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Collins, Suzanne: *Hunger Games*

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem the Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the other districts in line by forcing them to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight-to-the-death on live TV. One boy and one girl are selected by lottery to play. Sixteen year old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her impoverished district in the Games. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

Yancy, Rick: *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*

Alfred Kropp was just trying to survive high school when his guardian uncle gets him roped into a suspicious get-rich-quick scheme that changes his life forever: stealing Excalibur the legendary sword of King Arthur. But after Alfred unwittingly delivers the sword into the hands of a man with enormously evil intentions, he sets off on an unlikely quest to try to right his wrong and save the world from imminent destruction. This gripping, fast-paced, hilarious novel is both a thrilling adventure story and an engaging account of one boy's coming of age.

Vega, Denise: *Click Here: (to find out how I survived seventh grade)*

Imagine if all your personal thoughts about crushes, fears, enemies, and even kissing practice ended up on the Internet for everyone to read. That's what happens to Erin Swift when her super-secret blog and all of her musings on navigating the treacherous waters of seventh grade – including her feelings about herself, her best friend Jillian, her crushes, and growing up – are accidentally uploaded for the whole school to see! Written with warm, knowing humor, this story perfectly captures seventh grade life.

Fleischman, Sid: *The Entertainer and the Dybbuk*

Avrom Amos likes to crack jokes. He loves the spotlight. And if he wants something, he knows how to get it. He's just like any other boy, except for one thing: He's a ghost – a dybbuk. During World War II he'd been murdered by the Nazis, right after he saved the life of a young ventriloquist named Freddie. Freddie doesn't know it yet, but he's about to return the favor because the dybbuk wants revenge, and he knows exactly how to get it.

Falls, Kat: *Rip Tide*

The sequel to the acclaimed subsea adventure DARK LIFE. Ty has always known that the ocean is a dangerous place. Every time he swims beyond the borders of his family's subsea farm, he's prepared to face all manner of aquatic submarine, its inhabitants condemned to an icy underwater grave. When Ty and Gemma try to solve the mystery they find themselves in conflict with outlaws, Seaguard officers, and the savage, trident-wielding surfs – plus a menagerie of the most deadly creatures the ocean has to offer.

White, Andrea: *Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083*

Five fourteen year olds face a desperate situation on a deadly journey in Antarctica. It is 2083. They are contestants on a reality TV show which is set up to re-create Robert F. Scott's 1912 doomed attempt to be the first to reach the South Pole. But in 2083 reality TV is not just an act. Contestants literally relive – or die during – the simulations of events. What chance does the Antarctic Survivor team have? Will they meet the same fate as the original explorers?

Wilhelm, Doug: *The Revealers*

Throwing light on a dark problem Parkland Middle School is a place the students call Darkland, because no one in it does much to stop the daily harassment of kids by other kids. Three bullied seventh graders use their smarts to get the better of their tormentors by starting an unofficial e-mail forum at school in which they publicize their experiences. Unexpectedly, lots of other kids come forward to confess their similar troubles, and it becomes clear that the problem at their school is bigger than anyone knew. The school principal wants to clamp down on the operation. This suspenseful story of computer-era underground rebellion offers fresh perspectives on some of the most enduring themes in fiction for young readers.

Hansen, Joyce: *One True Friend*

Amir has finally landed in a good place. His new foster parents, the Smiths, are loving and kind, and he has been reunited with his youngest brother, whom the Smiths have raised since babyhood. Amir knows he should be happy, but he wants to find the rest of the siblings he was separated from when his parents died. Amir's pen pal, Doris, from his old neighborhood has problems with friends, and the two of them try to help each other work on their problems.

Ursu, Anne: *The Shadow Thieves*

See that girl, the one with the bright red hair, overstuffed backpack, and aura of grumpiness? That's Charlotte Mielswetzski. And something extra-ordinary is about to happen to her. Oh, it's not the very cute kitten that appears out of nowhere and demands to go home with her. It's not the sudden arrival of her cousin Zee, who believes he's the cause of a mysterious sickness that has struck his friends back in England. It's not her creepy English teacher Mr. Metos, who takes his mythology lessons just a little too seriously. And it's not the white-faced, yellow-eyed men in tuxedos, who follow Charlotte everywhere. What's so extra-ordinary is not any one of these things . . . It's all of them. And when Charlotte's friends start to get sick one by one, Charlotte and Zee set out to find a cure. Their quest leads them to a not-so-mythical Underworld, where they face rhyme-loving Harpies, gods with personnel problems, and ghosts with a thirst for blood. Charlotte and Zee learn that the fate of every person – living and dead – is in their young hands.