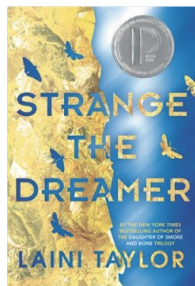


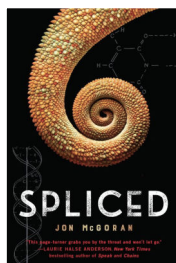
**Spliced by Jon McGoran**

Sixteen-year-old Jimi Corcoran and Del, her genetically altered best friend, fight for survival in a near-future society that is redefining what it means to be human.



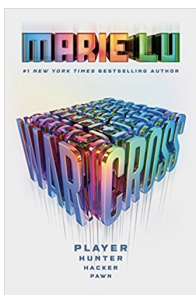
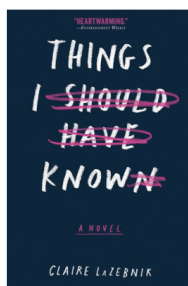
**Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor**

In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, a hero, a librarian, and a girl must battle the fantastical elements of a mysterious city stripped of its name.



**Things I Should Have Known by Claire LaZebnik**

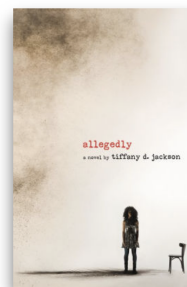
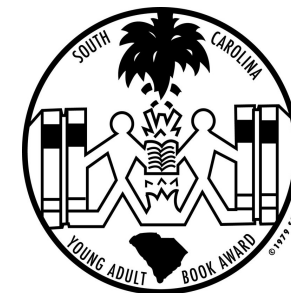
A popular Los Angeles teen tries to find love for her older, autistic sister.



**Warcross by Marie Lu**

After hacking into the Warcross Championships' opening game to track illegal betting, bounty hunter Emika Chen is asked by the game's creator to go undercover to investigate a security problem, and she uncovers a sinister plot.

## 2019-2020 South Carolina Young Adult Book Award Nominees

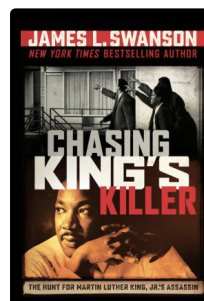
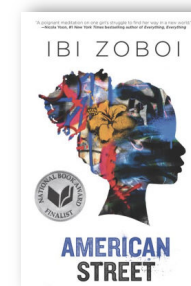


**Allegedly by Tiffany D. Jackson**

When Mary, a teenager living in a group home, becomes pregnant, authorities take another look at the crime for which Mary was convicted when she was nine years old.

**American Street by Ibi Zoboi**

Separated from her detained mother after moving from Haiti to America, Fabiola struggles to navigate the home of her loud cousins and a new school on Detroit's gritty west side, where a surprising romance and a dangerous proposition challenge her ideas about freedom.



**Chasing King's Killer by James L. Swanson**

Offers an inside look into the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his assassin, James Earl Ray, discussing the history of the time and systematically examining the assassination and its aftermath

**Deacon Locke Went to Prom by Brian Katcher**

The love life of an awkward teen takes an unforgettable turn after he brings his grandmother to prom in this funny, offbeat, and smile-inducing contemporary romance that is pitch perfect for fans of Jesse Andrews and Robyn Schneider.



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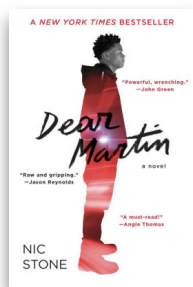
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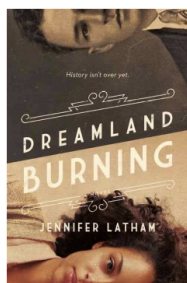


### **Dear Martin by Nic Stone**

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.

### **Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham**

When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters tell the story of William, another teen grappling with the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot, providing some clues to the mystery.



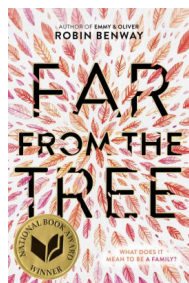
### **Everything All at Once by Katrina Leno**

When her struggles with anxiety worsen in the aftermath of a family death, Lottie is bequeathed a series of letters from her late aunt, a best-selling author, who leaves instructions to help Lottie overcome her fears and explore her own literary voice.



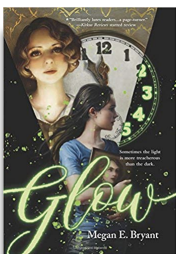
### **Far from the Tree by Robin Benway**

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.



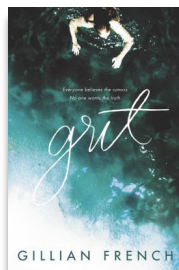
### **Glow by Megan E. Bryant**

Discovering a series of antique paintings containing hidden glowing images, a young thrift-store aficionado investigates their origins and discovers the haunting true story of a group of young women artists, the Radium Girls, who used dangerous radioactive paint to create the world's first glow-in-the-dark products.



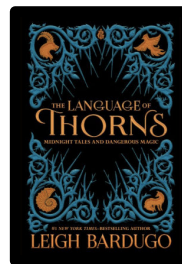
### **Grit by Gillian French**

Darcy, who has a reputation and is used to rumors swirling around her, wrestles with what happened the same night her friend disappeared the previous summer and struggles with the weight of the dark secret she and her cousin share.



### **I Believe in a Thing Called Love by Maurene Goo**

A disaster in romance, high school senior Desi Lee decides to tackle her flirting failures by watching Korean television dramas, where the hapless heroine always seems to end up in the arms of her true love by episode ten.



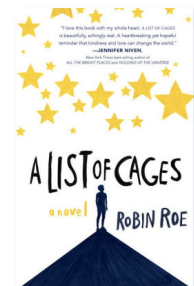
### **The Language of Thorns by Leigh Bardugo**

Travel to a world of dark bargains struck by moonlight, of haunted towns and hungry woods, of talking beasts and gingerbread golems, where a young mermaid's voice can summon deadly storms and where a river might do a lovestruck boy's bidding but only for a terrible price.



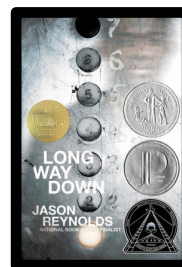
### **A List of Cages by Robin Roe**

Landing a coveted elective to serve as an aide to the school psychologist, Adam, a student struggling with ADHD, is assigned to track down a troubled freshman he discovers is the foster brother he has not seen in five years.



### **Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds**

Driven by the secrets and vengeance that mark his street **culture**, 15-year-old Will contemplates over the course of 60 psychologically suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.



### **One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus**

When one of five students in detention is found dead, his high-profile classmates—including a brainy intellectual, a popular beauty, a drug dealer on probation and an all-star athlete—are investigated and revealed to be the subjects of the victim's latest gossip postings.



### **Soldier Boy by Keely Hutton**

Follows Ricky from 1987-1991, and Samuel in 2006, as they are abducted to serve as child-**soldiers** in Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda. Includes historical notes and information about Friends of Orphans, an organization founded by Ricky Richard Anywar, on whose life the story is partly based.

