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Something More

Edgier books for 7th and 8th graders, shelved in Teen

- Barnes, Jennifer** [The Fixer*](#)
When her grandfather develops dementia, sixteen-year-old Tess, who has been keeping his Montana ranch going, is whisked away to Washington, D.C., by a sister she barely knows and thrown into a world of politics, power, wealth, love triangles, and family secrets.
- Colfer, Eoin** [The Supernaturalist](#)
In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures. Together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.
- Dashner, James** [The Maze Runner*](#)
Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community if he is to escape.
- Dennard, Susan** [Truthwitch*](#)
On a continent ruled by three empires, some are born with 'witchery,' a magical skill that sets them apart from others. In the Witchlands, there are almost as many types of magic as there are ways to get in trouble--as two desperate young women know all too well.
- Frost, Mark** [Paladin Prophecy*](#)
Fifteen-year-old Will, who has spent his entire life trying to avoid attention, finds himself in the middle of a millennia-old struggle between titanic forces when he is simultaneously recruited by an exclusive prep school and followed by sinister agents.
- Hartman, Rachel** [Seraphina*](#)
In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals.
- Klass, David** [Losers Take All](#)
At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school.
- Lindstrom, Eric** [Not if I See You First](#)
Blind sixteen-year-old Parker Grant navigates friendships and romantic relationships, while coping with her father's recent death, including a run-in with a boy who previously broke her heart.
- Lore, Pittacus** [I Am Number Four*](#)
In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien.

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- McQuein, Josin L.** [Arclight*](#)
The first person to cross the barrier that protects Arclight from the Fade, teenaged Marina has no memory when she is rescued but when one of the Fade infiltrates Arclight, she recognizes it and begins to unlock secrets she never knew she had.
- Muchamore, Robert** [The Recruit: CHERUB, book 1*](#)
James is recruited into CHERUB, a secret division of MI5 which consists of teenage spies. He successfully completes his training and goes on his first mission.
- Nix, Garth** [Sabriel*](#)
Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.
- Omololu, C.J.** [Dirty Little Secrets](#)
When her unstable mother dies unexpectedly, sixteen-year-old Lucy must take control and find a way to keep the long-held secret of her mother's compulsive hoarding from being revealed to friends, neighbors, and especially the media.
- Pfeffer, Susan Beth** [Life as We Knew It*](#)
Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.
- Pratchett, Terry** [Dodger](#)
In an alternative version of Victorian London, a seventeen-year-old Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and unintentionally puts a stop to the murders of Sweeny Todd.
- Scarrow, Alex** [TimeRiders*](#)
Rescued from imminent death, teens Maddy, Liam, and Sal join forces in 2001 Manhattan to correct changes in history made by other time travelers, using a "time bubble" surrounding the attack on the Twin Towers to hide their journeys.
- Sepetys, Ruta** [Salt to the Sea](#)
World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia, and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom. When their paths converge in route to the ship that promises salvation, Joana, Emilia, and Florian find their strength, courage, and trust in one another tested with each step closer toward safety.
- Shusterman, Neal** [Unwind*](#)
In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.
- Stiefvater, Maggie** [The Scorpio Races](#)
Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.
- Yang, Gene** [American Born Chinese](#)
Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Shelved in Graphic Novels.

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