

Rush by Silver

Rochester, New York, high schooler Miki Jones is pulled into a sort of a game in which she and other teens battle real-life aliens and the consequences of each battle could be deadly.

YA Silve**The Eye of Minds by Dashner**

Michael is a skilled internet gamer in a world of advanced technology. When a cyber-terrorist begins to threaten players, Michael is called upon to seek him and his secrets out. **First in a series.**

YA DashJ**Doomed by Deebz**

Pandora Walker unwittingly unleashes cyber Armageddon on her seventeenth birthday and must play a virtual reality game in order to save the world.

YA DeebT**Unplugged by Freitas**

In the App World, Skye is a sixteen-year-old virtual girl without any glamorous downloads or fancy effects. She joined the App World for the promise of a better, virtual life, but she's looking forward to her seventeenth birthday, when she gets to unplug, see her mother and sister again, and decide which world she belongs in once and for all. Without warning, the border between worlds suddenly closes. Skye is trapped, and her only chance to unplug and see her family again is to find and help Rain Holt, the son of the most powerful leader in App World. **First in a series.**

YA FreiD**Guy in Real Life by Brezenoff**

It is Labor Day weekend in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and boy and girl collide on a dark street at two thirty in the morning: Lesh, who wears black, listens to metal, and plays MMOs; Svetlana, who embroiders her skirts, listens to Björk and Berlioz, and dungeon masters her own RPG. They should pick themselves up, continue on their way, and never talk to each other again. But they don't.

YA BrezS**Glitch by Anastasiu**

In the Community, there is no more pain or war. Implanted computer chips have wiped humanity clean of destructive emotions, and thoughts are replaced by a feed from the Link network. When Zoe starts to malfunction (or "glitch"), she suddenly begins having her own thoughts, feelings, and identity. Any anomalies must be immediately reported and repaired, but Zoe has a secret so dark it will mean certain deactivation if she is caught: her glitches have given her uncontrollable telekinetic powers. **First in a series.**

YA AnasH**Feed by Anderson**

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

YA AndeM**Dream Fall by Plum**

Cata suffers from debilitating insomnia, and she agreed to take part in an experimental procedure. She thought things couldn't get any worse, but she was terribly wrong. After the experiment begins, there's a malfunction with the lab equipment, and Cata and six other teen patients are plunged into a shared dream-world with no memory of how they got there. Even worse, they come to the chilling realization that they are trapped in a place where their worst nightmares have come to life

YA PlumA

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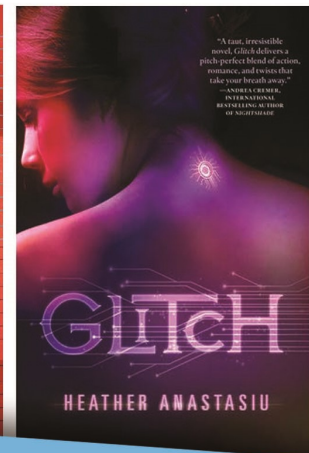
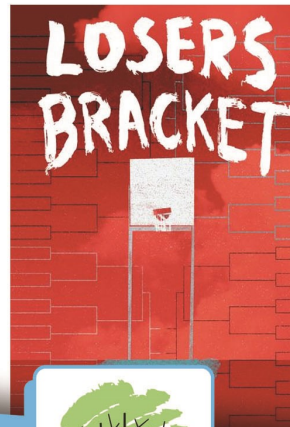
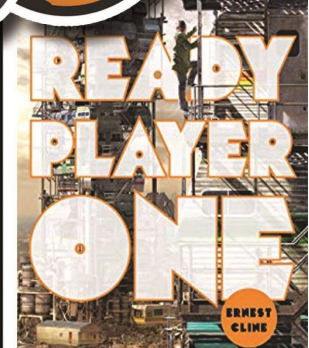
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SUGGESTED READING

SPORTS

After the Shot Drops by Ribay

YA Ribar

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.

The Contender by Lipsyte

YA LipsR

Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high-school dropout, and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the boxer—that before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender.

The Crossover by Alexander

YA AlexK

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Game Change by Monniger

YA MonnJ

When the first string quarterback is injured a week before the state championship game, Zeb Holloway finds himself starting and realizing he may have a future outside his rural New Hampshire town.

The Running Dream by Van Draanen

YA Van DW

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

Heat by Lupica

YA LupiM

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat along with aspirations of leading his team all the way to the Little League World Series. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year-old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system—or worse, sent back to Cuba.

First & Then by Mills

YA MillE

Devon isn't quite sure what she wants to do with her life, but she has no intention spending it babysitting her quirky cousin, Foster, who's recently moved in with her family. As it turns out, the guidance Devon really needs is from Ezra, the extremely talented, closed-off, and hot star of the football team. As Ezra helps Foster nurture the skills no one knew he possessed, Devon learns there might be more to Ezra than a killer arm.

Gutless by Deuker

YA DeukC

With both good speed and good hands, wide receiver Brock Ripley should be a natural for the varsity team, but he shies from physical contact. When his issues get him cut from varsity, he also loses his friendship with star quarterback Hunter Gates. Now a target for bullying, Brock struggles to overcome his fears and discover that, in his own way, he is brave enough.

Until Friday Night by Glines

YA GlinA

In the small town of Lawton, Alabama, star high school quarterback West Ashby meets new girl Maggie Carlton, both battling feelings of grief and sorrow. **First in a series.**

Hooper by Herbach

YA HerbG

Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. But an incident with the police forces him to make an impossible choice between his new family and the sport that's given him everything.

Loser's Bracket by Crutcher

YA CrutC

When it comes to family, Annie is in the losers bracket. While her foster parents are great (mostly), her birth family would not have been her first pick. And no matter how many times Annie tries to write them out of her life, she always gets sucked back into their drama. Love is like that. But when a family argument breaks out at Annie's swim meet and her nephew goes missing, Annie might be the only one who can get him back. With help from her friends, her foster brother, and her social service worker, Annie puts the pieces of the puzzle together, determined to find her nephew and finally get him into a safe home.

Dairy Queen by Murdock

YA MurdC

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. **First in a series.**

Swagger by Deuker

YA DeukC

High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball career until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.

Cold Day in the Sun by Biren

YA BireS

Holland Delviss wants to be known for her talent as a hockey player, not a hockey player who happens to be a girl. But when her school team is selected to be featured and televised as part of HockeyFest, her status as the only girl on the boys' team makes her the lead story. Not everyone is thrilled with Holland's new fame, but there's one person who fiercely supports her, and it's the last person she expects: her bossy team captain, Wes.

The Perfect Shot by Alphin

YA AlphE

Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family who were gunned down a year ago, but the upcoming murder trial and a high school history assignment force him to face the past and decide how far he should go to see justice served. Includes facts about miscarriages of justice in American history.

The Rebounder by Dygard

YA Dygat

Doug Fulton, coach of the Hamilton High Panthers, is certain that transfer student Chris Patton can lead the team to a championship, but a tragic accident has made Chris decide to never play basketball again.

Heroine by McGinnis

YA McGiM

When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot as the catcher for a team expected to make a historic tournament run. Behind the plate is the only place she's ever felt comfortable, and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there.

VIDEO GAMES

For the Win by Doctorow

YA DoctC

A group of teens from around the world find themselves drawn into an online revolution arranged by a mysterious young woman known as Big Sister Nor, who hopes to challenge the status quo and change the world using her virtual connections.

Insignia by Kincaid

YA KincS

The planet's natural resources are almost gone, and war is being fought to control the assets of the solar system. The enemy is winning. The salvation may be Tom Raines. Tom doesn't seem like a hero. He's a short fourteen-year-old with bad skin. But he has the virtual-reality gaming skills that make him a phenom behind the controls of the battle drones. **First in a series.**

Warcross by Lu

YA LuM

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

Epic by Kostick

YA KostC

Generations ago, violence was banned on New Earth. Society is governed and conflicts are resolved in the arena of a fantasy computer game, Epic. Everyone plays. If you win, you have the chance to go to university, get more supplies for your community, and fulfill your dreams; if you lose, your life both in and out of the game is worth nothing.

Otherworld by Segel

YA SegeJ

After the newest set of virtual reality gear hits the market, Simon can't wait to test it out. But, when his friend Katherine suddenly disappears after being seen with men from the same gaming company, Simon must decide how far in the game he's willing to go to save her. **First in a series.**

The Leveller by Durango

YA DuraJ

Nixy works as a virtual reality bounty hunter. For a fee, she will pull kids out of the MEEP. But when the MEEP's creator hires her to find his son Wyn, she realizes that there's more at stake than in her usual jobs.

The Six by Alpert

YA AlpeM

Adam, crippled by muscular dystrophy, and five other terminally ill teenagers sacrifice their bodies and upload their minds into weaponized robots to battle a dangerously advanced artificial intelligence program bent on destroying humanity.

Ready Player One by Cline

YA ClineE

The world has turned into a very bleak place, but luckily there is OASIS, a virtual reality world that is a vast online utopia. People can plug into OASIS to play, go to school, earn money, and even meet other people (or at least they can meet their avatars), and for Wade Watts it certainly beats passing the time in his grim, poverty-stricken real life. Along with millions of other world-wide citizens, Wade dreams of finding three keys left behind by James Halliday, the now-deceased creator of OASIS and the richest man to have ever lived. But Halliday has not made it easy. And there are real dangers in this virtual world.