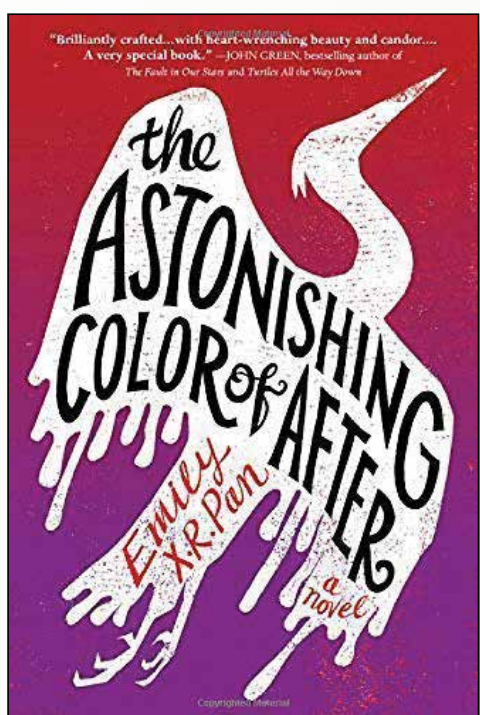




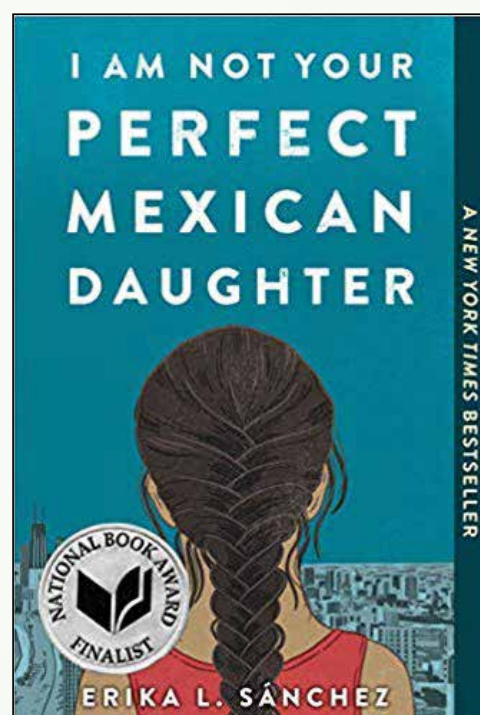
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The Astonishing Color of After

Emily X.R. Pan

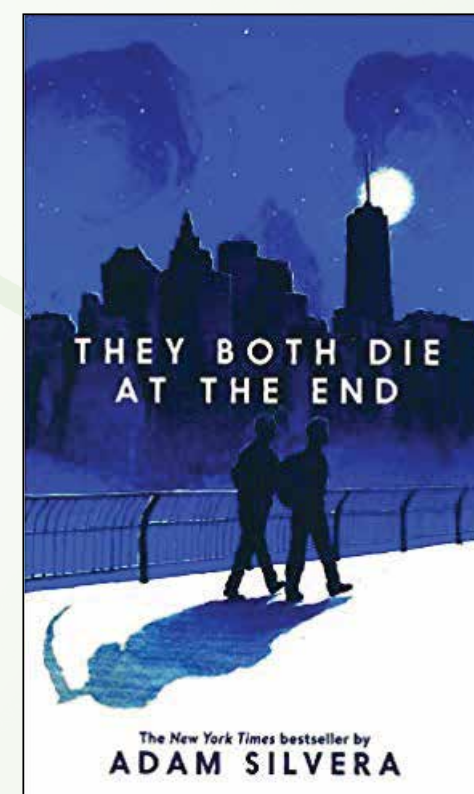
After her mother's suicide, grief-stricken Leigh travels to Taiwan to stay with grandparents she has never met, determined to find her mother who she believes turned into a bird.



I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

Erika L. Sánchez

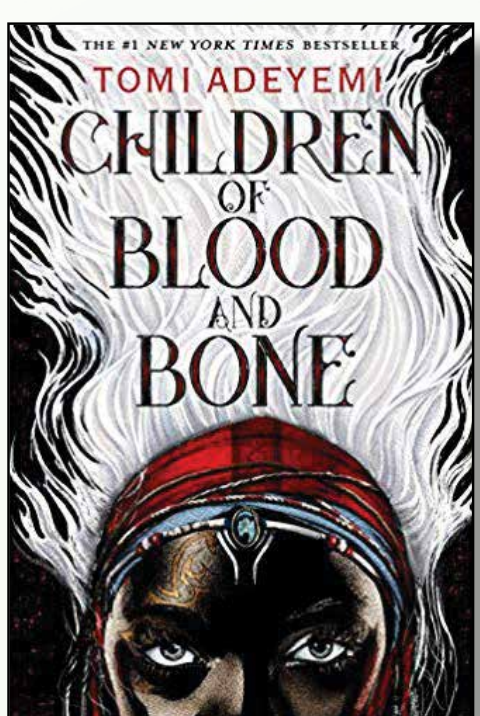
When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.



They Both Die at the End

Adam Silvera

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo and Rufus meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.



Children of Blood and Bone

Tomi Adeyemi

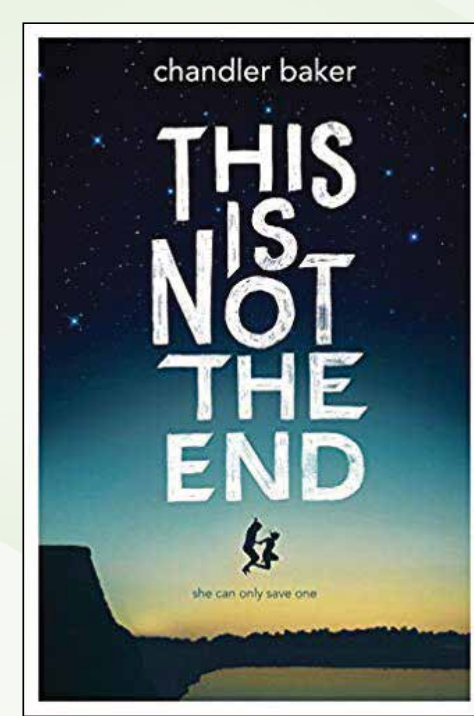
Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land; but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.



On the Come Up

Angie Thomas

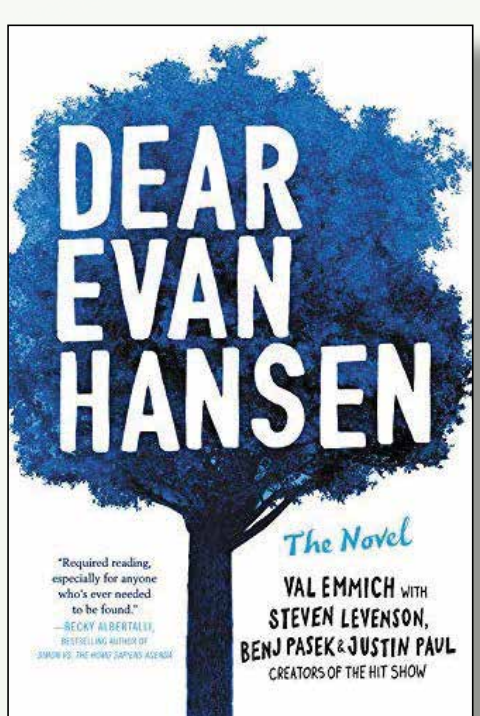
Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time, or at least make it out of her neighborhood one day. As the daughter of an underground rap legend who died before he hit big, Bri has big shoes to fill.



This is Not the End

Chandler Baker

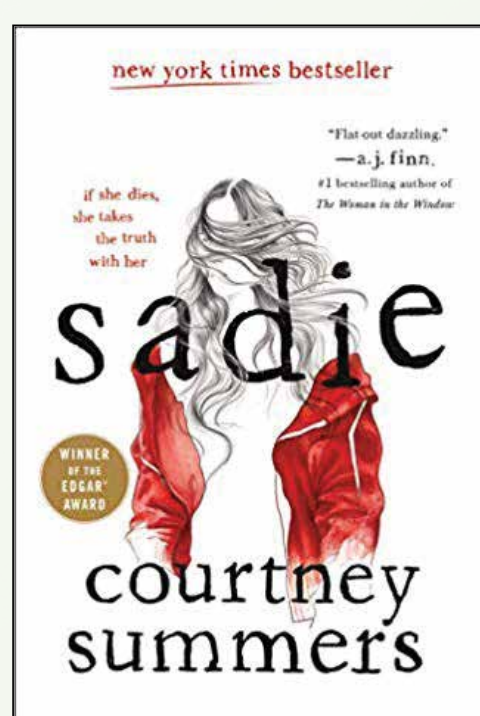
Lake is the survivor of a car crash that killed her best friend and boyfriend. Now she faces an impossible choice. Resurrection technology changed the world, but strict laws allow just one resurrection per citizen, to be used on your eighteenth birthday or lost forever.



Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel

Val Emmich with Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

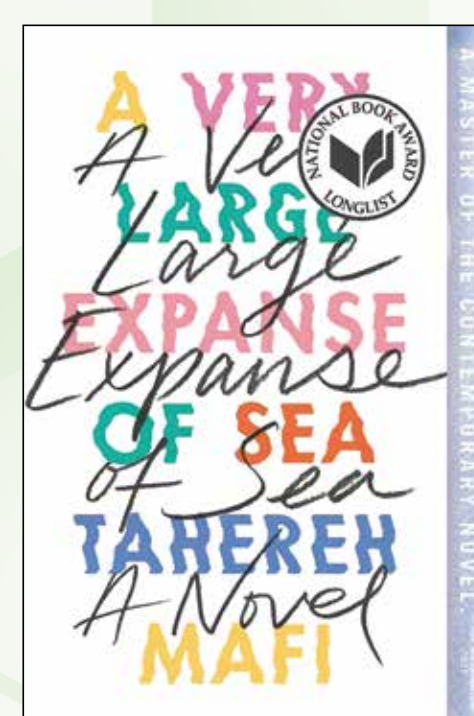
When a letter that was never meant to be seen by anyone draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's grief over the loss of their son, Evan is given the chance of a lifetime—to belong.



Sadie

Courtney Summers

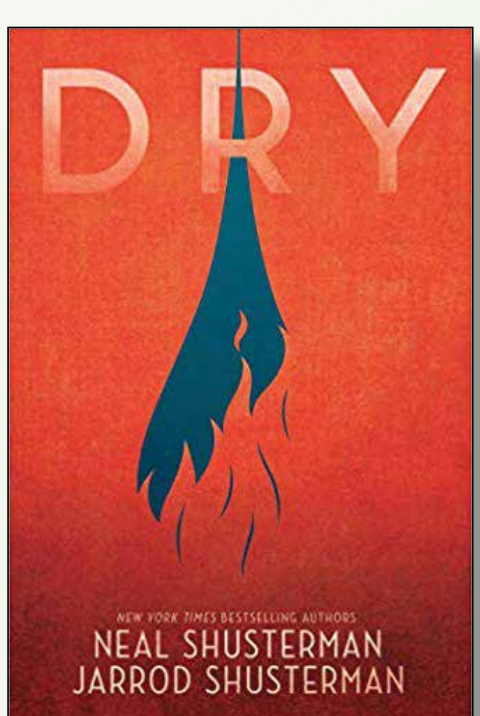
Told from the alternating perspectives of Sadie, who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.



A Very Large Expanse of Sea

Tahereh Mafi

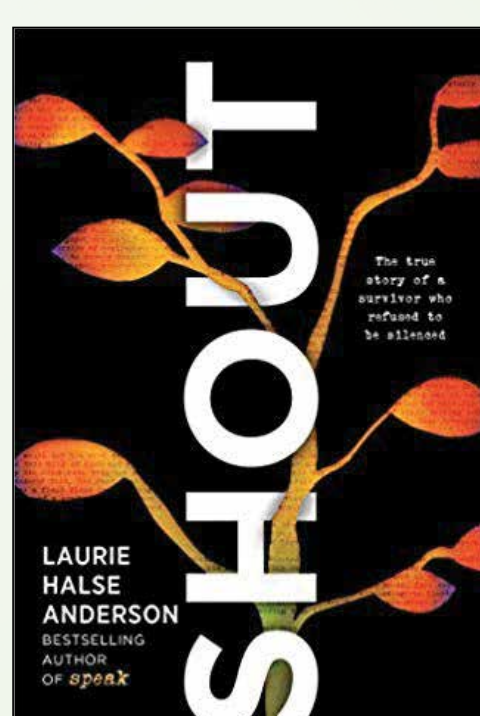
A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin is tired of being stereotyped and has completely withdrawn from social life. Then she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down.



Dry

Neal & Jarrod Shusterman

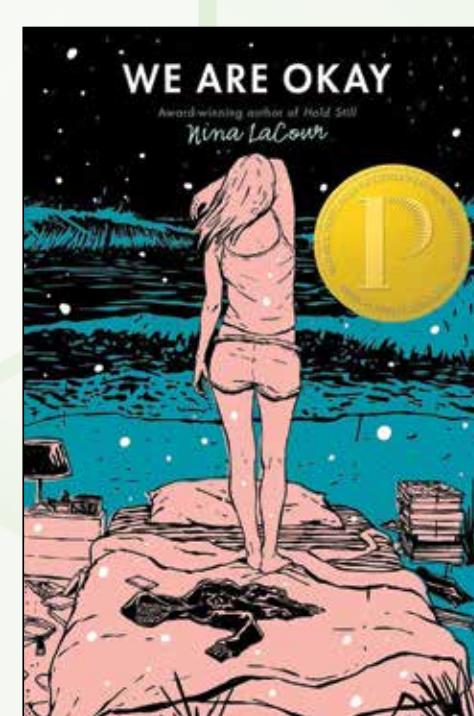
A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a war zone of desperation. Alyssa is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.



Shout

Laurie Halse Anderson

This memoir in verse shares the author's life, covering her rape at thirteen, her difficult early childhood, and her experiences surrounding the publication of *Speak*. (Mature)



We Are Okay

Nina LaCour

After picking up and leaving everything behind in California, eighteen-year-old Marin, with the help of her former friend, must confront her grief and the truths that caused her to flee her home.