

LIFE CHANGING EVENTS



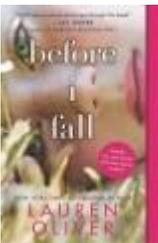
[34 Pieces of You](#) by Carmen Rodrigues

Summary: After Ellie dies of a drug overdose, her brother, her best friend, and her best friend's sister face painful secrets of their own when they try to uncover the truth about Ellie's death.



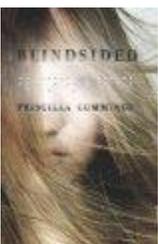
[Alchemy and Meggy Swann](#) by Karen Cushman.

Summary: In 1573, the crippled, scorned, and destitute Meggy Swann goes to London, where she meets her father, an impoverished alchemist, and eventually discovers that although her legs are bent and weak, she has many other strengths.



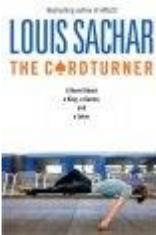
[Before I Fall](#) by Lauren Oliver

Summary: After she dies in a car crash, teenaged Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself.



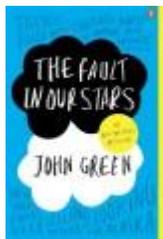
[Blindsided](#) by Priscilla Cummings

Summary: After years of failing eyesight, fourteen-year-old Natalie reluctantly enters a school for the blind, where in spite of her initial resistance she learns the skills that will help her survive in the sighted world.



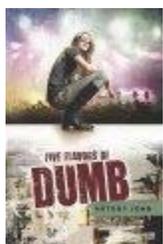
[The Cardturner: A Novel about a King, a Queen and a Joker](#) by Louis Sachar

Summary: When his wealthy uncle, a champion bridge player who has lost his vision, asks seventeen-year-old Alton to be a cardturner for him, Alton has no idea how much he will ultimately learn from his eccentric relative.



[Fault in Our Stars](#) by John Green

Summary: 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.



[Five Flavors of Dumb](#) by Antony John

Summary: Piper, who has a hearing disability, has one month to book gigs and create revenue for the high school band, Dumb. Managing more than just the band, she develops a new outlook on her deafness, her less-than-perfect relationship with her family, and newfound friends. Piper's growing self-confidence is inspirational, as is her atomic pink hair.



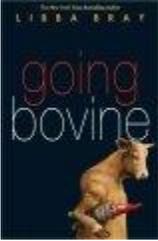
[Fracture](#) by Megan Miranda

Summary: After falling through the ice of a frozen lake and being resuscitated by her best friend Decker, seventeen-year-old Delaney begins experiencing a strange affinity for the dead and wonders whether she is predicting death or causing it.



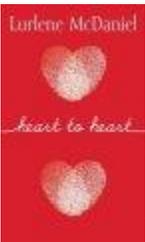
[Freak the Mighty](#) by Rodman Philbrick

Summary: At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.



[Going Bovine](#) by Libba Bray

Summary: Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeld Jakob's (aka fatal brain disorder related to mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.



[Heart to Heart](#) by Lurlene McDaniel

Summary: Relates the complicated friendship of a teenaged girl, her best friend, her best friend's boyfriend, and a young heart transplant recipient.



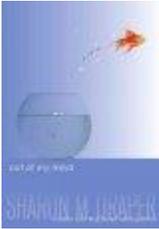
[If I Stay](#) by Gayle Forman

Summary: While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.



[Leaving Paradise](#) by Simone Elkeles

Summary: In alternating chapters, seventeen-year-olds Caleb and Maggie relate the difficulties of readjusting to school, and changing relationships with family, friends, and one another, a year after a drunk driving accident sent her to the hospital with a crippling leg injury and him to prison.



[Out of My Mind](#) by Sharon Draper

Summary: Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.



[Send Me a Sign](#) by Tiffany Schmidt

Summary: Superstitious before being diagnosed with leukemia, high school senior Mia becomes irrationally dependent on horoscopes, good luck charms, and the like when her life shifts from cheerleading and parties to chemotherapy and platelets, while her parents obsess and lifelong friend Gyver worries.



[We All Looked Up](#) by Tommy Wallach

Summary: The lives of four high school seniors intersect weeks before a meteor is set to pass through Earth's orbit, with a 66.6% chance of striking and destroying all life on the planet.