The Queen of Water By Laura Resau YA RESAU

Living in a village in Ecuador, a Quechua Indian girl is sent to work as an indentured servant for an upper class "mestizo" family.

Red Glass By Laura Resau YA RESAU

Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

Written in the Stars By Aisha Saeed YA SAEED

Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she's never met.

Endangered By Eliot Schrefer YA SCHREFER

Sophie is not happy to be back in the Congo for the summer, but when she rescues an abused baby bonobo she becomes more involved in her mother's sanctuary--and when fighting breaks out and the sanctuary is attacked, it is up to Sophie to rescue the apes and somehow survive in the jungle.

Between Shades of Gray By Ruta Sepetys YA SEPETYS

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life.

Chanda's Wars By Allan Stratton YA STRATTON

African teen Chandra must save her younger siblings after they are kidnapped and forced to serve as child soldiers in General Mandiki's rebel army.

The Bitter Side of Sweet By Tara Sullivan YA SULLIVAN

Kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a young girl arrives at the camp who rekindles the urge to escape.

A Time to Dance By Padma Venkatraman YA VENKATRAMAN

In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.

Like Water on Stone By Dana Walrath YA WALRATH

Based on actual events, this novel in verse relates the tale of siblings Sosi, Shahen, and Mariam who survive the Armenian genocide of 1915 by escaping from Turkey alone over the mountains.

The Milk of Birds By Sylvia Whitman YA WHITMAN

When a nonprofit organization called Save the Girls pairs a fourteen-year-old Sudanese refugee with an American teenager from Richmond, Virginia, the pen pals teach each other compassion and share a bond that bridges two continents.

Diamond Boy By Michael Williams YA WILLIAMS

When Patson's family moves to [the] Marange region of Zimbabwe, he begins working in the mines, searching for blood diamonds, until government soldiers arrive and Patson is forced to journey to South Africa in search of his missing sister and a better life.

Now is the Time for Running By Michael Williams YA WILLIAMS

When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with his brother Innocent, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.

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The Secret Sky By Atia Abawi YA ABAWI

Two teens from different ethnic groups in present-day Afghanistan must fight their culture, tradition, families, and the Taliban to stay together as they relate the story of their forbidden love.

Prisoner of Night and Fog By Anne Blankman YA BLANKMAN

In 1930s Munich, the niece of rising leader Adolph Hitler is torn between duty and love after meeting a fearless and handsome young Jewish reporter.

A Moment Comes By Jennifer Bradbury YA BRADBURY

As the partition of India nears in 1947 bringing violence even to Jalandhar, Tariq, a Muslim, finds himself caught between his forbidden interest in Anupreet, a Sikh girl, and Margaret, a British girl.

Lottery Boy By Michael Byrne YA BYRNE

Bully, an orphan living on the streets of London, races to cash in a winning lottery ticket while ruthless hoodlums track him down, desperate for the ticket themselves.

Etiquette and Espionage By Gail Carriger YA CARRIGER

In an alternate England of 1851, Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage.

Pirate Cinema By Cory Doctorow YA DOCTOROW

In a dystopian, near-future Britain, Trent, obsessed with making movies on his computer, joins a group of activists who are trying to fight a new bill that will criminalize even more harmless internet creativity.

Revolution By Jennifer Donnelly YA DONNELLY

An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France.

Raven's Gate By Anthony Horowitz YA HOROWITZ

Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.

Tiger's Curse By Colleen Houck YA HOUCK

Oregon teenager Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who is actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity, and she travels with him to India where the tiger's curse may be broken once and for all.

Grave Mercy By Robin LaFevers YA LAFEVERS

In the fifteenth-century kingdom of Brittany, Ismae escapes from the brutality of an arranged marriage into the sanctuary of the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts--and a violent destiny.

In Darkness By Nick Lake YA LAKE

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, fifteenyear-old Shorty, a poor gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life of violence, his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in the 1804.

Up from the Sea By Leza Lowitz YA LOWITZ

A novel in verse about the March 2011 tsunami that sent Japan into chaos, told from the point-of-view of Kai, a biracial teenaged boy.

Jellicoe Road By Melina Marchetta YA MARCHETTA

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

Running Girl By Simon Mason YA MASON

Garvie Smith is a sixteen-year-old with a genius level IQ, who can not be bothered with school—but when fifteen-year-old Chloe Dow is murdered he comes up against the ambitious Detective Inspector Singh, and both of them are determined to solve the case.

Never Fall Down By Patricia McCormick YA MCCORMICK

Novelized telling of the life of Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond, who defied the odds to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.

Sold By Patricia McCormick YA MCCORMICK

Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.

Akata Witch By Nnedi Okorafor YA OKORAFOR

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.

Tamar By Mal Peet YA PEET

In England in 1995, Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family.

Dodger By Terry Pratchett YA PRATCHETT

In an alternative version of Victorian London, Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and unintentionally puts a stop to the murders of Sweeny Todd.

Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging By Louise Rennison YA RENNISON

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a British teen who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.