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- **Albertalli, Becky. *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*. Harper/Balzer and Bray. 2015. 320p. ISBN: 9780062348678.** Simon is falling in love for the first time. Over email, if that's even possible.
- **Bardugo, Leigh. *Six of Crows*. Holt. 2015. 480p. ISBN: 9781627792127.** Presented an offer too lucrative to refuse, gang leader Kaz Brekker and his team of convicts, runaways, and thieves set out to smuggle an imprisoned scientist from an impenetrable Fjerdan fortress, only to face treachery and betrayal along the way.
- **Brooks, Kevin. *The Bunker Diary*. Lerner/Carolrhoda Lab. 2015. 264p. ISBN: 9781467754200.** Sixteen-year-old Linus Weems is kidnapped and transported to an underground bunker, where he is joined by five other kidnapping victims. Where are they? Why have they been taken? And can they survive?
- **Crowder, Melanie. *Audacity*. Philomel. 2015. 400p. ISBN: 9780399168994.** This novel-in-verse fictionalizes the teen years of Clara Lemlich Shavelson, the leader of the New York shirtwaist strike of 1909. Fleeing from anti-Semitic Russia, the teen and her family struggle to adapt to their new home.
- **Older, Daniel José. *Shadowshaper*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books. 2015. 304p. ISBN: 9780545591614.** Sierra Santiago was amped on her summer of painting murals and hanging with friends, before noticing the murals were fading faster than normal. Another street artist named Robbie is the only one who can help her to unlock this mystery.
- **Reynolds, Jason. *The Boy in the Black Suit*. Atheneum. 2015. 272p. ISBN: 9781442459502.** To deal with his mother's passing, Matt accepts a job at the local funeral home. Matt meets Lovey at her grandmother's funeral. The two of them share a bond that will help them both to move past their own respective losses.
- **Ruby, Laura. *Bone Gap*. Harper/Balzer and Bray. 2015. 368p. ISBN: 9780062317605.** In a small town full of strange happenings, Finn is determined to uncover the mystery of Roza's disappearance.
- **Shabazz, Ilyasah and Kekla Magoon. *X: A Novel*. Candlewick. 2015. 384p. ISBN: 9780763669676.** This fictionalized account of Malcolm X's teen years poignantly presents the young man's struggles with identity, racism, and crime.
- **Shusterman, Neal. *Challenger Deep*. HarperTeen. 2015. 320p. ISBN: 9780061134111.** As Caden descends into mental illness, his visions of a descent into the deep waters of a trench take over.
- **Silvera, Adam. *More Happy than Not*. Soho Teen. 2015. 304p. ISBN: 9781616955601.** After enduring his father's suicide, his own suicide attempt, broken friendships, and more in the Bronx projects, Aaron Soto, 16, is already considering the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure when his new friendship with Thomas turns to unrequited love.

