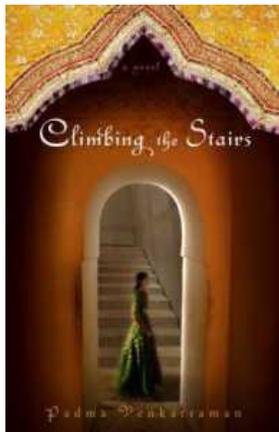


2011

Climbing the Stairs

Padma Venkatraman



In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended

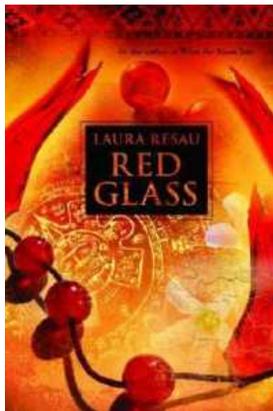
family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

2010

Red Glass

Laura Resau

Sophie discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to



adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

2009

The Adoration of Jenna Fox

Mary Pearson

Jenna Angeline Fox wakes from a long coma with no memory of who she is and is sent home



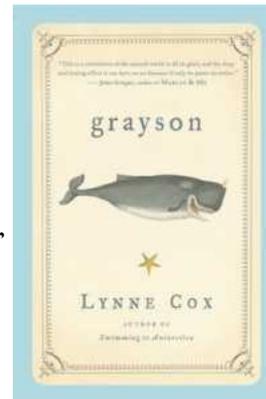
where hours of video recordings of her childhood help spark her memories and send her on a horrifying quest to learn what really happened to her.

2008

Grayson

Lynn Cox

The author describes how, while training for a long-distance swim off the coast of California, she encountered a baby gray whale that had become separated from its mother and had been following her instead, and her efforts to find the baby's mother.



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2018

March

Forward, Girl

Melba Patillo

Beals

A member of the Little Rock Nine, and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, shares



her memories of growing up in the South under Jim Crow.

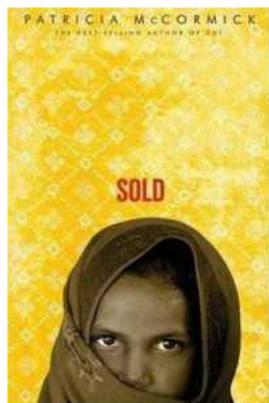
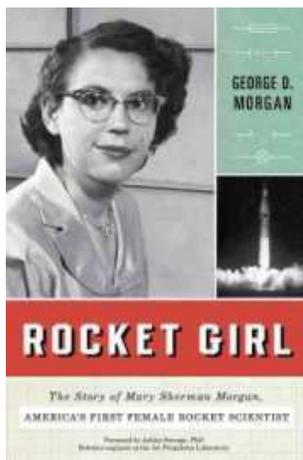
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2017

Rocket Girl

George Morgan

Combining personal history with dramatic historical events, this extraordinary true story of America's first female rocket scientist shows how her talent for chemistry proved essential for America's early space program.



2016

Sold

Patricia McCormick

A heartbreaking novel in verse about a thirteen-year-old Nepalese girl named Lakshmi who is sold into prostitution in

India. The memory of her mother and her new friendships help her survive in a terrifying world. Will she risk everything for a chance to reclaim her life?

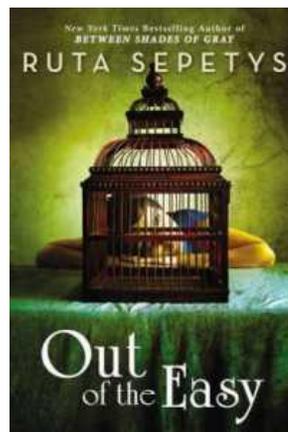
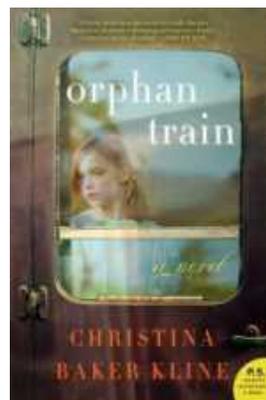
2015

Orphan Train

Christina Baker

Kline

When 17-year old Molly Ayer is sent to perform community service at elderly Vivian Daly's home in order to avoid juvenile hall, she discovers that the two are very much alike, despite their vast age difference.



2014

Out of the Easy

Ruta Sepetys

Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950 New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.

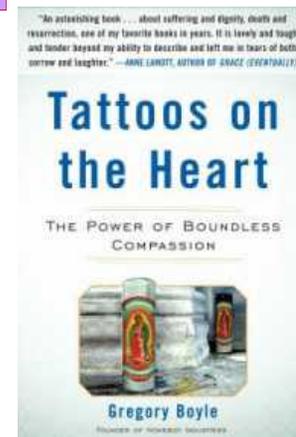
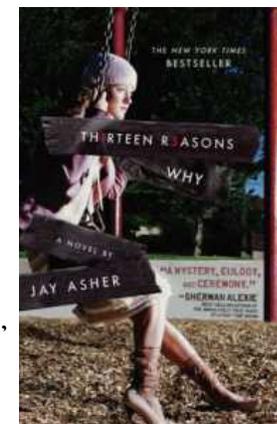
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2013

Thirteen Reasons Why

Jay Asher

High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.



2012

Tattoos on the Heart

Gregory Boyle

Gregory Boyle shares parables he has collected during his twenty years as a pastor working

in a violent Los Angeles neighborhood, demonstrating the impact of boundless, restorative love and compassion.