

**Call Me by My Name by John Ed Bradley** In Louisiana in the 1960s, black quarterbacks were unheard of, let alone black superstars, but that was before Tater Henry. Rodney's life was sports (football in the fall and baseball in the spring) and his twin sister, Angie. It was in the midst of baseball that he met Tater, and a solid friendship was born, despite overwhelming obstacles. It was also the birth of a football legend, the Legend of Tater Henry.

**Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans by Don Brown**

Hurricane Katrina ravaged a city, rearranged a region, and shocked a nation. The power of Katrina was severely underestimated. When it hit New Orleans, levees burst, Lake Pontchartrain surged, and entire parishes were under water. When it hit the gulf coast, people who chose to stay were lost. The nation watched it all unfold in horror. This disaster is recounted in sparse, striking, graphic detail.

**Dumplin' by Julie Murphy** Willowdean's mom runs the local beauty pageant because she is a former winner. Willowdean and her mom don't agree on a lot, especially her pet name, Dumplin', since it resembles her body shape a little too much. While working her job, she meets Bo, high school basketball star. Much to Will's surprise, Bo likes her, but this makes her begin to doubt herself which she has never done. To gain back her confidence, she decides to enter the Miss Clover City Beauty Pageant along with a few other new friends who also don't fit in the traditional beauty pageant mold.

**An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir** After her brother is arrested for treason, Laia, a Scholar suppressed by the Martial Empire, decides to save him by posing as a slave in the Empire's strict military academy. The rebels promise to help in exchange for information, but she is quickly confronted by the academy's finest soldier. Despite being from vastly different backgrounds, the Soldier Elias and Scholar Laia want to be free of tyranny. Based on Roman empires and twisted with magical powers, *An Ember in the Ashes* shows that even a brutal world can have hope.

**Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon** Maddy, a girl whose allergies to the world keep her confined to a very strict routine within her house, builds a relationship with Olly, the boy next door who has all the freedom she doesn't. As they share their experiences, Maddy starts to wonder whether everything she's doing to avoid any risk is worth missing out on the life that she could be living. Will Maddy risk her life in order to experience it?

**Guitar Notes by Mary Amoto** Two students from very different backgrounds are forced to share a music practice room. Tripp uses the room on odd days to escape his troubles by practicing a borrowed guitar. Lyla, an award-winning cellist, is supposed to use the room on even days to practice cello but finds herself strumming the left-behind guitar instead. Through notes left for each other, the unlikely pair find themselves challenging each other to write songs and find a way to use music to work through their personal struggles.

**Hyperbole and a Half by Allie Brosh** The journey through life is not always an easy one. From never wanting to put clothes on as a child to a goose breaking into her house during a date, these eclectic stories range in topic from depression to eating sand out of curiosity, with Brosh's dogs as comic relief. In this graphic memoir the author brings the reader along through the struggles of life.

**Inherit Midnight by Kate Kae Myers** Sent off to live in a boarding school, Avery VanDemere is the proverbial black sheep of the wealthy VanDemere clan. She wants nothing more than to escape...escape the boarding school, escape her family. In order to find the worthiest family member to leave the family fortune, Avery's grandmother creates a puzzle-solving competition, pitting sister against brother, niece against uncle, and father against son. If she wins the prize money, Avery plans to use it to run away and find her long-lost mother. Can she trust Riley, the handsome son of her grandmother's lawyer, to help her win the game?

**Kindness for Weakness by Shawn Goodman** James's father left the family a long time ago, his drug addicted mother brings home one boyfriend after another, and the most recent is prone to violence. Even though James is smart and enjoys school, it's difficult for him to do well when he's forced to stay out all night walking the streets because home is no longer safe, and the older brother that he used to rely on won't answer the phone. Then, James is arrested. While locked up, James meets a variety of criminals, some misunderstood and some truly insane. If this wasn't bad enough, he also has to deal with crooked guards, counselors on a mission, and an apathetic system.

**Made You Up by Francesca Zappia** Alex fights a daily battle to figure out what is real and what is not. Armed with a take-no-prisoners attitude, her camera, a Magic 8 Ball, and her only ally (her little sister), Alex wages a war against her schizophrenia, determined to stay sane long enough to get into college. She's pretty optimistic about her chances until she runs into Miles. Didn't she imagine him? Before she knows it, Alex is making friends, going to parties, falling in love, and experiencing all the usual rites of passage for teenagers. But Alex is used to being crazy. She's not prepared for normal. Can she trust herself? Can we trust her?

**More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera** Some memories are so painful that forgetting them sounds like the only way to keep going, but can you really forget those things that make you, you? Aaron Soto wonders if this magic "cure-all" for painful memories might be the way to help him forget about these feelings he is developing for Thomas, a new neighbor from the next project over. His over-worked mother, patient and loving girlfriend, and even his distant brother all want him to be happy, but at what cost?

**Need by Joelle Charbonneau** Not everyone knows the difference between a need and a want. NEED, is a new social media network in Nottawa, Wisconsin and everyone Kaylee knows is on it. Kaylee needs only one thing, a kidney for her younger brother D. J. Need will grant people's wishes for a price and soon everyone is signing up for the website and doing things they never thought they would do. As the body count starts rising, Kaylee knows someone must track NEED down and stop them before it destroys them all.

**One by Sarah Crossan** For conjoined twins Tippi and Grace, it's normal to share an ear, to listen into the same skirt, to hook their arms around each other for balance, to fall asleep listening to the other breathing, to share. And to keep some things private. Each of the sixteen-year-old girls has her own head, heart, and two arms, but at the belly, they join. And they are happy, never wanting to risk the dangerous separation surgery.

**Paper Hearts by Meg Wiviott** Behind the walls of Auschwitz, Zlatka risked everything to create a present for her friend Fania's birthday. Not only did she "obtain" the supplies and make the paper heart, but she also got each of their friends to write Fania a message--messages of hope, love, happiness and freedom. Based on a true story. The heart can be seen in the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Center.

**Prayers for the Stolen by Jennifer Clement** Ladydi lives in Guerrero, Mexico, a mountainous region where women wait for their men to return, women do not want to bear female children, and mothers work hard to make their female children ugly and dress them in baggy clothes. Drug cartels rove through the countryside stealing girls to use them and sell them. Ladydi's life seems to take a turn for the better when a friend gets her a job in Acapulco, but later she is implicated in a local murder through her association with this same friend. With the odds against her, how will she survive in modern Mexico?

**Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard** Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood. Commoners with red blood serve the Silver-blooded elites who also are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare discovers that she too holds supernatural powers. There's only one problem--Mare is a Red. To cover up this problem, the king forces Mare into the role of a lost Silver princess and orders her to marry one of his sons. As Mare is pushed further and further into the Silver world, she risks losing her position in the Red rebellion.

**Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys** Although few people have heard of the Wilhelm Gustloff, it was one of the most devastating naval disasters in history; more than 9,400 people died when the ship was torpedoed. From the point of view of four teens, we see this tragic event unfold. Three teens are attempting to escape, one is a seaman on the Wilhelm Gustloff, a ship meant to take refugees and wounded to safety.

**Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli** Simon is a sixteen-year-old high school junior who isn't quite ready to come out as gay to his friends and family. He's been anonymously emailing a fellow gay student with the pen name Blue, and they are beginning to develop romantic feelings for one another. When class clown Martin discovers Simon's emails, he threatens to expose Simon and Blue's secret. Simon has to deal with Martin's demands while learning how to navigate the changing dynamics of his friendships, his budding relationship with Blue, and his complicated feelings about coming out.

**Slasher Girls and Monster Boys edited by April Genevieve Tucholke** What happens when your favorite YA authors are asked to write creepy stories? A collection of truly frightening and creepy stories that will continue to haunt you long after the last page is read. Psychological thrillers, bloody horror, creepy supernatural...pick your fright--it's included!

**Vengeance Road by Erin Bowman** When Kate Thompson's father is brutally murdered, she disguises herself as a boy and rides after the band of outlaws that murdered him, took his journal, and burned their house. Along the way she picks up some unlikely and somewhat unwelcome help in the form of two brothers whose father was a friend of her own father and a young Apache girl. Kate wants revenge, the gang wants the gold, and everyone has their own motives. It is a dangerous and dusty path the journal will lead Kate on, a path that will lead her to betrayal.



*Eliot Rosewater*  
**Indiana High School Book Award**  
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**All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely** All Rashad wanted was to buy a bag of chips at the local convenience store. What should have been an everyday moment turns violent and life-altering when Rashad is accused of shoplifting and subsequently beaten by a white police officer. Rashad's classmate, Quinn, witnesses the whole encounter, but is afraid to speak up because the police officer in question has been like a father to him his whole life.

**Amazing Fantastic Incredible: A Marvelous Memoir by Stan Lee** Stan Lee provides the "Marvel"ous details of his professional career in the only way appropriate...with full color comic-book-style artwork and spirited, witty text. Find out how he made comics relevant for readers, where he found inspiration, and who helped him develop the Marvel empire along the way.

**The Beast of Cretacea by Todd Strasser** Ishmael has risked everything to travel in stasis to work on another planet. Although he is not used to the fresh air and leagues of ocean, he is willing to work hard hunting the beasts of the oceans in order to send money back to his foster parents hopefully earning enough for them to leave Earth before the planet is completely dead. The beasts in the waters are everywhere, but the captain of the ship continually tells the crew to ignore them in order to chase a monster few have seen and lived to tell about it.

**Believarexic by J. J. Johnson** Jennifer has an eating disorder; but her family doesn't believe her. When she finally talks them into admitting her into the Samuel Tuke Center, she knows that she may have made a terrible mistake. While she imagined a peaceful and supportive environment, what she really finds are locked doors, strict rules, and people she can't trust. In order to leave, she must make her way through the strict program and examine her relationships with others, both inside and outside the facility.

**The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club by Phillip Hoose** When Denmark does not resist German occupation during World War II, a group of teenagers led by 15-year-old Knud Pederson band together to take action against the Nazis, committing acts of sabotage and eventually getting themselves arrested. Their actions inspire a nation and help spark the Danish resistance.