List
Kirkus Reviews Best Children’s Books, 2015

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Related Books:
*Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
*Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff
*Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass

**Like-Try-Why**

Like *The Seventh Most Important Thing*? Try *Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald. Why? Both books feature strong characters and a mystery about art.

Like *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass? Try *The Seventh Most Important Thing*. Why? Both books feature characters searching for the meaning of life after the death of their fathers.
Annotation:
When best friends Libby and May create the character Princess X in the fifth grade, they have no idea what’s in store for them and their katana sword wielding heroine. After the car Libby is traveling in drives off a bridge, May believes the character, along with her best friend, is lost to her forever, until three years later when Princess X’s image starts popping up everywhere. Is it just a coincidence, or has what started out as a simple comic between two girls become a secret message from a friend she thought she’d never see again?

Booktalk:
Once upon a time there was a princess with blue hair who wore a pink puff-sleeved dress, a crown, and red chucks. Oh, and she wielded a katana sword as well. It’s safe to say this princess isn’t like any other you may have heard of. She is Princess X.

Princess X was a comic book character May and Libby created in the fifth grade. Libby drew the pictures, and May wrote the exciting adventures that filled the comics, until Libby and her mother were killed in a car accident. As far as May was concerned, her best friend and their beloved Princess X both died that day.

“Three years passed. And then there was a sticker.” The sticker had the image of non-other than their Princess X. Then May started seeing Princess X everywhere. There were more stickers and patches and a web comic. What if everything that May thought was true was a lie? No one else knew anything about Princess X. If she was showing up, surely Libby had something to do with it. Was she still alive? Was she in trouble? Read I am Princess X by Cherie Priest to find out.

Reviews:
School Library Journal, starred, 04/01/15
Booklist, starred, 03/15/15
Publishers Weekly, starred, 03/30/15
Horn Book Guide, 10/13/15
Kirkus Reviews, 03/15/15

Awards or Honors:
Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award Nominee (2016-2017)
Westchester Fiction Award 2016
YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers: Fiction: 2016
Capitol Choices 2016
New York Public Library Best Books for Teens 2015
2015 Cybils Awards Nomination, Young Adult Fiction
ILA Young Adults’ Choices, 2016 Reading List
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Like-Try-Why:
If you like *Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow, try *I am Princess X* by Cherie Priest. Both books contain plots where computer hacking is prevalent.

If you like *Scarlett Undercover* by Jennifer Latham, try *I am Princess X* by Cherie Priest. Both books follow a compelling kidnapping mystery.
The Boy in the Black Suit
by Jason Reynolds

Citation:

Annotation:
Matt is a young man whose mother has died. He meets a young lady named Lovey, and through her, he learns how to cope with life and the hand that he has been dealt.

Booktalk:
Why would a handsome 17-year-old wear a black suit every day? I mean wearing it every day to school, to the store, to work. By reading The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds, you will find out how Matt confronts his fears through working at a funeral home and by making friends with a young lady, Lovey, who has endured more in her life then he has.

Reviews:
Booklist, 02/01/15
Horn Book, 03/01/15
Kirkus Reviews, 10/15/14
Publishers Weekly, 11/03/14
School Library Journal, 10/01/14
Teensreadtoo.com, 01/08/15
VOYA, 02/01/15

Awards and Honors:
2016 Coretta Scott King Author Award Honor Book
Capitol Choices 2016
New York Public Library Best Books for Teens 2015
Bulletin Blue Ribbon 2015, Fiction
YALSA’s Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016, Top Ten
Finalist for the 2015 Kirkus Prize
Publishers Weekly Best Children’s Books of 2015, Young Adult
Booklist 2015 Top 10 Books for Youth, Arts
SLJ’s Best Books of 2015, Young Adult
SLJ’s Top Latino-themed Books 2015
The New York Times Notable Children’s Books of 2015, Young Adult
Kirkus Reviews Best Books of 2015, Teen
Booklist Best Young Adult Books of 2015
Booklist Editor’s Choice 2015, Fiction
2016 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, Top Ten
YALSA’s Best Fiction for Young Adults 2016, Top Ten
Booklist Top 10 Books for Youth 2016, Multicultural Fiction
2015 Cybils Awards Nomination, Young Adult Fiction
Los Angeles Times Book Prize, 2015 Finalist, Young Adult Literature

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Like-Try-Why:
Like *The Boy in The Black Suit*? Try *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13b* by Teresa Toten. Why? Both protagonists deal with the cards that life has dealt them with a blooming friendship with a young lady.
**Orbiting Jupiter**
by Gary D. Schmidt

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
After spending time in a juvenile facility, 14-year-old Joseph is placed in foster care with 12-year-old Jack and his family on a farm in rural Maine. During Joseph's stay, Jack learns that Joseph has a baby daughter named Jupiter, whom he has never seen. As Joseph begins the search to find Jupiter, he and Jack learn that family is more than blood, and that the past isn’t always easy to overcome.

**Booktalk:**
Jack knows three things about Joseph, a 14-year-old boy who is being placed as a foster child in his home: 1) he almost killed a teacher, 2) he has spent time in a juvenile detention center, and 3) Joseph has a daughter. Armed with just this knowledge, Jack decides to befriend Joseph, helping him navigate the pitfalls of being a new kid in middle school, living on a working farm, and learning to trust other people. In addition, Jack assists in Joseph’s search for his daughter. Together, they learn that family can be more than blood, that while trusting others is challenging, it is worth it in the end, and that often the past is difficult to overcome. *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt is a powerfully intense story of love and redemption that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

**Reviews:**
- *Booklist*, starred, 09/01/15
- *Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books (BCCB)*, 11/01/15
- *Horn Book Guide*, 04/01/15
- *Horn Book Magazine*, 11/01/15
- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred, 07/15/15
- *Library Media Connections*, 12/01/15
- *New York Times*, 11/08/15
- *Publishers Weekly*, starred, 08/08/15
- *School Library Journal*, starred, 08/01/15
- *Voices of Youth Advocates (VOYA)*, starred, 12/01/15

**Awards and Honors:**
- Capitol Choices, 2016
- *Publishers Weekly* Best Children’s Books of 2015, Middle Grade
- *Booklist*, Best Young Books of 2015
- ALA Notable Books for Children, 2016 Older Readers
- *VOYA*’s Perfect Tens 2015; 2016 Winner Notable Books for a Global Society
- CCBC Choices 2016, Fiction for Young Adults
- 2015 Cybils Awards Nomination, Young Adult Fiction
- ILA Young Adult Choices, 2016 Reading List
Author Website:
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Related Books:
The First Part Last by Angela Johnson
Returnable Girl by Pamela Lowell
A List of Cages by Robin Roe
Hanging on to Max by Margaret Bechard

Like-Try-Why:
If you like Orbiting Jupiter, try The First Part Last by Angela Johnson. This is the story of a teenage boy forced to make adult decisions when his girlfriend gets pregnant and then dies after giving birth to a daughter.

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Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War
by Steve Sheinkin

Citation

Annotation
Steve Sheinkin uses his storytelling style to detail the true account of Daniel Ellsberg, the man who risked his freedom and safety to reveal the truth behind the Vietnam War.

Booktalk
How far would you go to tell the truth? This is the question that Daniel Ellsberg has to ask of himself. Ellsberg, a Pentagon consultant, knows the truth behind the decades of military and political deceptions concerning the Vietnam War, and he makes the decision to let the world know about the lies. Because he tells the truth, Ellsberg goes from being known as an American patriot to being considered the nation’s most dangerous man. Award winning author Steve Sheinkin uses his skillful research to tell the story of how Ellsberg decided to share with the media the classified documents known as the Pentagon Papers, documents that revealed the lies behind the Vietnam War, in his nonfiction work Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War.

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