Mystery/Thrillers

• This Darkness Mine by Mindy McGinnis

Sasha Stone knows her place first-chair clarinet, top of her class, and at the side of her Oxford-wearing boyfriend. She's worked her entire life to ensure her path to Oberlin Conservatory as a star musician is perfectly paved. But suddenly there's a fork in the road in the shape of Isaac Harver...

• *Who Killed Christopher Goodman?: Based on a True Crime* by Allan Wolf Inspired by a tragic true event in his past, Allan Wolf examines the circumstances of one boy's inexplicable murder and the fateful summer leading up to it.

Everybody likes Chris Goodman. Sure, he's a little odd. He wears those funny bell-bottoms and he really likes the word *ennui* and he shakes your hand when he meets you, but he's also the kind of guy who's always up for a good time, always happy to lend a hand. Everybody likes Chris Goodman, which makes it especially shocking when he's murdered. Here, in a stunning multi-voiced narrative -- including the perspective of the fifteen-year-old killer -and based on a true and terrible crime that occurred when he was in high school, author Allan Wolf sets out to answer the first question that comes to mind in moments of unthinkable tragedy: how could a thing like this happen?

• *Allegedly* by Tiffany Jackson

A young girl, convicted of murder as a child, serves her sentence only to be placed in a group home, where, upon her release, she must grapple with starting over and an unplanned pregnancy.

• *Genuine Fraud* by E. Lockhart

Told through flashbacks, best friends Jule and Imogen are orphaned outcasts who will do almost anything to attain a happy, wealthy life.

• A Madness so Discreet by Mindy McGinnis

Near the turn of the nineteenth century, Dr. Thornhollow helps teenaged Grace Mae escape from the Boston asylum where she was sent after becoming pregnant by rape, and takes her to Ohio where they put her intelligence and remarkable memory to use in trying to catch murderers.

• The Female of the Species by Mindy McGinnis

Alex Craft knows how to kill someone. And she doesn't feel bad about it. When her older sister, Anna, was murdered three years ago and the killer walked free, Alex uncaged the language she knows best. The language of violence.

• The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly by Stephanie Oakes

A handless teen escapes from a cult, only to find herself in juvenile detention and suspected of knowing who murdered her cult leader

• The Fixer by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

When her grandfather develops dementia, sixteen-year-old Tess, who has been keeping his Montana ranch going, is whisked away to Washington, D.C., by a sister she barely knows and thrown into a world of politics, power, wealth, love triangles, and family secrets.

• We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

• Buzz Kill by Jessica Fantaskey

Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach "Hollerin' Hank.

• All Fall Down by Ally Carter

Everybody wants Grace to put on a pretty dress and a pretty smile, blocking out all her unpretty thoughts. But they can't control Grace -- no more than Grace can control what she knows or what she needs to do. Her past has come back to hunt her . . . and if she doesn't stop it, Grace isn't the only one who will get hurt. Because on Embassy Row, the countries of the world stand like dominoes, and one wrong move can make them all fall down.

• A Thousand Pieces of You by Claudia Gray

When eighteen-year-old Marguerite Caine's father is killed, she must leap into different dimensions and versions of herself to catch her father's killer and avenge his murder.

• *The Rithmatist* by Brandon Sanderson

As Wild Chalklings threaten the American Isles and Rithmatists are humanity's only defense, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice.

• The Night My Sister Went Missing by Carol Plum-Ucci

When his sister goes missing under mysterious circumstances, seventeen-year-old Kurt spends a night at the local police station overhearing statements from a variety of witnesses that reveal the deep prejudices and shocking secrets of his small beach community.

• The Night She Disappeared by April Henry

Gabriel and Drew set out to prove that their missing co-worker Kayla is not dead, and to find her before she is, while the police search for her body and the man who abducted her.

• The Diviners by Libba Bray

Seventeen-year-old Evie O'Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of The Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.

• Illusions of Fate by Kiersten White

An outcast since moving from her island home of Melei to the dreary country of Albion, Jessamin meets the gorgeous, enigmatic Finn who introduces her to the secret world of Albion's nobility--a world of power, money, status, and magic--but Finn has a powerful enemy who only Jessamin can stop.

• Jackaby by William Ritter

Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R. F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings, and she helps him delve into a case of serial murder which, Jackaby is convinced, is due to a nonhuman creature.

• *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Seventeen-year-old Cassie, who has a natural ability to read people, joins an elite group of criminal profilers at the FBI in order to help solve cold cases.

• Don't Turn Around by Michelle Gagnon

After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret.

• *The Body Finder* by Kimberly Derting

High school junior Violet uses her uncanny ability to sense murderers and their victims to try to stop a serial killer who is terrorizing her town, and although her best friend and wouldbe boyfriend Jay promises to keep her safe, she becomes a target.

• *Burning Blue* by Paul Griffin

When beautiful, smart Nicole, disfigured by acid thrown in her face, and computer hacker Jay meet in the school psychologist's office, they become friends and Jay resolves to find her attacker.

• A Girl Named Digit by Annabel Monaghan

After identifying a terrorist plot, a brilliant seventeen-year-old girl from Santa Monica, California, gets involved with the young FBI agent who is trying to ensure her safety.

• Boy Nobody by Allen Zadoff

Sixteen-year-old Boy Nobody, an assassin controlled by a shadowy government organization, The Program, considers sabotaging his latest mission because his target reminds him of the normal life he craves.

• *Name of the Star* by Maureen Johnson

Rory, of Boueuxlieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

• Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ranson Riggs

Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive.

• What Happened to Cass McBride by Gail Giles

After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible.

• Streams of Babel by Carol Plum-Ucci

Six teens face a bioterrorist attack on American soil as four are infected with a mysterious disease affecting their small New Jersey neighborhood and two others, both brilliant computer hackers, assist the United States Intelligence Coalition in tracking the perpetrators.

• *Bullet Point* by Peter Abrahams

The only thing seventeen-year-old Wyatt knew about his biological father was that he was serving a life sentence, but circumstances and a new girlfriend bring them together and soon Wyatt is working to prove his father's innocence.

• *Reality Check* by Peter Abrahams

After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.

• Echo Falls Mystery Series by Peter Abrahams

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls.

• *Death by Bikini* (Titles in Series: *Death by Late, Death by Denim*) by Linda Gerber Sixteen-year-old Aphra Behn Connolly investigates why her father let an unknown family stay at their exclusive tropical island resort, who strangled a famous rock star's girlfriend with her own bikini top, and what a smoldering teenaged guest is hiding.

• The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci

Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

• *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle

Sherlock Holmes is asked to investigate the tale of a hound that haunts the lonely moors around the Baskervilles' ancestral home.

• *Holes* by Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

• I Know What You Did Last Summer by Lois Duncan

Four teenagers who have desperately tried to conceal their responsibility for a hit-and-run accident are pursued by a mystery figure seeking revenge.

• Kiki Strike by Kirsten Miller

Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of twelve, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world.

• *The Rag and Bone Shop* by Robert Cormier

Twelve-year old Jason is accused of the brutal murder of a young girl. Is he innocent or guilty? The shocked town calls on an interrogator with a stellar reputation: he always gets a confession. The confrontation between Jason and his interrogator forms the chilling climax of this terrifying look at what can happen when the pursuit of justice becomes a personal crusade for victory at any cost.

• Tales of Mystery and Imagination by Edgar Allan Poe

A selection of stories by American writer Edgar Allan Poe, including tales of horror, mystery, and science fiction, including "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue."

• What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenaged Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose devastating outcome changes her life and that of her family forever.

• *Shift* by Jennifer Bradbury

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

• *Buried* by Robin Merrow MacCready

When her alcoholic mother goes missing, seventeen-year-old Claudine begins to spin out of control, despite her attempts to impose order on every aspect of her life.

• *The Wessex Papers:Trust Falls*(Titles in Series: *Fallout, Outsmart*) by Daniel Parker Alumni brat Sunday Winthrop and new student Fred Bushmill's pranks lead to their uncovering a sinister blackmail ring-- one that will stop at nothing in incriminate one of their friends.

• *The Forbidden Game* by L.J. Smith

The hunter -- The chase -- The kill. Collects L. J. Smith's "The Hunter," "The Chase," and "The Kill," in which Jenny and her friends begin a game that puts them at the mercy of

Julian, the Prince of Shadows, who will force each player to face their phobias, but Jenny quickly learns that death in the game equates death in reality.

• *Hanging Woods* by Scott Loring Sanders

Walter learns a shocking secret about the past when reading his mother's diary, and sets out on a path of violence and evil that will change his life forever.

• *Frozen Fire* by Tim Bowler

Fifteen-year-old Dusty gets a mysterious call from a boy who says he is going to kill himself, and while he claims to have called her randomly, he seems to know her intimately.

• *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

- Dan Brown (Author)
- John Grisham(Author)
- Agatha Christie (Author)
- Mary Higgins Clark (Author)
- Patricia Cornwell (Author)
- Sue Grafton (Author)
- James Patterson (Author)

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