Adedayemi, Tomi. **Children of blood and bone**
Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

*Love Simon* series, by Becky Albertalli

**Leah on the offbeat**
"When it comes to drumming, Leah Burke is usually on beat--but real life isn't always so rhythmic. She's an anomaly in her friend group: the only child of a young, single mom, and her life is decidedly less privileged. She loves to draw but is too self-conscious to show it. And even though her mom knows she's bisexual, she hasn't mustered the courage to tell her friends--not even her openly gay BFF, Simon. So Leah really doesn't know what to do when her rock-solid friend group starts to fracture in unexpected ways. With prom and college on the horizon, tensions are running high. It's hard for Leah to strike the right note while the people she loves are fighting--especially when she realizes she might love one of them more than she ever intended."

**The upside of unrequited**
"Avoiding relationships to protect her sensitive heart, plus-sized Molly supports her once-cynical twin, Cassie, when the latter has her own bout of lovesickness, a situation that is complicated by sibling dynamics and an unexpected romantic triangle."

Albom, Mitch, **Tuesdays with Morrie**
The author, an alumnus of Brandeis University, tells of his meetings with a former professor suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and of the lessons he learned about life and death from his college mentor.

Amir, **Zahra's paradise**
Follows the efforts of Zahra and her oldest son, an Internet blogger, to locate another son, Mehdi, after the young man vanishes during the protests in the aftermath of Iran's fraudulent elections of 2009.

Anderson, M. T. **Feed**
In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Arden, Katherine. **The girl in the tower**
"The magical adventure begun in The Bear and the Nightingale continues as brave Vasya, now a young woman, is forced to choose between marriage or life in a convent and instead flees her home--but soon finds herself called upon to help defend the city of Moscow when it comes under siege."

**The Red Queen series (continues), by Victoria Aveyard**

**King's cage**
"Mare Barrow is a prisoner, powerless without her lightning, tormented by her lethal mistakes. She lives at the mercy of a boy she once loved, a boy made of lies and betrayal. Now a king, Maven Calore continues weaving his dead mother’s web in
an attempt to maintain control over his country--and his prisoner. As Mare bears the weight of Silent Stone in the palace, her once-ragtag band of newbloods and Reds continue organizing, training, and expanding. They prepare for war, no longer able to linger in the shadows. And Cal, the exiled prince with his own claim on Mare's heart, will stop at nothing to bring her back. When blood turns on blood, and ability on ability, there may be no one left to put out the fire--leaving Norta as Mare knows it to burn all the way down"

**War storm**
"Determined to protect her heart--and secure freedom for Reds and newbloods like her--Mare resolves to overthrow the kingdom of Norta once and for all . . . starting with the crown on Maven's head. But no battle is won alone, and before the Reds may rise as one, Mare must side with the boy who broke her heart in order to defeat the boy who almost broke her. Cal's powerful Silver allies, alongside Mare and the Scarlet Guard, prove a formidable force. But Maven is driven by an obsession so deep, he will stop at nothing to have Mare as his own again, even if it means demolish everything--and everyone--in his path"

**The unbreakable code**
"Mr. Quisling is definitely up to something mysterious, and Emily and James are on high alert. First, there's the coded note he drops at a book event. Then Emily and James uncover a trail of encrypted messages in books by Mark Twain hidden through Book Scavenger. What is most suspicious is that each hidden book triggers an arson"

**Wild Robot series, by Peter Brown**

**The wild robot**
Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

**The wild robot escapes**
After being captured by the Recons and returned to civilization for reprogramming, Roz is sent to Hilltop Farm where she befriends her owner's family and animals, but pines for her son, Brightbill.

**Book Scavenger series, by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

**Book scavenger**
Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

**The story of seeds: from Mendel's garden to your plate, and how there's more of less to eat around the world.**

Discusses the history of modern farming and the diversity of available plants.
School for Good and Evil series, by Soman Chainani

*The last ever after*

The forces of evil want to take over and make Sophie their queen, but Tedros and her former friend Agatha try to stop them.

**Quests for glory**

"The students at the School for Good and Evil thought they had found their final Ever After when they vanquished the malevolent School Master. Now on their required fourth year quests, the students face obstacles both dangerous and unpredictable, and the stakes are high: success brings eternal adoration, and failure means obscurity forever. For their quests, Agatha and Tedros are trying to return Camelot to its former splendor as queen and king. For her quest, Dean Sophie seeks to mold Evil in her own image. But soon they all feel themselves growing more isolated and alone. When their classmates' quests plunge into chaos, however, someone must lead the charge to save them. If Good and Evil can't find a way to work together, neither side will survive."

*The school for good and evil*

Best friends Sophie and Agatha discover their true identities when they enter The School for Good and Evil, a school where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairy tale heroes and villains.

Clare, Cassandra. *Lady midnight*

"Shadowhunter Emma Carstairs and her parabatai Julian Blackthorn race to stop a demonic plot that threatens Los Angeles"

Marcus, Leonard S. *Comics confidential: thirteen graphic novelists talk story, craft, and life outside the box*

"Respected anthologist Leonard S. Marcus turns his literary microscope to the world of comics, which has lately morphed and matured at a furious pace. Powerful influences from manga to the movies to underground comix have influenced the thirteen artists and writers interviewed in these pages to create their own word-and-picture narratives.

Drnaso, Nick. *Sabrina*

"When Sabrina disappears, an airman in the U.S. Air Force is drawn into a web of suppositions, wild theories, and outright lies. Sabrina depicts a modern world devoid of personal interaction and responsibility, where relationships are stripped of intimacy through glowing computer screens. An indictment of our modern state, Drnaso contemplates the dangers of a fake news climate"

Gao, Wenqian, *Zhou Enlai: the last perfect revolutionary: a biography*

Chronicles the life of Chinese premier Zhou Enlai, the last Communist Party leader in China, focusing on his influence over the Chinese people and politics during his twenty-seven years in power.

Gee, Maurice. *Salt*

Hari, a downtrodden underclass boy, and Pearl, a privileged girl, both develop a talent to speak to animals and humans through mind control, and find themselves thrown together on a quest to save mankind from a
terrible weapon.

Gibney, Shannon. *Dream country*
"Spanning two centuries and two continents, Dream Country is the story of five generations of young people caught in a spiral of death and exile between Liberia and the United States"

Goodlett, Ellen. *Rule*
"The three secret daughters of the king of Kolonya must compete for their father's throne, all while evading a blackmailer who threatens to reveal their darkest secrets"

Gout, Leopoldo. *Genius: the game*
"Three underprivileged young prodigies from across the world with incredible skills in technology and engineering team up to become the heroes the world never knew they could be"

Graff, Gerald. *They say / I say: the moves that matter in academic writing*
Identifies the methods and techniques used by academic writers to introduce, explain, and use other authors' work in their own writings.

Grimly, Gris. Gris *Grimly's Frankenstein, or, The modern Prometheus*
Retells, in graphic novel format, Mary Shelley's classic tale of a monster, assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies, who develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

John Green's first four books (Penguin Mini Editions!)

An abundance of *Katherines.*
Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy 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.

The fault in our stars.
Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life. Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

*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.

*Paper towns*
One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and
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exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

The Story of Science series, by Joy Hakim

**Aristotle leads the way**

Presents a number of full-color illustrated photographs, charts, maps, and diagrams that examines the history of science through discoveries in astronomy, math, and physics.

**Einstein adds a new dimension**

Narrative text explores scientific discoveries made from the late nineteenth century through the early twenty-first, discussing Albert Einstein, Max Planck, Marie Curie, the theory of relativity, nuclear physics, and much more. Includes sidebars, charts, maps, diagrams, and suggestions for further reading.

**Newton at the center**

Examines four hundred years of math and physics including Newton's laws of gravity, motion, and light; and other theories and inventions by Leonardo da Vinci, Copernicus, and others.

Hinds, Gareth, *The odyssey: a graphic novel*

Retells, in graphic novel format, Homer's epic tale of Odysseus, the ancient Greek hero who encounters witches and other obstacles on his journey home after fighting in the Trojan War.

Hoang, Paul. *Extended essay for the IB diploma: skills for success*

Provides a study guide to the extended essay for the IB Diploma Programme.

Holloway, David, *Stalin and the bomb: the Soviet Union and atomic energy, 1939-1956*

Traces the history of Soviet nuclear policy from the end of 1938 to the mid-1950s, discussing how and why the Soviet Union built nuclear weapons, their implications for society and politics, and their effect on foreign and military policy.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The third mushroom*

When thirteen-year-old Ellie's Grandpa Melvin, a world-renowned scientist in the body of a fourteen-year-old boy, comes for an extended visit, he teaches her that experimenting--and failing--is part of life.

Homer. *The iliad*

A modern verse translation of Homer's classic epic of the war between the Greeks and the Trojans, from Agamemnon's visit by the priest Chryses to the burial of Hector. Includes an introduction and notes.

Homer. *The odyssey*

The epic poem recounting the experiences of Odysseus during his return from the Trojan War.

Honeyman, Gail. *Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine*

"Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is
missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kind of friends who rescue each other from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one."

Houck, Colleen. *The lantern's ember*  
When seventeen-year-old Ember, a young witch living in the quiet New England town of Hallowell, crosses into the Otherworld, Jack the gatekeeper sets out to find her before the supernatural and mortal worlds descend into chaos.

Kagawa, Julie. *Talon*  
"Long ago, dragons were hunted to near extinction by the Order of St. George, a legendary society of dragon slayers. Hiding in human form and growing their numbers in secret, the dragons of Talon have become strong and cunning, and they are positioned to take over the world with humans none the wiser."

Kean, Sam. *The disappearing spoon: and other true tales of madness, love, and the history of the world from the periodic table of the elements*  
Examines the stories behind the creation of the periodic table, focusing on the history of gold, carbon, silicon, and neon.

Korman, Gordon. *Restart*  
"Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?"

**Crazy Rich Asians series, by Kevin Kwan**

*Crazy rich Asians*  
Envisioning a summer vacation in the humble Singapore home of a boy she hopes to marry, Chinese American Rachel Chu is unexpectedly introduced to a rich and scheming clan that strongly opposes their son's relationship with an American girl.

*China rich girlfriend*  
"It's the eve of Rachel Chu's wedding, and she should be over the moon. She has a flawless oval-cut diamond, a wedding dress she loves, and a fiancé willing to thwart his meddling relatives and give up one of the biggest fortunes in Asia in order to marry her. Still, Rachel mourns the fact that her birth father, a man she never knew, won't be there to walk her down the aisle."

*Rich people problems*  
"When Nicholas Young hears that his grandmother, Su Yi, is on her deathbed, he rushes to be by her bedside--but he's not alone. The entire Shang-Young clan has convened from all corners of the globe to stake claim on their matriarch's
massive fortune. With each family member vying to inherit Tyersall Park—a trophy estate on 64 prime acres in the heart of Singapore—Nicholas's childhood home turns into a hotbed of speculation and sabotage."

Le Guin, Ursula K. *Gifts*  
When a young man in the Uplands blinds himself rather than use his gift of "unmaking"—a violent talent shared by members of his family—he upsets the precarious balance of power among rival, feuding families, each of which has a strange and deadly talent of its own.

Lee, Stacey (Stacey Heather). *Outrun the moon*  
"On the eve of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, Mercy Wong—daughter of Chinese immigrants—is struggling to hold her own among the spoiled heiresses at prestigious St. Clare's School. When tragedy strikes, everyone must band together to survive."

Leibovitz, Liel. *Fortunate sons: the 120 Chinese boys who came to America, went to school, and revolutionized an ancient civilization*  
Chronicles the experiences of the boys sent from China to the United States at the end of the twentieth century to become familiar with Western ways and bring back their knowledge to the empire, describing how their knowledge influenced their lives, thinking, and their nation's quest to become a world power.

Lekanides, Kosta. *Extended essay course companion*  
A guide to planning and writing the extended essay for the International Baccalaureate diploma programme.

Levinson, Deborah A. *Build your first web app: learn to build web applications from scratch*  
A guide to web application programming with Bootstrap and Angular.js, and provides background information on the principles behind programming including the basics of user experience design, planning and structuring your software, and making your application visually attractive and easier to use.

Lu, Marie, *Batman: Nightwalker*  
"The Nightwalkers are terrorizing Gotham City, and Bruce Wayne is next on their list.... Bruce will walk the dark line between trust and betrayal as the Nightwalkers circle closer"

Lu, Marie, *Wildcard*  
"Teenage hacker Emika Chen embarks on a mission to unravel a sinister plot and is forced to join forces with a shadowy organization known as the Blackcoats"

The Bourne series, by Robert Ludlum  
*The Bourne Identity*  
Jason Bourne, having been rescued from the Mediterranean Sea after being shot, wakes with no memory of who he is, and as he races to learn about his past, he begins to uncover clues that lead him to believe he is an international assassin and his life is in danger.
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The Bourne Supremacy
Created to accomplish a specific task and then retired with a new identity, Jason Bourne must now reappear for another shocking confrontation.

The Bourne Ultimatum
A mild-mannered professor is forced to assume again the deadly alter ego he created in Vietnam years ago as part of the Medusa Brigade.

Mancoff, Debra N. King Arthur’s modern return
This collection of original essays explores the issue of return in the modern Arthurian legend. They show how return can come in the form of a noble king or a Caribbean immigrant, with the mystery of an art theft or a dying boy’s dream.

Ness, Patrick, And the ocean was our sky
"With harpoons strapped to their backs, the proud whales of Bathsheba’s pod live for the hunt, fighting in the ongoing war against the world of men. When they attack a ship bobbing on the surface of the Abyss, they expect to find easy prey. Instead, they find the trail of a myth, a monster, perhaps the devil himself... As their relentless Captain leads the chase, they embark on a final, vengeful hunt, one that will forever change the worlds of both whales and men" com.

Nix, Garth. Lady Friday
Still holding the fourth key, Arthur Penhaligon receives a suspicious offer from Lady Friday and travels to the Middle House to find out if he should accept it.

Nwaubani, Adaobi. Buried beneath the baobab tree
"A new pair of shoes, a university degree, a husband--these are the things that a girl dreams of in a Nigerian village. And with a government scholarship right around the corner, everyone can see that these dreams aren't too far out of reach. But the girl's dreams turn to nightmares when her village is attacked by Boko Haram, a terrorist group, in the middle of the night. Kidnapped, she is taken with other girls and women into the forest where she is forced to follow her captors' radical beliefs and watch as her best friend slowly accepts everything she's been told. Still, the girl defends her existence. As impossible as escape may seem, her life--her future--is hers to fight for"

Okorafor, Nnedi. Akata witch
Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.

Oliver, Lauren, Broken things
"It's been five years since Summer Marks was brutally murdered in the woods. Everyone thinks Mia and Brynn killed their best friend. That driven by their obsession with a novel called 'The Way into Lovelorn,' the three girls had imagined themselves into the magical world where their fantasies became twisted, even deadly. The only thing is: they didn't do it. On the anniversary of Summer's death, a seemingly insignificant discovery resurrects the mystery and pulls Mia and Brynn back
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together once again. But as the lines begin to blur between past and present and fiction and reality, the girls must confront what really happened in the woods all those years ago—no matter how monstrous"

Parker, Natalie C. **Seafire**
Follows Caledonia Styx, captain of her own ship, the Mors Navis, and its all-female crew as they strive to defeat the powerful fleet of Aric Athair, the vicious warlord who has taken their homes and families.

Patterson, James, **Nevermore**
Max, Fang, and Dylan, reeling over the disappearance of Angel, must embark on a final adventure that will lead them to the ultimate fight.

Phillips, Graham. **King Arthur: the true story**
For 1500 years King Arthur has remained a mystery. For the first time, this title discovers the historical King Arthur, his Camelot and his final resting place.

Pollan, Michael. **The omnivore’s dilemma: a natural history of four meals**
Follows the three major food chains that feed humans--industrial, organic, and hunter-gatherer--from the earth to four meals, exploring the ethical and political effects of one’s food choices.

Poundstone, William. **Head in the cloud: why knowing things still matters when facts are so easy to look up**
Looks at the state of knowledge in the American public, and demonstrates how many areas of knowledge correlate with quality of life, politics, and behavior, arguing that being knowledgeable has significant value even when facts can be looked up with little effort.

Ridley, Matt. **The evolution of everything : how new ideas emerge**
"A book that makes the case for evolution over design and skewers a widespread but dangerous myth: that we have ultimate control over our world"

Roach, Mary. **Packing for Mars: the curious science of life in the void**
Explores space travel and answers a number of curious questions about what life would be like without gravity.

Rossi, Veronica. **Riders**
After regaining consciousness from a seemingly fatal accident, eighteen-year-old U.S. Army Ranger Gideon Blake discovers that he is War, one the legendary Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and together with Conquest, Famine, and Death, must save humanity from an ancient evil.

Rossi, Veronica. **Seeker**
After sealing Sebastian in a dark dimension with the demon Samrael, Daryl loses her visions and must rely on her instincts to lead the riders into a shadowy realm where she fears she may have to use evil powers in order to rescue him.

Ruiz Zafón, Carlos, **The shadow of the wind**
In 1945 Spain, the young son of an antique-book dealer searches for more books by Julián Carax, an author he has recently discovered, and finds that everything Carax has ever written has been destroyed--and that his search has put his friends and family in danger.
Sacks, Jonathan, *The home we build together: recreating society*  
A comprehensive study of the future of British society and the dangers facing liberal democracy.

Selznick, Brian. *The Marvels*  
In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900--and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.

Spiegelman, Art. *In the shadow of no towers*  
Presents ten large-scale pages in which Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Art Spiegelman shares his experiences and thoughts on the day the World Trade Center collapsed and the aftermath of the tragedy.

Spiegelman, Art. *MetaMaus*  
The author delves into the pages of his classic graphic novel "Maus," discussing the creative process that went into it and answering the questions most frequently asked about the book. Includes a DVD that provides a digital copy of "The Complete Maus," hyperlinked to an archive of audio interviews with his father, videos, historical documents, and his own notebooks and sketches.

"Bryan Stevenson details from his personal experience

Swaby, Rachel. *Headstrong: 52 women who changed science-- and the world*  
"Covering Nobel Prize winners and major innovators, as well as lesser-known but hugely significant scientists who influence our every day, Rachel Swaby's ... profiles span centuries of courageous thinkers and illustrate how each one's ideas developed, from their first moment of scientific engagement through the research and discovery for which they're best known"--Back cover.

Taplin, Jonathan T. *Move fast and break things: how Facebook, Google, and Amazon cornered culture and undermined Democracy*  
Provides new ways to think about the Internet, and the ways in which our lives are dominated by it.

TenNapel, Doug. *Cardboard*  
Cam gets a cardboard box for a birthday present that he makes into a man which comes to life, but when his neighbor Marcus takes the cardboard box, he creates his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all.
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Sammy Keyes Mystery series, by Wendelin Van Draanen

Sammy Keyes and the curse of Moustache Mary
While celebrating the New Year with a friend, Sammy encounters a mystery involving an elderly neighbor, a pioneer cabin, and a century-old family feud.

Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood mummy
A Hollywood actress, who had been competing with Sammy’s mother for an important role, is murdered, but thirteen-year-old Sammy and her friend Marissa are on the case.

Sammy Keyes and the hotel thief
Thirteen-year-old Sammy’s penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.

Sammy Keyes and the runaway elf
Thirteen-year-old Sammy must call upon her detective skills to solve the mystery when a dog she is watching disappears from a city parade and the owner receives a ransom note.

Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy
Sammy continues to make life interesting as she tries to discover who is stealing from St. Mary's church, befriends a homeless girl, and plays in a softball tournament against a bitter rival.

Sammy Keyes and the skeleton man
On Halloween night, seventh grader Sammy stumbles onto a mystery involving a twenty-year-old family feud and some heirlooms stolen by a man in a skeleton costume.

Westerfeld, Scott. Impostors
In a world that is rapidly descending into chaos, Frey and Rafi are twin sisters, but few people know of Frey's existence, because she has been raised to be her sister's body double and lethal bodyguard, while Rafi has been raised to further the family's political power—but when their father sends Frey in her sister's place as collateral in a tricky deal, Col, the son of a rival leader, gets close enough to begin to suspect something, and Frey must decide whether to deal with him violently or finally assume her own identity.

Westerfeld, Scott. Spill Zone
"Three years ago an event destroyed the small city of Poughkeepsie, forever changing reality within its borders. Uncanny manifestations and lethal dangers now await anyone who enters the Spill Zone. The Spill claimed Addison's parents and scarred her little sister, Lexa, who hasn't spoken since. Addison provides for her sister by photographing the Zone's twisted attractions on illicit midnight rides. Art collectors pay top dollar for these bizarre images, but getting close enough for the perfect shot can mean death--or worse. When an eccentric collector makes a million-dollar offer, Addison breaks her own hard-learned rules of survival and ventures
farther than she has ever dared. Within the Spill Zone, Hell awaits—and it seems to be calling Addison's name."

Westerfeld, Scott. *Swarm*
As they celebrate the opening of their underground nightclub, the Zeroes, six teenagers with unique abilities, learn about the sinister power of Swarm, who uses a crowd's rage to kill—and who loves killing Zeroes.

Wilkinson, Carole. *Dragonkeeper*
Ancient China, Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon cross China, carrying with them a mysterious stone that must be protected.

Wung-Sung, Jesper, *The last execution*
"Based on the ... true story of the last execution in Denmark's history, this ... novel asks a question that plagues a small Danish town: does a fifteen-year-old boy deserve to be put to death?"

Yu, Hua, *China in ten words*
The author describes China through a framework of ten common phrases in the Chinese vernacular, including people, leader, reading, writing, Lu Xun, disparity, revolution, grassroots, copycat, and bamboozle.

Zeiss, Joyce Burns, *Out of the dragon's mouth*
After the fall of South Vietnam, fourteen-year-old Mai is forced to flee to a refugee camp on an island off the coast of Malaysia, where she must navigate numerous hardships while waiting to be sponsored for entry into America.

Wynne-Jones, Tim, *The Ruinous sweep*
"On the night Donovan Turner is thrown out of a car on a highway in the middle of nowhere, he can barely remember his own name, let alone the past twenty-four hours. Where is he? Where is his girlfriend, Bee? In an attempt to flag down the next passing car, he startles the driver, causing a fatal accident. With sirens in the distance and the lingering feeling that he's running from something--or someone--Donovan grabs the dead driver's briefcase and flees. Meanwhile, Bee is fighting for Dono's life every bit as much as he is. But when the police show up and hint that he is the prime suspect in a murder, Bee is determined to put together the pieces of what happened and clear his name."