

## COPING WITH LIFE AND ITS PROBLEMS

**Ali, S. K.**

**Saints and Misfits**

*Fifteen-year-old Janna Yusuf, a book nerd and daughter of the only divorced mother at their mosque, tries to make sense of the events that follow when her best friend's cousin—a holy star in the Muslim community—attempts to assault her at the end of sophomore year.*

**Alphin, Elaine Marie**

**Counterfeit Son**

*When serial killer Hank Miller is killed in a shoot-out with police, his abused son Cameron adopts the identity of one of his father's victims in order to find a better life.*

**Anderson, Laurie Halse**

**The Impossible Knife of Memory**

*Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.*

**Arcos, Carrie**

**Out of Reach**

*Accompanied by her brother's friend, Tyler, sixteen-year-old Rachel ventures through San Diego and nearby areas seeking her brother, eighteen-year-old Micah, a methamphetamine addict who ran away from home.*

**Atkins, Catherine**

**When Jeff Comes Home**

*Sixteen-year-old Jeff, returning home after having been kidnapped and held prisoner for three years, must face his family, friends, and school after having been physically, emotionally, and sexually abused by his kidnapper.*

**Banash, Jennifer**

**Silent Alarm**

*Alys, a junior who dreams of studying violin at Julliard, must deal with the aftermath of a tragic high school shooting in which her older brother, Luke, was the shooter.*

**Bechard, Margaret**

**Hanging on to Max**

*When his girlfriend decides to give their baby away, seventeen-year-old Sam is determined to keep him and raise him alone.*

**Bennett, Cherie**

**Life in the Fat Lane**

*Sixteen-year-old Lara, winner of beauty pageants and Homecoming Queen, is distressed and bewildered when she starts gaining weight and becomes a fat girl.*

**Bingham, Kelly**

**Shark Girl (and sequel)**

*After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.*

**Bloor, Edward**

**A Plague Year**

*A ninth-grader who works with his father in the local supermarket describes the plague of meth addiction that consumes many people in his Pennsylvania coal mining town from 9/11 and the nearby crash of United Flight 93 in Shanksville to the Quecreek Mine disaster in Somerset the following summer.*

**Brown, Jennifer**

**Bitter End**

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

**Brown, Jennifer**

**Hate List**

*Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.*

**Brown, Jennifer**

**Thousand Words**

*Talked into sending a nude picture of herself to her boyfriend while she was drunk, Ashleigh became the center of a sexting scandal and is now in court-ordered community service, where she finds an unlikely ally, Mack.*

**Caletti, Deb**

**Essential Maps for the Lost**

*When Mads discovers a dead body while she's swimming in the lake, she begins to obsess over who the woman was and what led her to commit suicide by jumping off a bridge. But when she starts to fall for Billy, the woman's troubled son, Mads isn't sure how much longer she can keep her obsession a secret.*

**Cantor, Jillian**

**Searching for Sky**

*On her sixteenth birthday, Sky and River, the boy with whom she has shared Island since she was a toddler, are "rescued" and taken to California. Sky is separated from River—forced to live with a grandmother she has just met and required to learn new rules for survival.*

**Carleson, J. C.**

**The Tyrant's Daughter**

*Exiled to the United States after her father, a Middle Eastern dictator, is killed in a coup, fifteen-year-old Laila must cope with a completely new way of life, the truth of her father's regime, and her mother and brother's ways of adjusting.*

**Carlson, Melody**

**Dark Blue (and others in the series)**

*1<sup>st</sup> book in the True Colors series (which presents issues like drinking, sex, weight loss, cutting, etc. from a Christian perspective). Two sophomore girls, best friends since kindergarten, grow apart when one wants new friends and decides the other is a popularity liability.*

**Cassidy, Anne**

**Looking for JJ**

*Seventeen-year-old Alice, released from prison with a new identity after serving six years for murdering a child, tries to keep her anonymity from the British tabloids while haunted by memories of her past trauma.*

**Christie, Judy**

**Wreath**

*Sixteen-year-old orphan Wreath Willis lives in a junkyard while trying to complete high school and pursue the good life. Her attempts to go unnoticed are threatened by the impact she has on the lives of various people in her community.*

**Christopher, Lucy**

**Stolen**

*Sixteen-year-old Gemma, a British city-dweller, is abducted while on vacation with her parents and taken to the Australian outback, where she soon realizes that escape attempts are futile. In time she learns that her captor is not as despicable as she first believed.*

**Colasanti, Susane**

**Keep Holding On**

*Bullied at school and neglected by her self-absorbed, single mother at home, high school junior Noelle finally realizes she must do something to change her life after a classmate commits suicide.*

**Cooner, Donna**

**Can't Look Away**

*Sixteen-year-old Torrey Grey's YouTube videos on fashion and beauty for teenagers were famous, but when her younger sister is killed by a drunk driver during a filming her world falls apart. Cyber bullies are attacking her, her father moves them to Texas, and she does not know who to trust at her new school or whether her cousin is really a friend.*

**Crutcher, Chris**

**Ironman**

*While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school that leads him to examine his relationship with his father.*

**Cupala, Holly**

**Tell Me a Secret**

*Seventeen-year-old Rand's unexpected pregnancy leads her on a path to unravel the mystery of her sister's death and face her own more hopeful future.*

**Davis, Lane**

**I Swear**

*After persistent bullying leads to a high school senior's suicide, her tormentors examine their behavior and culpability.*

**Dean, Carolee**

**Forget Me Not**

*Told from separate viewpoints, Ally discovers that she may have tried to kill herself. Elijah, recalling his own suicide attempt, tries to give Ally a reason to live and escape from the spirits that haunt their high school. Novel in verse.*

**Demetrios, Heather**

**Something Real**

*Since the cancellation of her family's reality television show, seventeen-year-old Bonnie Baker, one of twelve siblings, has tried to live a normal life with real friends and a possible boyfriend—until her mother and the show's producers decide to bring "Baker's Dozen" back on the air.*

**Dessen, Sarah**

**Lock and Key**

*When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years, and learns about Cora's new life, what makes a family, how to allow people to help her when she needs it, and that she too has something to offer others.*

**Donoghue, Emma**

**Room**

*A five-year-old boy narrates a story about his life growing up in a single room where his mother tries to protect him from the man who kidnapped her when she was a teenager and has held her prisoner for seven years.*

**Doty, M.**

**Surviving High School (and sequel)**

*Emily hopes to spend her freshman year avoiding the boy who killed her sister in a car accident. Her schedule is regimented with honors classes, grueling swim practices, and sleep. Without time for social events and dating, Emily is dubbed "Swimbot" by her swimming rival and tormentor, Dominique. After a magazine publishes an article about Emily's quest to continue her sister's swimming legacy, her social stock suddenly soars. Her life changes—but can it stay like this?*

**Efaw, Amy**

**After**

*In complete denial that she is pregnant, straight-A student and star athlete Devon Davenport leaves her baby in the trash to die. After the baby is discovered, Devon is accused of attempted murder.*

**Elkeles, Simone**

**Leaving Paradise (and sequel)**

*In alternating chapters, seventeen-year-olds Caleb and Maggie relate the difficulties of readjusting to school, and changing relationships with family, friends, and one another, a year after a drunk driving accident sent her to the hospital with a crippling leg injury and him to prison.*

**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.*

**Freitas, Donna**

**This Gorgeous Game**

*Seventeen-year-old Olivia wins a prestigious award that includes the opportunity to attend a writing workshop at the local Catholic university taught by a successful novelist whom she idolizes. Olivia is thrilled. Her dreams of being a writer are becoming a reality. While basking in Father Mark's attention, she becomes uneasy as his actions become more pervasive and possessive. Caught by her awe of him both as an author and a priest, she questions her own discomfort as the emails, texts, and requests for her time and attention leave her confused, secretive, and defensive.*

**Fry, Erin**

**The Benefactor**

*They come from different walks of life, with different problems and different hopes and dreams. But they have one thing in common: they need a scholarship to college. And they're ready to battle seven other contestants on a reality TV show to get it.*

**Gibbons, Kaye**

**Ellen Foster**

*Growing up in a small Southern town, eleven-year-old Ellen Foster has already learned some of life's most difficult lessons. Abused by her drunken father and cruel grandmother, she searches for a safe place to live.*

**Giles, Gail**

**Girls Like Us**

*Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Bidy are placed together in their first independent apartment and discover unexpected things they have in common in the face of past challenges and a harrowing trauma.*

**Graham, Rosemary**

**Stalker Girl**

*During a difficult time in her life, when her mother and stepfather have broken up and her father cancels a trip she has been anticipating, Carly becomes obsessed with her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend.*

**Grove, Vicki**

**Everything Breaks**

*After his three best friends die in a car crash when he should have been driving, seventeen-year-old Tucker meets Charon, the Ferryman of Hades, and must decide whether to succumb to his grief or go on living.*

**Gurtler, Janet**

**I'm Not Her**

*Brainy Tess Smith is the younger sibling of the beautiful, popular, volleyball-scholarship-bound Kristina. When Kristina is diagnosed with bone cancer, it drastically changes both sisters' lives. Sometimes the things that annoy us the most about our siblings are the ones we'd miss the most if we lost them.*

**Gurtler, Janet**

**Who I Kissed**

*Samantha didn't mean to hurt anyone. She was just trying to fit in. She wanted to make Zee a little jealous after he completely ditched her for a prettier girl, so she kissed Alex. And then he died, right in her arms.*

**Headley, Justina Chen**

**North of Beautiful**

*Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.*

**Hensley, Joy N.**

**Rites of Passage**

*Sixteen-year-old Sam McKenna discovers that becoming one of the first girls to attend the revered Denmark Military Academy means living with a target on her back.*

**Hill, Chelsie**

**Push Girl**

*Kara, a high school junior, has a great group of friends, an amazing boyfriend, and expectations of being Homecoming Queen until she leaves a party angry and wakes up in a hospital bed, paralyzed from the waist down. As she is forced to adjust to her new physical reality, she also learns that her friends are not who they seemed to be.*

**Hopkins, Ellen**

**Crank (and sequels)**

*Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter, but she becomes a very different person when she meets a boy who introduces her to drugs. Novel in verse.*

**Hopkins, Ellen**

**Burned (and sequel)**

*Seventeen-year-old Pattyn, the eldest daughter in a large Mormon family, is sent to her aunt's Nevada ranch for the summer, where she temporarily escapes her alcoholic, abusive father and finds love and acceptance-- only to lose everything when she returns home. Novel in verse.*

**Hopkins, Ellen**

**Rumble**

*Matthew Turner doesn't have faith in anything—not in his family, which is in shambles after his younger brother was bullied into suicide; or his so-called friends or some all-powerful creator. When a horrific event plunges Matt into a dark, silent place, though, he begins to question everything he's ever disbelieved. Novel in verse.*

**Hubbard, Jenny**

**And We Stay**

*Sent to a boarding school after her ex-boyfriend shoots himself, seventeen-year-old Emily expresses herself through poetry as she relives their relationship, copes with her guilt, and begins to heal.*

**Jackson, Corrine**

**If I Lie**

*Seventeen-year-old Sophie Quinn becomes an outcast in her small military town when she chooses to keep a secret for her Marine boyfriend who is missing in action in Afghanistan.*

**Johnson, Angela**

**The First Part Last**

*Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.*

**Johnston, E. K.**

**Exit, Pursued by a Bear**

*At cheerleading camp, Hermione is drugged and raped, but she is not sure whether it was one of her teammates or a boy on another team. In the aftermath she has to deal with the rumors in her small Ontario town, the often awkward reaction of her classmates, the rejection of her boyfriend, the discovery that her best friend is gay, and—most importantly—the need to remember what happened so that the guilty boy can be brought to justice.*

**Kensie, Clara**

**Aftermath**

*Four years after being kidnapped, sixteen-year-old Charlotte returns home to find her family ripped apart, but before she can try to reunite them or help find the body of her captor's first victim, she must come to terms with her past.*

**King, A. S.**

**Everybody Sees the Ants**

*Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War-- but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective.*

**Kingsolver, Barbara**

**The Bean Trees (and sequel)**

*Taylor Greer has always been afraid of two things: tires, one of which she saw explode and cripple a local tobacco farmer; and pregnancy, the fate of her own mother and, generally, of young girls in Pittman County, KY, where she has grown up. To avoid the latter, Taylor, born Marietta, sets out to find a new life in the West. What she doesn't count on, however, is her flighty '55 Volkswagon temporarily "giving out" in the Oklahoma flatlands or the ditching of an Indian baby in the car while it's being fixed.*

**Klass, David**

**You Don't Know Me**

*Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful but shallow classmate, and other problems at school.*

**Koertge, Ronald**

**Strays**

*Sixteen-year-old Ted prefers animals to humans; animals never lie, and unlike the kids at school, he understands them. When Ted loses his parents in a car accident, he particularly identifies with strays--after all, as a foster kid, that's what he is.*

**Korman, Gordon**

**Born to Rock**

*High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend. Humorous.*

**Lange, Erin Jade**

**Butter**

*In a fit of spite, a 423-pound 16-year-old boy nicknamed Butter declares that he will eat himself to death on New Year's Eve—live on the web. Before he can even figure out whether he was serious, he is welcomed into the lives of the popular kids, who want to show him a good time before the big event (while making side bets on what his final menu will be). Butter knows they're jerks, but social inclusion is a dream, and it even allows him to get close to his crush—a girl he has only spoken to online under an alias. So he can't back down—and the day gets closer and closer.*

**Leno, Katrina**

**The Lost & Found**

*Fannie and Louis both belong to an online support group for trauma survivors. They both also have a strange tendency to lose things. But when they embark on a road trip to finally meet each other, they start to realize that the things you lose might be things you weren't meant to have at all, and that you never know what you might find if you just take a chance.*

**Levy, Debbie**

**Imperfect Spiral**

*When a teenaged girl's babysitting charge is killed in a car accident while in her care, she must come to terms with the aftermath of the tragedy and her community's search for someone to blame.*

**Lindstrom, Eric**

**Not If I See You First**

*Demanding to be treated the same as everyone else in spite of her blindness, Parker doles out tough-love advice to her peers, refuses to cry after losing her father, and stubbornly shuns a boy who broke her heart years earlier.*

**Lyga, Barry**

**Bang**

*Fourteen-year-old Sebastian lives in the past. When he was four years old, he accidentally shot and killed his four-month-old sister. This haunts him, leading to obsessive self-hate and suicidal feelings. He is waiting, in fact, for the voice in his head to tell him it's time to effect his end. That time seems imminent as his past and future seem to come together, faster and faster—until he meets Aneesa.*

**Lynch, Chris**

**Inexcusable**

*Keir is a senior who fancies himself a "lovable rogue." So do his widowed father, his older sisters, and his classmates. He likes being liked; he just doesn't do well with involvement. Keir would never do anything to hurt anyone intentionally--or would he?*

**MacKenzie, Jill**

**Spin the Sky**

*When a nationwide televised dance competition posts tryouts in nearby Portland, Magnolia Wilson is eager to audition, believing that a win could be her ticket out of the small town she grew up in. She's desperate for a chance to prove herself and to follow her dreams, but auditioning means she'll have to compete against her best friend, George, and she's not sure if their friendship will survive.*

**Maia, Love**

**DJ Rising**

*Sixteen-year-old Marley Diego-Dylan's career as "DJ Ice" is skyrocketing, but his mother's heroin addiction keeps dragging him back to earth.*

**Marquardt, Marie**

**The Radius of Us**

*Told in the alternating voices of two teenaged victims of violence who are struggling to overcome trauma and help each other cope.*

**Martinez, Jessica**

**Virtuosity**

*Just before the most important violin competition of her career, seventeen-year-old prodigy Carmen faces critical decisions about her anti-anxiety drug addiction, her controlling mother, and a potential romance with her most talented rival.*

**Mathieu, Jennifer**

**Afterward**

*When eleven-year-old Dylan Anderson is kidnapped, his subsequent rescue leads to the discovery of Ethan Jorgensen, who had disappeared four years earlier. Autistic Dylan is having difficulty recovering—so Dylan's sister Caroline befriends Ethan hoping to learn the truth about her brother's captivity.*

**Monninger, Joseph**

**Whippoorwill**

*In rural New Hampshire, sixteen-year-old Clair Taylor and her neighbor, eighteen-year-old Danny Stewart, fall into an unlikely relationship as they work together to save Wally, a loveable but mistreated dog kept chained in a junk-filled yard by Danny's cruel father.*

**Murdoch, Emily**

**If You Find Me**

*A broken-down camper hidden deep in a national forest is the only home fifteen-year-old Carey can remember. The trees keep guard over her threadbare existence, with the one bright spot being Carey's younger sister, Jenessa, who depends on Carey for her very survival. All they have is each other as their mentally ill mother comes and goes with greater frequency. One fateful day their mother disappears for good, and two strangers arrive. Suddenly the girls are taken from the woods and thrust into a bright and perplexing new world of high school, clothes, and boys. Now Carey must face the truth of why her mother abducted her ten years ago, while haunted by a past that won't let her go.*

**Omolulu, C. J.**

**Dirty Little Secrets**

*Sixteen-year-old Lucy has been painfully isolated from her peers for years, refusing to let anyone near her house lest they discover the towers of garbage and heaps of mold-encrusted dishes. Outwardly highly functional, her mother maintains the dysfunction in their home with an obsessive grip. When Lucy returns from a friend's house one morning and discovers her mother dead of an asthma attack, she is about to call 911—but quickly realizes this will expose the secret that her mother (and Lucy herself) worked so hard to protect.*

**Peyton, K. M.**

**Blind Beauty**

*Teenage Tessa's passion for riding and her love for an ugly horse named Buffoon help her endure an unhappy life in the English countryside with a hateful stepfather.*

**Picoult, Jodi**

**Harvesting the Heart**

*Now with a child of her own, Paige is still haunted by memories of her own mother, who left when she was five, and is plagued by constant self-doubt.*

**Polisner, Gae**

**The Summer of Letting Go**

*Four years after her brother, Simon, drowned while in her charge, Francesca, now fifteen, begins to move on after a summer caring for Frankie, who seems to be Simon reincarnated, and getting closer to her best friend's boyfriend.*

**Polsky, Sara**

**This Is How I Find Her**

*High school junior Sophie has always had the burden of taking care of her mother, who has bipolar disorder. After her mother's hospitalization, she must learn to cope with estranged family and figure out her own life.*

**Purcell, Kim**

**Trafficked**

*A seventeen-year-old Moldovan girl whose parents have been killed is brought to the United States to work as a slave for a family in Los Angeles.*

**Quick, Matthew**

**Sorta Like a Rock Star**

*Although seventeen-year-old Amber Appleton is homeless, living in a school bus with her unfit mother, she is a relentless optimist who visits the elderly at a nursing home, teaches English to Korean Catholic women with the use of rhythm and blues music, and befriends a solitary Vietnam veteran and his dog—but eventually she experiences one burden more than she can bear and slips into a deep depression.*

**Reichardt, Marisa**

**Underwater**

*Ever since the mass shooting at her California high school, junior Morgan Grant has become increasingly agoraphobic until even the idea of stepping outside her door can bring on a panic attack, a situation not made any easier by the fact that her parents are divorced—but when Evan moves in next door, she finds herself attracted to him and begins to find herself longing for the life she has been missing.*

**Reinhardt, Dana**

**Harmless**

*When Anna, Emma, and Mariah concoct a story about why they are late getting home one Friday night, their lie has unimaginable consequences for the girls, their families, and the community.*

**Rice, Luanne**

**The Beautiful Lost**

*Ever since her mother left, Maia has struggled with depression which has only gotten worse since her father remarried. Maia decides to run away to Canada to find her mother, together with Billy, a boy who now lives in a group home and has his own family tragedy. When they finally arrive in Tadoussac, Quebec, Maia discovers that her mother has been keeping secrets.*

**Ryan, Darlene**

**Cuts Like a Knife**

*Mac's grandmother is dead, their house is about to be torn down, and she's been humiliated in front of the entire school. When Daniel finds out Mac has been saying goodbye to her friends, he realizes she's planning on leaving. Getting desperate as he searches the city, Daniel finds an unexpected and unlikely ally. But can he find Mac before he loses her forever?*

**Scott, Elizabeth**

**Love You Hate You Miss You**

*After coming out of alcohol rehabilitation, sixteen-year-old Amy sorts out conflicting emotions about her best friend Julia's death in a car accident for which she feels responsible.*

**Shaw, Liane**

**Fostergirls**

*Sadie, having been in and out of twelve foster homes, strives to go unnoticed, but it becomes difficult when she moves to her thirteenth group home in a small town. She is just starting to think it might be okay to let a few people into her life when a shocking revelation about her "real" family throws her into turmoil.*

**Shulman, Mark**

**Scrawl**

*When bully Tod and his friends get caught committing a crime on school property, his penalty--staying after school and writing in a journal under the eye of the school guidance counselor--reveals aspects of himself that he prefers to keep hidden.*

**Skilton, Sarah**

**Bruised**

*When she freezes during a hold-up at the local diner, sixteen-year-old Imogen, a black belt in Tae Kwan Do, has to rebuild her life, including her relationship with her family and with the boy who was with her during the shoot-out.*

**Stokes, Paula**

**This Is How It Happened**

*When seventeen-year-old Genevieve Grace realizes she may have caused the car accident that killed her boyfriend, a YouTube musician on the brink of superstardom, she must grapple with the consequences of honesty in a world where the Internet is always watching.*

**Strasser, Todd**

**No Place**

*When Dan and his parents can no longer pay their mortgage, they end up homeless and living in a local tent city. It's a bad situation, and it only gets worse when the leader of the tent city is brutally beaten. Who is trying to shut down the tent city, and why?*

**Sundquist, Josh**

**Love and First Sight**

*Sixteen-year-old blind teen Will Porter undergoes an experimental surgery that enables him to see for the first time, all while navigating a new school, new friends, and a crush.*

**Vaught, Susan**

**Going Underground**

*Interest in a new girl and pressure from his parole officer cause seventeen-year-old Del, a gravedigger, to recall and face the sexting incident three years earlier that transformed him from a straight-A student-athlete into a social outcast and felon.*

**Venkatraman, Padma**

**A Time to Dance**

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

**Vivian, Siobhan**

**The List**

*Every year at Mount Washington High School somebody posts a list of the prettiest and ugliest girls from each grade--this is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, and how they are affected by the list.*

**Voigt, Cynthia**

**When She Hollers**

*Tish, a teenager who has been enduring abuse from her adoptive stepfather since she was a small child, finally decides she must do something to stop him.*

**Weatherly, Lee**

**Kat Got Your Tongue**

*After being hit by a car, thirteen-year-old Kat wakes up in the hospital with no memory of her previous life.*

**Werlin, Nancy**

**The Rules of Survival**

*Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.*

**Wiess, Laura**

**Such a Pretty Girl**

*Haunted by flashbacks, fifteen-year-old Meredith learns that three years in prison has not changed the abusive father who molested her.*

**Wolf, Jennifer Shaw**

**Breaking Beautiful**

*Allie is overwhelmed when her boyfriend, Trip, dies in a car accident, leaving her scarred and unable to recall what happened that night, but she feels she must uncover the truth, even if it could hurt the people who tried to save her from Trip's abuse.*

**Woodson, Jacqueline**

**Beneath a Meth Moon**

*Laurel Daneau, having lost her mother, grandmother, and home in Hurricane Katrina, thinks things are going well with her new life as a cheerleader and the girlfriend of basketball star T-Boom. After T-Boom introduces her to meth and she finds the drug helps her deal with her past, however, she must rely on the help of an artist named Moses and her friend Kaylee to overcome the addiction.*

**Zarr, Sara**

**Story of a Girl**

*In the three years since her father caught her in the back seat of a car with an older boy, sixteen-year-old Deanna's life at home and school has been a nightmare, but while dreaming of escaping with her brother and his family, she discovers the power of forgiveness.*