BEST OF 2016

FANTASY/SCI-FI:

The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge - a tree that is fed lies and bears the fruit of truth
The Girl from Everywhere by Heidi Heilig - Nix can sail to any place, any time
The Raven King by Maggie Stiefvater - the last book in the Raven Cycle, read them all!
Scythe by Neal Shusterman - death has been cured, so now people have to be killed
Like a River Glorious by Rae Carson - follow-up to Walk on Earth a Stranger, one of our faves
A Torch Against the Night by Sabaa Tahir - book 2 of Ember in the Ashes
Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake - three queens, three powers, one will rule, two must die
Replica by Lauren Oliver - there are three ways to read this inventive book
Gemina by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff - book 2 of Illuminae

REALISTIC FICTION: (ROMANCE, TRAGEDY, HUMOR, SPORTS)

The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle - the power of old movies and new memories
The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon - hours from deportation, Natasha falls for Daniel
The Memory Book by Lara Avery - get your tissues out - the feels!
Learning to Swear in America by Katie Kennedy - physics genius saves the world and gets the girl?
Highly Illogical Behavior by John Corey Whaley - going to extremes for a great college essay.
This is Where it Ends by Marieke Nijkamp - 54 minutes, four perspectives, one shooter
Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit by Jaye Robin Brown - out and proud Joanna makes a promise to her evangelist dad
What Light by Jay Asher - falling in love at Christmas
Booked by Kwame Alexander - Nick loves soccer and hates books
HISTORICAL FICTION:
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys - a lesser known chapter of history about WWII refugees
March 3 by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin - civil rights movement from the people who were there
Burn Baby Burn by Meg Medina - summer, NYC - the Son of Sam serial killer is on the loose
The Boy at the Top of the Mountain by John Boyne - an orphan living in Hitler’s home during WWII

GRAPHIC NOVELS:
Paper Girls by Brian Vaughn, art by Cliff Chiang - a mysterious series for fans of Stranger Things
Archie: The New Riverdale by Mark Waid, art by Fiona Staples - an all new Archie series
Snow White by Matt Phelan - a noir telling of the fairytale set in 1920s NYC
Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur by Brandon Montclare & Amy Reeder, art by Natacha Bustos - girl genius and a time-traveling dinosaur

THRILLER/MYSTERIES:
The Female of the Species by Mindy McGinnis - bent on revenge for her sister’s murder
With Malice by Eileen Cook - a dream trip to Italy turns into a nightmare
My Sister Rosa by Justine Larbalestier - his sister is a psychopath ... literally
The Leaving by Tara Altebrando - six kindergarteners were taken and only five return 11 years later
A Study in Charlotte by Brittany Cavallaro - modern day Holmes and Watson
Genius: The Game by Leopoldo Gout - three underprivileged prodigies team up in a life or death game

NONFICTION:
Diary of a Tokyo Teen by Christine Mari Inzer - born in Japan, now living in the US, Christine returns to Tokyo when she is 15 years old
Hamilton: The Revolution by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter - the creation of the phenomenon
Dan and Phil Go Outside by Dan Howell and Phil Lester - follow the dynamic YouTube duo on their world tour
Dear My Blank: Secret Letters Never Sent edited by Emily Trunko - culled from a Tumblr page
Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen by Jazz Jennings - growing up as an activist and trailblazer
Game On!: Video Game History from Pong and Pac-Man to Mario, Minecraft, and More by Dustin Hansen - Did you know Mario was named after the creator’s landlord? Full of fun facts