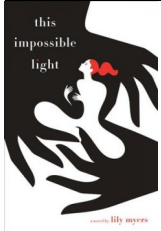


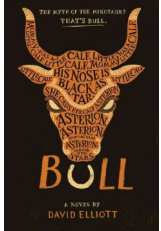
## ? More Teens Staff Picks



### **YA Novels in Verse**

Books written in new and different ways: verse and poetry, as well as music-themed stories, across genres and interest levels.

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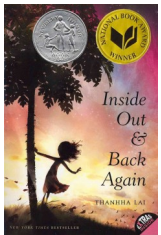


### **Bull**

#### **David Elliott**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Elliott)

A modern twist on the Theseus and Minotaur myth, told in verse.

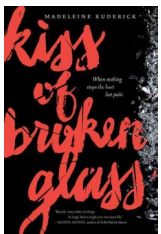


### **Inside Out and Back Again**

#### **Thanhha Lai**

(Juvenile Fiction ? J Lai)

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

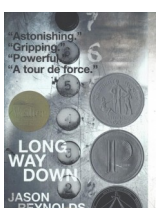


### **Kiss of Broken Glass**

#### **Madeleine Kuderick**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Kuderic)

A tale told through evocative verse chronicles a mandatory seventy-two-hour psychiatric evaluation of a teen who has been caught cutting herself in an effort to feel alive.



## Long Way Down

### **Jason Reynolds**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Reynold)

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.



## Loving vs. Virginia : A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case

### **Patricia Hruby Powell**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Powell)

Written in blank verse. The story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

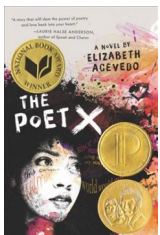


## One

### **Sarah Crossan**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Crossan)

Despite problems at home, sixteen-year-old conjoined twins Tippi and Grace are loving going to school for the first time and making real friends when they learn that a cardiac problem will force them to have separation surgery, which they have never before considered.

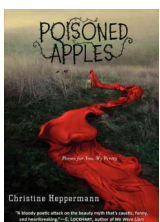


## The Poet X

### **Elizabeth Acevedo**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Acevedo)

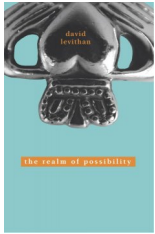
Ever since her body grew into curves, Xiomara Batista has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. She pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers-- especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. When she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she can't stop thinking about performing her poems.



## Poisoned Apples

(Adult Nonfiction - 811.6 Hep)

Christine Heppermann's powerful collection of free verse poems explore how girls are taught to think about themselves, their bodies, their friends--as consumers, as objects, as competitors, based on classic fairy tale characters and fairy tale tropes.



### The Realm of Possibility

**David Levithan**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Le)

A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences, and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories.

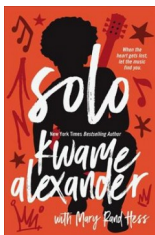


### Saving Red

**Sonya Sones**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Sones)

Fourteen-year-old Molly Rosenberg reluctantly volunteers to participate in Santa Monica's annual homeless count. But when she ends up meeting Red, a spirited homeless girl only a few years older than she is, Molly makes it her mission to reunite her with her family in time for Christmas.

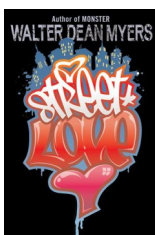


### Solo

**Kwame Alexander**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Alexand)

Seventeen-year-old Blade endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past and navigate the challenges of his former rock star father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.

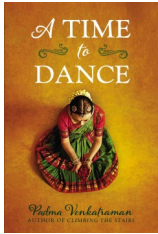


### Street Love

**Walter Dean Myers**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Myers)

This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.



### **A Time to Dance**

**Padma Venkatraman**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Venkatr)

In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.



### **Two Girls Staring at the Ceiling**

**Lucy Frank**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Frank)

In this novel in verse, two very different girls bond while hospitalized for Crohn's disease.



### **The Watch That Ends the Night**

**Allan Wolf**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Wolf)

Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic, as observed by millionaire John Jacob Astor, a beautiful young Lebanese refugee finding first love, "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, Captain Smith, and others?including the iceberg itself.



### **We Come Apart**

**Sarah Crossan, Brian Conaghan**

(Young Adult Fiction ? Y Crossan)

While serving a community service sentence for young offenders, a Romanian immigrant boy and a troubled British girl fall in love.



## Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials

**Stephanie Hemphill**

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Hemphil)

A fictionalized account, told in verse, of the Salem witch trials? told from the perspective of three young women living in Salem in 1692.

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