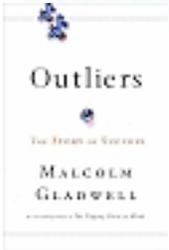


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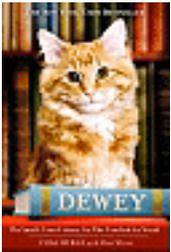
Outliers : The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell,

The author explores why some people are high achievers and others are not, citing culture, family, and upbringing as possible reasons some people are not as successful as others.



No Choirboy : Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row by Susan Kuklin

I was a teenager on death row -- The fourteen-year-old adult -- Look at me -- Hate is a killer, dialogue I -- Private with our grief, dialogue II -- Dying for legal assistance : Roy's and Mark's lawyer. A collection of essays in which inmates at American prisons who were sentenced to death while still in their teens share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up in prison and how they feel about capital punishment.



Dewey : The Small-town Library Cat Who Touched the World by Myron, Vicki

Tells the story of Dewey Readmore Books, the resident cat at Spencer Public Library in Spencer, Iowa, who was found in the book return in December 1988, adopted by the library staff, and immediately became a loving member of the community.



Shaman King, Vol. 18 by Hiroyuki Takei

The competition is paramount for Yoh Asakura when he enters a tournament held once every five hundred years, and knowing that first prize would allow him the title of Shaman King, Yoh faces the best shamans from around the world.



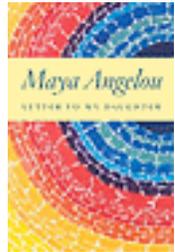
Shaman King, Vol. 19 by Hiroyuki Takei

Shaman Yoh Asakura withdraws from the Shaman Fight, and the story of his past with Anna is revisited to examine how their relationship, and possibly a terrible secret, have shaped Yoh's fate.



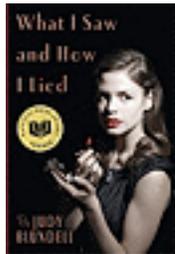
Honeybee : Poems & Short Prose by Naomi Shihab Nye

A collection of poems and short prose pieces in which Naomi Shihab Nye reflects on the topics that are most important to people, including love, memories, war, and the planet.



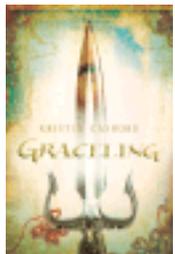
Letter to my Daughter by Maya Angelou

Contains essays in which Maya Angelou uses memories and poems to offer life lessons and inspirational wisdom to the "thousands of daughters" she considers her extended family.



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, teenage 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 change her life and that of her family forever.



Graceling by Kristin Cashore

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.



Revelations : a Blue Bloods novel by Melissa De la Cruz

Schuyler van Alen, imprisoned in the Force household while her legacy is being questioned and dealing with living with Mimi and her crush Jack, is called to help the Blue Bloods when the Silver Bloods breach the gates of Hell in Rio de Janeiro.



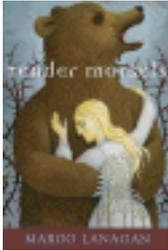
Paper Towns by John Green

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.



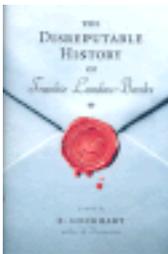
The Hour I First Believed : a novel by Wally Lamb

After his wife Maureen, a nurse at Columbine High School survived the 1999 student shooting incident, Caelum Quirk moves her to his family's farm in Three Rivers, but while Maureen struggles to recover her sanity, Caelum unearths old diaries, letters, and newspapers--representing five generations of his family's history--hidden in the house.



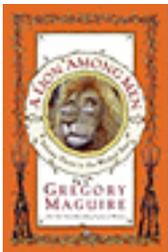
Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan

A young woman who has endured unspeakable cruelties is magically granted a safe haven apart from the real world and allowed to raise her two daughters in this alternate reality, until the barrier between her world and the real one begins to break



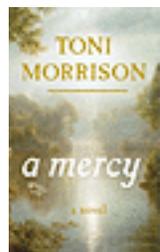
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks : a novel by E. Lockhart

Frankie Landau-Banks attempts to take over a secret, all-male society at her exclusive prep school, and her antics with the group soon draw some unlikely attention and have unexpected consequences that could change her life forever.



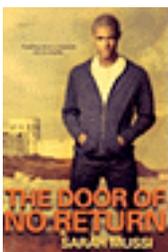
A Lion Among Men by Gregory Maguire

The Cowardly Lion, in search of information about Elphaba Thropp, the Wicked Witch of the West, arrives at the home of the oracle Yackle, who wants some answers of her own before she dies.



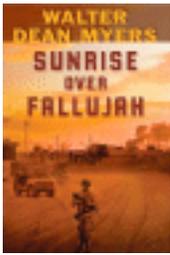
A Mercy by Toni Morrison

Florens, a sixteen-year-old slave on a Virginia plantation is given to a Dutch trader named Jacob Vaark as payment for a debt owed to Vaark by her master, and moves to his small Northern farm where her presence is felt keenly by Vaark's childless wife Rebekka, Native American servant Lina, and Sorrow, a foundling.



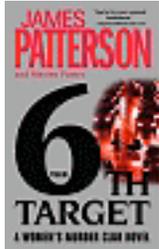
The Door of No Return by Sarah Mussi

Zac Baxter travels to Africa after his grandfather is brutally murdered, hoping to learn the truth about his family's dark past and discover why someone was willing to kill his grandfather to learn the family secret.



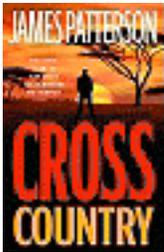
Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Deans Myers

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.



The 6th Target : a novel by James Patterson

The members of the Women's Murder Club are thrown into turmoil when one of them is injured in a shooting incident on a crowded ferry, and homicide inspector Lindsay Boxer has her hands full trying to find out who tried to kill her friend while at the same time investigating the kidnappings of children from well-to-do families, along with their nannies.



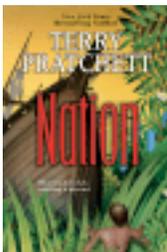
Cross Country : a novel by James Patterson

Detective Alex Cross' investigation of a series of brutal murders in Washington, D.C., leads him to an underground gang of teenage thugs headed by a warlord known only as the Tiger, and when the Tiger's trail leads to Nigeria, Cross knows he must follow in what turns out to be the most challenging hunt of his career.



The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.



Nation by Terry Pratchett

A tsunami destroys everything leaving Mau, an island boy, Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, and a small group of refugees responsible for rebuilding their village and their lives.



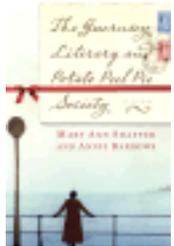
The Silver Linings Playbook Matthew Quick

Pat Peoples returns to his parent's home after a lengthy stay at a health facility following the betrayal of his wife, Nikki, and shows how he regains his memory and recovers from his depression and loss.



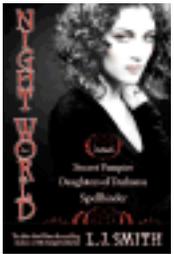
Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve

Gwynna is forced to flee her village, but when she is discovered hiding in the woods by Myrddin, a bard, he swears to protect her as long as she agrees to bind herself to his service while he transforms young Arthur into a heroic king.



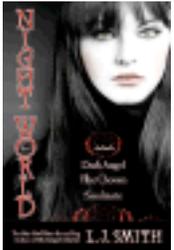
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Juliet Ashton, a thirty-year-old author, writes to her publisher expressing her desire to stop covering the aftermath of WWII, but Guernsey farmer Dawsey Adams invites neighbors to write to Juliet with their stories, which puts her off at first but eventually helps her find inspiration for her next book, and her life.



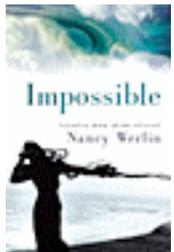
Night World by L.J. Smith

Secret vampire -- Daughter of darkness -- Spellbinder. Contains three novels by L.J. Smith, and includes "Secret Vampire," in which Poppy asks her secret lover James to make her immortal after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, "Daughters of Darkness," that describes the lives of three vampire sisters, and "Spellbinder" in which two witch cousins fight over their high school crush.



Night World by L.J. Smith

Dark angel -- The chosen -- Soulmate. Collects three novellas from L.J. Smith, and includes "Dark Angel," in which Gillian wrestles with her feelings of submission to the questionable requests of her guardian angel; "The Chosen," which depicts Rashel who, while on a quest to avenge her mother, learns that her soul mate is one she had sought to destroy; and in "Soulmate," Hannah tries to understand her destiny.



Impossible : a novel by Nancy Werlin

When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes that she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born to break the curse and to save them both.