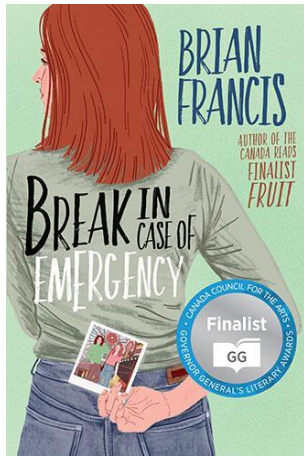


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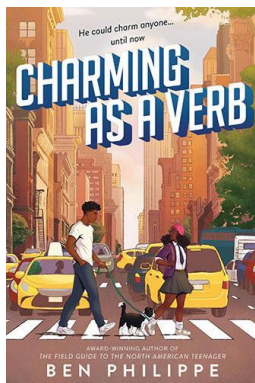


*Break in Case of Emergency*

Written by Brian Francis

Published by HarperCollins Canada

Dads can be such a drag. Life has been a struggle for Toby Goodman. Her mother died by suicide five years ago, and her father left their small town before Toby was born. Now a teenager living on her grandparents' dairy farm, Toby has trouble letting people in. She keeps even her closest friend, the brash but endearing Trisha, at arms' length, and recently ended her first relationship, with Trisha's burnout brother, Mike. Convinced that she is destined to follow her mother's path, Toby creates a plan to escape her pain. But with the news that her father is coming home and finally wants to meet her, Toby must face the truth of her family's story.



*Charming As A Verb*

Written by Ben Philippe

Published by HarperCollins

Henri "Halti" Haltiwanger can charm just about anyone. He is a star debater and popular student at the prestigious FATE academy, the dutiful first-generation Haitian son, and the trusted dog walker for his wealthy New York City neighbours. But his easy smiles mask a burning ambition to attend his dream college, Columbia University. There is only one person who seems immune to Henri's charms: his "intense" classmate and neighbor Corinne Troy.

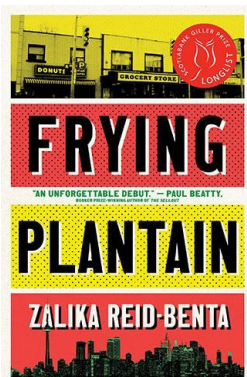


*Fan the Flame*

Written by Anna Priemaza

Published by HarperTeen

It's time for LotSCON, and everyone is excited. Up-and-coming gamer and YouTuber ShadowWillow is going to be on her very first panel as an invited guest, but all anyone wants to talk about is her relationship with famous gamer Codemeister (except they barely know each other).

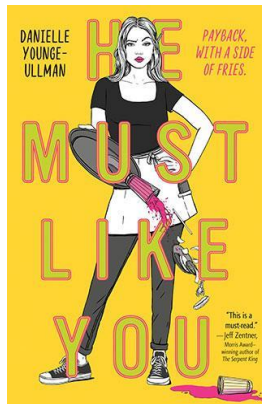


*Frying Plantain*

Written by Zalika Reid-Benta

Published by House of Anansi Press

Kara Davis is a girl caught in the middle — of her Canadian nationality and her desire to be a "true" Jamaican, of her mother and grandmother's rages and life lessons, of having to avoid being thought of as too "faas" or too "quiet" or too "bold" or too "soft." Set in "Little Jamaica," Toronto's Eglinton West neighbourhood, Kara moves from girlhood to the threshold of adulthood, from elementary school to high school graduation, in these twelve interconnected stories.



*He Must Like You*

Written by Danielle Young-Ullman

Published by Penguin Random House Canada Young Readers

Libby's having a rough senior year. Her older brother absconded with his college money and is bartending on a Greek island. Her dad just told her she's got to pay for college herself, and he's evicting her when she graduates so he can Airbnb her room. A drunken hook-up with her coworker Kyle has left her upset and confused.



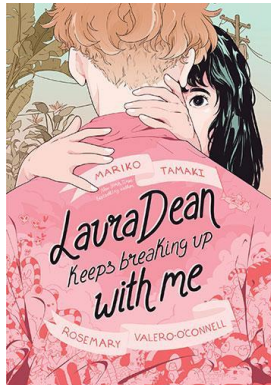
*Hunted by the Sky*

Written by Tanaz Bhathena

Published by Penguin Random House Canada Young Readers

Exploring identity, class struggles, and high-stakes romance, Tanaz Bhathena's *Hunted by the Sky* is a gripping adventure set in a world inspired by medieval India. Gul has spent her life running. She has a

star-shaped birthmark on her arm, and in the kingdom of Ambar, girls with such birthmarks have been disappearing for years.

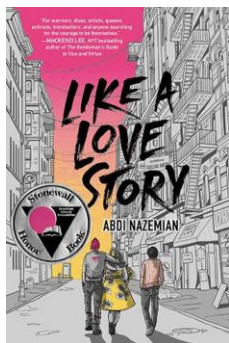


*Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me*

Written by Mariko Tamaki, Illustrated by Rosemary Valero-O'Connell

Published by Groundwood Books

Author Mariko Tamaki and illustrator Rosemary Valero-O'Connell bring to life a sweet and spirited tale of young love in *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me*, a graphic novel that asks us to consider what happens when we ditch the toxic relationships we crave to embrace the healthy ones we need. Laura Dean, the most popular girl in high school, was Frederica Riley's dream girl: charming, confident, and SO cute. There's just one problem: Laura Dean is maybe not the greatest girlfriend.



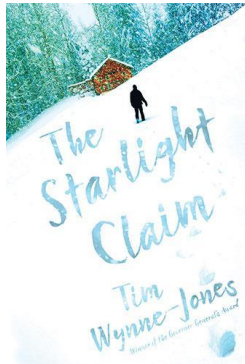
*Like a Love Story*

Written by Abdi Nazemian

Published by HarperCollins Publishers

It's 1989 in New York City, and for three teens, the world is changing. Reza is an Iranian boy who has just moved to the city with his mother to live with his stepfather and stepbrother. He's terrified that someone will guess the truth he can barely acknowledge about himself. 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

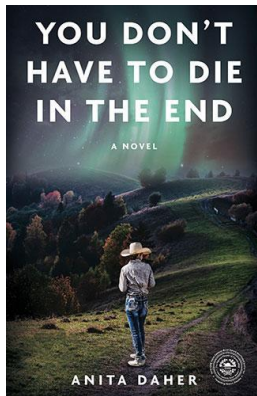
her uncle Stephen. Judy has never imagined finding romance...until she falls for Reza and they start dating. Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen.



*The Starlight Claim*

Written by Tim Wynne-Jones Published by Candlewick Press

Four months after his best friend, Dodge, disappeared near their families' camp in a boat accident, Nate is still haunted by nightmares. He'd been planning to make the treacherous trek to the remote campsite with a friend —But when his friend gets grounded, Nate secretly decides to brave the trip solo in a journey.....desperate hope he will find his missing friend when no one else could. What he doesn't expect to find is the door to the cabin flung open and the camp occupied by strangers: three men he's horrified to realize have escaped from a maximum-security prison.



*You Don't Have To Die in the End*

Written by Anita Daher

Published by Yellow Dog

Eugenia Grimm is a tough girl living in a tough town at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. She drinks and fights and pushes against expectations. She is also hurting: after her father died by suicide, her older brothers drifted away and her mother up and left. After a last-straw violent incident and faced with the possibility of incarceration, she is sentenced to time at an Intensive Support and Supervision Program

located at a remote mountain ranch. There, she begins to make connections, explore difficult truths, and might even turn things around—until a series of events pull her into a dark spiral she may not have the strength to resist.