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DANNY CONSTANTINO'S FIRST (AND MAYBE LAST?) DATE

BY PAUL ACAMPORA

Between going to the middle school dance with his celebrity crush and watching his mom campaign to be the next town mayor, Danny has a lot to learn about life in the spotlight.



BY PABLO CARTAYA

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG. EPIC FAIL?



BY PAULA CHASE

Best friends Rasheeda and Monique navigate the ups and downs of a teenager's summer, Mo at home in the Cove; Sheeda at a sleepaway ballet intensive.

ALEX AND ELIZA: A LOVE STORY

BY MELISSA DE LA CRUZ

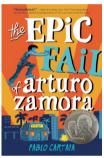
From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Descendants comes the love story of young Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler.

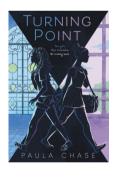


BY SARAH DESSEN

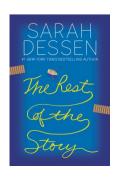
From author Sarah Dessen comes a big-hearted, sweeping novel about a girl who reconnects with a part of her family she hasn't seen since she was a little girl—and falls in love, all over the course of a magical summer.











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EVERY REASON WE SHOULDN'T

BY SARA FUJIMURA

Every Reason We Shouldn't by Sara Fujimura is a charming multicultural romance perfect for the many fans of Jenny Han and Rainbow Rowell. Warning: Contains family expectations, delightful banter, great romantic tension, skating (all kinds!), Korean pastries, and all the feels.

ME & MIRANDA MULLALY

BY JAKE GERHARDT

The fates of three eighth grade boys converge in biology class one day, as each falls desperately in love with the same girl.

TIME TRAVEL FOR LOVE AND PROFIT

BY SARAH LARIVIERE

When math prodigy Nephele invents a time travel app so she can redo her terrible freshman year of high school, there are unexpected consequences.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

BY KARA MCDOWELL

Seventeen-year-old Paige suffers from a paralyzing fear of making the wrong decision, so when presented with the choice between two life-long dreams Paige is forced to face the truth about her struggle with anxiety.

SPIN WITH ME

BY AMI POLONSKY

Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie, in North Carolina for just one semester, and Ollie, a non-binary, classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label.





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HOW TO BE A PERSON

BY CATHERINE NEWMAN

Jam-packed with tips, tricks, and skills from best-selling author and advice columnist Catherine Newman, you'll learn how to manage whatever life throws your way. Your newfound independence is sure to make you -- and the people around you -- very happy. XU 155.42491



BY PATRICIA WOOSTER

Presents a guide for teens that navigates the confusing and sometimes depressing challenges of adolescence while sharing positive advice on topics ranging from relationships and self-image to willpower and learning from failure. Learn how to engage your passions, define who you are, and work towards a better future. XU 155.519 WOO

FRIDA & DIEGO: ART, LOVE, LIFE

BY CATHERINE REEF

A biography exploring the tumultuous lives, marriage, and work of the artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera is illustrated with archival photos and full-color reproductions. XU 759.972 REE

BECOMING MARIA: LOVE AND CHAOS IN THE SOUTH BRONX

BY SONIA MANZANO

Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Emmy award-winning actress and writer Sonia Manzano plunges us into the daily lives of a Latino family that is loving-and troubled. Spiced with culture, heartache, and humor, this memoir paints a lasting portrait of a girl's resilience as she grows up to become an inspiration to millions. XU 92 MANZANO

