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# Find Your Voice

## Recommendations for Teens

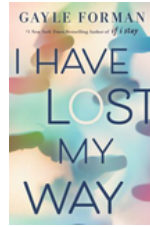


### Yes No Maybe So

Becky Albertalli

Jamie chokes when it comes to speaking to strangers. Maya is having the worst Ramadan. Now, both are paired to knock on doors and ask for votes for a local election. But maybe things aren't so bad after all.

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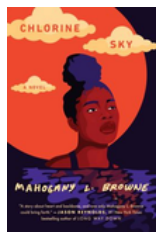


### I Have Lost My Way

Gayle Forman

Three struggling teens meet by chance in Central Park and discover they are all dealing with some form of loss. As the day progresses, they begin to understand that helping each other can help themselves too.

TEEN FIC FORMAN G



### Chlorine Sky

Mahogany L. Browne

Written in verse, this novel focuses on a girl finding her voice, dealing with broken promises, and creating her own path apart from her former best friend.

TEEN FIC BROWNE M



### The Silence That Binds Us

Joanna Ho

May attempts to challenge racism and stereotypes through writing after the death of her brother. Many believe the "pressure" that was put on by May's parents is what led to his death. Can May find her voice, or are the consequences too high?

TEEN FIC HO J



### The Voting Booth

Brandy Colbert

A novel about finding your voice (vote), and beating a rigged system. Marva was born ready to vote and to make a difference in the world. Duke is turned away from voting. Marva witnesses this event and takes it upon herself to make certain his vote is counted.

TEEN FIC COLBERT B



### Every Body Looking

Candice Iloh

This heavily autobiographical novel told in verse is about a young woman's journey of finding her voice within a black female body and a world with conflicting messages.

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### You Should See Me in a Crown

Leah Johnson

Liz believes she is too black, too poor, and too awkward to stand out in her town. After Liz's financial aid drops, she must now stand in the spotlight to earn the school prom scholarship to make her dreams come true.

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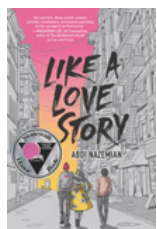


### I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

Erika L. Sánchez

Julia is not the perfect daughter—that was her sister's role. But after her sister's death, Julia's mother touches on all of Julia's failures. How can Julia find herself and attempt to live up to the maybe not so perfect sister?

TEEN FIC SANCHEZ E



### Like a Love Story

Abdi Nazemian

It's 1989 in New York City. Reza knows he is gay and is terrified of someone finding out because of the media's portrayal of men dying of AIDS. To hide himself, Reza dates his best friend Judy, but struggles with the deception and the risk it places on the meaningful friendship he has.

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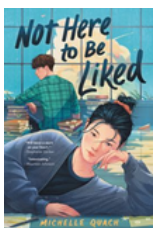


### The Art of Breaking Things

Laura Sibson

Skye embraces the power of her voice and is determined to get out and go to art school. But everything changes when her mom's ex-boyfriend returns. With a guarded secret and no words left to share, will her art be able to speak for her?

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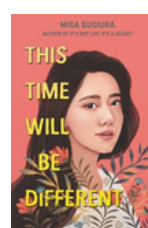


### Not Here to Be Liked

Michelle Quach

Eliza Quan lost out on editor in chief of her school paper to the inexperienced, tall, handsome, and male Len DiMartile. Eliza's frustration spills out in writing and starts a feminist movement through school. How will Eliza react and deal with the fact she is falling for Len?

TEEN FIC QUACH M



### This Time Will Be Different

Misa Sugiura

CJ doesn't stand up to her mom's standards. She is perfectly happy working and discovering her love for arranging the perfect bouquet. After her mom decides to sell the flower shop, CJ finds something worth speaking and fighting for.

TEEN FIC SUGIURA M



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# Find Your Thrill

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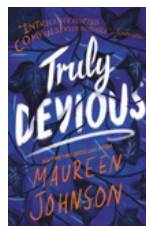


### Ace of Spades

Faridah Abike-Iyimide

The secrets of two Private Academy students are exposed by someone that goes by the name Aces. When a sick prank turns into a dangerous game, the students realize their futures are in jeopardy.

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### Truly Devious

Maureen Johnson

Stevie Bell, a student at a famous private school, is determined to solve a cold case. But can Stevie handle the demands of a new school year as well as the reappearance of "Truly, Devious"?

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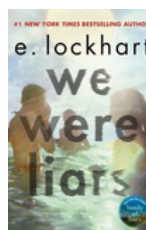


### Promise Boys

Nick Brooks

A prep school has deadly secrets, one murdered principal, and three teens as prime suspects. Will the teens be able to clear their own names before their arrest?

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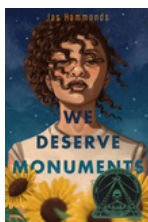


### We Were Liars

E. Lockhart

The Sinclair family spent summer 15 on the family's private island, as usual. But that year Cady was involved in a mysterious accident. During summer 17, the truth comes out on what really happened during those summer months years ago.

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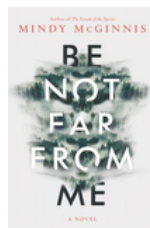


### We Deserve Monuments

Jas Hammonds

During senior year, Avery Anderson's life is uprooted when she is forced to move in with her ailing grandmother. She soon discovers there is more to the old town than meets the eye.

TEEN FIC HAMMONDS J



### Be Not Far From Me

Mindy McGinnis

After hiking in the Smokies with friends and partying all night, Ashley catches her boyfriend with another girl. This sends her spiraling, literally into a ravine. Ashley wakes up the following morning alone and must figure out how to survive the dangerous mountains.

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### Nothing More to Tell

**Karen M. McManus**

Brynn's favorite teacher is murdered and the case goes unsolved. Years later, Brynn starts an internship at a true-crime show. She is determined to apply her new skills to find out what really happened to her teacher.

TEEN FIC MCMANUS K



### Classroom of the Elite

**Syougo Kinugasa**

It's a ruthless school, with tons of freedom for students to win, barter, or save enough points to advance their way up the ranks. With the help of a new friend, a student at the bottom is determined to beat the system in this competition thriller.

TEEN 741.5952 CLASSROOM



### Dark and Shallow Lies

**Ginny Myers Sain**

Grey spends her summers in the self-proclaimed psychic capital of the world, yet not one of those psychics know what happened to Grey's missing friend. Deep digging reveals this tiny town has tons of secrets.

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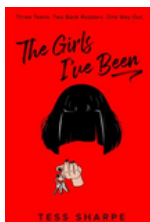


### Over My Dead Body

**Sweeney Boo**

Explore the Institute of Magic in this chilling mystery. Abby's sister goes missing and the school brushes over it too quickly. Taking it upon herself to find out what happened, Abby is led down a rabbit hole that uncovers more secrets.

TEEN 741.5971 OVER



### The Girls I've Been

**Tess Sharpe**

Daughter of a con-artist, Nora grew up learning the trade, but knew she had to get out. Five years later, Nora has been playing "normal." All of that changes when she and her friends become hostages in a bank robbery gone wrong.

TEEN FIC SHARPE T



### Grimoire Noir

**Vera Greentea**

Bucky is a bit gloomy and lives in a tiny town where all the girls are witches. After his sister is kidnapped, Bucky has to step out of the gloom to find her. In the process, he learns more about himself and accepting who you really are.

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# Find Your Adventure

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### The Lady Rogue

Jenn Bennett

Theodora's dream is to travel with her treasure-hunting father, but that honor is taken away by Huck (Theodora's crush). When Huck returns without her father, the two of them embark on an adventure through Romania, looking for her father and Dracula's magical ring.

TEEN FIC BENNETT J



### Truthwitch

Susan Dennard

In this fantasy adventure, two witches are forced to flee their home because of the risk of being used as pawns in an upcoming war. They must fight emperors and mercenaries alike to stay free.

TEEN FIC DENNARD S



### Starry Eyes

Jenn Bennett

Once friends, but now enemies, Zorie and Lennon are together on a group camping trip when things go south and they are stranded in the backcountry of Northern California. Can they survive the wilderness and rekindle their old friendship?

TEEN FIC BENNETT J



### Rebel of the Sands

Alwyn Hamilton

Mortals rule the desert and mythical beasts roam in the wild. Amani wants to get out of town, but being poor, orphaned, female, and human, she is destined to wind up wed or dead. With an opportunity to escape, she just might get the chance to explore the beautiful and dangerous desert.

TEEN FIC HAMILTON A



### The Reader

Traci Chee

Sefia's father is murdered and her aunt is kidnapped. Her father left behind a strange object, a book, unheard of in her otherwise illiterate society. With the help of the book and a mysterious stranger, Sefia goes on an adventure to find out what really happened to her relatives.

TEEN FIC CHEE T



### Tess of the Road

Rachel Hartman

This tale takes place in a medieval kingdom where men are protectors, dragons soar, and women are expected to be ladies. Tess is far from a lady; instead she is a troublemaker. To avoid being sent to a nunnery, Tess sets out on an adventure alone, to find a life where she might belong.

TEEN FIC HARTMAN R



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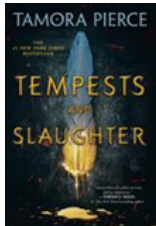


### The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue

Mackenzi Lee

Monty embarks on one final adventure around Europe with his best friend/secret crush before he is expected to be the gentlemen he was bred to be and take over the family's estate. Could one of Monty's reckless decisions make him question everything he knows?

TEEN FIC LEE M



### Tempests and Slaughter

Tamora Pierce

The fate of the kingdom rests on Arram Draper's shoulders as he becomes one of the most powerful mages. Unfortunately, Arram and his two friends have the habit of getting into trouble, making enemies and attracting danger.

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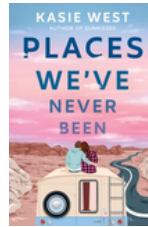


### The Book of Dust

Philip Pullman

The first book of an epic fantasy trilogy. Malcolm and his daemon Asta find a mysterious object with a secret message inquiring about a dangerous substance called Dust. The message wasn't intended for Malcolm, but since he discovered a hidden secret, Malcom is now part of the fight against an unknown organization.

TEEN FIC PULLMAN P



### Places We've Never Been

Kasie West

A joint family RV road trip gives Norah and Skyler a chance to catch up after being apart. But things have changed over the years, and a once close relationship is now further than ever. Can the open road rekindle their relationship? Or will they end up with a flat tire?

TEEN FIC WEST K



### Wandering Witch, the Journey of Elaina

Jougī Shiraishi

Aspiring to become a traveling witch, Elaina becomes the youngest apprentice to pass the sorcery exam. Now a full-fledged witch, Elaina sets off on a journey to discover new places and meet new people.

TEEN 741.5952 WANDERING



### The Dire Days of Willowweep Manor

Shaenon Garrity

Haley's greatest passion is Gothic romance novels. When she saves a stranger drowning in the river, she awakens in the setting of what appears to be one of her favorite books. In this alternate universe, can she save Willowweep and be the heroine?

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