Kletter, Kerry. *The First Time She Drowned*. Philomel Books, 2016. 352 p. (Grade 9 & up) Cassie O’Malley has spent the last two and a half years in a mental institution. She wasn’t quite the daughter her mother wanted, so her mother committed her to the mental institution. Cassie is now 18 and has discharged herself. She is going to college and must face the obstacles of a lack of social skills, but she also must deal with childhood memories that are surfacing. These memories allow readers to learn of the abuse - physical, mental, sexual - that Cassie has endured.

Glasgow, Kathleen. *Girl in Pieces*. Random House Children’s Books, 2016. 416 p. (Grade 10 & up) 17-year-old Charlie Davis is a cutter. She is being released from the mental health facility long before she is ready because of the lack of insurance coverage. The hospital thinks they are releasing Charlie to her mother, but that is not the case as her mom leaves the hospital with her, gives her some cash, and suggests she go to Arizona and start a life there. Mom walks away leaving Charlie on the sidewalk. This haunting and dark read is one of the most open and honest stories of cutters that may give light to outsiders trying to understand the pain of a cutter.

Hesse, Monica. *Girl in the Blue Coat*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2016. 375 p. (Grade 9 & up) Set in 1943, 18-year-old Hanneke is surviving Nazi-occupied Holland, and the loss of her love, Bas, by running goods (cigarettes, meat, etc.) to her neighbors on the black market. When one of her customers recruits her to help find a mysterious missing girl, Hanneke embarks on a suspenseful journey to find the girl in the blue coat.

Mills, Wendy. *All We Have Left*. Bloomsbury, 2016. 362 p. (Grade 8 & up) In parallel stories, modern-day Jesse is trying to find answers and her own way to deal with her brother’s death in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Alia, a Muslim character from 2001, gets trapped in one of the towers on 9/11 and meets a boy who will make her question everything. When Jesse makes a snap, hate-filled decision, she starts on a path that will help her understand how her brother died and the mark that is has made on her family.

Berry, Julie. *The Passion of Dolssa*. New York: Viking, 2016. 496 p. (Grade 7 & up) In thirteenth-century France, Dolssa has been branded a heretic and is on the run from an inquisitor until she is saved and sheltered by Botille. Botille is a matchmaker and runs a tavern with her sisters in their small seaside town.

Padian, Maria. *Wrecked*. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Algonquin, 2016/368 p. (Grade 10 & up) When Jenny accuses fellow university student Jordan of rape, Haley (Jenny’s roommate) and Richard (Jordan’s housemate) are pushed into the middle of a complicated situation. As the campus investigation progresses and what actually happened becomes increasingly muddied, readers see the very real aftermath of campus sexual assault from a variety of perspectives.

Cordova, Zoraida. *Labyrinth Lost*. Sourcebooks Fire, 2016. 336p. (Grades 9-12) Alex is a prodigy bruja just coming into her power, but she hates and fears her magic. When a ritual
backfires and sends her family to the underworld Los Lagos, she must journey through a land of monsters to save her loved ones and regain her powers.

Hatley, A.J. **Steeplejack.** Tor Teen, 2016. 336 p. (Grade 8 & up) Anglet Sutonga lives the death-defying life of a steeplejack in a city on the brink of chaos. Civil war is about to break out in Bar-Selehm, and the only hope of preventing bloodshed rests on Ang’s detective skills.

Lord, Emery. **When We Collided.** Bloomsbury USA Childrens, 2016. 352 p. (Grade 8 & up) Everyone struggles with mental health issues at some point. Vivi and Jonah happen to be teenagers both handling the effects mental illness brings to lives, families and dreams. Vivi is bipolar and struggling with her diagnosis and medication. Jonah is struggling with the death of his father and his mother’s deep depression as a result of his father’s death.

Gilmore, Jennifer. **We Were Never Here.** New York: Harper Teen, 2016. 320 p. (Grades 10 & up) Sixteen year old Lizzie and hospital volunteer Connor meet while Lizzie is facing life-changing surgery for ulcerative colitis. Their bond forms quickly and is tested by lies, secrets, pain, and illness.

Stork, Francisco X. **The Memory of Light.** Arthur Levine, 2016. 325 p. (Grade 9 & up) After attempting suicide, Vicky Cruz ends up in a psychiatric ward where compassionate Dr. Desai leads she and other struggling teens on a path to healing.

Starmer, Aaron. **Spontaneous.** (Grade 10 & up) High school senior Mara tries to figure out what is happening when her classmates start spontaneously combusting.

Waid, Mark and Fiona Staples. **Archie, Vol. 1.** (Grade & & up) Archie, Betty, Veronica, Jughead, and more from Riverdale are back in this original, updated take on the classic comic book.

Buxbaum, Julie. **Tell Me Three Things.** (Grade 10 & up) Jessie starts a new school across the country when she gets an anonymous email from someone offering to show her who to trust in her new situation - but can she trust someone who won’t even tell her who they are?

Shusterman, Neil. **Scythe.** New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young People, 2016. 448 p. (Grade 8 & up) In a future world in which humans have conquered death, Scythes have the job of ending life in order to keep the population in check. When Citra and Rowan become reluctant Scythe apprentices, they are thrust into a fatal competition and find themselves questioning the political and philosophical underpinnings of their society.

Mason-Black, Jennifer. **Devil And The Bluebird.** Amulet Books, 2016. 327 p. (Grade 8 & up) Blue Riley leaves home to find her older sister with nothing more than her guitar, “magical” boots, and a deal made with the devil. The deal means she loses her voice; the promise is she will save her sister’s soul. And that’s a bargain she’s willing to make. As she travels west, still
mourning the death of her mother, she learns the true meaning of family, loss and hope. This coming-of-age story will stay with the reader long after the last page is turned.

Taylor, Jane B. *Into the Dim*. Massachusetts: HMH Books for Young Readers, 2016. 448 p. (Grade 8 & up). 16-year-old Hope travels to Scotland to meet her lost mother’s family and becomes embroiled in a secret time travel society. She discovers that her mother is not dead but trapped in the 12th century. The society and Hope decide to risk the dangers and perils of time travel to bring her mother to safety.

Schwab, Victoria. *This Savage Song*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2016. 464 p. (Grade 8 & up) In a world dominated by monsters, two teenagers desperately want to make a difference. Kate, who is human, wants to be ruthless as a monster and August, a monster, wants to be good. The two must work together to save their lives and their city.