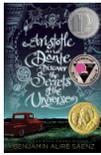




**Fangirl** – Rowell, Rainbow. Being consummate fans of the Simon Snow series helped Cath and her twin sister, Wren, cope as little girls when their mother left them. As they start college, Cath fears she isn't ready to live without Wren holding her hand - and without her passion for Snow. (RL 3.9, Lexile 570)  
Call # YA F ROW



**Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe** – Saenz, Benjamin Alire. Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When they meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the two loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special kind of friendship - the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. (RL 2.9, Lexile 380)  
Call # YA F SAE



\* **This Song Will Save Your Life** – Sales, Leila. Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, 16-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey, in this darkly comic, exuberant novel about identity, friendship, and the power of music to bring people together. (RL 4.8, Lexile 720)  
Call # YA F SAL



**Steelheart** – Sanderson, Brandon. At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers. Now, 10 years later, he joins the Reckoners, people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny. (RL 5.0, Lexile 680)  
Call # YA F SAN



**Between Shades of Gray**– Sepetys, Ruta. In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and her brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like her by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. (RL 3.6, Lexile 490)  
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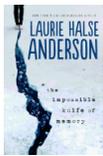
**Boy Nobody** (Later published as *I Am the Weapon*) – Zadoff, Allen. Sixteen-year-old Boy Nobody, an assassin controlled by a shadowy government organization, The Program, considers sabotaging his latest mission because his target reminds him of the normal life he craves. (RL 3.6, Lexile 450)  
Call # YA F ZAD

# 2016 Abraham Lincoln Award Booklist

Abe Award Nominees  
Illinois High School Readers' Choice Award



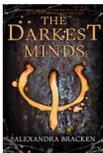
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**The Impossible Knife of Memory** – Anderson, Laurie Halse. For the past five years, Hayley Kincaid and her father have been on the road, never staying long in one place as he struggles to escape the demons that have tortured him since his return from Iraq. Now they are back in the town where he grew up so Hayley can attend school. For the first time, Hayley can have a normal life, put aside her own painful memories, and even have a relationship with Finn, the hot guy who obviously likes her but is hiding secrets of his own. (RL 4.7, Lexile 720) Call # YA F AND



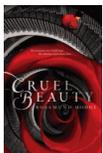
**One Shot at Forever** – Ballard, Chris. *Friday Night Lights* meets *Hoosiers* and *Dead Poet's Society* in this inspirational story about an unlikely coach who leads a high school baseball team and their small Illinois town to a season they'll never forget. (RL 7.0) Call # 796.35762 BAL



\* **The Darkest Minds** – Bracken, Alexandra. Sixteen-year-old Ruby breaks out of a government run rehabilitation camp for teens who acquired dangerous powers after surviving a virus that wiped out most American children. (RL 5.7, Lexile 870) Call # YA F BRA



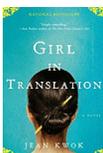
\* **If You Could Be Mine** – Farizan, Sara. In Iran, where homosexuality is punishable by death, 17-year-olds Sahar and Nasrin love each other in secret. After Nasrin's parents announce their daughter's arranged marriage, Sahar proposes a drastic solution. (RL 4.5, Lexile 670) Call # YA F FAR



**Cruel Beauty** – Hodge, Rosamund. Betrothed to the demon who rules her country and trained all her life to kill him, seventeen-year-old Nyx Triskelion must now fulfill her destiny and move to the castle to be his wife. (RL 5.8, Lexile 820) Call # YA F HOD



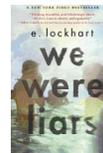
**Orphan Train** – Kline, Christina Baker. A captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers. (RL 5.6, Lexile 890) Call # F KLI



\* **Girl in Translation** – Kwok, Jean. Caught between the pressure to succeed in America, her duty to their family, and her own personal desires, Kimberly Chang, an immigrant girl from Hong Kong, learns to constantly translate not just her language but herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. (RL 5.7, Lexile 840) Call # YA F KWO



**Butter** – Lange, Erin Jade. Unable to control his binge eating, a morbidly obese teenager nicknamed Butter decides to make a live webcast of his last meal as he attempts to eat himself to death. (RL 4.9, Lexile 770) Call # YA F LAN



**We Were Liars** – Lockhart, E. Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer. (RL 4.4, Lexile 600) Call # YA F LOC



**Rot & Ruin** – Maberry, Jonathan. In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter. (RL 5.0, Lexile 780) Call # YA F MAB



**Say What You Will** – McGovern, Cammie. Charts the friendship between a girl with cerebral palsy and a boy with obsessive-compulsion disorder. Each need someone to help them reach out to the world. As they spend time with each other, their friendship eventually grows into something neither expected. (RL 4.8, Lexile 660) Call # YA F MCG



**I'll Give You the Sun** – Nelson, Jandy. In their separate voices, artists and twins Jude and Noah relate events surrounding a life-changing incident when they are thirteen, and three years later when secrets are revealed and they begin to heal. (RL 4.9, Lexile 740) Call # YA F NEL



**Boy21** – Quick, Matthew. Finley, who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob. When his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African-American student who has transferred from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their differences. (RL 4.9, Lexile 830) Call # YA F QUI



**Positive: A Memoir** – Rawl, Paige. Paige Rawl has been HIV positive since birth, but growing up, she never felt like her illness defined her. On an unremarkable day in middle school, she disclosed to a friend her HIV-positive status and within hours the bullying began. From that moment forward, every day was like walking through a minefield. Paige's memoir calls for readers to choose action over complacency, compassion over cruelty, and above all, to be positive. (RL 5.1, Lexile 730) Call # YA 362.1969792 RAW

\***Student Reader Panel selection**