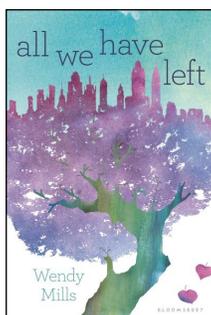


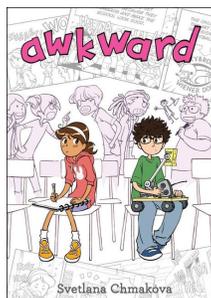
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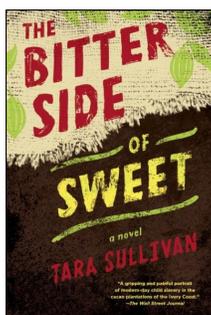
All We Have Left by Wendy Mills

Muslim teen Alia is trapped in the World Trade Center as chaos descends on September 11, 2001. Fifteen years later, Jesse is doing community service as punishment for hateful graffiti. Her brother died in the Twin Towers, and her family was shattered. Alternating chapters tell the girls' stories, eventually connecting them across time.



Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Peppi, a young teenager who only fits in with her art club, embarrasses herself and ends up hurting the feelings of Jaime, the nerdiest kid in school. Jaime, joins the art club's rival: the science club. As the clubs battle it out at school, Peppi and Jaime fight on an emotional level, both learning important lessons in the process.



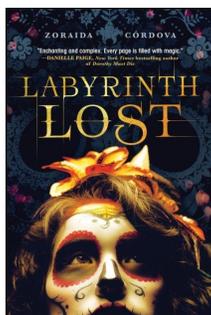
The Bitter Side of Sweet by Tara Sullivan

The Bitter Side of Sweet takes a hard look at how cacao harvesting is modern-day slave trade. Amadou and his brother, Seydou, need to harvest more and more cacao pods in order to survive the plantation bosses. Hope arrives with Khadija, the first girl to ever appear on the plantation. She has been forced into labor just like the boys, but as a girl she has even more reason to escape the bosses than they do.



Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Castle Crenshaw, a.k.a. Ghost, has been running ever since he and his mom escaped from his father's violent anger. After Ghost inadvertently earns a spot on an elite track team, his mother agrees to let him join, but only if he can stay out of trouble. However, Ghost can't stay on the straight and narrow. Will Coach help him out, or turn him in and cost Ghost his dream?



Labyrinth Lost by Zoraida Córdova

In her attempt to rid herself of her bruja powers, Alejandra accidentally banishes her family to the underworld, known as Los Lagos. In order to make things right, Alex joins up with Nova, a powerful brujo boy, and her non-magical best friend Rishi, to make the dangerous journey to Los Lagos to find them. Can the three work together to bring Alex's family safely back to this world?



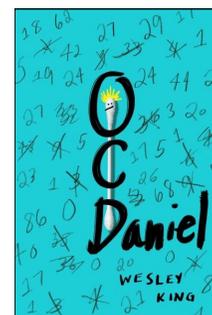
Need by Joelle Charbonneau

Everyone is joining the hottest new social media site, and why not? Answer one simple question (What do you need? New phone? Concert tickets?), perform a seemingly minor task, and you get what you asked for. Kaylee's brother needs a new kidney. It's a real long shot, but she figures she'll try NEED - and quickly realizes the high price she'll have to pay.



OCDaniel by Wesley King

Daniel has some strange habits, like flipping light switches, avoiding certain numbers, and more. He doesn't know exactly what's going on, but he tries very hard to make sure no one notices - until someone does. Soon Daniel is caught up in a friendship and then a mystery that will change his life.



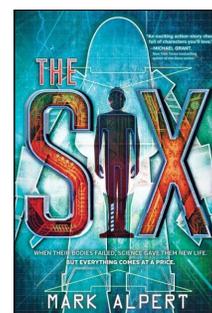
Outrun the Moon by Stacey Lee

In the early 1900s, 15-year-old Mercy Wong is determined to escape the poverty of Chinatown by getting an education. Mercy convinces admissions officers to allow her into St. Clare's School for Girls, and she stands strong until a historic earthquake hits San Francisco. Charged with a mission to help others, Mercy searches for a way to make an impact during a tragedy.



The Six by Mark Alpert

Virtual reality games are Adam's only escape. Muscular dystrophy has stolen his mobility and will soon take his life. When an Artificial Intelligence threatens the world, Adam and five other terminally ill teens are asked to abandon their bodies and have their minds uploaded into robots. Will the team be able to master their new forms and take down Sigma before he destroys humanity?



Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart

Lily and Dunkin tell the story of their on-again, off-again friendship in alternating chapters. Middle school is a difficult time for most kids, but Lily and Dunkin face extra challenges with friends and family. Lily, who was born Timothy, is transgender and negotiating a new relationship with her father, while dreading puberty and the unwanted changes it will bring. Dunkin is bipolar and trying to control his manic episodes while making friends in a new school. Their own issues help them to accept each other for who they really are.

