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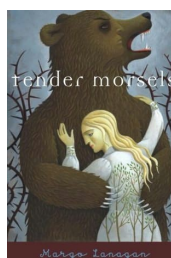
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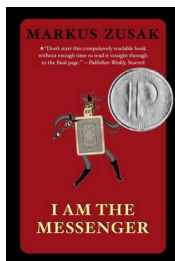
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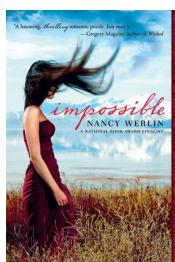
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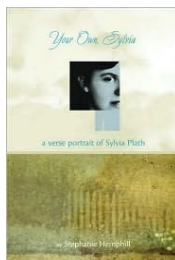
I AM THE MESSENGER
MARKUS ZUSAK

Original and uplifting. An underachiever is mysteriously chosen to help a host of strangers and friends.



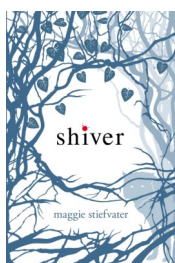
IMPOSSIBLE
NANCY WERLIN

A subtle blend of realism and fantasy based on the folk ballad, "Scarborough Fair." Lucy, 17 and pregnant, learns that she has only 9 months to break the family curse before she goes mad.



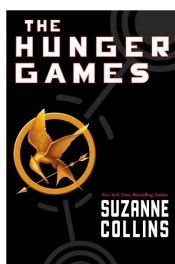
YOUR OWN, SYLVIA
STEPHANIE HEMPHILL

A portrait of the poet Sylvia Plath written in verse. It pulls you into her captivating and tumultuous life.



SHIVER
MAGGIE STIEFVATER

Beautiful and romantic. Grace finally meets the wolf she has been obsessed with—in the form of Sam, a sensitive human boy. Grace and Sam must fight the imminent winter chill that will turn Sam back into a wolf—perhaps indefinitely.

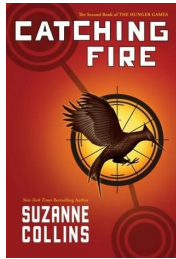


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Gripping dystopian fantasy. Katniss fights to survive when she is chosen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a televised bloody competition with only one victor.

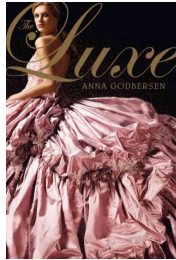


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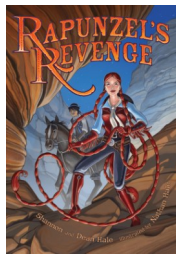
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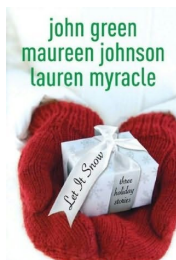
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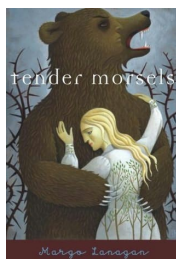
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