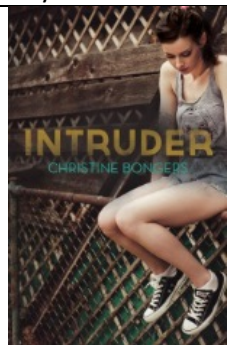


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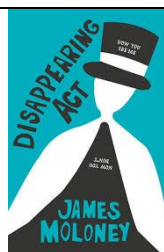
**Intruder** by Christine Bongers

*I don't walk past the houses next door. I wish the woman who lives in it was dead. Which makes it hard... because she was the one who came running when I screamed.* Kat Jones is woken by an intruder looming over her bed. She's save by Edwina- the neighbour Kat believes betrayed her dying mother. Her dad issues an ultimatum. Either spend nights next door, or accept another intruder in her life- Hercules, the world's ugliest guard dog. It's a no-brainer, even for dog- phobic Kat. When she meets adorkable Al at the dog park, finally Kat has someone to talk to, someone who cares. But the prowler isn't finished with Kat. To stop him, she needs Edwina's help... and what Kat learns next could mend fences- or break her fragile family apart forever.



**Cracked** by Clare Strahan

At fifteen, Clover is finding the going tougher than she expected. Her life is close to being derailed on the rocky terrain of family, friendship, first love, acts of defiance and a planet on the brink of environmental disaster. So when Keek breaks his promise, and school sucks, and her mother's impossible, and her dog's getting old, and the cool- girls are awful, and the footy- boys are bullies... and then she's arrested for vandalism- what else can she be but cracked. Can Clover pull herself together or will she spiral further out of control?



**Disappearing Act** by James Moloney

When would- be magician Matt Cooper stumbles upon an old notebook, he discovers an array of tricks. But this notebook reveals more than just magicians' secrets: an inscription holds the key to a shocking family mystery. The inscription takes Matt to the other side of the world, where he must confront dark enemies and solve a crime that has baffled a nation for decades. Can a princess and a master illusionist help him unravel the clues and save his family's reputation? And will Matt realise there's more to magic than meets the eye?



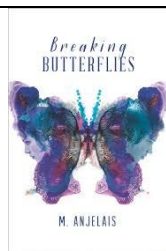
**The Year of the Rat** by Clare Furniss

Pearl's baby sister is The Rat. She's the reason Pearl's mum died, the reason everything has changed forever, and Pearl can't forgive her for that. Because losing her mum is the hardest thing that Pearl has ever gone through and no one, not her dad, her interfering granny, her best friend- and especially not her new little sister- can break down the barriers she's putting up. But what if Pearl's mum isn't completely gone? What if, somehow, she's still here? The world may tip at any moment, Pearl knows that now. The trick is finding something to hold on to...



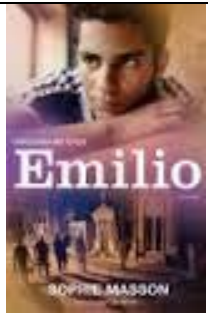
**The Black North** by Nigel McDowell

Storm clouds are gathering on the Divided Isle. Oona Kavanagh's home has escaped the worst of the ravages of war, but now the Invaders from the ruined Black North are threatening. When Oona twin brother Morris is kidnapped, Oona is forced on a journey to the furthest reaches of the country to rescue him. With rumours of the Echoes- a mysterious blight creeping across the land- and Briar- Witches and Invaders at her heels, can Oona save her brother before the South turns as Black as the North?



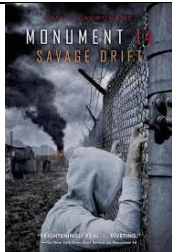
**Breaking Butterflies** by M. Anjelais

After he killed the butterfly, I knew there was something wrong. Something about his eyes. They had been burning, shining bright, so bright and so cold, like sun reflecting on an icy landscape. Everyone loved those eyes, people were always saying how beautiful they were, how unusual. How completely out of the ordinary. It was the first time in my life that I realised something could be so unusual that it was broken, so extraordinary that something was wrong with it. But I couldn't leave him.



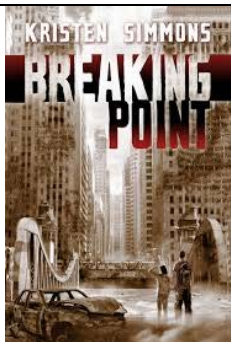
**Through My Eyes: Emilio** by Sophie Masson

'I'm sorry- I'm so sorry, Emilio,' Juanita began, her voice breaking a little. Emilio hardly heard her. His stomach was heaving, there was a roaring in his ears. The policeman said, 'My name is Raúl Castro, and I am an officer of the Policía Federal here in Mexico City.' He showed his identification. 'I regret to inform you that I have some bad news.' What began as an ordinary school day in Mexico City turns into a nightmare for Emilio. So far he has been safe from the violence that has affected so many people. But now his mother has disappeared from a city carpark, and the police think she's been kidnapped for ransom by a drug gang. Who can help him? Will he ever see her again?



**Savage Drift** (Monument 14 Book 3) by Emmy Laybourne

The survivors of the Monument 14 have escaped the disaster zone and made it to the safety of Canada. Some of them have been reunited with their families. And now Niko has learned that his lost love Josie, presumed dead, is alive. But only just. Trapped in a prison camp, Josie has given up all hope of rescue. Little does she know that her friends are on the case. Astrid- scared by the government's unusual interest in her pregnancy- along with Dean and Jake, join Niko on his desperate quest to find Josie. Will they get their happy ending?



**Breaking Point** by Kristen Simons

After faking their deaths to escape from prison, Ember Miller and Chase Jennings have only one goal: to lay low until the Federal Bureau of Reformation forgets they ever existed. Near-celebrities now for the increasingly sensationalized tales of their struggles with the government, Ember and Chase are recognized and taken in by the resistance- an underground organization working to systematically take down the government. At headquarters, all eyes are on the sniper, an anonymous assassin taking out FBR soldiers one by one. Rumors are flying about the sniper's true identity, and Ember and Chase welcome the diversion... Until the government posts its most wanted list, and their number one suspect is Ember herself.



**#16 Things I Thought Were True** by Janet Gurtler

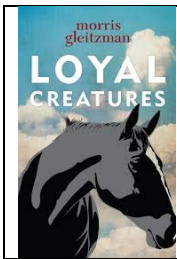
*Heart attacks happen to other people.* When Morgan's mom get sick, it's hard not to panic. Without her mother, she would have no one- until she finds out the dad who walked out on her as a baby isn't as far away as she thought...

*Adam is a stuck-up, uptight jerk.* Now that they have a summer job together, Morgan's getting to know the real Adam, and he's actually pretty sweet... in a nerdy- hot kind of way. He even offers to go with her to find her dad. Road trip, anyone? *5,000 Twitter followers are all the friends I need #thingsithoughtweretrue.* With Adam in the back seat, a hyper chatterbox named Amy behind the wheel, and plenty of junk food to fuel their trip, Morgan feels ready for anything. She's not expecting a flat tire, a missed ferry, a fake girlfriend... and that these two people she barely knew before the summer started will become the people she can't imagine living without.



**Take Me On** by Katie McGarry

Champion kickboxer Haley swore she'd never set foot into the ring again after one tragic night. But then the guy she can't stop thinking about accepts a mixed martial arts fight in her honour. Suddenly, Haley has to train West Young. All attitude, West is everything Haley promised herself she'd stay away from. Yet he won't last five seconds in the ring without her help. West is keeping a big secret from Haley about who he really is. But helping her- fighting for her- is a shot at redemption. Especially since it's his fault his family is falling apart. He can't change the past, but maybe he can change Haley's future.



***Loyal Creatures*** by Morris Gleitzman

1914. War. Did I want to volunteer with Daisy? Course I did. When I told Dad he tried to wallop me round the head with a canvas bucket.

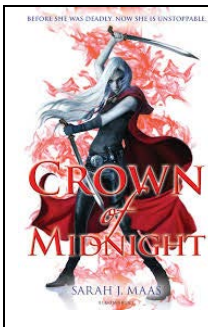
'You're fifteen,' he said.

The powerful and moving story of a young man's journey towards his own kind of bravery.



***City of Heavenly Fire*** by Cassandra Clare

Sebastian Morgenstern is on the move, systematically turning Shadowhunter against Shadowhunter. When one of the greatest betrayals the Nephilim have ever know is revealed, Clary, Jace, Isabelle, Simon and Alec must flee- even if their own journey takes them deep into the demon realms, where no Shadowhunter has set foot before, and from which no human being has ever returned. Love will be sacrificed and lives lost in the thrilling and long-awaited final instalment of the bestselling and acclaimed Mortal Instruments.

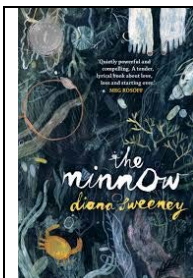


***Crown of Midnight*** by Sarah J. Maas

*She is the greatest assassin her world has ever known.*

*But does she have the heart of a killer?*

After a year of hard labor in the Salt Mines of Endovier, eighteen-year-old assassin Celaena Sardothien has won the king's contest to become the new royal assassin. But Calaena is far from loyal to the crown. Keeping up the charade - while pretending to do the king's bidding - will test her skills in an entirely new way. And it certainly isn't the only point of confusion for the young girl. Because though she's made her choice between Dorian and Chaol, the ways of the heart are never simple...



***The Minnow*** by Diana Sweeney

A girl called Tom. A flood that has taken the lives of her parents and sister. A guy called Bill, who has let her down. A grandmother who knows her secret. A good friend called Jonah, and a little catfish called Sarah. And the Minnow.