**The Car** by Gary Paulsen
A teenager left on his own travels west in a kit car he built himself, and along the way picks up two Vietnam veterans, who take him on an eye-opening journey.

**Just in Case** by Meg Rosoff
Convinced that fate is out to get him, fifteen-year-old David Case assumes a new identity in the hope of avoiding what he believes is certain doom.

**Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close** by Jonathan Safran
Follows 9-year-old Oskar Schell as he encounters a number of interesting characters in his search for information about his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11, and tries to find the lock that fits the mysterious key he left behind.

**Jasper Jones** by Craig Silvey
In small-town Australia, teens Jasper and Charlie form an unlikely friendship when one asks the other to help him cover up a murder until they can prove who is responsible.

**Spectacular Now** by Tim Tharp
In the last months of high school, charismatic 18-year-old Sutter Keely lives in the present, staying drunk or high most of the time, but that could change when he starts working to boost the self-confidence of a classmate, Aimee.

**No Right Turn** by Terry Trueman
After three years of wanting only to be invisible, 16-year-old Jordan begins to recover from his father's suicide and start living again when a neighbor's vintage Corvette Stingray opens up new possibilities for him.

**Be More Chill** by Ned Vizzini
Badly in need of self-confidence and a change of image, high school nerd Jeremy swallows a pill-sized super computer that is supposed to help him get whatever he wants.

**Girls for Breakfast** by David Yoo
Nick Park, about to graduate from high school, looks back on his life in his upscale town, and wonders how much being the only Asian American in his school affected his thwarted quest for popularity and a girlfriend.

**I am the Messenger** by Markus Zusak
After capturing a bank robber, 19-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

**Non Fiction:**

**Phineas Gage: a Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science** by John Fleischman
In 1848, Phineas Gage, a 26-year-old explosives expert, had an accident that should have killed him. A thirteen-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Miraculously, he survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.  

**The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook** by Joshua Piven
"How to: --Escape from quicksand. --Wrestle an alligator. --Break down a door. --Land a plane..." This book is packed with how-to, hands-on, illustrated instructions on everything you need to know fast—Because you never know.  

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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson
After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, 17-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

Girls, Girls, Girls: The Black Book (Diary of a Teenage Stud #1) by Jonah Black
Jonah Black, whose thoughts are filled with fantasies about a Pennsylvania girl named Sophie, chronicles in his journal his first six weeks back in Florida repeating the 11th grade, after being expelled from a Pennsylvania prep school.

Martyn Pig by Kevin Brooks
Martyn Pig's life goes from bad to worse when he accidentally kills his father, and he must choose whether to tell the police the truth about what happened and be suspected of murder, or get rid of the body and pretend nothing ever happened.

Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver.

The Warrior Heir by Cinda Williams Chima
16-year-old Jack forgets to take his medicine one morning, and by afternoon is filled with such strength he sends his rival, Garrett Lobeck, sailing into the net at soccer tryouts. Jack soon discovers he is no ordinary teen, and his medicine is not what he thought it was.

Prep by Jake Coburn
A one-time tag artist, Nick tries to come to terms with the death of a friend, to protect the brother of his would-be girlfriend, to escape the violence of wealthy New York City prep-school hoods, and to figure out who he really is.

After the First Death by Robert Cormier
The hijacking of a bus of children by terrorists is described from the perspectives of a hostage, a terrorist, an Army general involved in the rescue operation, and the general's son who has been chosen as the go-between.

Heroes by Robert Cormier
After joining the army at 15 and having his face blown away by a grenade in a battle in France, Francis returns home to Frenchtown hoping to find--and kill--the former childhood hero he feels betrayed him.

Shattering Glass by Gail Giles
Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, provokes unexpected violence when he turns the school nerd into Prince Charming.

King of the Screw-ups by K.L. Going
Liam is one of the most popular boys in school but can't seem to do anything right in the eyes of his father; so he goes to live with his homosexual, rocker uncle who helps him to understand that there is much more to him than his father will ever see.

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

Suckerpunch by David Hernandez
Shy, 17-year-old Marcus and his brother, Enrique, accompanied by two friends, drive from their home in southern California to Monterey to confront the abusive father who walked out a year earlier, and who now wants to return home.

Slam by Nick Hornby
At the age of 15, Sam Jones's girlfriend gets pregnant and Sam's life of skateboarding and daydreaming about Tony Hawk changes drastically.

Jake, Reinvented by Gordon Korman
When Jake Garrett arrives at F. Scott Fitzgerald High, the students immediately take a liking to him, and he becomes one of the most popular boys in school. When a dark secret is revealed, the same students begin to fear him.

Venomous by Christopher Krovatin
Since age 8, New York City high school junior Locke Vinetti has experienced bouts of overpowering anger, but now that he has friends who accept him and a true girlfriend, "the venom" threatens to destroy all that he loves.

Every day by David Levithan
Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

Dunk by David Lubar
Chad, hoping to work out his frustrations and his anger by taking a summer job as a dunk tank Bozo on the boardwalk at the New Jersey shore, comes to a better understanding of himself and the uses of humor as he undergoes training in the fine art of insults.

Tomorrow When the War Began by John Marsden
Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded, and they must hide to stay alive.