

PRIDE 2019- 2020 BOOK LIST

Historical Fiction:

Break In Case of Emergency by Brian Francis: Set in a small town in the 1990s, this is the story of a girl on the edge—of a breakdown, of family secrets, of learning who she really is. *

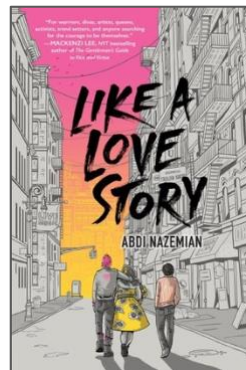
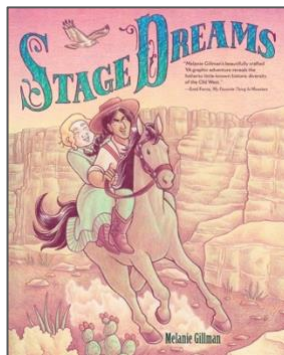
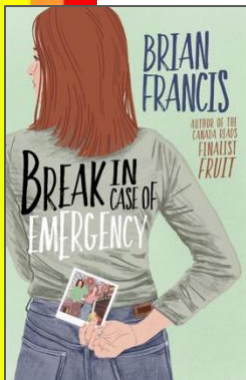
Like a Love Story by Abdi Mazemian: An Iranian youth who hides his sexual orientation from his family, an openly gay photographer and an aspiring fashion designer with an HIV-positive uncle fall in love and find their voices as activists during the height of the AIDS crisis in New York City.*

Ziggy, Stardust & Me by James Brandon: Set against the tumultuous backdrop of life in 1973, when homosexuality is still considered a mental illness, two boys defy all the odds and fall in love. **

Orpheus Girl by Brynne Rebele-Henry: When sixteen-year-old, mythology-obsessed Raya and her true love, Sarah, are sent from their conservative Texas town to a re-education camp, Raya assumes the role of Orpheus to save them. CW: There are scenes in this book that depict self-harm, homophobia, transphobia, and violence against LGBTQ characters. *

GRAPHIC NOVEL!!

Stage Dreams by Melanie Gillman: In 1861, Grace, a runaway, and Flor, a stagecoach robber, join forces to thwart a plan by the Confederate Army in the New Mexico Territory.



Space

The Sound of Stars by Alechia Dow: A girl with the forbidden library and the alien who loves pop music work together to save world after the death of one-third of the world's population. **

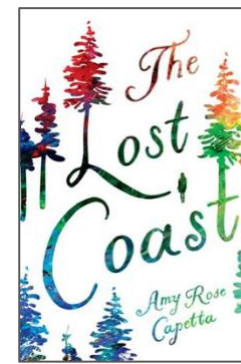
I Hope You Get This Message by Farah Naz Rishi: When Earth receives messages from another world, claiming that the planet is their created colony and that they are planning to destroy it within a week, three teens are forced to confront the mistakes of their past before they run out of time. **

Witches!

The Lost Coast by Amy Rose Capetta: Summoned by a spell halfway across the country to the Lost Coast, Danny finds herself among the Grays, a coven of openly queer witches who challenge her perspectives and ask for her help finding a missing group member, before the discovery of a dead boy reveals a malevolent enemy. **

When We Were Magic by Sarah Galley: When accidental magic goes sideways and a boy winds up dead, Alexis and her friends come together to try to right a terrible wrong. **

These Witches Don't Burn by Isabel Sterling: When evidence of dark magic begins to appear all over Salem, Massachusetts, Elemental Witch Hannah and her ex-girlfriend Veronica are forced to team up to stop the deadly attacks.



Fantasy



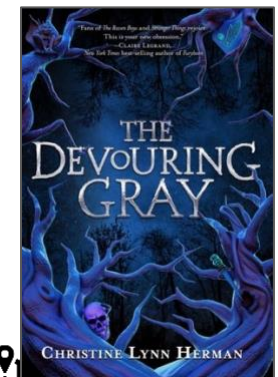
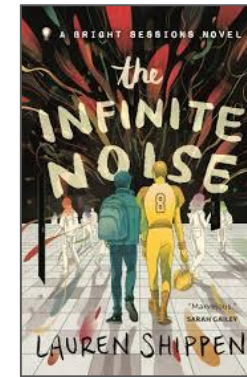
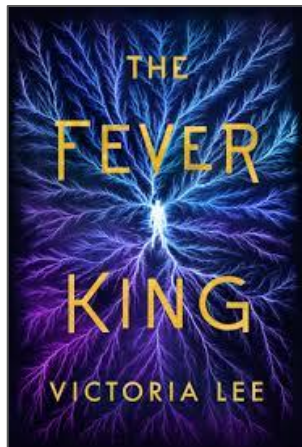
The Fever King by Victoria Lee: Sixteen-year-old Noam, a technopath, is thrust into the magical elite of the nation of Carol inia, where he learns the science behind his magic, secretly planning to use it against the government to protect refugees fleeing magical outbreaks. (Series)

The Midnight Lie by Marie Rutkoski: Nirrim endures a grim and punishing life as a Half Caste until she encounters Sid, a rakish traveler from far away who whispers rumors that the High Caste possess magic and tempts Nirrim to seek that magic for herself. *

We Set the Dark on Fire by Tehlor Kay Mejia: A society wife-in-training has an uncomfortable awakening about her strictly polarized society after being recruited into a band of rebel spies and falling for her biggest rival. (Series) *

Dark and Deepest Red by Anna-Marie McLemore: Trapped in a pair of red shoes that compel her to dance uncontrollably, Rosella is drawn to a youth of questionable intent whose family was blamed for witchcraft centuries earlier.

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi: In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.*



Urban Fantasy



Infinity Son by Adam Silvera: Growing up in New York, brothers Emil and Brighton always idolized the Spell Walkers—a vigilante group sworn to rid the world of specters. While the Spell Walkers and other celestials are born with powers, specters take them, violently stealing the essence of endangered magical creatures. Brighton wishes he had a power so he could join the fray. Emil just wants the fighting to stop. The cycle of violence has taken a toll, making it harder for anyone with a power to live peacefully and openly. In this climate of fear, a gang of specters has been growing bolder by the day. Then, in a brawl after a protest, Emil manifests a power of his own—one that puts him right at the heart of the conflict and sets him up to be the heroic Spell Walker Brighton always wanted to be. (Series) *

The Infinite Noise by Lauren Shippen: Caleb is an Atypical, an individual with enhanced abilities. Which sounds pretty cool except Caleb's ability is extreme empathy—he feels the emotions of everyone around him. Being an empath in high school would be hard enough, but Caleb's life becomes even more complicated when he keeps getting pulled into the emotional orbit of one of his classmates, Adam. (Series and also a podcast!) *

The Devouring Gray by Christine Lynn Herman: Four teenagers have the power to protect their town from a monster, but only if their families' secrets do not destroy them first. (Series) *

Wayward Son by Rainbow Rowell: A highly anticipated sequel to the best-selling Carry On finds an overwhelmed Simon joining Penny and Baz on a trip to the American West in a vintage convertible, only to be confronted by dragons, vampires and gun-toting skunks. (Series) **

Suspenseful Stories

Swipe Right for Murder by Derek Milman: An epic case of mistaken identity puts a teen looking for a hookup on the run from both the FBI and a murderous cult in this compulsively readable thriller. **

Wilder Girls by Rory Power: Friends Hetty, Byatt, and Reece go to extremes trying to uncover the dark truth about the mysterious disease that has had them quarantined at their boarding school on a Maine island.*

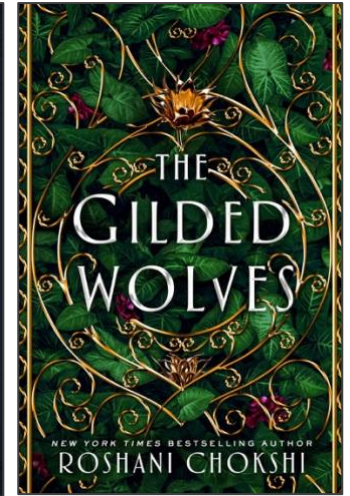
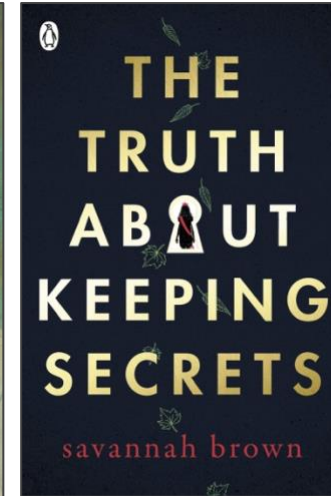
The Truth About Keeping Secrets by Savanna Brown: Sydney's dad is the only psychiatrist for miles around their small Ohio town. He is also unexpectedly dead. Is Sydney crazy, or is it kind of weird that her dad - a guy whose entire job revolved around other peoples' secrets - crashed alone, with no explanation? And why is June Copeland, homecoming queen and the town's golden child, at his funeral? As the two teenagers grow closer in the wake of the accident, it's clear that not everyone is happy about their new friendship. But what is picture perfect June still hiding? And does Sydney even want to know? **

Keep This to Yourself by Tom Ryan: After high school graduation, Mac focuses on finding the serial killer who murdered his best friend the previous summer, while working through his own feelings for the deceased. **

Somebody Told Me by Mia Siegert: After an assault at an anime convention, bigender seventeen-year-old Aleks/Alexis moves in with their uncle, a Catholic priest, and decides to help strangers anonymously after overhearing parishioners' confessions. **



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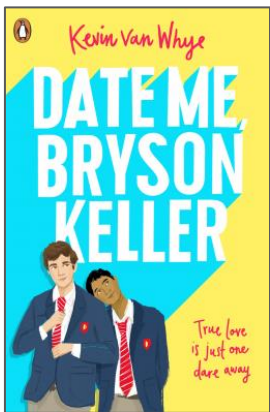


More Reads!

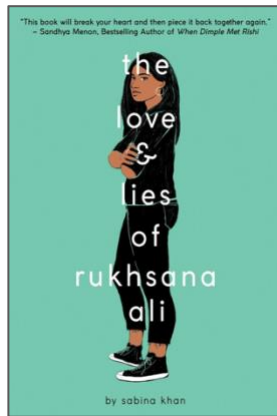
The Gilded Wolves by Roshani Chokshi: Keeping close secrets in the wake of the Exposition Universelle in 1889 Paris, a wealthy hotelier and treasure-hunter is tapped by a powerful order to lead an elite team on a quest to track down an ancient artifact of world-changing significance. **

Her Royal Highness by Rachel Hawkins: An American girl goes to an exclusive Scottish boarding school where she becomes the roommate, best friend, and girlfriend of a royal princess. (Series) **

19 Love Songs by David Leviathan: A collection of fiction, nonfiction, and a story in verse celebrating love. **



Realistic Fiction



The Gravity of Us by Phil Stamper: When his volatile father is picked to become an astronaut for NASA's mission to Mars, seventeen-year-old Cal, an aspiring journalist, reluctantly moves from Brooklyn to Houston, Texas, and looks for a story to report, finding an ally (and crush) in Jeremy, the son of another astronaut.

Date Me, Bryson Keller! by Kevin Van Whye: Everyone at Fairvale Academy knows about the dare Bryson Keller has accepted, each week he has to date the first person who asks him out. He just never specified it could only be girls. When closeted Kai challenges straight Bryson to secretly date him, it should be a recipe for heartbreak. But as the two boys open up to each other, they find themselves getting closer. With his heart on the line, Kai must grapple with his growing feelings for a boy who can never be his, right? **

We Used to be Friends by Sarah Galley: At the start of their senior year in high school, James (a girl with a boy's name) and Kat are inseparable, but by graduation, they're no longer friends. James prepares to head off to college as she reflects on the dissolution of her friendship with Kat, while, in alternating chapters, Kat thinks about being newly in love and having a future that feels wide open. **

Verona Comics by Jennifer Dugan: Meeting at a comic convention prom, the cellist daughter of an indie comic shop owner and the disgraced son of comic superstore titans navigate a secret romance that is complicated by anxiety, their feuding parents and an approaching audition. **

We Were Promised Spotlights by Lindsay Sproul: Taylor Garland's good looks have earned her the admiration of everyone in her small town. She's homecoming queen, the life of every party, and she's on every boy's most-wanted list. But Taylor is actually desperate to leave home... and she's completely in love with her best friend, Susan. Senior year is almost over, and everything seems perfect. Now Taylor just has to figure out how to throw it all away. **

The Music of What Happens by Bill Koigsberg: A cool and popular gay teen who harbors a secret, intense crush and a poetic youth who is looking for Mr. Right in spite of his troubled family weigh what they are willing to risk while working together at an organic food truck during a blistering Arizona summer.*

Juliet Takes a Breath by Gabby Rivera: Juliet Milagros Palante is leaving the Bronx and headed to Portland, Oregon. She just came out to her family and isn't sure if her mom will ever speak to her again. But Juliet has a plan, sort of, one that's going to help her figure out this whole "Puerto Rican lesbian" thing. She's interning with the author of her favorite book: Harlowe Brisbane, the ultimate authority on feminism, women's bodies, and other gay-sounding stuff. Will Juliet be able to figure out her life over the course of one magical summer?

The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan: After her conservative Muslim parents catch her kissing her girlfriend Ariana, Rukhsana Ali finds herself whisked off to Bangladesh and must find the courage to fight for the right to choose her own path. *

The Truth Is by NoNiega Ramos: Closed off and grieving her best friend, fifteen-year-old overachiever Verdad faces prejudices at school and from her traditional mother, her father's distance since his remarriage, and her attraction to a transgender classmate. *

Birthday by Meredith Russo: Born in the same hospital on the same day, Eric and Morgan grow up together as best friends, through six years of birthdays they discover who they are meant to be, and if they are meant to be together. *

I Wish You All the Best by Mason Deaver: Thrown out of their parents' home and moving in with their estranged sister after coming out as nonbinary, Ben De Backer struggles to endure an anxiety disorder and the last half of senior year while bonding with a charismatic new friend. *

We Are Totally Normal by Rahul Kanakia: A teen's plans for a perfect junior year are challenged by growing realizations about his sexuality, an unplanned relationship with a male friend and his growing anxiety over his perspectives on a normal life. *