

- 1. 6 times we almost kissed (and one time we did) / Tess Sharpe.**  
*Realistic fiction, enemies to lovers, mother daughter relationships, organ transplants. LGBTQIA+, my mom's best friend's son. Don't judge a book by its cover. Supportive non-friendships. Mental health. lesbian. Grief. Almost kisses. Bisexuality.*
- 2. Wildblood / Lauren Blackwood. JESSICA**  
*Monster filled jungles. Jamaica. Slavery. Magic. Colonialism. Fantasy. Kidnapped. Where do I belong? Suspenseful. Tour guide.*
- 3. One last shot / by Kip Wilson.**  
*Wartime Photojournalist. Political Activism. Biographical Historical Fiction. Diary-Like. Novel in Verse. Anti-Nazi Propaganda. Courageous. Strong female character. Jewish Protagonist. Spain Civil War.*
- 4. The love match / Priyanka Taslim.**  
*RomCom. Bengali American. Second-Guesses. Muslim. South Asian. True Feelings. Dating a Co-Worker. Amusing. Matchmakers. Readalike: when dimple met rishi.*
- 5. Breakup from Hell / Ann Dávila Cardinal. BILLI**  
*Deeply catholic abuelas. Somethings off with him? Nightmarish visions. Living in a horror novel. Lovers-to-enemies. Supernatural twist. Paranormal romance. Mysterious hotties. Whirlwind romance. Small town Vermont. For fans of Undead Girl Gang and Twilight.*
- 6. Chloe and the Kaishao boys / Mae Coyiuto.**  
*Chinoy culture. LOL. Follow your dreams. Manilla, Philippines. Family banter. Chinese-Filipina. Meet cute marathon dates. Kaisao. Rom-com. Join the family business. When Dimple Met Rishi meets Loveboat, Taipei.*
- 7. Enter the body / Joy McCullough.**  
*Titus Andronicus. Novel in Verse. Ophelia, Juliet, & Cordelia. Classic Stories retold. Supporting women. Teen ghosts. William Shakespeare. Scapegoats for the poor behavior of men. Lives, loves, and fates. Beneath the trap door. Tragic heroines. Experience & trauma. theater*
- 8. The cartographers / Amy Zhang. KATIE**  
*New York City. Supportive roommates. Late night cemetery meetings. Coming of age. Cartographers. Ambivalence. Romance. Deep philosophical discussions. Subway tagging. Deferred college. Immigrant mother's expectations.*
- 9. Sun keep rising / Kristen R. Lee.**  
*Drug trafficking. Realistic fiction. Cycle of financial precarity. Insurmountable hurdles. Teen mom. Newborns. Income inequality. What will you risk for your child? Finishing high school. Dead baby daddy. Gentrification. African Americans. Custody fights.*
- 10. Out of character / Jenna Miller.**  
*Meaningful dialogue. Fanfiction. Romantic crossroads. Father-daughter relationships. Internet strangers/friends. Confident fat girl energy! Dream girlfriend. IRL love. Secret online crush. Supportive characters. Angry. Divorcing parents. Debut author. LGBTQIA+.*
- 11. The half-life of love / Brianna Bourne. KATIE**  
*Divorced Parents. Realistic Fantasy. Half-Life Phenomenon. Death Date Countdown. Romance. Alternating Narrative. Melancholy. Opposites Attract. 41 Days, 9 Hours, and 42 Minutes to Live. Reading Depressing Literature from Long-Dead Writers. Once-In-A-Lifetime-Love.*
- 12. Brighter than the moon / by David Valdes.**  
*Secrets. Foster kids. Budding romance. Love in disguise. Multiracial. Meeting IRL. Online dating. Love triangle. Transgender. Youtuber. Identity. LGBTQIA+. Catfishing?*
- 13. Planning perfect / by Haley Neil. KAYLA**  
*LGBTQIA+. Asexual Spectrum. Catholics & Jews. Summer Vacation. Sweet Rom-Com. Flighty Mothers. Intergenerational Friction. Mental Health. Bestie to More? Perfect Weddings. Quarry Swimming.*

**14. Always the almost / Edward Underhill.**

*Pianists. High-Stakes Competition. Kids Just Being Kids. Sweet Queer rom-com. Trans Boys. LGBTQIA+. New years resolutions. New Boyfriends. Coming Out. Brusque Piano Teachers. Small Wisconsin Towns. Winning back ex-boyfriends.*

**15. Imposter syndrome and other confessions of Alejandra Kim / Patricia Park.**

*Microaggressions. Manhattan Prep Schools. Angsty. Biracial Outcasts. Coming-Of-Age. Realistic Fiction. "Woke" Classmates. Imposter syndrome. Confessions of a POC in today's world. Half-latina/half-korean.*

**16. If I can give you that / Michael Gray Bulla.**

*LGBTQIA+ Support Group. Mentally Ill Parent. Emotionally Distant Fathers. First Love. Gender Identity. Trans Boy. Realistic Fiction. Tennessee. "People don't really know what to do with me."*

**17. Daughters of Oduma / Moses Ose Utomi. SARA**

*Elite female fighters. Transitioning into Womanhood. Tennessee. Feminism. Afrofantasy. Self-Doubt. Pidgin Language. Women Warriors. Action-Packed. Dirt from Mud Fam. Found families. South god bow tournament.*

**18. A long stretch of bad days / Mindy McGinnis. LAUREN L.**

*Murder Mystery. Bad reputation and a foul mouth. Small Towns. Cold Cases. Podcasts. Local Lore. Emotional Rollercoaster. Lewd Feminist. Wry Banter. Gothic Horror. Drunk Guidance Counselors. A tornado, a flash flood, and an unsolved murder. "a Long Stretch of Bad Days" If you liked A Good Girl's Guide to Murder.*

**19. Nerdcrush / Alisha Emrich. KATIE**

*Cosplay Alter-Egos. Cute Boy Crushes. Double life. IRL Friends. Happily Ever After meets You've Got Mail. Loving Parents. Nerd Crush. Childhood Best Friends. Online crushes. Shy artistic teen. Only Black Girl in an All-White High Schools.*

**20. Take a bow, Noah Mitchell / Tobias Madden.**

*Former Friends Sabotage. Gamers. LGBTQIA+. Australia. Love in Disguise. If you liked Heartbreaker. Online Crush. Musical Community Theater. What Could go Wrong? Queer Rom-Com. Online Soulmates. Tangled Web of Lies. Risking it all for love.*

**21. For Lamb / Lesa Cline-Ransome.**

*Closeted mothers. Impulsive rebellious brothers. 1930's Mississippi. naïve innocence. Estranged fathers. Historical Fiction. Multiple Narrators. Female victims of White Supremacy. Jim Crow South. Tragedy...over a book. Lynching. Interracial Friendship. Charming hustler uncles.*

**22. Last chance dance / Lakita Wilson. LAUREN J.**

*Angsty. Last Chance Dance. Four unrequited crushes. Dead-end relationship. One Last Dance. Rom-Com. Relationship Perfection. Black Students. Low-Key Nemesis or True Love? One Big Breakup. "the first major chance I ever took on love paid off, big-time."*

**23. The next new Syrian girl / Ream Shukairy.**

*Kick-Butt Hijabis. Syrian Revolution. Fierce Mothers. Boxing Muslim Teen. Immigrant Stories. Dual-Identity Crisis. Different POV. Perfect Syrian Daughter. Suburban Detroit. Blossoming Friendships. Familial Expectations. For fans of: Love, Hate & other Relationships. Heart-Wrenching Secrets.*

**24. I'll take everything you have / James Klise.**

*LGBTQIA+. Boy Romance. Gritty Historical Fiction. Save the family farm. Depression era Chicago. Underground Queer Subculture. Well Researched. The Big City. Fast Money. Sketchy schemes. Criminal underworld. Handsome flirty truck drivers. Summer jobs.*

**25. The coldest winter I ever spent / by Ann Jacobus.**

*Terminal Illness. Melancholy. Realistic Fiction. Emotionally Intense. Suicide Crisis Line. Mental Health. Rejected Crushes. Falling off the Wagon. Sympathetic Characters.*

**26. There goes the neighborhood / Jade Adia. SARA**

*Gentrification. Fake Gangs. Social Media. Racially Diverse. South L.A. Witty. Debut Author. Best Friends. Callous Landlords. Magnetic Newcomers. Fractured Families. Hometown Loyalty. Displacement. Deception.*

**27. As you walk on by / Julian Winters. LAUREN L.**

*Avoiding the party. Disastrous Promposals. LGBTQIA+. Angsty. First Person Narrative. Friday Night Party. Big Magically Gay Prom Night. A quite outsider. Queer Romance. Truth Or Dare? A familiar acquaintance. A new flame. An old friend. Existential crisis. So-called best friends.*

**28. When you wish upon a lantern / Gloria Chao.**

*Asian American. Sarcastic. Falling for a Friend. Multiple Perspectives. Childhood Best Friends. Vomit. Parental Feud. Meet Cutes. Paper Wishing Lanterns. Struggling family business. LOL. Chinatown Chicago.*

**29. Royal blood / Aimée Carter. MALLORY**

*Royal family. Snarky! Family. School expulsion. The king's Illegitimate Daughter. Sarcastic Princess Diaries. Scandalous! Rumors. Juicy royal secrets. American Mother. Murder. Hidden identity. Fun night...turned deadly. Tabloid Owner's Son. 1st in a Trilogy.*

**30. Remind me to hate you later / by Lizzy Mason. DEB**

*Grief. Remind me to hate you later. Social Media. Friendship. Best friends. Authentic Realistic Fiction. Mental Health. Parenting Blogs. Hole in My Heart. Le Cordon Bleu. Alternating Timelines. Dual Narrators.*

**31. Where darkness blooms / Andrea Hannah. BILLI**

*Creepy. Supernatural Thriller. Lifelong Friendships. Different Perspectives. Best friends. Dead Girlfriends. Small Town Kansas. Missing Mothers. The flowers see everything. Slowly Imploding Lives. Eerie Atmosphere. Curses.*

**32. Dream to me / Megan Paasch.**

*Family Magic. Sinister Dreams. Ruminations on Grief. Half Sisters. Inheritance. Dilapidated Houses. Great-Aunt Witches? Dream Powers. Enigmatic Crushes. Survivors guilt. Budding Supernatural Powers. Mystery Tinged with Romance & Horror.*

**33. Wijiwaaganag : more than brothers / Peter Razor. COURTNEY**

*Anishinaabe. Forced assimilation. Indigenous People. 1890's Minnesota. Headmaster's Nephew. Residential Schools. Eurocentric Indoctrination. Xenophobic Fathers. While the Locus Slept. More than Brothers. Thought Provoking. "kill the Indian and save the man".*

**34. The roof over our heads / by Nicole Kronzer. LAUREN J.**

*Victorian Homes. LGBTQIA+. Moms. Theatre Lovers. Immersive Murder Mystery Theater. New Crushes. Former Friends. A Dash of Heart. Comedy of Errors. Blended Family. Twins. Action-Packed.*

**35. Dear Medusa / Olivia A. Cole.**

*Novel in Verse. Surviving Sexual Violence. Horrible Teachers. Medusa. LGBTQIA+. Thought Provoking. Slut-Shaming. Blossoming Friendships. Vulnerable & Fierce Characters. Misogyny. Men are Wolves. Sexualization of Young Women.*

**36. She is a haunting / by Trang Thanh Tran. BILLI**

*Vietnam Vacation Rental. Haunting. Own Voices. Gothic Fiction. Sleep Paralysis, Bugs, & Ghosts (Oh My!) Evil Lurking Within the Walls. French Imperialism. Unsettling Atmosphere. Blossoming Bi-Romance.*

**37. All that it ever meant / Blessing Musariri. JENNIFER**

*Mothers. Two cultures. England to Zimbabwe. Fabulously dressed, Pipe Smoking, Gender-Neutral Spirits. Magical Realism. Grief. Rich Interior Life. Stunning Twist. Withdrawn Fathers. Rebellious Older Sisters. Forced Sibling Bonding.*

**38. The black queen / Jumata Emill. SARA**

*Murdered Black Homecoming Queens?! Multiple POV. Entitlement. Police Chief's Daughter. Prejudice & Privilege. Queer Black Girl Power! Structural Racism. If you liked Firekeeper's Daughter. Fast Paced.*

**39. Promise boys / Nick Brooks. DEB**

*Murdered Principals. Catching a Killer. Fast Paced Suspense. Prep Schools. Proving Your Innocence! Short Chapters. Social Justice. Satisfying Conclusions. Multiple POV. Nonlinear. Racial Inequality.*

**40. Brighter than the sun / Daniel Aleman.**

*Tijuana, Mexico. Identity. Immigration. Stream of Consciousness. Across the border. Family or Dreams? Family business. Caring Supportive Friends. First Loves. Grieving. Torn Between Two Worlds.*

**41. The renaissance of Gwen Hathaway / Ashley Schumacher. CARRIE**

*Journals. Childhood Friends. Ren Faire Circuit. Renaissance. Lute-Playing Crushes. Road Trips. A Wise Old Magician. Knights Who Ride Camels. Theatrical Kings. Lazy River Castle Moat. Inflatable Crocodile Floaties. Plus Size Princess! Slow Burn Swoony Romance. Online School.*

**42. The memory eater / Rebecca Mahoney.**

*Memory Eaters. Magical Realism. Family Inheritance. Breakups. Orphans. Monsters. Family History. Grief. Loss. Growing Up. Small Towns. Magical Underbelly. Memories for Dinner. Intergenerational Trauma. Small Towns.*

**43. I will find you again / Sarah Lyu.**

*Dead Ex-Girlfriends. LGBTQIA+. Equal Parts Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, & Taiwanese. Obsession, Lies, & Addiction. Trauma. Social & Familial Pressures. Dead In The Water. Self-Destructive Coping Mechanisms. Melodrama. Mystery. Twisty Plots. Non-Linear Timeline.*

**44. Then everything happens at once / M-E Girard.**

*Never Been Kissed. Long Time Crush. LGBTQIA+. COVID-19 Shutdown. Messy Waters of Love. Toronto. Flirtatious Messages. Life Before / Life After. Sex-Positive Messages. Finding Your Self Worth. Fat Girl Fierce. Two Relationship!?*

**45. Spice road / Maiya Ibrahim. AMBER**

*First in a Trilogy. Secret Spice Magic. Dangerous Mission. Epic Fantasy. Arabian-Inspired Land. Sand Lurking Monsters. Hidden Cities. Dagger Wielding Chick Warrior. Djinn. Ghouls. Monsters. Mind Controlled Falcons. Pompous Love Interests. Enemies to Lovers. Traitorous Siblings.*

**46. And other mistakes / Erika Turner.**

*Surviving Senior Year. Outing. New Friends. Old Flames. Nosy School Counselors. Lesbians. Alcoholic Fathers. Uber Religious Homophobic Mothers. Childhood Best Friends. Team Crushes. Emotional Tension. Intersectionally Diverse. ...and other mistakes*

**47. Three drops of blood / Gretchen McNeil.**

*Aspiring Actors. Boring Office Jobs. Double Murder. Rear Window Inspired. Insidiously Witty Thriller. Spunky Best Friends. Fat Funny Girl. Escaping Type-Casting. Memorable Twists. Exhilarating Chase Sequences. Satisfying Romance.*

**48. Lucha of the night forest / Tehlor Kay Mejia. BILLI**

*A Scorned God. A Mysterious Acolyte. Family bond. A Forgetting Drug. A Dangerous Forest. Lyrical Prose. Fantasy Adventure. Peril. One girl caught in between. Indentured Servitude. Queer Romance.*

**49. We deserve monuments / Jas Hammonds. DEB**

*Family Secrets. LGBTQIA+. Microaggressions. Ditching Toxic Relationships. Dying Grandmothers. Hostile Family Relationships. Messy History. Whitewashing. Homophobia. DC to Georgia. Friend Crushes. Fleshed Out Cast. Multigenerational Trauma. Coretta Scott King Award. Racism. Lesbians. Debut Authors. Life in Small Racist Towns. Coming of Age. Biracial Teen Unexpected New Friendships. Pulls No Punches*