

FRIENDSHIPS

Asher, Jay

The Future of Us

Emma gets her first computer and an America Online CD-ROM in 1996. When her best friend Josh visits and they log on, they discover themselves on Facebook fifteen years in the future.

Benway, Robin

Emmy & Oliver

Since her best friend Oliver was kidnapped ten years ago, Emmy's parents have smothered her with their relentless worry. When Oliver suddenly reappears in his hometown, he and Emmy struggle to face the messy, confusing consequences of the crime.

Bradbury, Jennifer

Shift

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

Brody, Jessica

Boys of Summer

Meet the Boys of Winlock Harbor—best friends since they were kids, Grayson, Mike, and Ian were hoping for another epic summer filled with clambakes, bonfires, and late-night swims in the ocean. But that was before Ian's dad never returned home from his last deployment. Before Mike had to take on more responsibility in order to help provide for his family. Before Grayson's accident left him with an injured throwing arm and an uncertain future. It's clear this summer on the island is shaping up to be very different from those Grayson, Mike, and Ian had come to rely on.

Brown, Jennifer

Bitter End

When seventeen-year-old Alex starts dating Cole, a new boy at her high school, her two closest friends increasingly mistrust him as the relationship grows more serious.

Buxbaum, Julie

Year on Fire

Four friends' emotionally tumultuous junior year is further complicated when their Los Angeles high school is targeted by an arsonist.

Cameron, W. Bruce

A Dog's Purpose

This is the remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives. Surprised to find himself reborn as a rambunctious golden haired puppy after a tragically short life as a stray mutt, Bailey's search for his new life's meaning leads him into the loving arms of 8 year old Ethan. During their countless adventures Bailey joyously discovers how to be a good dog. But this life as a beloved family pet is not the end of Bailey's journey. Reborn as a puppy yet again, Bailey wonders, will he ever find his purpose?

Clark, Catherine

Eleven Things I Promised

While competing in a bike race with her high school teammates, seventeen-year-old Frances is determined to complete ten tasks on the Fix-It List that her best friend, Stella, compiled before an accident left Stella unable to complete those tasks.

Cronin, Marianne

The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot

Determined to leave a mark on the world even though they are in the hospital and their days are dwindling, unlikely friends, seventeen-year-old Lenni and eighty-three-year-old Margot, devise a plan to create one hundred paintings showcasing the stories of the century they have lived.

Culbertson, Kim

The Wonder of Us

Riya and Abby were best friends in their small California town, but Riya and her family moved to Berlin for Riya's junior year, and it was hard to stay in touch. Now that the year has passed, Riya proposes that they take a two-week Grand Tour and travel around Europe to reconnect--but the trouble is that they've both been hiding secrets, and those secrets threaten to push them apart forever.

Culley, Betty

Three Things I Know Are True

Life changes forever for Liv when her older brother, Jonah, accidentally shoots himself with his best friend Clay's father's gun. Now Jonah needs round-the-clock care just to stay alive, and Liv feels like she's the only person who can see that her brother is still there inside his broken body. With Liv's mom suing Clay's family, there are divisions in the community that Liv knows she's not supposed to cross. But Clay is her friend, too, and she refuses to turn away from him--just like she refuses to give up on Jonah. Novel in verse.

Doll, Jen

Unclaimed Baggage

Told from three viewpoints, teens Doris, Nell, and Grant find friendship and the possibility of love while working in Unclaimed Baggage, a store that sells items that went missing during airline travel.

Echols, Jennifer

The One That I Want

Gemma thinks it is her lucky day when the star football player, Max, starts paying extra attention to her. Then he asks out her best friend, Addison, and she is persuaded to spend more time together with both of them. This complicates the situation since Gemma still has strong feelings for Max.

Eulberg, Elizabeth

The Lonely Hearts Club

Fed up with boys and the way they have treated her and her friends, high school junior Penny Lane--named after the Beatles song--forms a club whose members vow to stop dating, but the repercussions are surprising.

Falkoff, Michelle

How to Pack for the End of the World

If you knew the world was going to end tomorrow, what would you do? This is the question that haunts Amina as she watches new and horrible stories of discord and crisis flash across the news every day. But when she starts at prestigious Gardner Academy, Amina finds a group of like-minded peers to join forces with—friends who dedicate their year to learning survival skills from each other, before it's too late. Still, as their prepper knowledge multiplies, so do their regular high school problems from relationship drama to family issues to friend blow-ups.

Firestone, Carrie

The Unlikelies

Sadie Sullivan's pre-senior year summer changes for the better when she and four other teens band together to right local wrongs, but the Unlikelies and their heady new friendships soon face obstacles that could tear them apart.

Flinn, Alex

Girls of July

Four very different teenage girls form an unlikely friendship while vacationing together in the Adirondacks. Spider and her grandmother rent out their vacation home's extra rooms for the month of July through advertising on social media. The renters include Cuban American aspiring actress Britta, model student Meredith, and debutante politician's daughter Kate. Each of the girls seems to feel stuck in her life. All four girls are forever changed as they encourage one another to make the necessary changes to improve their lives.

Forman, Gayle

I Have Lost My Way

Three teenagers, Freya, Harun, and Nathaniel feel lost in various ways; but when they collide in Central Park, they begin to find purpose in their lives.

Fredericks, Mariah

Crunch Time

Four students who have formed a study group to prepare for the SAT exam sustain each other through the emotional highs and lows of their junior year in high school.

Frick, Kit

See All the Stars

Ellory's once inseparable group of friends are torn apart by secrets and deception. When a shocking incident changes their lives forever, Ellory finds that even in the present the past is everywhere.

Green, John

Looking for Alaska

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Gurtler, Janet

How I Lost You

Nothing will ever come between Grace and her best friend Kya, both avid paintballers, but in the summer before their senior year of high school, life throws out challenges they never expected.

Hinton, S. E.

That Was Then, This Is Now

Sixteen-year-old Mark and Bryon have been like brothers since childhood, but now, as their involvement with girls, gangs, and drugs increases, their relationship seems to gradually disintegrate.

Hosseini, Khaled

The Kite Runner

Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the atrocities of the present day.

Hyde, Catherine Ryan

Have You Seen Luis Velez?

A gangly teenager with a clueless stepdad, an overworked mother, and three indifferent half sisters, Raymond Jaffe is constantly aware of how easy it is to feel alone in the middle of a crowded city—until he meets 92-year-old Millie Gutermann. Millie's blind, and she relies on an aide's help to run errands, but aide Luis hasn't shown up in more than two weeks. Raymond volunteers to help Millie in Luis' absence and check in on her regularly, but he can't let the mystery of the aide's disappearance go unanswered. He embarks on his own missing-person project, crisscrossing the boroughs of New York to find Luis.

Jones, Kimberly

Why We Fly

Chanel and Eleanor's rocky start to senior year gets more complex when the cheerleading team kneels for the national anthem and each girl grapples with the consequences. When the cheer squad decides to take a knee at the season's first football game, what seemed like a positive show of solidarity suddenly becomes the reason for a larger fallout between the girls. Grappling with the school's actions as well as their own problems, can the girls rely on the friendship they have always shared?

Kantor, Melissa

Maybe One Day

For lifelong friends Zoe and Olivia, the first shake-up--no more elite ballet company for them--was bad enough. But when leukemia strikes, a recalibration of the "worst thing that will ever happen" scale is required.

King, A. S.

Please Ignore Vera Dietz

When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.

Knowles, John

A Separate Peace

Gene Forrester's fairly peaceful, protected life is being overshadowed by the uneasiness of war during his last year at a New England boys' preparatory school in 1942—particularly the draft ahead. The story focuses on his relationship with Finny, whose careless charm, disregard for and defiance of any rules, and dazzling athletic feats attract him--and also distract him from the academic success Gene is more interested in achieving.

Lynch, Chris

Hothouse

Teens D.J. and Russell, life-long friends and neighbors, had drifted apart. When their firefighter fathers are both killed, they try to help one another come to terms with the tragedy and its aftermath.

McBride, Kristina

One Moment

High school senior Maggie remembers little about the accidental death of her boyfriend, Joey, but as she slowly begins to recall that day at the gorge with their long-time friends, she realizes he was keeping some terrible secrets.

McGovern, Cammie

Say What You Will

A girl confined to a wheelchair by cerebral palsy and a boy with an obsessive-compulsive disorder are assigned to spend time together in what becomes a blossoming friendship that neither expected.

Moldover, Joseph

Every Moment After

After high school graduation, best friends Matt and Cole strive to put behind them the school shooting they survived in first grade and really begin to live.

Myracle, Lauren

Shine

When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small North Carolina town.

Reed, Amy

The Boy and Girl Who Broke the World

In the near future, seniors Lydia and Billy form an unlikely friendship when their high schools are merged, bonding over their Washington town's weird history and their unusual families.

Reed, Jaime

Sorry Not Sorry

When her ex-best friend Alyssa discovers that she is in urgent need of a kidney transplant as a result of acute renal failure due to juvenile diabetes, Janelle must decide how far a former friendship requires her to go.

Ribay, Randy

After the Shot Drops

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.

See, Lisa

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

A story of friendship set in nineteenth-century China follows an elderly woman and her companion as they communicate their hopes, dreams, joys, and tragedies through a unique secret language.

Sher, Abby

Miss You Love You Hate You Bye

For most of her life, Hannah has idolized her best friend, Zoe: "Zoe was the sun, and I would gladly orbit her in whichever direction she chose." But now, just before their junior year, Hannah (whom Zoe has nicknamed "Hank") is shocked to see how much Zoe has changed. In the wake of her parents' breakup, Zoe has lost weight-a lot of weight-and obsessively attends exercise classes with her mom. She's pursuing internet fame via videos co-starring her new cat, but the scratches on her arms don't look feline to Hank. Hank tries to look past Zoe's unhealthy behaviors, but when she can no longer deny that Zoe is sick, she risks their friendship to get her the help she needs.

Sonnenblick, Jordan

Notes from the Midnight Driver

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

Stone, Nic

Dear Justyce

Incarcerated teen Quan Banks writes letters to Justyce McCallister, with whom he bonded years before over family issues, about his experiences in the American juvenile justice system.

Thomas, Leah

Because You'll Never Meet Me (and sequel)

Ollie, who has seizures when near electricity, lives in a backwoods cabin with his mother and rarely sees other people. Moritz, born with no eyes and a heart defect that requires a pacemaker, is bullied at his high school. When a physician who knows both suggests they begin corresponding, they form a strong bond that may get them through dark times.

Watson, Sarah

Most Likely

Four friends--Ava, CJ, Jordan, and Martha--who have been tight since kindergarten are entering their senior year and beginning to face the realization that they will all be going in different directions. The opening chapter establishes that one will become President of the United States, but readers don't know which one. Is it Ava, an artist who is struggling with her future choices; CJ, an earnest do-gooder; Jordan, a budding ace journalist; or Martha, a strong young woman who is facing some hurdles in life? As the novel spans a year of their experiences, a red herring is thrown in to muddy the waters as to who the future president could be.

Whaley, John Corey

Highly Illogical Behavior

Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that--and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.

Yang, Andrew

I'm Not Here to Make Friends

When Sabine Zhang is picked for Hotel California, a teen reality show with an all-Asian cast, she jumps at the opportunity. As one of few Asians at her high school in the Midwest, she's always felt as if she was playing a side character in someone else's story. But on this show, she'll finally have a chance to step into the spotlight. All Yoona Bae wants is to get away. The girls at church think she's mean, her mom thinks she's a troublemaker, and she's tired of fighting against her unearned bad reputation. So when she's invited to appear on Hotel California, Yoona sees it as an opportunity to chill out and make some friends--but life on the show isn't all sunshine and self-actualization. The producers want drama at all costs, even if it means pitting Sabine and Yoona against each other. With the season finale looming, can the girls figure out a peaceful way forward before they lose control of their own narratives?

Zentner, Jeff

In the Wild Light

Cash lost his mother to an opioid addiction and his Papaw is dying slowly from emphysema. Dodging drug dealers and watching out for his best friend (and person of his heart), Delaney, is second nature. When Delaney makes a scientific discovery that gets them both full rides at an elite prep school in Connecticut, Cash has to make a choice. Will he go with her to Connecticut, or stay in Tennessee with the grandparents who saved him?

Zentner, Jeff

Rayne & Delilah's Midnite Matinee

Josie and Delia are the hosts of cable television's delightfully cornball Midnite Matinee, which features hokey horror movies bracketed by humorous banter and goofy skits. For Delia, the show is her heart and soul, resurrecting the old movies that she shared with her long-absent father. Josie, however, could leave their small town to take an internship with the Food Network if she chooses to pursue a serious television career. This is their senior year--and the end of Midnite Matinee?

Zindel, Paul

The Pigman (and sequel)

A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.