BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

dynamic #ownvoices novel explores grief, mental health, and the



The Edge of Anything / Nora Shalaway Carpenter 2022

Len is a loner teen photographer haunted by a past that's stagnated her work and left her terrified she's losing her mind. Sage is a high school volleyball star desperate to find a way around her sudden medical disqualification. Both girls need college scholarships. After a chance encounter, the two develop an unlikely friendship that enables them to begin facing their inner demons. But both Len and Sage are keeping secrets that, left hidden, could cost them everything, maybe even their lives. Set in the North Carolina mountains, this



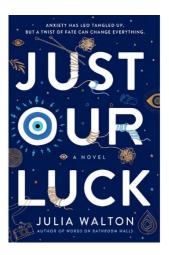
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transformative power of friendship.

15 + Years

13 + Years

Shoshanna Greenburg loves her job at the bookstore, Once Upon. And with her moms fighting at home and her beloved car teetering on the brink of death, the store has become a welcome escape. When her boss announces a holiday bonus to the person who sells the most books, Shoshanna sees an opportunity to at least fix her car, if none of her other problems. The only person standing in her way? New hire Jake Kaplan. Jake is an affront to everything Shoshanna stands for. He doesn't even read! But somehow his sales start to rival hers. Jake may be cute (really cute), and he may be an eligible Jewish single (hard to find south of Atlanta), but he's also the enemy, and Shoshanna is ready to take him down. But as the competition intensifies, Jake and Shoshanna grow closer and realize they might be more on the same page than either expects.



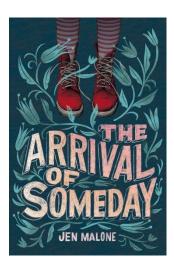
Just our luck / Julia Walton

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14 + Years

"Bad luck follows lies." That was the first rule for life that Leo's Greek grandmother, Yia Yia, gave him before she died. But Leo's anxiety just caused a fight at school, and though he didn't lie, he wasn't exactly honest about how it all went down . . . how he went down. Now Leo's father thinks a self-defense class is exactly what his son needs to "man up."

"Leave the Paros family alone." That was Yia Yia's second rule for life. But who does Leo see sitting at the front desk of the local gym? Evey Paros, whose family supposedly cursed Leo's with bad luck. Seeing that Leo is desperate to enroll in anything but self-defense class, Evey cuts him a deal- she'll secretly enroll him in hot yoga instead-for a price. But what could the brilliant, ruthless, forbidden Evey Paros want from Leo?



The Arrival of Someday / Jen Malone 2013

13 + Years

Fearless and irrepressible, eighteen-year-old Amelia could see a roller derby opponent a mile away -- and that's while crouched down, bent over skates, and zooming around a track at the speed of light. What she couldn't see coming, however, was the flare-up of the rare liver disorder she was born with. Or how it would completely turn her life upside down. But it does. No more derby. No more leaving the house without her "liver phone" (the phone that may ring at some point with the news of a viable liver replacement). Maybe even no more college plans. Amelia's life freezes. And in the stillness of this new reality come the questions. What have I done with my life? What will I get to do? What does goodbye look like? And what is permanence?