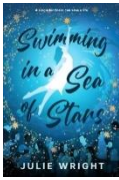


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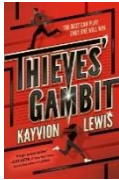
Swimming in a Sea of Stars by Julie Wright (realistic fiction)

A single kindness can save a life. After surviving a suicide attempt, Addison returns to school where her life intersects with four other students, each of whom are also struggling with their own issues. This powerful story reminds us that we are all dealing with thoughts that we don't always share....but maybe we should.



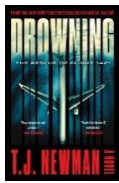
Not Here to Stay Friends by Kaitlyn Hill (realistic fiction)

Two childhood best friends reunite in L.A. the summer before senior year--but when one of them ends up starring on a reality dating show, their feelings for each other get complicated.



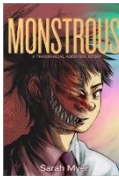
Thieves' Gambit by Kayvion Lewis (suspense)

Seventeen-year-old Ross Quest enters the Thieves' Gambit, a competition consisting of dangerous, international heists, in order to save her mother's life.



Drowning by T.J. Newman (suspense)

When Flight 1421 crashes into the ocean six minutes after take-off, the surviving passengers believe they are the lucky ones until the plane starts to sink to the ocean floor, trapping them inside, and they must wait to be rescued as both air and time run out.



Monstrous by Sarah Myer (graphic novel memoir)

Bullied by her classmates, Sarah, a Korean American girl growing up in a rural community with few Asian neighbors, channels her rage into her art and cosplay until it threatens to explode.



Accountable by Dashka Slater (non-fiction)

When a high school student started a private Instagram account that used racist and sexist memes to make his friends laugh, he thought of it as "edgy" humor. Then a few other people found out, and pretty soon, everyone knew. No one was safe from the repercussions of the account's discovery: not the girls targeted by the posts. Not the boy who created the account. Not the group of kids who followed it. What does it mean to be held accountable for harm that takes place behind a screen?



The Impossible Escape by Steve Sheinkin (non-fiction)

A true story of two Jewish teenagers racing against time during the Holocaust--one in hiding in Hungary, and the other in Auschwitz, plotting escape. This is the story of one of history's most famous whistleblowers, and how his death-defying escape helped save over 100,000 lives.



The Winter Soldier by Mackenzi Lee (science fiction)

When their missions intersect across time as they struggle to solve the same mystery decades apart, the Winter Soldier and sixteen-year-old Bucky Barnes find their lives colliding in a way that neither of them would have expected, changing the course of their respective wars.



Bonesmith by Nicki Pau Preto (fantasy)

For Wren, becoming a Valkyr – a ghost-fighting warrior- is a chance to solidify her place in the noble house of Bone. But when sabotoge causes her to fail her qualifying trial, she is banished to the Border Wall...until the kidnapping of the prince gives her one last chance to reclaim her rightful position of power.



A Door in the Dark by Scott Reintgen (fantasy)

Snatched from the safety of Balmerick University's campus and set down in the middle of nowhere, Ren Monroe guides the remaining wizardry students through the punishing wilderness with limited magical resources, stumbling upon tangled secrets while being stalked by something in the dark woods.