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Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (1979) M/H
by Douglas Adams

Arthur Dent begins to hitchhike through space after Earth is destroyed to make way for a new hyperspatial expressway.

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Chains (2008) M/H
by Laurie Halse Anderson

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

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The Summoning (2008) M/H

by Kelley Armstrong

When 15 year old Chloe starts seeing ghosts, she is sent to a group home for mentally disturbed teenagers where she discovers that neither Lyle House nor its inhabitants are exactly what they seem.

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Door Within (2005) M/H

by Wayne Thomas Batson

Three ancient scrolls beckon Aidan Thomas to enter a realm of knights, kings, and unusual creatures, but he must rely on instinct and athletic ability to deal with the terror and treason in this new world.

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The Last Knight (2007) M/H

by Hilari Bell

Young noble Sir Michael Severson has decided to revive the trade of knight errant and has found a reluctant partner in a criminal named Fisk, who has been given the choice of serving as Michael's squire or going to jail. Now both are on a quest to right wrongs, protect the innocent, and make the world a happier place.

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What I Saw and How I Lied (2008) H

by Judy Blundell

When Evie's father returns from WWII, she expects life to return to normal, but a mysterious trip to Florida filled with secrets, deceptions, and forbidden love complicates things.

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Shift (2008) M/H

by Jennifer Bradbury

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.

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Faerie Wars (2003) M/H

by Herbie Brennan

Henry finds his life taking on a whole new dimension when he and his friend, old Mr. Fogarty, become involved with Prince Pyrgus Malvae who has been sent from the faerie world in order to escape the treacherous Faeries of the Night.

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How to be Popular (2006) M/H

by Meg Cabot

16 year old Steph Landry finds an old book on how to be popular and decides to change her social status by following its advice, much to the bafflement of her two best friends.

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Secret Life of Prince Charming (2009) M/H

by Deb Caletti

When 17 year old Quinn discovers that her father, whom she has only recently developed a relationship with, has stolen from the many women he has dated, she decides she must avenge this wrong.

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Heist Society (2010) M

by Ally Carter

Born into a family of con artists and thieves, 15 year old Katarina Bishop plans a con of her own--scamming her way into the best boarding school in the country, determined to leave the family business behind. Unfortunately, leaving "the life" for a normal life proves harder than she'd expected.

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She's So Money (2008) M/H

by Cherry Cheva

Maya, a high school senior bound for Stanford University, goes against her better judgement when she and a popular but somewhat disreputable boy start a profitable school-wide cheating ring in order to save her family's Thai restaurant, which she fears will be shut down due to her irresponsible actions.

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City of Bones (2007) M/H

by Cassandra Clare

Clary is drawn into a bizzare world of werewolves, vampires, and demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

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Catching Fire (2009) M/H

by Suzanne Collins

By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss and Peeta have secured a life of safety for themselves and their families. But because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

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Along for the Ride (2009) M/H

by Sarah Dessen

When Auden goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, she learns about second chances, not just for her but for her family and friends as well.

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Little Brother (2008) H

by Cory Doctorow

After being interrogated by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, 17 year old Marcus, uses his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

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Bog Child (2008) H

by Siobhan Dowd

In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," 18 year old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog.

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Sea of Trolls (2004) M

by Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his sister Lucy are captured by Vikings and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest.

19

The Morgue and Me (2009) H

by John C. Ford

18 year old Christopher, who plans to be a spy, learns of a murder cover-up through his summer job as a morgue assistant and teams up with a newspaper reporter to investigate the crime.

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The Graveyard Book (2008) M/H

by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

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An Abundance of Katherines (2006) H

by John Green

Having been dumped for the 19th time by a girl named Katherine, Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

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The Summer I Turned Pretty (2009) M/H

by Jenny Han

For Belly, winters are simply a time to count the weeks away from the beach house, and most importantly, away from Jeremiah and Conrad. But this summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.

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The Goose Girl (2003) M

by Shannon Hale

On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

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The Juliet Club (2008) M

by Suzanne Harper

When Kate wins an essay contest that sends her to Verona, Italy, to study Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" over the summer, she learns not just about Shakespeare, but also about star-crossed lovers--and herself.

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Project Sweet Life (2009) M/H

by Brent Hartinger

When their fathers insist that they get summer jobs, three 15 year old boys dedicate their summer vacation to fooling their parents into thinking that they are working, which proves to be even harder than having real jobs would have been.

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Godless (2004) M/H

by Pete Hautmann

When 16 year old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.

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The Great Wide Sea (2008) M/H

by M. H. Herlong

After the death of their mother, three brothers go on a sailing trip with their father and must try to survive a horrific storm.

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The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

(2009) M

by **Jacqueline Kelly**

In 1899, Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from her brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

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Epic (2007) M/H

by **Conor Kostick**

On New Earth, 14 year old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in playing the computer game Epic in order to save his father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

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I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President (2009) M

by **Josh Lieb**

12 year old Oliver Watson has everyone convinced that he is extremely stupid and lazy, but he is actually a very wealthy, evil genius, and when he decides to run for seventh-grade class president, nothing will stand in his way.

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The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks

(2008) M/H

by **E. Lockhart**

A popular girl who attends an exclusive boarding school creates a false online identity in order to infiltrate a secret, all male school club to which her father once belonged.

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Hero-Type (2008) M/H

by **Barry Lyga**

16 year old Kevin is uncomfortable with the publicity surrounding his act of accidental heroism, but when a reporter photographs him apparently being unpatriotic, he steps into the limelight to encourage people to think about what the symbols of freedom really mean.

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The Season (2009) M/H

by **Sarah Maclean**

Showing no interest in the balls, dinner parties, and weekends enjoyed by the rest of 19th century London society, 17 year old Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor.

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Wake (2008) H

by **Lisa McMann**

Ever since she was 8 years old, Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.

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Last Chance for Paris (2008) M/H

by **Sylvia McNicoll**

Instead of spending the summer with her mother in Paris, Zanna is stuck in the ice fields of Alberta with her glaciologist father and twin brother, but her outlook changes when she finds a wolf puppy under the cabin's front porch.

36

Bloody Jack (2002) M/H

by **L.A. Meyer**

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a 13 year old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

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Twenty Boy Summer (2009) H

by **Sarah Oehler**

While on vacation in California, 16 year old best friends Anna and Frankie conspire to find a boy for Anna's first kiss, but Anna harbors a painful secret that threatens their plan and their friendship.

38

Witch and Wizard

(2009) M/H

by **James Patterson**

The government has seized control of every aspect of society, and now, kids are disappearing. For 15-year-old Wisty and her brother Whit, life turns upside down when they are put in a secret prison for reasons they don't understand.

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Hatchet (1987) M

by **Gary Paulson**

After a plane crash, 13 year old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet.

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Terrier (2006) H

by **Tamora Pierce**

When 16 year old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve a murder in Tortall's Lower City.

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Wings (2009) M/H

by **Aprilynne Pike**

15 year old Laurel discovers that she is a faerie and that she has a crucial role to play in keeping the world safe from the encroaching enemy trolls.

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My Fair Godmother

(2009) M

by **Janette Rallison**

Savannah wants to find the perfect prom date after her boyfriend breaks up with her to date her older sister, but when a godmother who is only fair becomes involved, Savannah finds herself in trouble in the Middle Ages, along with a boy who would like to be her charming prince.

43

Nation (2008) M/H

by **Terry Pratchett**

After a tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

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PaperQuake (1998) M

by **Kathryn Reiss**

Certain that she is being drawn by more than coincidences into the lives of people living nearly 100 years ago; Violet searches for clues to help her avert an imminent tragedy.

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Trouble (2008) M/H

by **Gary Schmidt**

14 year old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. But fate adds another companion—the person accused of fatally injuring Franklin—and reveals troubles that predate the accident.

46

Pretty Little Liars

(2006) M/H

by **Sara Shepard**

After one of their tightly-knit group mysteriously disappears, four high school girls begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present secrets.

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Everlost (2006) M/H

by **Neil Shusterman**

Two teens involved in a devastating car accident awaken to find that they have been transported to a strange world known as Everlost.

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Shiver (2009) M/H

by **Maggie Stiefvater**

After being attacked by a wolf as a child, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in turn, has been watching her intently.

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H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education

(2008) M/H

by **Mark Walden**

After being swept away to an academy for evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to escape.

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Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp (2005) M/H

by **Richard Yancey**

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword from the forces of evil.

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H=High School

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