

## Heartbreak Messenger

by Alexander Vance

Realistic, 288 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9781250029690

PB ISBN: 9781250044167

Breakups can be messy. That's why Quentin's break-up service is so popular.

For a small fee, Quentin will inform your significant other that they are now an "ex." For a little more, he'll even soften the blow with flowers or chocolates.

Quentin is doing well (despite the occasional violent responses to his messages), and happy to help his mother, who seems like she could use the money. But when his best friend is the next on his list of soon-to-be-exes, Quentin realizes there's more to this heartbreak business than he thought.



## Muckers

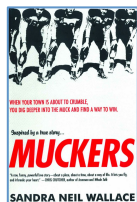
by Sandra Neil Wallace

Sports/Historical, 288 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9780375867545

Everything is ending for Red O'Sullivan.

His brother is dead, his town is dying, and his class will be the last to graduate from their school before it's closed down. The only thing that keeps him and the remaining residents going is the high school football team, the Muckers. They haven't won state since Red's brother was quarterback, and with more people leaving and less resources available, it would take a miracle to repeat that title. But the entire town is counting on them, and the Muckers won't go down without a fight!



## What's Left of Me

by Kat Zhang

Science Fiction, 368 pages, 2013

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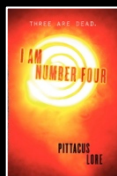
In a world where everyone is born with two souls, Addie and Eva are different. As a child grows, the dominant soul takes over, and the weaker soul fades away into nothing. Despite being weaker, Eva is still hanging on. While she can no longer move or communicate with anyone but Addie, she's still alive. But in America, keeping both souls, being a hybrid, is illegal. When the girls find a possible way to let Eva reemerge, they risk imprisonment or worse. But to speak, move, smile again, Eva is willing to do whatever it takes...



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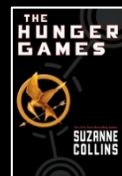
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## Shadow and Bone,

by Leigh Bardugo

Fantasy, 368 pages, 2012

HC ISBN: 9780805094596

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Orphans from the Border Wars, Alina and her best friend Mal are all each other has. During a battle, Mal is horribly injured, and Alina unleashes power she never knew she had to save him. The Darkling, strongest magic-wielder in the land, promptly whisks her away to be trained. But in their world, nothing is ever what seems. Unsure who to trust, will Alina be the savior of her nation, or another casualty in its ongoing war?



## Strike 3, You're Dead,

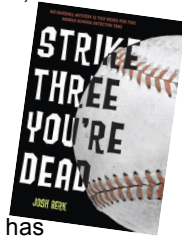
by Josh Berk

Sports/Realistic, 256 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9780375870088

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Lenny LOVES baseball, but unfortunately has zero skill. What he DOES have is a talent for announcing, and when his friends, Mike and Other Mike convince him to enter a contest, he wins! The prize: announcing one inning of a Phillies game, live, on the air. But before his inning, a hot new pitcher drops dead. Everyone thinks it's a heart attack. Everyone, except Lenny and the Mikes...



## Blink Once, by Cylind Busby

Supernatural, 304 pages, 2012

HC ISBN: 9781599908182

PB ISBN: 9781408825808

West wakes up alone in the hospital, unable to move, and no idea what he's doing there. In and out of consciousness, the only one who seems to understand him is Olivia, a patient in the next room. Olivia explains West's condition, and helps him with his recurring nightmares. The two grow close, but as West begins to recover, it becomes clear that Olivia has a secret- one that he could never have guessed.



## The Obsidian Mirror,

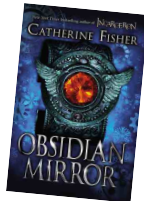
by Catherine Fisher

Fantasy, 400 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9780803739697

PB ISBN: 9780142426777

Jack Wilde is pretty sure his godfather, Oberon Venn, murdered his father, but when he arrives to confront him, he finds things are far more complicated. Venn is in possession of a mysterious black mirror that opens a portal to the past. The mirror's powers have attracted several different people (and creatures), including a girl from the future, sent to destroy the mirror. Jack needs the mirror to save his father, but at what cost?



## The Paladin Prophecy

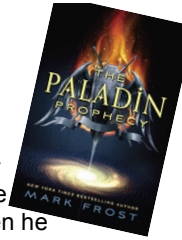
by Mark Frost

Science Fiction, 560 pages, 2012

HC ISBN: 9780375870453

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Will is mediocre. School, sports, whatever he does, Will is always in the middle of the pack, per his parents' instructions. But then he slips. Once a test score winds up off the charts, Will is courted by an exclusive prep school, and stalked by sinister men. When his parents disappear, Will takes refuge at the school, where he is finally able to fully test his abilities, and discover the secrets behind them.



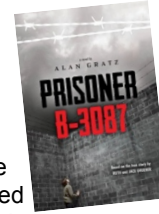
## Prisoner B-3087

by Alan Gratz, and Jack & Ruth Gruener

Biographical Novel, 272 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9780545459013

Yanek Gruener was only 10 years old when the Nazis took over his hometown of Krakow. Forced into the Jewish ghetto, Yanek soon loses all he has loved and known. Alone, Yanek is finally taken by the Nazis, tattooed with the number B-3087, and sent to the first of 10 concentration camps he will suffer through... and survive. This book is co-written by Yanek himself (now Jack), and his wife, based on their experiences.



## In the After

by Dimitria Lunetta

Science Fiction, 464 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9780062105455

PB ISBN: 9780062105462

14-year-old Amy is your typical teen, until They come. When ravenous aliens attack the Earth, Amy's world is destroyed. Surviving by wits and luck, Amy and Baby, a toddler she rescues, are finally saved after years of hiding. But the city of New Hope is not the safe haven it appears, and Amy and Baby may be in more danger now than on their own.



## Starters

by Lissa Price

Science Fiction, 352 pages, 2012

HC ISBN: 9780385742375

PB ISBN: 9780385742481

The Spore Wars have killed everyone between the ages of 20 and 60. Callie is left trying to care for her sick younger brother, but while they struggle to survive, wealthy seniors, or "Enders" and their grandchildren continue their lavish lifestyles. Desperate for money, Callie signs up with a secret business that allows Enders to "rent" the bodies of teens and experience youth again. When Callie wakes up in the middle of a session, she's immersed in her renter's life... and soon finds out their plans are decidedly darker than she signed up for.



## Falling Kingdoms

by Morgan Rhodes

Fantasy, 432 pages, 2012

HC ISBN: 9781595145840

PB ISBN: 9781595145857

As war builds among their three kingdoms, four youths find themselves on intertwining and unexpected paths. Magic is long gone from the land, but a prophecy tells of a powerful sorceress, and legend tells of an ancient ring that can control the supernatural Kindred. When the princesses of rival kingdoms bring both tales to pass, they, along with a prince and the son of a slain merchant find their lives torn apart, and their fates unclear. Only one thing is certain: kingdoms **will** fall.



## The Grimm Legacy

by Polly Schulman

Fantasy, 432 pages, 2012

HC ISBN: 9780399250965

PB ISBN: 9780142419045

Elizabeth has the best afterschool job EVER. Failing to connect at school or with her new step-family, Elizabeth finds her place as a page at the New York Circulating Material Repository- a library for rare and historical items. There, she discovers the Grimm Collection, a secret room full of fairy tale items- including the talking mirror from Snow White. When the items (and fellow pages) start disappearing, Elizabeth must find out who's behind it, before she becomes a suspect... or a victim.



## Counting By 7's

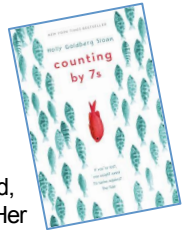
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Realistic, 384 pages, 2013

HC ISBN: 9780803738553

PB ISBN: 9780062105462

Willow Chance is 12 years old, bespectacled, adopted, "a person of color," and a genius. Her favorite things are the number 7, plants, and diagnosing skin conditions. When her loving parents are killed, Willow's carefully ordered world is thrown into chaos. She finds herself with an unlikely crew of allies, including an incompetent school counselor and a Vietnamese family in their own perpetual state of upheaval. Can a group like this ever find a place to put down roots?



## Reboot

by Amy Tintera

Science Fiction/Dystopia, 384 pages, 2013

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PB ISBN: 9780062217080

The KDH virus is fatal to all, but the young and strong can come back as Reboots: strong, deadly, and not quite human. Wren 178 was dead for a record 178 minutes, making her the strongest of the Reboots, and giving her first pick of the new Reboots she trains. Something draws her to Callum 22, despite his near-human nature. But when his kindness results in an execution order for him, will Wren risk it all to save him?

