

Dead Wednesday

by Jerry Spinelli

When the school assigns each eighth-grader the name of a teenager who died in the past year as a lesson in mortality, Worm Tarnauer, who thrives on being invisible, doesn't count on Becca Finch, the 17-year-old car crash victim who changes everything. Lexile:

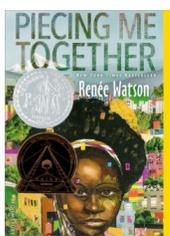
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A Million Views

by Aaron Starmer

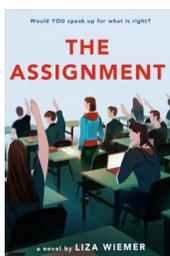
Determined to make a video that garners a million views, Brewster Gaines enlists the help of charismatic new kid Carly but gets more than he bargained for when his simple shoot turns into a full-fledged movie production. No Lexile.



Piecing Me Together

by Renée Watson

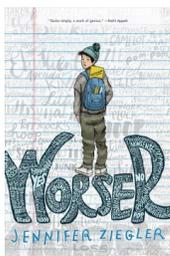
Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, Jade would rather participate in the school's Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls. Lexile: 680.



The Assignment

by Liza Wiemer

Standing in opposition to a class assignment to debate Hitler's Final Solution, seniors Cade and Logan become embroiled in turmoil involving their teacher, principal, Commissioner of Education, white supremacists, and their entire community. No Lexile.



Worser

by Jennifer Ziegler

William Wyatt Orser's life is turned upside down after his mother has a stroke, but the socially awkward, word-loving twelve-year-old finds glimmers of hope when he discovers friends who share his love of wordplay and books. No Lexile.

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The Next Great Paulie Fink

by Ali Benjamin

Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink. Lexile: 710.



Dream, Annie, Dream

by Waka T. Brown

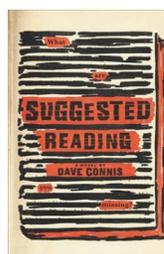
When she lands a big role in the production of *The King and I*, Japanese American seventh grader Annie, belittled by her mostly white classmates, must rise above racism while chasing her dreams. No Lexile.



Karthik Delivers

by Sheela Chari

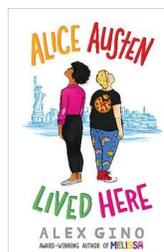
Unable to tell his parents he is in a play about musical genius Leonard Bernstein, Karthik Raghavan, who delivers groceries to help his family's store stay afloat, wonders if acting is his special talent and must decide what happens next. No Lexile.



Suggested Reading

by Dave Connis

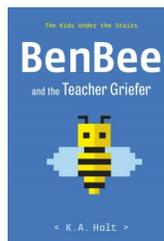
After her principal bans a number of books from the school library, bibliophile student Clara joins forces with her friends to start an underground library. No Lexile.



Alice Austen Lived Here

by Alex Gino

Entering his town's contest for a new statue, nonbinary Sam delves into the history of his subject, photographer Alice Austen, and discovers a rich queer history that they are part of one they must stand up for. Lexile: 830.



BenBee and the Teacher Griefer

by K. A. Holt

Told in multiple voices, four summer school classmates band together to save their teacher and their academic futures after Ms J.'s unorthodox teaching methods are questioned. Lexile: 980.



The Boys in the Back Row

by Mike Jung

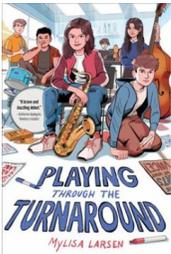
Before Eric moves away, he and his best friend Matt sneak out for a final adventure during a marching band competition. Lexile: 860.



Jennifer Chan is Not Alone

by Tae Keller

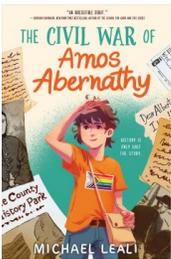
When Jennifer Chan, a new girl who believes she can find aliens, goes missing, Mallory Moss sets out to find her and must figure out why Jennifer might have run and face the truth inside herself. Lexile: 640.



Playing Through the Turnaround

by Mylisa Larsen

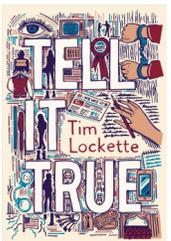
When their beloved Jazz Lab teacher is let go due to budget cuts, his students hatch a plan to save their class, becoming an unlikely band of crusaders whose quest turns into something bigger than they ever could have imagined. No Lexile.



The Civil War of Amos Abernathy

by Michael Leali

Through letters he writes in his journal, thirteen-year-old Amos finds a confidant in a queer historical figure from the Civil War. No Lexile.



Tell it True

by Tim Lockette

A high school outcast finds herself in charge of the school newspaper and as she navigates the dilemmas, challenges and unintended consequences of journalism, she finds her life--and her convictions--changing in ways she could not have imagined. No Lexile.



Ophelia After All

by Racquel Marie

A romantic at heart, Ophelia Roja deals with friendship drama and her own queerness at the end of high school, forcing her to choose between the fantasy version of herself that she's always imagined-or finally revealing who she really is. Lexile: 870.



Moxie!

by Jennifer Mathieu

In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, Viv, sixteen, starts a feminist revolution using anonymously-written zines. Lexile: 840.



It Goes Like This

by Miel Moreland

"Eva, Celeste, Gina, and Steph used to think their friendship was unbreakable. But after a sudden falling out leads to the dissolution of the teens' band, their friendship, and Eva and Celeste's starry-eyed romance, nothing is the same. Lexile: 760.



Komi Can't Communicate

by Tomohito Oda

Socially anxious high school student Shoko Komi would love to make friends, but her shyness is interpreted as reserve, and the other students keep her at a distance. Shelved with Middle School Manga under Komi. No Lexile.

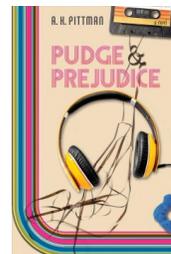


The First Rule of Punk

by Celia C. Pérez

After María Luisa O'Neill-Morales moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago, she violates her school's dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurns the school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded friends.

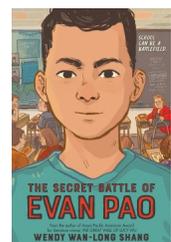
Lexile: 670.



Pudge & Prejudice

by Allison Pittman

"After moving to Northfield with her family, Elyse Nebbit faces the challenge of finding her place in a new school, one dominated by social status and Friday night football. No Lexile.



The Secret Battle of Evan Pao

by Wendy Wan Long Shang

Moving to Haddington, Virginia, Evan Pao is targeted by a boy who is determined to make sure that Chinese American Evan is not included, forcing Evan to decide whether to react with the same cruelty shown to him, or choose a different path. No Lexile.