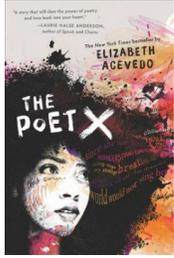


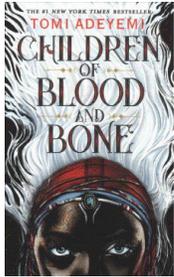
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The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

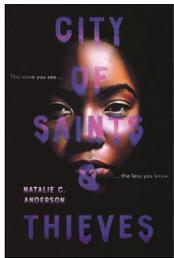
When Xiomara Batista, who pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry, is invited to join the school slam poetry club, she struggles with her mother's expectations and her need to be heard.



Children of blood and bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

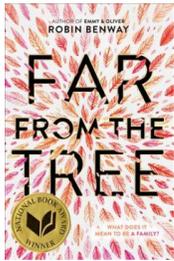
Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.



City of saints and thieves

by Natalie C. Anderson

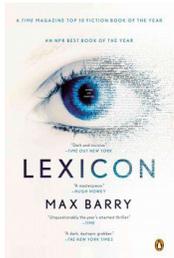
Sixteen-year-old Tina and two friends leave Kenya and slip into the Congo, from where she and her mother fled years before, seeking revenge for her mother's murder but uncovering startling secrets.



Far from the tree

by Robin Benway

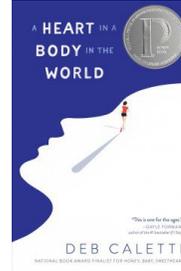
Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child between an embittered older brother and an outspoken younger sister.



Lexicon

by Max Barry

Recruited into an exclusive government school where students are taught the science of coercion to support a secretive organization of "poet" world manipulators, orphaned street hustler Emily Ruff becomes the school's most talented prodigy before catastrophically falling in love, while a seemingly innocent young man is rendered a pawn in a dangerous power



A heart in a body in the world

by Deb Caletti

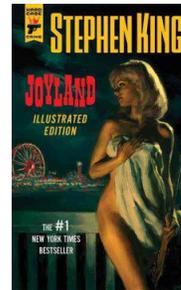
The National Book Award finalist and author of Stay finds a traumatized teen fleeing to Washington, D.C., where she becomes a reluctant activist in her effort to escape the past, in a tale that touches on such themes as gun violence, rape culture and misdirected guilt.



Dark matter : a novel

by Blake Crouch

College physics professor Jason Dessen is kidnapped, knocked unconscious--and awakens in a world inexplicably different from the reality he thought he knew.



Joyland

by Stephen King

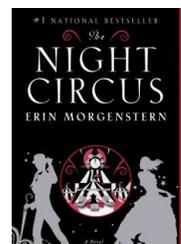
Set in a small-town North Carolina amusement park in 1973, Joyland tells the story of the summer in which college student Devin Jones comes to work as a carny and confronts the legacy of a vicious murder, the fate of a dying child, and the ways both will change his life forever.



We are okay

by Nina LaCour

After leaving her life behind to go to college in New York, Marin must face the truth about the tragedy that happened in the final weeks of summer when her friend Mabel comes to visit.



The Night Circus

by Erin Morgenstern

Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful waus.

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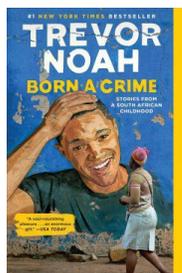
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Born a crime : stories from a South African childhood

by Trevor Noah

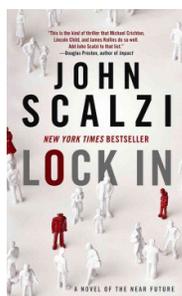
The comedian traces his coming of age during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed, offering insight into the farcical aspects of the political and social systems of today's world.



I am not your perfect Mexican daughter

by Erika L. Sánchez

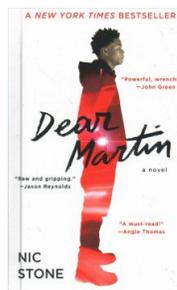
After the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.



Lock in

by John Scalzi

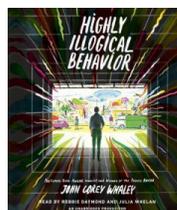
When a new virus causes one percent of the population to become completely paralyzed in body but not in mind, the United States pursues a scientific initiative to develop a virtual-reality world for victims, with unexpected consequences.



Dear Martin

by Nic Stone

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.



Highly illogical behavior

by John Corey Whaley

An agoraphobic teen who has not left his house for three years is sought out by an ambitious girl determined to get into a top-tier psychology program by treating him and earning a scholarship, a plan that is challenged by their growing bond.



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