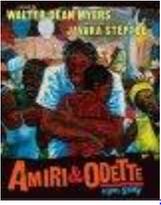


Novels in Verse



[Amiri & Odette: A Love Story](#) by Walter Dean Myers

Summary: Presents a modern, urban retelling in verse of the ballet in which brave Amiri falls in love with beautiful Odette and fights evil Big Red for her on the streets of the Swan Lake Projects.

YA F MYERS

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[Crank](#) by Ellen Hopkins

Summary: Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter, but she meets a boy who introduces her to drugs and becomes a very different person, struggling to control her life and her mind.

YA F HOPKINS

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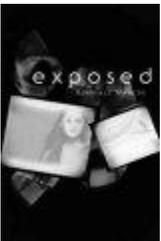


[Dark Sons](#) by Nikki Grimes

Summary: Alternating poems compare and contrast the conflicted feelings of Ishmael, son of the Biblical patriarch Abraham, and Sam, a teenager in New York City, as they try to come to terms with being abandoned by their fathers and with the love they feel for their younger stepbrothers.

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[Exposed](#) by Kimberly Marcus

Summary: High school senior Liz, a gifted photographer, can no longer see things clearly after her best friend accuses Liz's older brother of a crime.

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[Forget Me Not](#) by Carole Dean

Summary: Told from separate viewpoints, Ally discovers that she may have tried to kill herself and Elijah, recalling his own suicide attempt, tries to give Ally a reason to live and escape from the spirits that haunt their high school.

YA F DEAN

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[The Girl in the Mirror](#) by Meg Kearney

Summary: In a series of poems and journal entries, seventeen-year-old Lizzie grieves over the death of her adoptive father, as her plans for college and search for her birth mother are put on hold.

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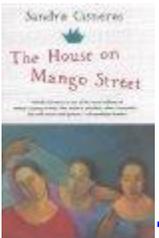
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[Hidden](#) by Helen Frost

Summary: When fourteen-year-olds Wren and Darra meet at a Michigan summer camp, both are overwhelmed by memories from six years earlier when Darra's father stole a car, unaware that Wren was hiding in the back.

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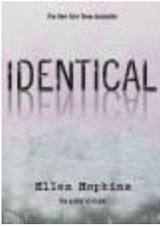


[The House on Mango Street](#) by Sandra Cisneros

Summary: The House on Mango Street tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and harsh beauty. Esperanza doesn't want to belong - not to her rundown neighborhood, and not to the low expectations the world has for her. Esperanza's story is that of a young girl coming into her power, and inventing for herself what she will become.

YA F CISNEROS

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[Identical](#) by Ellen Hopkins

Summary: Since the car accident eight years earlier, identical twins Kaeleigh and Raeanne have struggled with dark secrets. Their politician mother is both physically and emotionally absent, and their father, a district court judge, sexually abuses Kaeleigh. The girls struggle with an encyclopedic array of problems that include promiscuity, alcohol and drug abuse, bingeing, purging, and cutting.

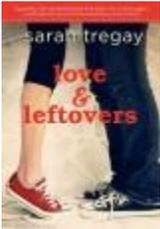
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[Keesha's House](#) by Helen Frost

Summary: Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.

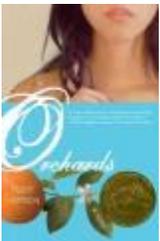
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[Love & Leftovers](#) by Sarah Tregay

Summary: When her father starts dating a man, 15-year-old Marcie's depressed mother takes her to New Hampshire and just as Marcie starts falling for a great guy, her father brings her back to Iowa, where all of her relationships have become strained.

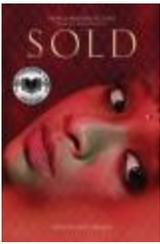
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[Orchards](#) by Holly Thompson

Summary: Sent to Japan for the summer after an eighth-grade classmate's suicide, half-Japanese, half-Jewish Kana Goldberg tries to fit in with relatives she barely knows and reflects on the guilt she feels over the tragedy back home.

YA F THOMPSON 14 & Up



[Sold](#) by Patricia McCormick

Summary: When she is tricked by her stepfather and sold into prostitution, thirteen-year-old Lakshmi becomes submerged in a nightmare where her only comfort is the friendship she forms with the other girls, which helps her survive and eventually escape.

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[Tricks](#) by Helen Hopkins

Summary: Moving stories of five very different teenagers searching for freedom, safety, community, family, and love all interweave to tell a larger, more powerful tale--a story about making choices, taking leaps of faith, falling down, and growing up.

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[Unlocked](#) by Ryan Van Cleave

Summary: While trying to impress a beautiful, unattainable classmate, fourteen-year-old Andy discovers that a fellow social outcast may be planning an act of school violence.

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[Waiting](#) by Carol Lynch Williams

Summary: As the tragic death of her older brother devastates the family, teenaged London struggles to find redemption and finds herself torn between her brother's best friend and a handsome new boy in town.

YA F WILLIAMS 14 & Up



[Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials](#) by Stephanie Hemphill

Summary: Wicked Girls is a fictionalized account of the Salem witch trials told from the perspective of three of the real young women living in Salem in 1692. Ann Putnam Jr. plays the queen bee. When her father suggests that a spate of illnesses within the village is the result of witchcraft, Ann grasps her opportunity. She puts in motion a chain of events that will change the lives of the people around her forever.

YA F HEMPHILL 12 & Up



[What My Mother Doesn't Know](#) by Sonya Sones

Summary: My name is Sophie. This book is about me. It tells the heart-stoppingly riveting story of my first love. And also of my second. And, okay, my third love, too. It's not that I'm boy crazy. It's just that even though I'm almost fifteen it's like my mind and my body and my heart just don't seem to be able to agree on anything.

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