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.
AR BL 4.3, 2 pts. Fiction.

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death as she also struggles with an eating disorder.
AR BL 4.1, 9 pts. Fiction.

Arnold, David. *Kids of Appetite.*
Teens Victor and Madeline sit in separate police interrogation rooms telling about the misfits who brought them together and their journey sparked by a message in an urn. The plot contains profanity and violence.
AR BLL 5.2, 12 pts. Interesting cast of characters, mystery.
Sync Audio available 07/18/19

Benoit, Charles. *You.*
Fifteen-year-old Kyle discovers the shattering ramifications of the decisions he makes, and does not make, about school, the girl he likes, and his future. The plot contains sexual situations and violence.
AR BL 5.4, 5 pts. Male protagonist, suspense.
Sync Audio available 05/02/19

de Rosnay, Tatiana. *Sarah’s Key.*
American journalist Julia Jarmond researches the brutal 1942 Nazi roundup in Paris and stumbles upon a connection between her husband's family and one of the victims, which compels her to learn more about the girl's life.
AR BL 4.3, 12 pts. Mystery.

During her last summer at home before leaving for college, Emaline begins a whirlwind romance with Theo, an assistant documentary filmmaker who is in town to make a movie. The plot contains profanity and sexual situations.
AR BL 4.6, 16 pts. Relationships, romance.

Draper, Sharon. *Romiette and Julio*
Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, an Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after meeting on the Internet.
AR BL 4.7, 10 pts. Relationships, romance.

Dugard, Jaycee. *A Stolen Life.*
In June 1991, Jaycee was kidnapped. For eighteen years, she was a prisoner and an object for someone to use and abuse. She became a mother, was forced to be a sister, and survived an impossible situation. The plot contains profanity and sexual abuse.
AR BL 5.2, 10 pts. Nonfiction, contemporary issues, crime.
Gaiman, Neil. **The Ocean at the End of the Lane.**
A man returns to his childhood village seeking comfort in memories of his youth and the friend who long ago transformed his life. The plot contains sexual situations and violence.
AR BL 5.3, 8 pts. Fantasy, supernatural.

Grandberry, Omari. **O.**
The author describes his childhood in LA, sharing his personal side, his deep respect for the women who raised him and his rise within the music industry.
AR BL 5.5, 6 pts. Nonfiction.

Green, John. **Turtles All the Way Down.**
The search for a fugitive billionaire is a springboard to an examination of sixteen-year-old Aza's anxiety disorder. The plot contains profanity and sexual references.
AR BL 5.6, 10 pts. Fiction, relationships.

Green, John. **Will Grayson, Will Grayson.**
When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined. The plot contains profanity and sexual references. The coauthor is David Levithan.
AR BL 5.1, 11 pts. Fiction, relationships.

Hobbs, William. **Downriver**
Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.
AR BL 4.9, 8 pts. Fiction, adventure.

Jal, Emmanuel. **War Child: A Child Soldier's Story.**
This autobiography shares the author's childhood during the 1980s civil war in Sudan, the violence of the Christian Sudanese Liberation, his rescue and adoption, and success as a hip-hop recording artist. The coauthor is Megan Davies.
AR BL 5.5, 14 pts. Nonfiction.

Johnston, Tony. **Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio.**
Arturo and his family and friends share all kinds of experiences living in the barrio of East Los Angeles--reclaiming their names, playing basketball, championing the school librarian, and even starting their own gang.
AR BL 4.1, 2 pts. Multicultural.

Jimenez, Francisco. **Breaking Through.**
Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.
AR BL 5.3, 7 pts. Multicultural.

Lemasolai Lekuton, Joseph. **Facing the Lion**
A member of the Maasai people describes his life as he grew up in a northern Kenya village, traveled to America to attend college, and became an elementary school teacher in Virginia.
AR BL 5.1, 4 pts. Multicultural.
Lu, Marie. **The Young Elites.**
(No. 1 in series) Some survivors of the blood fever are rumored to have impossible powers. Scorned and hunted, Adelina is one of these, but do her compatriots seek justice or revenge? The plot contains violence.
AR 5.3, 14 pts. Fiction.

Lupica, Mike. **True Legend.**
Fifteen-year-old Drew "True" Robinson loves being the best point-guard prospect in high school basketball, but learns the consequences of fame through a former player, as well as through the man who expects to be his manager when True reaches the NBA.
AR BL 5.2, 10 pts. Fiction.

Lynch, Chris. **I Pledge Allegiance.**
(No.1 in Vietnam series) Best friends Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck, having been either drafted or enlisted in the military during the Vietnam War, pledge they will come home together, and Morris, a sailor on the USS "Boston," relies on that promise to stay strong while his courage and resolve are tested under attack. (Kirkus Review)
AR BL 5.3, 6 pts. Fiction.

Maniscalco, Kerri. **Stalking Jack the Ripper.**
This book is a gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper. The plot contains graphic violence. Book #1
AR BL 6.2. 14 pts. Female protagonist, historical fiction, mystery.

McCormick, Patricia. **Sold.**
After monsoons wash away her family's rice crop, thirteen-year-old Lakshmi is sold into prostitution by her stepfather.
AR BL 5, 5 pts. Multicultural.

Medina, Meg. **Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass.**
A Latina teen is targeted by a bully at her new school and must discover resources she never knew she had. The plot contains profanity, sexual references, and graphic violence.
AR BL 4.3, 8 pts. Female protagonists, Latina, bullying.

Nielsen, Jennifer. **A Night Divided.**
When her family is abruptly divided by the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta harbors forbidden thoughts about freedom and reuniting with her loved ones before a coded message from her father inspires a daring plan.
RL 5.4, 16 pts. Female protagonist, historical fiction, suspense.

Nelson, Jandy. **I'll Give You the Sun.**
This story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal is told from different points in time and in separate voices by artists Jude and her twin brother, Noah.
AR BL 4.9, 16pts. Fiction, relationships.

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Paulsen, Gary. *Brian's Winter*
Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book *Hatchet*, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.
AR BL 5.9, 5 pts. Fiction.

Peet, Mal. *Keeper.*
In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.
AR BL 5.1, 8 pts. Fiction.

Russo, Meredith. *If I Was Your Girl.*
Amanda wants to fit in, but is keeping a big secret. When she falls for Grant, Amanda yearns to share everything with him, including her previous life as Andrew. The plot contains profanity, sexual situations, violence, and negative stereotypes.
AR BL 4.2, 9 pts. LGBTQ.

Shusterman, Neal. *Unwind.*
In a future world where those between the ages of 13 and 18 can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs and save their own lives. The plot contains profanity. Book #1
AR BL 5, 14 pts. Fiction, dystopia.

Silvera, Adam. *More Happy Than Not.*
Struggling with memories, abandoned by friends and losing his father to suicide, Aaron attempts to forget his own identity through memory-altering therapy. The plot contains pervasive profanity, explicit sexual situations, and violence.
AR BL 5.5, 12 pts. Relationships.

Smith, Amber. *The Last to Let Go*
When Brooke's mother is arrested for killing Brooke's abusive father, Brooke must confront the shadow of her family's violence and dysfunction. The story contains sexual situations, violence, underage drinking, and pervasive profanity.
AR BL 5.1, 14 pts. LGBTQ.

Wittlinger, Ellen. *Parrotfish*
Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.
AR BL 4.7, 8 pts. LGBTQ.

Wolk, Lauren. *Beyond the Bright Sea.*
Twelve-year-old orphan Crow embarks on a journey to discover who her parents were and why they abandoned her as an infant.
AR BL 4.8, 9 pts. Fiction.
Woodson, Jacqueline. **Miracle's Boys**
Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.
AR BL 4.3, 3 pts. Fiction.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. **Blink and Caution.**
Two homeless teenagers, Blink, forced to go on the run after stumbling upon the fake kidnapping of a CEO, and Caution, a girl trying to ditch her drug-dealing boyfriend, find redemption when they learn to help each other.
AR BL 4.3, 12 pts. Male protagonists, action, suspense.
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