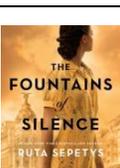
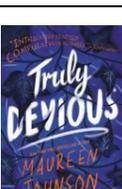




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 <p><b>MS</b></p>	<p><b>Allies by Alan Gratz</b> June 6, 1944: The Nazis are terrorizing Europe, on their evil quest to conquer the world. The only way to stop them? The biggest, most top-secret operation ever, with the Allied nations coming together to storm German-occupied France. Welcome to D-Day.</p>	 <p><b>HS</b></p>	<p><b>Aurora Rising by Amie Kaufman &amp; Jay Kristoff</b> Told in separate voices, eighteen-year-old Tyler Jones, top graduate of Aurora Academy, and a group of misfits and troublemakers embark on their first mission with Auri, a stowaway from the distant past.</p>
 <p><b>MS/HS</b></p>	<p><b>Bloom by Kevin Panetta &amp; Savanna Ganucheau</b> Ari would prefer to move to the big city with his band while his parents want him to take over the family bakery. He thinks he has his future decided until a new baker, Hector begins working with him. Sparks fly but will Ari ruin everything or let love bloom?</p>	 <p><b>MS/HS</b></p>	<p><b>Four Dead Queens by Astrid Scholte</b> Keralie is the best pickpocket in all of the kingdoms of Quadara, but when she steals a "comm disk" and realizes a royal murder plot is afoot, she must learn who to trust and fast.</p>
 <p><b>MS</b></p>	<p><b>Guts by Raina Telgemeier</b> In a semi-autobiographical graphic novel, the author describes her childhood anxiety, in a story about growing up and gathering the courage to face and conquer her fears.</p>	 <p><b>MS/HS</b></p>	<p><b>How We Roll by Natasha Friend</b> After developing alopecia Quinn lost her friends along with her hair and former football player Jake lost his legs and confidence after an accident, but the two help each other believe in themselves and the possibility of love.</p>
 <p><b>HS</b></p>	<p><b>Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me by Mariko Tamaki &amp; Rosemary Valero-O'Connell</b> Laura Dean was Frederica Riley's dream girl, but maybe she's not the greatest girlfriend. After yet another break up, Freddy's introduced to a mysterious medium who tells Freddy to break up with Laura Dean. But Laura Dean keeps coming back and Freddy is starting to wonder if the real problem is Freddy?</p>	 <p><b>MS/HS</b></p>	<p><b>Like a Love Story by Abdi Nazemian</b> It's 1989 in New York City, and for three teens, the world is changing. Reza is an Iranian boy who has just moved to the city, terrified people will find out he's gay. When Judy and Reza start dating, it's Judy's friend, Art, that ends up attracting Reza's attention. Together they must fight incredible odds to keep the relationships that mean the most to them.</p>
 <p><b>MS/HS</b></p>	<p><b>Lovely War by Julie Berry</b> Caught by her husband, Hephaestus, on the eve of WWII in a Manhattan hotel room with her lover, Ares, Aprodite tries to exonerate herself by telling two sumptuous tales of love and war. While her tales are artfully told, and beautifully lush, will it be enough to save this goddess?</p>	 <p><b>HS</b></p>	<p><b>A Reaper at the Gates by Sabaa Tahir</b> Beyond the Empire and within it, the threat of war looms ever larger as the Blood Shrike, Helene Aquilla, Laia of Serra, and Elias Veturius all face increasing dangers. (An ember in the ashes novel, bk. 3)</p>
 <p><b>MS/HS</b></p>	<p><b>The Fountains of Silence: a novel by Ruta Sepetys</b> Madrid, 1957. Daniel Matheson, the son of a Texas oil tycoon, arrives in Madrid with his parents hoping to connect with the country of his mother's birth through the lens of his camera. He meets Ana Moreno, whose family's interweaving obstacles reveal the lingering grasp of the Spanish Civil War-- as well as chilling definitions of fortune and fear. Daniel's photographs leave him with uncomfortable questions amidst shadows of danger. -- adapted from jacket</p>	 <p><b>HS</b></p>	<p><b>Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson</b> When Stevie Bell, an amateur detective, begins her first year at a famous private school in Vermont, she sets a plan to solve the cold case involving the kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter shortly after the school opened.</p>