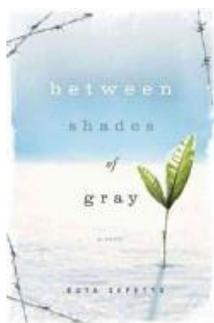
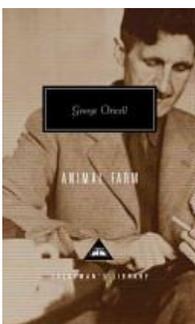


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***Between Shades of Gray* by **Ruta Sepetys****

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.



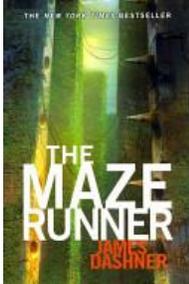
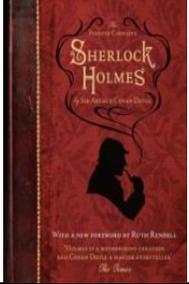
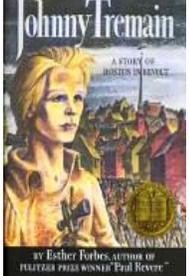
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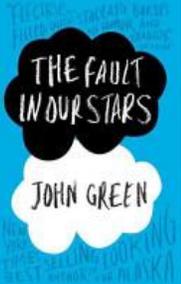
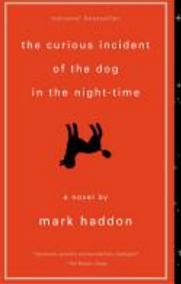
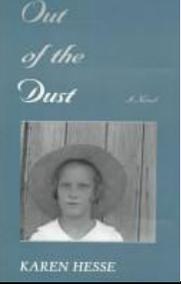
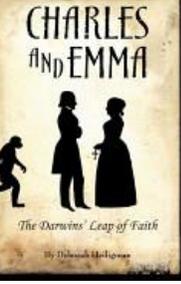
The animals of Manor Farm have revolted and taken over. Upon the death of Old Major, pigs Snowball and Napoleon lead a revolt against Mr. Jones, driving him from the farm. The animals embrace the Seven Commandments of Animalism and life carries on, but they learn that a farm ruled by animals looks more human than ever.

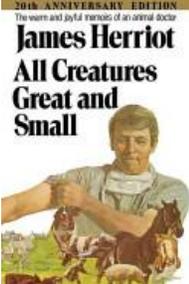
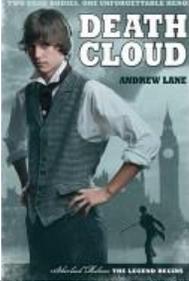
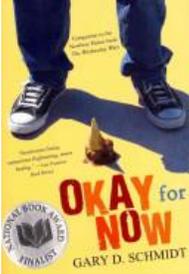
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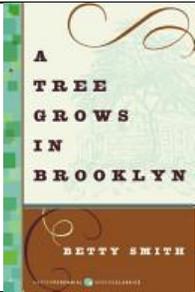
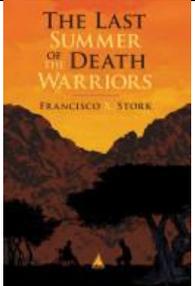
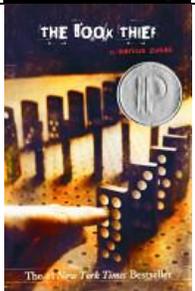
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	<p><b>Anderson, M. T. -- <u><a href="#">The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing: Traitor to the Nation</a></u></b>(challenging)          “He was raised as an experiment and considered a piece of property. Now that revolution has come to America, will Octavian find freedom?”</p>
	<p><b>Brooks, Kevin -- <u><a href="#">iBoy</a></u></b>          What can he do with his new powers -- and what are they doing to him? Before the attack, Tom Harvey was just an average teen. But a head-on collision with high technology has turned him into an actualized App. Fragments of a shattered iPhone are embedded in his brain. And they're having an extraordinary effect on his every thought. Tom's new powers come with hard choices, and not even his mental search engine can predict the shocking outcome of iBoy's actions.</p>
	<p><b>Butler, Dori Hillestad -- <u><a href="#">The Truth about Truman School</a></u></b>          Cyber bullying as seen through the eyes of Truman school students.</p>

	<p><b>Courtenay, Bryce -- <u><a href="#">The Power of One</a></u></b> (occasional upsetting images)  The remarkable path of a young man growing up apartheid South Africa in the 1940's and 1950's. Many adventures that build an understanding of tolerance in a pernicious environment.</p>
	<p><b>Dashner, James -- <u><a href="#">The Maze Runner</a></u></b>  Where are we? The main character, Thomas, finds himself in The Glade in the center of a Maze with no way out. Peopled by young boys, is this group self-sufficient, self-indulgent, or just self-destructive?</p>
	<p><b>Any Sherlock Holmes books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</b></p>
	<p><b>Forbes, Esther -- <u><a href="#">Johnny Tremain</a></u></b> (a helpful connection to history)  Johnny Tremain, a young boy apprenticed to a silversmith in Boston, finds himself embroiled in the American Revolution.</p>

	<p><b>Green, John -- <u><a href="#">The Fault in Our Stars</a></u></b>        Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel's disease has always been "terminal." But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. This novel brilliantly explores the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.</p>
	<p><b>Haddon, Mark -- <u><a href="#">The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</a></u></b> (occasional inappropriate language)        15-year-old autistic boy solves equations and mysteries, but struggles with the placement of food on his dinner plate and good and bad days based on the color patterns of cars he sees. Quirky.</p>
	<p><b>Hesse, Karen -- <u><a href="#">Out of the Dust</a></u></b>        Free verse format in the Dust Bowl era of the 1930's Oklahoma. A family copes with tragedy and hardship.</p>
	<p><b>Heiligman, Deborah -- <u><a href="#">Charles and Emma</a></u></b> (non-fiction)        Charles Darwin searches for love using scientific methods and finds a life-long partner who steers his famous successes. A look at a side of Darwin's life that helped create this man of science greatness.</p>

	<p><b>Herriot, James -- <u>All Creatures Great and Small</u></b>          In this work “we meet the young Herriot as he takes up his calling and discovers that the realities of veterinary practice in rural Yorkshire are very different from the sterile setting of veterinary school...humor, compassion, and love of the animal world shine forth.”</p>
	<p><b>Lane, Andrew -- <u>Death Cloud</u></b>          Even Sherlock Holmes had to start somewhere. Lane introduces a teenage Holmes who begins his journey towards legendary status.</p>
	<p><b>du Maurier, Daphne -- <u>Rebecca</u> (challenging)</b>          du Maurier creates a tale of suspicion and love at the grand English estate of Manderley. A mystery laden with fear haunts this estate with cruelty, evil, and obsession as the deceased character Rebecca dominates the ghostly events.</p>
	<p><b>Schmidt, Gary D. -- <u>Okay for Now</u></b>          “This is Schmidt’s best novel yet –darker....--expert attention to voice, character, and big ideas.” “... a story of discovering and rescuing one’s best self, despite family pressure to do otherwise.” Simply a great read.</p>

	<p><b>Smith, Betty -- <u><i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i></u></b>          “The inspirational story of Francie Nolan struggling with poverty and loss in the 1900’s, but surviving and succeeding in life. A remarkable blend of time and place.”</p>
	<p><b>Stork, Francisco X. -- <u><i>The Last Summer of the Death Warriors</i></u></b>          One is dying of cancer. The other's planning a murder. When Pancho arrives at St. Anthony's Home, he knows his time there will be short: If his plans succeed, he'll soon be arrested for the murder of his sister's killer. But then he's assigned to help D.Q., whose brain cancer has slowed neither his spirit nor his mouth. This is a buddy novel of the highest kind: the story of a friendship that helps two young men become all they can be.</p>
	<p><b>Zusak, Marcus -- <u><i>The Book Thief</i></u> (challenging)</b>          Narrated by Death the book traces the growth of Leisel as she steals books during the reign of the Nazis. She and her best friend, Rudy, find power in words and language, and a lasting friendship. Powerfully written for the enjoyment of any reader.</p>