

A Monster Calls

By Patrick Ness

YA NESS

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

If He Had Been With Me

By Laura Nowlin

YA NOWLIN

A love story spanning the history of two teenagers' lives and all the moments when if one little thing had been different, their futures would have been together.

Before I Fall

By Lauren Oliver

YA OLIVER

After she dies in a car crash, Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself.

Stronger than You Know

By Jolene Perry

YA PERRY

After fifteen years of horrific abuse and neglect by her mother and her mother's boyfriends, Joy struggles to understand and accept a normal life with relatives, at school, and with a boyfriend.

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece

By Annabel Pitcher

YA PITCHER

With his family still grieving over his sister's death in a terrorist bombing seven years earlier, ten-year-old Jamie is far more interested in his cat, Roger, his birthday Spiderman T-shirt, and keeping his new Muslim friend Sunya a secret from his father.

The Summer of Letting Go

By Gae Polisner

YA POLISNER

Four years after her brother Simon drowned while in her charge, Francesca, now fifteen, begins to move on after a summer caring for Frankie, who seems to be Simon reincarnated.

Somebody Up There Hates You

By Hollis Seamon

YA SEAMON

Dying of cancer in a hospice, seventeen-year-old prankster Richard has big plans for his final days.

I'll Be There

By Holly Goldberg Sloane

YA SLOANE

Raised by an unstable father who keeps constantly on the move, Sam has long been the voice of his silent younger brother, Riddle, but everything changes when Sam meets Emily Bell and, welcomed by her family, the brothers are faced with normalcy for the first time.

When You Were Here

By Daisy Whitney

YA WHITNEY

When his mother dies three weeks before his high school graduation, Danny goes to Tokyo, where his mother had been going for cancer treatments, to learn about the city his mother loved and, with the help of his friends, come to terms with her death.

How to Save a Life

By Sara Zarr

YA ZARR

Told from their own viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy, nearly nineteen, are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child but nothing turns out as they had anticipated.

Elsewhere

By Gabrielle Zevin

YA ZEVIN

After Liz is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status.

The Book Thief

By Markus Zusak

YA ZUSAK

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

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Silent Alarm
By Jennifer Banash
YA BANASH

Alys, a Plaineville, Wisconsin, junior who dreams of studying violin at Juilliard, must deal with the aftermath of a tragic high school shooting in which her older brother, Luke, was the shooter.

The Thing about Jellyfish
By Ali Benjamin
YA BENJAMIN

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

The Last Leaves Falling
By Sarah Benwell
YA BENWELL

In Japan, teenaged Abe Sora, who is afflicted with "Lou Gehrig's Disease," finds friends online and elicits their help to end his suffering.

Shark Girl
By Kelly Bingham
YA BINGHAM

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

You Know Where To Find Me
By Rachel Cohn
YA COHN

In the wake of her cousin's suicide, overweight and introverted seventeen-year-old Miles experiences significant changes in her relationships with her mother and father, her best friend Jamal and his family, and her cousin's father, while gaining insights about herself, both positive and negative.

One
By Sarah Crossan
YA CROSSAN

Despite problems at home, conjoined twins Tippi and Grace are loving going to school for the first time and making real friends when they learn that a cardiac problem will force them to have separation surgery.

Love Letters to the Dead
By Ava Dellaira
YA DELLAIRA

When Laurel starts writing letters to dead people for a school assignment, she begins to spill about her

sister's mysterious death, her mother's departure from the family, her new friends, and her first love.

Dreamland
By Sarah Dessen
YA DESSEN

After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.

Before I Die
By Jenny Downham
YA DOWNHAM

A terminally ill teenaged girl makes and carries out a list of things to do before she dies.

This is What I Did
By Ann Dee Ellis
YA ELLIS

Bullied because of an incident in his past, eighth-grader Logan is unhappy at his new school and has difficulty relating to others until he meets a quirky girl and a counselor who believe in him.

If You Could Be Mine
By Sara Farizan
YA FARIZAN

In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret until Nasrin's parents announce their daughter's arranged marriage and Sahar proposes a drastic solution.

If I Stay
By Gayle Forman
YA FORMAN

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

The Fault in our Stars
By John Green
YA GREEN

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley
By Shaun David Hutchinson
YA HUTCHINSON

Convinced he should have died in the accident that killed his parents and sister, Drew lives in a hospital, hiding from employees and his past, until Rusty, set on fire for being gay, turns his life around.

See You at Harry's
By Jo Knowles
YA KNOWLES

Fern feels invisible in her family, where gbig sister Sarah is working at the family restaurant, brother Holden is struggling with school bullies, and baby Charlie is always the center of attention, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

The Tragedy Paper
By Elizabeth LaBan
YA LABAN

While preparing for the most dreaded assignment at the prestigious Irving School, the Tragedy Paper, Duncan gets wrapped up in the tragic tale of Tim Macbeth, a former student who had a clandestine relationship with the wrong girl.

Pieces
By Chris Lynch
YA LYNCH

Eighteen-year-old Eric deals with the loss of his older brother Duane by meeting three of the seven recipients of Duane's organs a year after his death, and pondering who they are to him, and he to them.

Second Chance Summer
By Morgan Matson
YA MATSON

Taylor Edwards' family might not be the closest-knit--everyone is a little too busy and overscheduled--but for the most part, they get along just fine. Then Taylor's dad gets devastating news, and her parents decide that the family will spend one last summer all together at their old lake house.

All We Know of Heaven
By Jacquelyn Mitchard
YA MITCHARD

When Maureen and Bridget, best friends who look like sisters, are in a terrible car accident and one of them dies, they are at first incorrectly identified at the hospital, and then, as Maureen achieves a remarkable recovery, she must deal with the repercussions of the accident and the mix-up.