**Far from the Tree**
by Robin Benway

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
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.

**Booktalk:**
Grace: "Grace had always known she was adopted...but it was different now...somewhere in the world was a woman who had maybe hurt like Grace was hurting now...Grace needed to be tethered to someone again."
Maya: "Maya had always known she was adopted...She was the only one who stood out, the only dark brunette stain in every single family photo...if her parents split up, who would they pick?"
Joaquin: "He liked being alone without anyone around him. The aloneness felt more like his choice that way...Joaquin had long gotten over not having parents...Joaquin had been adopted once before. And he was never going to let it happen again."

**Reviews:**
Kirkus, 8/2017
School Library Journal, 9/2017
Publisher's Weekly, 8/2017

**Awards and Honors:**
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2017 National Book Award for Young People's Literature
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
2018 ALA Rainbow List

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**Other Books by Robin Benway:**
*Emmy and Oliver* (2015)
*Also Known As* (2013)
*The Extraordinary Secrets of April, May, and June* (2010)
Words in Deep Blue
by Cath Crowley

Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
“We are the books we read and the things we love, Cal is the ocean and the letters he left. Our ghosts hide in the things we leave behind.” Howling Books is the second hand bookstore that houses a room called the Letter Library. Patrons can underline passages, leave messages in margins and leave letters in beloved books to be found by someone else since these books are not for sale. Some of these letters are interspersed between the voices of Henry, whose family owns the store, and Rachel, who is cataloging the books in the Letter Library in preparation for the sale of the store. This is a story of hidden longings and revelations made through the pages of books.

Reviews:
Kirkus Reviews (starred) 3/15/17
Booklist (starred) 4/15/17
School Library Journal (starred) 4/27/2017
Publishers Weekly 6/2017

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
Winner of the Indie Book Awards for Young Adult Fiction 2017
Winner of the Gold Inky Awards 2017
Winner of the Prime Minister’s Literary Award for Young Adult Fiction 2017
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Related Books:
Dash & Lily’s Book of Dares by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell
Thanks for the Trouble by Tommy Wallach

Other Books by Cath Crowley:
The Life and Times of Gracie Faltrain (2004)
Chasing Charlie Duskin (original title)/A Little Wanting Song (2005)
Gracie Faltrain Takes Control (2006)
Gracie Faltrain Gets It Right (Finally) (2008)
Graffiti Moon (2010)
Take Three Girls (2017)
The Pain Eater
by Beth Goobie

Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
A terrible thing happened to Maddy at the end of her freshman year. Walking home from the school play, Maddy is attacked and raped by several boys wearing masks. Maddy stays silent about her attack and believes she has dealt with the worst over the summer. When she begins her sophomore year, she is horrified to realize she recognizes several of the boys who took part in the attack and one is in her English class.

Knowing that Maddy recognizes them, the boys begin to threaten and terrorize Maddy as she struggles to cope. As the English class works on a group creative writing assignment, Maddy learns everyone in her class is dealing with something. Can Maddy use the assignment to express what has happened to her and bring justice to her attackers?

Reviews:
Booklist (starred) 02/01/17
Kirkus Reviews (starred) 01/01/17
Resource Links 10/01/16
School Library Journal 02/01/17
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (starred) 02/01/17

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 White Pine Award Finalist - Ontario Library Association: Forest of Reading
2017 Saskatchewan Book Award for Young Adult Literature Winner
2017 Saskatchewan Book Awards Finalist: The Muslims for Peace and Justice Fiction Award and the Regina Public Library Book of the Year Award
2017/18 Snow Willow Award Finalist - Saskatchewan Young Readers’ Choice Award (SYRCA)
2017 High Plains Book Award - Young Adult Book Winner
2018 In the Margins Book Award - Top Ten Title

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Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Exit, Pursued by a Bear by E.K. Johnston
Asking for It by Louise O’Neill
Smoke by Ellen Hopkins
Cut by Patricia McCormick
The Way I Used to Be by Amber Smith

Other Books by Beth Goobie:
Hello, Groin
Sticks and Stones
The Lottery
The Dream Where Losers Go
Before Wings
Kicked Out
Could I Have My Body Back Please?
The Good, The Bad and The Suicidal
Flux
Fixed
The Girls Who Dream Me
Who Owns Kelly Paddik
Jason’s Why
The First Principles of Dreaming
Something Girl
The Colors of Carol Molev
The Throne
Breathing at Dusk
The Only Good Heart
I’m Not Convinced
Born Ugly
Mission Impossible
Rave: Young Adult Drama
Love You More
Scars of Light
**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
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.

**Booktalk:**
Henson’s debut novel sheds light on white supremacy and other cloaked forms of racism.

Sixteen-year-old Nate grew up in The Fort, a white-supremacist compound where hate and violence are preached and practiced daily. When Nate kills his abusive father in self-defense, he is sent to live with his estranged uncle. In a new town with a new alias, Nate desperately tries to come to terms with his old life and the darkness lingering inside—especially when confronted with people he’s been conditioned to hurt. In Brandon, a black schoolmate, Nate finds a true friend, but the past is calling, threatening to shatter his new existence and the safety of his friends.

For many, the book will be a triggering read, but it is a necessary one—particularly when there are those too willing to deny the reality of racism. Henson draws from true events to highlight what happens in white-supremacist circles, what happens to the people they target, and how white silence is also complicity. Her author’s note states: “It’s not the job of people of color to educate white folks on how they deserve to be treated and on what is and isn’t racist. This is a burden we’ve been putting on their backs for far too long.”

**Reviews:**
Kirkus (starred) 9/18/2017
School Library Journal 1/31/2018

**Awards and Honors:**
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
William C. Kirkus Best Book of 2017
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
2018 YALSA Morris Young Adult Debut Award Nominee

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**Related Books:**
*All-American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
*Bright Lights, Dark Nights* by Stephen Emond
*Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
Citation:

Annotation:
When 17-year old Rowan discovers a skeleton on her family’s property in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she uncovers a century-old murder mystery. Alternating viewpoints from past and present weave details that connect the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 to the present.

Booktalk:
Seventeen-year-old Rowan Chase is looking forward to spending one lazy day, doing nothing, before her busy summer gets started. Her plans for relaxation are interrupted when a construction crew at her home uncovers a skeleton on her family’s property. Rowan is shocked! After all, the Tulsa, OK, property has been in her family for generations.

Through alternating perspectives from 1921 Tulsa and today, Rowan’s investigation leads her to discover who the skeleton belongs to and how it got on her family’s property. This story will take readers from the turbulent times surrounding the Tulsa Race Riot and link them to complex race relations today.

Reviews:
Booklist (starred) 11/15/16
Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books 12/01/16
Horn Book Guide 10/01/17
Horn Book 11/01/16
Kirkus Reviews (starred) 11/01/16
New York Times 04/16/17
Publishers Weekly 11/14/16
School Library Connection 08/01/17
School Library Journal (starred) 11/01/16
Teacher Librarian 02/01/18
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) 02/01/17

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
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Related Books:
Mare’s War by Tanita S. Davis
Tulsa Burning by Anna Myers
Steal Away Home by Lois Ruby

Other Books by Jennifer Latham:
Scarlett Undercover (2016)
Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
Do you like Captain Jack Sparrow from *Pirates of the Caribbean*? Just wait until you meet the Daughter of the Pirate King, Alosa!

17-year-old pirate captain, Alosa, has been given a dangerous mission by her father, the infamous pirate king. Her mission: allow herself to be captured by a rival pirate gang in order to get aboard an enemy pirate ship and find part of a secret treasure map. Alosa is thrilled about the challenge she has been given. She is smart, confident in all her years of training, and has a secret ability that helps her carry out her plan. Riden, the handsome enemy first mate, is the only thing preventing Alosa from completing her mission.

Reviews:
Booklist 11/15/16
Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books 01/01/17
Publishers Weekly (starred) 12/12/16
School Library Connection 03/01/17
School Library Journal 12/01/16

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
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Related Books:
*The Girl from Everywhere* by Heidi Heilig
*Pirates!* by Celia Rees
*Bloody Jack* by L. A. Meyer
Other Books by Tricia Levenseller

Daughter of the Siren Queen (2018)

Warrior of the Wild (expected February 2019)
Citation:

Annotation:
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?

Booktalk:
“There are no photos of her in the house...She has been extinguished. She has been erased...I’m told it was point-blank range and that I shot her one time...She was four months old...I was a child. It was an accident. It wasn’t my fault.” The tragedy that happened ten years ago stalks Sebastian as he struggles to answer the question, is his life worth living?

Reviews:
Kirkus 3/2017
School Library Journal 4/2017
Publisher’s Weekly 4/2017

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

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Related Books:
*Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner
*Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper

Other Books by Barry Lyga:
*The Secret Sea* (2016)
*After the Red Rain* (2015)
*Game* (2013)
*Yesterday Again* (2013)
*I Hunt Killers* (2012)
*The Mad Mask* (2012)
*Mangaman* (2011)
*Arch-Villain* (2010)
*Goth Girl Rising* (2009)
*Hero-Type* (2008)
*BoyToy* (2007)
When Dimple Met Rishi
by Sandhya Menon

Citation:

Annotation:
When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.

Booktalk:
Rishi Patel is excited to introduce himself to his future wife at a summer program they’re both attending before they go away to college. The only problem? Her parents haven’t exactly told her the plan. After Dimple throws her iced coffee in his face and runs away, Rishi is pretty sure his future wife won’t even go on a first date.

All Dimple Shah wants is to win the app development competition at her summer program, to prove to her family that she is more than a potential bride. When a total stranger announces that he is her future husband, she panics. Her luck worsens the next day when that same stranger is assigned to be her partner in the app competition. But as Dimple and Rishi get to know each other during the summer, they realize that, even though they have little in common, they truly respect each other. Can respect grow into something more? Can they overcome their families’ scheming? Will they win the app competition? Find out in When Dimple Met Rishi.

Reviews:
Booklist 04/01/2017
Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books 06/01/2017
Horn Book Guide 10/01/2017
Kirkus Reviews starred, 03/15/2017
Publisher’s Weekly 03/27/2017
School Library Connection 08/01/2017
School Library Journal 03/01/2017
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (starred) 06/01/2017

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
2017 NPR Best Books
2017 Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Books
2017 School Library Journal Best Young Adult Books

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Related Books:
Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier
Lovetorn by Kavita Daswani
The Geek’s Guide to Unrequited Love by Sarvenaz Tash

Other Books by Sandhya Menon:
From Twinkle, With Love (2018)
**Long Way Down**  
by Jason Reynolds

**Citation:**  

**Annotation:**  
After his brother's violent death, fifteen-year-old Will travels down the elevator in his apartment building with a gun, deciding what to do--and what his own fate will be.

**Booktalk:**  
When his older brother is shot and killed, Will knows he needs to follow the rules of his neighborhood: no crying, no snitching, and revenge. He easily finds his brother's gun in their apartment and gets on the elevator to go down to the lobby. On his way down, the elevator stops on each floor and Will is visited by different people from his life who provide a little perspective. What does family mean? Why are the rules so important? What are the consequences? What is Will going to do? Lyrical free verse provides an unparalleled experience for the reader, as we are bombarded (along with Will) by choices, characters, and big decisions. And when the door opens in the lobby...

**Reviews:**  
Booklist (starred) 7/1/17  
Bulletin for the Center of Children’s Books (starred) 10/1/17  
The Horn Book (starred) 07/1/17  
Kirkus (starred) 7/15/17  
Publisher’s Weekly (starred) 7/31/17  
School Library Journal (starred) 7/1/17

**Awards and Honors:**  
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee  
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults  
2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers  
2018 National Book Award Longlist for Young People’s Literature  
2018 Notable Books for a Global Society  
2017 School Library Journal Best Books  
Newbery Award Honor  
Michael L. Printz Award Honor  
Odyssey Award Honor  
Edgar Award Nominee for Best Young Adult  
Coretta Scott King Award for Author Honor  
Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Poetry  
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Related Books:
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Fight or Flee by Patrick Jones
Bull by David Elliott
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Other Books by Jason Reynolds:
My Name is Jason. Mine Too.
When I Was the Greatest
Boy in the Black Suit
All American Boys
Miles Morales: Spider-Man
Ghost
Patina
Sunny
As Brave as You
For Every One
A List of Cages
by Robin Roe

Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
High school senior, Adam Blake has just landed his dream elective, serving as an aide to the school psychologist. One of his first tasks is to track down a freshman, Julian, who has been skipping his appointments with the psychologist. Adam is surprised to discover that Julian is the foster brother who lived with Adam and his mom after both of his parents were killed in a car crash. They have not seen Julian in five years since an uncle by marriage adopted him.

Adam is excited to see Julian again and welcomes him into his group of friends but he quickly realizes that something is not right with Julian. He is not the out-going, bubbly young boy that Adam remembers. In fact, Adam suspects something very serious is happening to his young friend.

When that abuse becomes apparent, both boys and their friends are put in danger’s path. A List of Cages is a beautiful debut about trying to make sense of great loss and horrible abuse told in two points of view. A harrowing tale of child abuse that has the pace of a thriller with the emotional nuance of literature. For the mature YA reader and a box of tissues is a required reading accessory.

Reviews:
Kirkus (starred) 10/1/2016
Booklist (starred) 10/15/2016
Publishers Weekly (starred) 10/17/2016
School Library Journal (starred) January 2017

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee

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Related Books:
Bruiser by Neal Shusterman
Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt
The Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin
Define Normal by Julie Ann Peters
The 57 Bus
by Dashka Slater

Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
If not for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting the teens into the spotlight. One moment changed both of their lives forever.

Reviews:
BookPage 11/2017
Kirkus 7/17/2017
School Library Journal 7/21/2017

Awards and Honors:
2018 Stonewall Book Award for Children’s and Young Adult Literature
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

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Related Books:
One Cut by Eve Porinchak
No Choirboy by Susan Kuklin
Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin
Transparent by Cris Beam
Dear Martin
by Nic Stone

Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
In this riveting look at the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr with the backdrop of today’s race relations issues, we follow Justyce on a discovery of self. He is attending an elite Prep School on Scholarship so he has a foot in two worlds—the neighborhood and the world his school inhabits. Through issues with his ex-girlfriend, the police and ultimately the shooting death of his best friend, Justyce examines the words of Dr. King. “Never did anything to anyone and now Manny’s gone. I can’t do this anymore.” Justyce must face issues that many of us don’t want to face, death, racism, gossip, guilt, and despair. He tries to find a way to navigate his world, with the aid of his journal and the words of Dr. King.

Reviews:
Booklist (starred) 8/2017
Horn Book Review Nov/Dec 2017
Kirkus Reviews 8/15/2017
Publishers Weekly 7/31/2017
School Library Journal Sept 2017

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 William C. Morris YA Debut Award Nominee
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

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Related Books:
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds
I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Rooftop by Paul Volponi
Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson
After Tupac and D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Other Books by Nic Stone:
*Odd One Out* (October 2018)
Strange the Dreamer
by Laini Taylor

Citation:

Annotation:
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.

Booktalk:
The dream chooses the dreamer. Lazlo Strange has been dreaming of the lost city of Weep for as long as he has memories. A war orphan and junior librarian, he has made researching the lost city his life work. When mythical warriors from Weep show up in Lazlo’s city offering glory and riches to any who can solve their problem, Lazlo goes to great lengths to be selected.

The problem is impossible to explain and as Lazlo gets closer to Weep, he realizes his dreams may be more than just a fantastical imagining. The blue girl that haunts his dreams can’t be real, can she? Can Lazlo solve the puzzle and save Weep or is the solution something more horrible than he can imagine?

Reviews:
Booklist (starred) 01/01/17
Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books (starred) 03/01/17
Horn Book Guide 10/01/17
Horn Book Magazine 03/01/17
Kirkus Reviews 01/01/17
Publishers Weekly (starred) 01/16/17
School Library Journal (starred) 02/01/17
Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (starred) 04/01/17

Awards and Honors:
2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
2018 Michael L. Printz Honor
2017 Goodreads Choice Award for Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy
2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Top Ten

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Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo
The Reader by Tracee Chee
Fire by Kristin Cashore
The Cruel Prince by Holly Black
Other Books by Laini Taylor:
Daughter of Smoke & Bone
Days of Blood & Starlight
Lips Touch: Three Times
Blackbringer
Silksinger
Dreams of Gods & Monsters
Night of Cake & Puppets
Goblin Fruit
**The Hate U Give**
by Angie Thomas

**Citation:**

**Annotation:**
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.

**Booktalk:**
Starr Carter is balancing two worlds -- her neighborhood, with her family, their grocery store, and increasing violence in the streets -- and her school, an upper-class private and mostly white school. She keeps them isolated from each other -- mostly successfully. She plays basketball, goofs around with her brothers, and spins inside jokes about the *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* with her boyfriend. She's keeping it together, mostly by staying below the radar and not speaking up when her classmates make careless and racist comments. Starr handles it all, keeps the stress inside, until the day it all explodes.

When her childhood best friend is shot by a police officer right in front of Starr, she becomes the key witness in the ensuing trial. Both the police and a local drug lord try to pressure her and shape her story -- and at her school, many students cruelly speculate on who was at fault in the killing, while Starr burns up inside hearing their false accusations and conclusions. Starr has a choice to make -- what story will she tell? And how will she unify her worlds?

**Reviews:**
- Kirkus Reviews (starred) 12/15/16
- Publishers Weekly (starred) 11/28/16
- Booklist (starred) 12/15/16
- School Library Journal (starred) January 2017
- Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (starred) February 2017
- Horn Book (starred) March/April 2017
- Bulletin (starred) March 2017

**Awards and Honors:**
- 2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Book Award Nominee
- 2018 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
- 2018 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers
- 2018 William C. Morris Debut Award
- 2017 School Library Journal Best Books
- 2017 Goodreads Choice Award

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The Hate U Give movie IMDB page: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5580266/

Related Books:
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds
How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
The Education of Margot Sanchez by Lilliam Rivera
Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coles

Other Books by Angie Thomas
On the Come Up (February 2019)
Eliza and Her Monsters
by Francesca Zappia

Citation:

Annotation:
In real life, Eliza Mirk is shy and a bit weird, but online, she is LadyConstellation, 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.

Booktalk:
In real life, Eliza Mirk is a shy and slightly weird high school student. Online, she is LadyConstellation, the anonymous author and illustrator of Monstrous Sea - a webcomic with a worldwide fandom. Only her immediate family knows her secret identity, and she hopes to keep it that way.

When Wallace Warland transfers to her school and the two bond over a love of Monstrous Sea, Eliza finds friends beyond the online world and experiences romance. Wallace reveals he is a Monstrous Sea fan-fiction writer, but Eliza keeps her identity as LadyConstellation a secret.

After Eliza’s secret identity is accidentally revealed to the world, everything falls apart. Eliza’s anxiety and depression are so overwhelming that she stops writing Monstrous Sea and stops talking to people, both online and in the real world. Will she be able to write and draw again? Will she be able to face Wallace after lying to him for so long?

Through letters, instant messages, and webcomic illustrations, Zappia tells a compassionate story about mental health struggles and the importance of support systems.

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