

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell Cath loves everything about Simon Snow. She's read all the books and seen all the movies.. She started writing fan fiction with her identical twin sister, Wren, and has 20,000 daily hits on posts in the Simon Snow forums. Cath and Wren are leaving for college, and Wren doesn't want to be roommates; she wants to start a life of her own. Now Cath has a stranger for a roommate, a writing partner who is only interested in her words, and a writing professor that does not want her to write fan fiction. As her life appears to be falling apart, she begins to wonder if writing is for her. She can't write her own stories, and if that is what it takes to become a writer, she questions whether she has what it takes.



Forget Me Not by Carolee Dean In this verse novel, high school freshmen Ally is stuck in one of her high school's hallways. She is unable to go to class or leave to go home. Gradually, she realizes it is because she has tried to commit suicide and is haunting the hallway. Stuck between life and death, Ally looks back at the bullying that caused her misery and must decide if she wants to go on or not.

Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick On Leonard Peacock's 18th birthday, he has big plans. These plans start with giving gifts to the four people who have made his life a little more meaningful and end with the gun he is carrying in his backpack. He plans to kill his former best friend, Asher Beal, and then end his own miserable life. Will his friends and teacher figure out his plans before it is too late??

The Good Braider by Terry Farish Viola and her family flee from the Muslim rebels in Sudan to life in Portland, Maine. Through free verse, follow this heartbreaking novel from survival in Sudan to navigating two cultures in the United States.

I Am the Weapon (Boy Nobody) by Allen Zadoff Jack works for The Program, a dark and scary government agency that makes the CIA look like child's play. The Program has found the perfect cover for their assassins by using children or young adults to assassinate targets who threaten our national security. Killing for Boy Nobody is a means of survival. If he takes down the target, he is kept in the manner he has been accustomed to. If he doesn't kill, he will be the next target of The Program. His latest assignment is a rush job with a target he likes and whose daughter he can't keep from falling for.

If We Survive by Andrew Klavan The mission trip to Costa Verde to help rebuild a school wall has been a success. But as the group is anticipating the trip home, a revolution breaks out, and they are suddenly trapped in a foreign land. They must escape a firing squad and wild animals in the jungle and find their way across a country in turmoil. They don't know who to trust, and the government in power is just as ruthless as the revolutionists trying to take control. Will they survive the wilderness in order to make it home again?



The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson When Rory moved to England to spend a year studying at a boarding school in London, she had no idea how much excitement she was in for. New school, new friends, new sports, and most of all, a serial killer in the neighborhood mimicking the killings of the infamous Jack the Ripper make for an interesting start to the school year. When Rory sees a man the police suspect to be the Ripper on the same night another woman is murdered, Rory's life is turned upside down. First her roommate didn't see the man, and second he may have turned his sights on Rory.

Navy SEAL Dogs by Mike Ritland In *Navy SEAL Dogs*, Mike Ritland tells how he went from being a member of the Navy's elite Special Forces to training elite dogs for the SEALs. Ritland has become a full-time breeder and trainer for the United States government, the Navy, and other defense-related clients. He details the training of the dogs from just a few days old until they are selected to go on active duty with the SEAL teams.

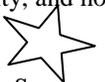


The Nazi Hunters by Neal Bascomb In 1960 the news announcement was made stating Adolf Eichmann had been captured in Argentina and was being transported to Israel to be tried for crimes against humanity. Adolf Eichmann had directed the deportation of six million people, Jews and other citizens of captured countries, to German concentration camps where most of the individuals were executed. This is the story of the intrigue and the dedicated individuals who assured Adolf Eichmann's appointment with justice.

Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Prudence Shen In this funny graphic novel, members of a school's robotics club and the cheerleading team find themselves competing for the same slice of the school's budget. Both teams are sure they deserve the money more so they declare war on each other. The only rule: Don't get caught.

Pretty Girl 13 by Liz Coley At the age of thirteen, Angie is kidnapped at Girl Scout Camp. Now at the age of sixteen Angie has come home with no memory of the past three years. In order to protect herself from her traumas, Angie has created multiple personalities. As she slowly remembers her past, can Angie become whole again?

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz Yanek is a ten year old Jewish boy living in Krakow when Hitler's army invades Poland. Two years later his neighborhood is walled in and all the Jews in Krakow are forced to move in. Deportations quickly follow, forcing Yanek and his family to find a place to hide. Hiding from the Nazis proves to be difficult as selections and deportations continue. First Yanek's parents are captured, and then shortly after, Yanek himself. From 1942-1945, he is transferred between ten different concentration camps. In order to survive the horrors and brutality of camp life, Yanek lives by the words of his Uncle Moshe: "Be no one, with no name, no personality, and no family and friends to care about."



Shadows on the Moon by Zoe Marriott In this Cinderella re-telling, Suzume is a nobleman's daughter who lives in an alternate version of Medieval Japan. After her father is killed, Suzume learns her new stepfather is to blame. Her vow to use her "shadow-weaving" powers to expose and destroy him leads her from being a wealthy noble lady, to a kitchen servant, to an apprentice courtesan planning to use the new king's love to defeat her stepfather even though her heart lies elsewhere.

Six Months Later by Natalie Richards Chloe is an average student. She might do better if she applied herself, but why should she? She is thinking about summer as she falls asleep during study hall, but when she wakes up it is night time and there is snow on the ground. She quickly discovers that she can't remember anything from the previous six months. If that is not shocking enough, her average student status has been thrown out the window with her awesome SAT scores, and she is even being recruited by Ivy League schools. Her dream crush is now her boyfriend, but her BFF won't talk to her. What has happened to her? Why can't she remember?

Swagger by Carl Deuker Jonas Dolan has always planned to work with his father after high school, but then his basketball coach encourages him to look for a scholarship to play Division II basketball. A college coach tells him that a scholarship is possible, but he must raise his grades to show determination off the court. After his father loses his job, the family packs up and moves to Seattle. Now Jonas must improve his academic performance and earn a spot as a starter on the varsity team. Between chemistry and a coach who doesn't want to play fast ball, Jonas is unsure about his future.

The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau Cia Vale has worked hard. As the youngest graduate in her class, she hopes to be chosen for the Testing to determine if she has what it takes to go to University and be a future leader of the United Commonwealth. Her father is a University graduate, so she knows it is a possibility. When Cia and three other classmates are chosen for the Testing, she is overjoyed and apprehensive. She has never been away from her family. Before she leaves, her father hints at a darker side of the Testing and advises her to trust no one.

Throne of Glass by Sarah Maas Celaena Sardothien has survived the last year in a prison where the life expectancy is one month. As the most notorious assassin of her day, she has been beaten and abused, yet she still lives. Then Crown Prince Dorian pulls her out of Endovier and offers her freedom. In order to be granted this freedom, she must train for a competition to determine who will become the king's champion. Should she survive the training and testing to become the king's champion, she must perform these duties for four years for her permanent freedom,

Waiting by Carol Lynch Williams Zach and London were not only siblings; they were best friends. When Zach committed suicide, London's world crumbled. Now, her Mom hates her and her Dad is never around. London feels lonely, abandoned, and heartbroken. As she fights her way back from the depression, she finds herself torn between her former boyfriend (who just happens to be her brother's best friend) and a new student who knows nothing of her past. As she searches for redemption, she learns to live and love again.

When I Was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds In this urban fiction book, Brooklyn teenager, Jazz, lives with his mother and sister in the 'hood. During the summer before his junior year of high school, he and his best friends, Needles and Noodles, convince a girl to get them into hottest party of the summer. Jazz is having a great time at the party when a fight breaks out involving Needles. Jazz uses his boxing skills to get away with his friends but finds out he has angered the wrong people. He fears that his family and friends may be in danger. What can he do?

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina Piddy Sanchez, 9th grade honor student, has transferred to a new high school. Within the first few weeks Piddy is told a girl she does not know, Yaqui Delgado, wants to "kick her ass". Yaqui is a mean bully with a posse and has been known to carry out physical threats. Yaqui proceeds to bully Piddy mentally and to threaten her physically. Will Piddy be able to successfully work through this situation?



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45 Pounds (More or Less) by K.A. Barson Ann's preoccupation with her weight becomes obsessive when her aunt Jackie asks her to be a bridesmaid in her wedding. Add the new job, the cute boy, the unrecognizable mail-order diet food, and some revelations about her family, and this is a "recipe" for a blowup.

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey In the 4 waves of an alien invasion of Earth, Cassie loses everyone she loves, and she just might possibly be the last human on Earth. Now, it's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them-- the beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see, and who scatter earth's last survivors. Cassie believes to stay alone is to stay alive, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, he may be Cassie's only hope for rescuing her brother—or even saving herself. Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death.

The Avery Shaw Experiment by Kelly Oram Aiden just broke Avery's heart. They have been best friends since birth, taking advanced classes together, doing science fair projects together, and being happy in their own little nerd world. Then just as Avery decides she'd like to be more, Aiden drops the bomb: He has a girlfriend, and Avery is no longer needed. Like all things in life, Avery decides to approach this scientifically. If she can progress through the five stage of grief, she will heal her broken heart. In steps Aiden's older brother, Grayson. Grayson's specialties are girls and sports, but his spot on the basketball team is in jeopardy due to his science grade. If he helps Avery with her experiment, he can stay on the team. As cute as little nerd girl Avery is, he's happy to help.

Boy 21 by Matthew Quick Seventeen-year-old Finley is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team. When his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred from an elite private school in California, he does so even though it means he could lose his spot on the team. However, as the two boys become closer, they find that they have more in common than they thought they did.

Escape from Camp 14 by Blaine Harden He is the only prisoner born in the camps to escape. Of course, North Korea denies the existence of the prison camps, but satellite photos make their existence clear. His crime, being the off-spring of a man whose brothers escaped to South Korea. A holocaust of today, this is Shin's remarkable story of survival, escape, and freedom.

