Opposite of Always
by Justin Reynolds
YA FIC REY

When Jack and Kate meet at a party, Jack knows he’s falling—hard. But this love story is...complicated. Because Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate’s death sends Jack back to the moment they first meet, and Kate’s there again.

Jack isn’t sure if he’s losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate’s death, he’ll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel. However, Jack will learn that his actions are not without consequences.

Patron Saints of Nothing
by Randy Ribay
YA FIC RIB

17-year-old Jay learns that his Filipino cousin Jun was murdered as part of President Duterte’s war on drugs, and no one in the family wants to talk about what happened. He travels to the Philippines, hoping to uncover more about Jun and the events that led to his death.

Somewhere Only We Know
by Maurene Goo
YA FIC GOO

10:00pm: Lucky is the biggest K-pop star on the scene. She’s about to debut on The Tonight Show, hopefully a breakout performance for her career. But right now? She’s in her fancy hotel, trying to fall asleep but dying for a hamburger.

11:00pm: Jack is sneaking into a fancy hotel, on assignment for his tabloid job that he keeps secret from his parents. On his way out of the hotel, he runs into a girl wearing slippers, a girl who is determined to find a hamburger. She looks kind of familiar. She’s very cute. He’s maybe curious.

12:00am: Nothing will ever be the same.

This Time Will Be Different
by Misa Sugiura
YA FIC SUG

Katsuyamas never quit—but CJ doesn’t even know where to start. She’s never lived up to her mom’s type A ambition, and she’s perfectly happy just helping her aunt at their family’s flower shop. Then her mom decides to sell the shop—to the family who swindled CJ’s grandparents when thousands of Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during WWII.

The Weight of Our Sky
by Hanna Alkaf
YA FIC HAN

Mel believes she harbors a djinn inside her, one who threatens her with horrific images of her mother’s death unless she adheres to an elaborate ritual of counting and tapping to keep him satisfied.

But there are things that Melati can’t protect her mother from. On the evening of May 13th, 1969, racial tensions in her home city of Kuala Lumpur boil over. The Chinese and Malays are at war, and Mel and her mother become separated by a city in flames.

With the Fire on High
by Elizabeth Acevedo
YA FIC AVE

Ever since she got pregnant freshman year, Emoni has been doing what has to be done for her daughter and her abuela. The one place she can let all that go is in the kitchen, where she adds a little something magical to everything she cooks, turning her food into straight-up goodness. She dreams of working as a chef after she graduates, but knows that is impossible. But once Emoni starts cooking, her only choice is to let her talent break free.
All-American Muslim Girl
by Nadine Jolie Courtney
YA FIC COU

Allie Abraham is dating cute and popular Wells Henderson. One problem: Wells’s father is Jack Henderson, America’s most famous conservative shock jock...and Allie hasn’t told Wells that her family is Muslim. It’s not like Allie’s religion is a secret. It’s just that her parents raised her to keep her Islamic heritage to herself. But as Allie witnesses ever-growing Islamophobia, she begins to embrace her faith.

Dear Haiti, Love Alaine
by Maika Moulite
YA FIC MOU

After her presentation at school goes wrong and she is suspended, Haitian American teen Alaine is sent to work in a Haitian nonprofit, where she learns about the local culture and her family’s heritage.

Don’t Date Rosa Santos
by Nina Moreno
YA FIC MOR

Rosa Santos is cursed by the sea—at least, that’s what they say. Dating her is bad news, especially if you’re a boy with a boat.

But Rosa feels more caught than cursed. Between her abuela, a beloved healer and pillar of their community, and her mother, an artist who crashes in and out of her life like a hurricane. Between Port Coral, the quirky South Florida town they call home, and Cuba, the island her abuela refuses to talk about.

As her college decision looms, Rosa collides with Alex, the mysterious boy with tattoos of the ocean whose family owns the marina.

A Land of Permanent Goodbyes
by Atia Abawi
YA FIC ABA

Tareq lives with his big and loving family in Syria...until the bombs strike. The city is in ruins, and in the wake of destruction, he’s threatened by Daesh fighters and witnesses a public beheading. Tareq’s family knows that to continue to stay alive, they must leave. As they travel as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn, Tareq must find the resilience and courage to complete his harrowing journey.

All That I Can Fix
by Crystal Chan
YA FIC CHA

In Makersville, Indiana, people know all about 15-year-old Ronney. He’s from that mixed-race family with the dad who tried to kill himself, the pill-popping mom, and the genius kid sister. Can Ronney figure out a way to hold it together as all his worlds fall apart?

Black Enough
Edited by Ibi Zoboi
YA FIC BLA

A collection of short stories exploring what it’s like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person’s experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else’s.

Color Me In
by Natasha Diaz
YA FIC DIA

Growing up in an affluent suburb of NYC, 16-year-old Nevaeh never thought much about her biracial roots. When her Black mom and Jewish dad split up, she relocates to her mom’s home in Harlem and is forced to confront her identity for the first time.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter
by Erika Sánchez
YA FIC SAN

Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents’ house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family.

But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga’s role. Then a tragic accident leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family.

Like a Love Story
by Abdi Nazemian
YA FIC NAZ

It’s 1989 in NYC. Reza is an Iranian boy who just moved to the city with his mother to live with his stepfather and stepbrother. Reza knows he’s gay, but all he knows of gay life are the media’s images of men dying of AIDS.

Judy is an aspiring fashion designer who worships her uncle Stephen, a gay man with AIDS who devotes his time to activism as a member of ACT UP. Judy has never imagined finding romance...until she falls for Reza and they start dating.

Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen. He'll never be who his conservative parents want him to be, so he rebels by documenting the AIDS crisis through his photographs.

Let Me Hear a Rhyme
by Tiffany Jackson
YA FIC JAC

After their friend Steph is murdered, Quadir, Jarrell, and Steph’s sister promote his music under a new rap name: The Architect. When his demo catches a music label rep’s attention, the trio must prove his talent from beyond the grave.