2019 High School Annotated Masterlist

Benway, Robin. *Far from the Tree*. New York: HarperTeen, 2017. 374 p. (Grades 8 and up). When 16-year-old Grace decides to give her baby up for adoption, she begins a search for her own birth mother. She discovers more than she bargained for when she finds an older brother and a younger sister, each with their own feelings about the birth mother Grace so desperately wants to find.

Crowley, Cath. *Words in Deep Blue*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. 269 p. (Grades 9 and up). Rachel and Henry used to be best friends, but time and distance left many questions unanswered. Rachel moves back to Melbourne from the coast, trying to cope with her grief, while Henry works in his family’s second-hand bookstore - until his mother wants to sell it, disrupting everything. Told in alternating points of view, this is the story of love, loss and the beauty found in words.

Goobie, Beth. *The Pain Eater*. Toronto: Second Story Press, 2017. 245 p. (Grades 9 and up). On the way home from a play at the end of her freshman year, Maddy is assaulted by a gang of masked boys. Maddy keeps her attack a secret, but when she discovers one of the boys in her English class the following year, Maddy begins to unravel.

Henson, S.F. *Devils Within*. New York: Sky Pony Press, 2017. 390 p. (Grades 9 and up). Nate kills his white supremacist father in self-defense when he is 14 years old. Now he wants a new life, one without hatred, but he has to figure out how to overcome his conditioning in order to become the person he wants to be.


Levenseller, Tricia. *Daughter of the Pirate King*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2017. 311 p. (Grades 8 and up). Seventeen-year-old pirate captain Alosa, the daughter of a ruthless pirate king, intentionally allows herself to be kidnapped in order pursue a dangerous mission - retrieving part of a hidden treasure map. Clever Alosa uses a few tricks and a special ability to outsmart a handsome rival pirate, Riden, in this fast-paced fantasy adventure.

Lyga, Barry. *Bang*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2017. 295 p. (Grades 8 and up). The accidental shooting death of his infant sister has haunted Sebastian Cody for years. With his family torn apart and his best friend gone, will this summer be the time for Sebastian to atone for his actions in the only way he can imagine?


Roe, Robin. *A List of Cages*. New York: Hyperion, 2017. 310 p. (Grades 8 and up). While serving as the school psychologist’s aide, Adam Blake is asked to mentor a troubled freshman, who happens to be Adam’s foster brother whom he hasn’t seen in years. As they get reacquainted with each other, Adam realizes that Julian’s life is in danger.

Slater, Dashka. *The 57 Bus*. New York: Macmillan, 2017. 302 p. (Grades 6 and up). Sasha and Richard, two teens in Oakland, CA, cross paths each day riding the 57 bus. One afternoon during a ride home from school, a rash act leaves Sasha burned and Richard charged with two hate crimes, facing life in prison. Told with nuance, this story explores the complexity of what happened that day.

Stone, Nic. *Dear Martin*. New York: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017. 210 p. (Grades 9 and up). When Justyce McAllister is wrongly arrested while trying to assist his drunk ex-girlfriend, he starts a journey of self-discovery. Justyce begins a journal in which he writes to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. about race relations in contemporary America, but Justyce’s resolve to follow the teachings of Dr. King is tested over the next year of life with his peers and others in the community.

Taylor, Laini. *Strange the Dreamer*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2017. 536 p. (Grades 9 and up). Lazlo Strange, war orphan and junior librarian, is obsessed with the lost city of Weep. When long-forgotten warriors suddenly offer Lazlo the opportunity to realize his dream, he embarks on an epic journey to discover the long-hidden secrets of Weep.

Thomas, Angie. *The Hate U Give*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2017. 464 p. (Grades 9 and up). Starr Carter--middle child, basketball player, *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* fan--becomes the center of a massive trial after a police officer shoots her childhood best friend right in front of her. As tensions rise in her family, neighborhood, and school, everyone has a different take on what happened--and Starr must find her own voice to be heard above the crowd.

Zappia, Francesca. *Eliza and Her Monsters*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2017. 400p. (Grades 8 and up). In real life, Eliza Mirk is shy and a bit weird, but online, she is Lady Constellation, the anonymous creator of the insanely popular webcomic *Monstrous Sea*. Wallace Warland, *Monstrous Sea*’s biggest fanfiction writer and new kid at school, befriends Eliza and gets her to enjoy real life. But when Eliza’s secret is accidentally shared with the world, everything begins to fall apart: *Monstrous Sea*’s story, her relationship with Wallace, and her own mental health.