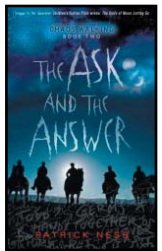
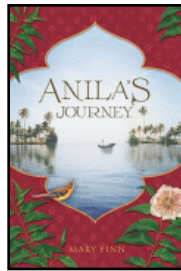




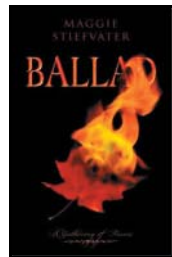
**All We Know of Love**, by Nora Raleigh Baskin. 9780763636234, \$16.99. This little gem of a book tells an engaging story in less than 200 pages. Natalie is on a bus to Florida to find her mother, who walked out on her four years before. She encounters a cast of colorful characters who all have their own tales of love and loss to tell. A wonderful coming-of-age story.

**Anila's Journey**, by Mary Finn. 9780763639167, \$16.99. This debut novel is gentle but powerful, much like the river on which our heroine takes her journey. Anila, a half-Irish, half-Indian teen with a talent for sketching, travels with a naturalist in 18th century India. The characters and the landscape are both colorful and captivating. A great gift for teens.

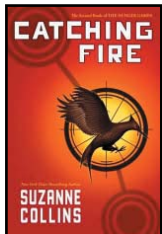


**The Ask and The Answer**, by Patrick Ness. 9780763644901, \$18.99. (Sequel to *The Knife of Never Letting Go*.) This sci-fi thriller will be a winner with teen boys. Todd is on the edge of becoming a man when chaos breaks loose. Running for his life, he encounters a girl who will unravel everything he ever thought he knew.

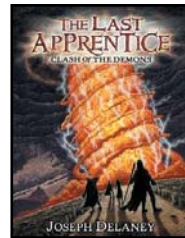
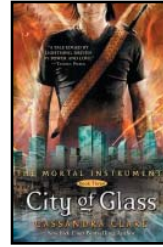
**Ballad: A Gathering of Faerie**, by Maggie Stiefvater. (Sequel to *Lament*.) When music prodigy James Morgan and his best friend, Deirdre, join a private conservatory for musicians, his talent attracts Nuala, a faerie muse who feeds on creative energies. Soon James finds himself battling the Queen of the Fey for the very lives of Deirdre and Nuala.



**Catching Fire**, by Suzanne Collins. 9780439023498, \$17.99 (Sequel to *The Hunger Games*.) Katniss and Peeta won the annual competition described in *Hunger Games*, but the aftermath leaves them with no sense of triumph. Instead, they have unwittingly become the faces of a rebellion that they never planned to lead, targeting them for merciless revenge. These books are captivating page turners for both girls and boys.

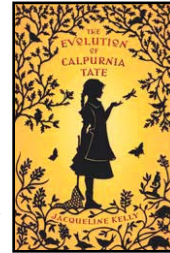


**City of Glass**, by Cassandra Clare. 978-1416914303, \$17.99. (*Mortal Instruments* series, #3) Still pursuing a cure for her mother's mysterious coma, Clary uses all her powers and ingenuity to get into Idris, the forbidden country of the Shadowhunters, and to its capital, the City of Glass. Here, she uncovers truths about her family's past ...



**Clash of the Demons**, by Joseph Delaney. 9780061344626, \$17.99. (*Last Apprentice* Series, #6) As the Spook's apprentice, Thomas' first duty is to protect the County from ghosts, bog-garts, and other dangerous creatures. But now his mother has come to seek his help. What sacrifices will be made in the battle against the dark? The perfect series for fans of the supernatural.

**The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate**, by Jacqueline Kelly. 9780805088410, \$16.99. As 11-year-old Callie Tate explores the natural world around her in 1899 Texas, she develops a close relationship with her grandfather, navigates living with six brothers, and comes up against just what it means to be a girl at the turn of the century.



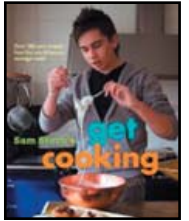
**The Faceless Ones**, by Derek Landy. 9780061240911, \$16.99. (*Skulduggery Pleasant* series, #3) If you've read the other Skulduggery books, you've seen it all before: Some bad guy wants to bring about the end of the world, and Skulduggery and Valkyrie fight valiantly to stop it from happening. A few people get hurt, sure, but everything's all right in the end. Well ... not this time.

**Fire**, by Kristin Cashore. 978-0803734616, \$17.99. (Companion to *Graceling*.) In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control minds. But even with these gifts she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world.



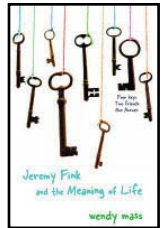
**Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd**, edited by Holly Black and Cecil Castellucci. 978-0316008099, \$16.99. Two dozen popular teen authors go back to their nerd roots to write stories about Star Wars vs. Star Trek geeks, role-players, theater geeks, gamers, and other teenage nerds.

**Get Cooking**, by Sam Stern and Susan Stern. 978-0763639266, \$17.99 (paperback). Teen chef Sam Stern cooks up fun, healthy recipes using favorite ingredients. Each section focuses on one ingredient such as pasta, cheese, sweets and chocolate. Sure to be a hit for those teens new to the kitchen!



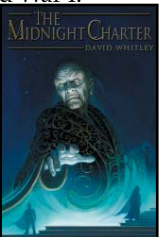
**Getting the Girl: A Guide to Private Investigation, Surveillance, and Cookery**, by Susan Jubey. 9780060765255, \$16.99. A fast-paced school mystery for middle-schoolers. Sherman wants to know who is 'D-listing' girls - turning them into social outcasts. You'll wish this funny, loveable detective went to your school!

**Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life**, by Wendy Mass. 9780316058292, \$15.99. For Jeremy and his best friend, Lizzy, it's summer break - and Jeremy's turning 13. However, his life is turned upside down when he receives a mysterious delivery.



**Leviathan**, by Scott Westerfeld; illus. by Keith Thompson. 978-1416971733, \$19.99. A prince-in-hiding and a girl who is passing as a boy become unlikely allies in this action-packed illustrated steampunk novel that takes place during a re-imagined World War I.

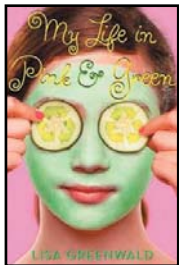
**The Midnight Charter**, by David Whitley. 9781596433816, \$16.99. In a society based on trade, where everything can be bought and sold, the future rests on the secrets of a single document - and the lives of two children whose destiny it is to discover its secrets.





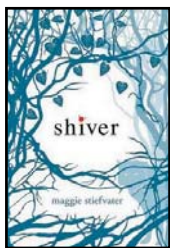
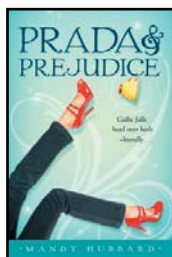
**My Father's Son**, by Terri Fields. 978-1596433496, \$16.95. In this suspense novel, Kevin's dad is arrested on suspicion of being a serial killer and his life is turned upside down.

**My Life in Pink and Green**, by Lisa Greenwald. 978-0810983526, \$16.95. When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem-solving talents to come up with solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the environment.



**Paper Towns**, by John Green. 9780525478188, \$17.99 (also in paperback). Quentin has spent a lifetime loving the adventurous Margo from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs back into his life dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge, he follows.

**Prada and Prejudice**, by Amanda Hubbard. 978-1595142603, \$8.99 (paperback). During a school trip to England, fifteen-year-old Callie buys a pair of Prada shoes in an effort to impress the popular girls - a scheme that backfires and sends Callie back to 1815.

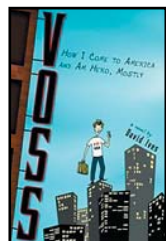


**Shiver**, by Maggie Stiefvater. 9780545123266, \$17.99. In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.

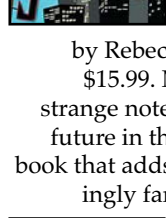
**STORM: The Black Sphere**, by E.L. Young. 9780803732681, \$16.99. In the third book in the series, three kid geniuses - an inventor, a computer whiz, and a chemist - invent amazing gadgets to solve international crimes.



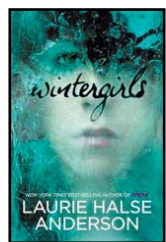
**The Sweetheart of Prosper County**, by Jill S. Alexander. 9780312548568, \$16.99. Austin Gray is tired of standing at the curb and watching the parade pass her by. This year she is determined to ride high with the help of a quiet, cute cowboy, an evangelical Elvis impersonator, a mysterious Cajun outcast, and a rooster named Charles Dickens.



**Voss: How I Came to America and am Hero, Mostly**, by David Ives. 978-0399247224, \$17.99. This laugh-out-loud satire will hook you with illegal immigrant Voss' letters of how he became an American hero.



**When You Reach Me**, by Rebecca Stead. 978-0385737425, \$15.99. Miranda begins to receive strange notes that seem to predict the future in this intriguing and original book that adds a big surprise to a seemingly familiar everyday-life story.



**Wintergirls**, by Laurie Halse Anderson. 9780670011100, \$17.99. In a riveting page-turner, 18-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

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