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*Stop Pretending* Carolrhoda Lab™

An electromagnetic pulse flashes across the sky, destroying every electronic device, wiping out every computerized system, and killing billions. When it happens, Alex was hiking in the woods to say good-bye to her dead parents and her personal demons. Now desperate to find out what happened after the pulse crushes her to the ground, Alex meets up with Tom—a young soldier—and Ellie, a girl whose grandfather was killed by the EMP. For this improvised family and the others who are spared, it's now a question of who can be trusted and who is no longer human. Author Ilsa J. Bick crafts a terrifying and thrilling novel about a world that could be ours at any moment, where those left standing must learn what it means not just to survive, but to live amidst the devastation.

*A Short Zombie Story* Simon and Schuster

For Lela White, a Houston sleep lab technician, sleep doesn't come easy—there's a price to be paid for a poor night's sleep, and she's the judge, jury, and executioner. Everyone around Lela considers her a private woman with a passion for her lab work.

But nighttime reveals her for what she is: a woman on a critical secret mission. Lela lives in the grip of a mental disorder that compels her to break into astronauts' homes to ensure they can sleep well and believes that by doing so, she keeps the revitalized U.S. space program safe from fatal accidents. What began at the age of ten when her mother confessed to blowing up the space shuttle has evolved into Lela's life's work. She dreads the day when an astronaut doesn't pass her testing, but she's prepared to kill for the greater good. When Zory Korchagin, a Russian cosmonaut on loan to the U.S. shuttle program, finds himself drawn to Lela, he puts her carefully-constructed world at risk of an explosion as surely as he does his own upcoming launch. As Lela's universe unravels, no one is safe. PRAISE FOR THE TRAJECTORY OF DREAMS: "The Trajectory of Dreams is unsettling, beautifully written, and truly original. In Lela White, Nicole Wolverton has created one of the most haunting characters in contemporary fiction. This is a remarkable debut." - "Emily St. John Mandel, author of THE LOLA QUARTET, THE SINGER'S GUN, and LAST NIGHT IN MONTREAL" "This novel is a free dive into the bottomless ocean of insanity. With every chapter, every kick of the fins, you're sucked in deeper as the darkness mounts and the pressure builds. And like the ocean, The

Trajectory of Dreams gives up its secrets grudgingly, so you'll continually be stunned as the protagonist, Lela, falls to her inevitable implosion." -"Mike Mullin, author of ASHFALL and ASHEN WINTER."

*Fire & Flood* Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

The Apocalypse does not end. The Changed will grow in numbers. The Spared may not survive. Even before the EMPs brought down the world, Alex was on the run from the demons of her past and the monster living in her head. After the world was gone, she believed Rule could be a sanctuary for her and those she'd come to love. But she was wrong. Now Alex is in the fight of her life against the adults, who would use her, the survivors, who don't trust her, and the Changed, who would eat her alive. Welcome to Shadows, the second book in the haunting apocalyptic Ashes Trilogy: where no one is safe and humans may be the worst of the monsters.

*Ashfall* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Fans of Incarceron by Catherine Fisher and Variant by Robison Wells won't want to miss this magnetic first book in a gripping dystopian sci-fi series. Marie Lu, New York Times bestselling author of the Legend trilogy, raves that Taken is "an action-packed thrill ride from beginning to end. More, please!" Gray Weathersby has grown up expecting to disappear at midnight on his eighteenth birthday. They call it the Heist—and it happens to every boy in Claysoot. His only chance at escape is to climb the Wall that surrounds Claysoot. A climb no one has ever survived . . .

*Cracked Up to Be* Tanglewood Press

It happens just like that, in the blink of an eye. An older sister has a mental breakdown and has to be hospitalized. A younger sister is left behind to cope with a family torn apart by grief and friends who turn their backs on her. But worst of all is the loss of her big sister, her confidante, her best friend, who has gone someplace no one can reach. In the tradition of *The Bell Jar*, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*, and *Lisa, Bright and Dark* comes this haunting first book told in poems, and based on the true story of the author's life. 2000 Best Books for Young Adults (ALA) and 2000 Quick Picks for Young Adults (Recomm. Books for Reluctant Young Readers)

**When We Wake** St. Martin's Griffin

Darla Edmunds has faced a lot of challenges in her seventeen years: Her dad died in a farming accident when she was fourteen. Her mother retreated into hyper-religiosity, leaving Darla to run the family farm almost single-handedly. But those struggles pale in comparison to the one she faces after the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plummeting the world—and Darla's small corner of Iowa—into a cataclysmic natural disaster. DARLA'S STORY is book #0.5 of the ASHFALL trilogy (or should it be called a three-and-a-half-ology?) It's told from Darla's perspective, beginning with the eruption and ending when an injured stranger keels over in her barn. If you're new to the world of ASHFALL, DARLA'S STORY is a great place to start. If you've read ASHFALL and loved Darla, this book was written for you. Enjoy!

**The Trajectory of Dreams** Ashen Winter

After witnessing an act of domestic terrorism while training on his bike, Jake is found near death, with a serious head injury and unable to remember the plane crash or the aftermath that landed him in the hospital. A terrorist leader's teenage daughter, Betsy, is sent to kill Jake and eliminate him as a possible witness. When Jake's mother blames his head injury for his tales of attempted murder, he has to rely on his girlfriend, Laurissa, to help him escape the killers and the law enforcement agents convinced that Jake himself had a role in the crash. Mike Mullin, author of the Ashfall series, delivers a gripping story with memorable characters and all-too-real scenarios.

**A Novel** Luminis Books Incorporated

They came on a mission of mercy, but now they're in a fight for their lives. High schooler Will Peterson and three friends journeyed to Central America to help rebuild a school. In a poor, secluded mountain village, they won the hearts of the local people with their energy and kindness. But in one sudden moment, everything went horribly wrong. A revolution swept the country. Now, guns and terror are everywhere—and Americans are being targeted as the first to die. Will and his friends have got to get out fast. But streets full of killers . . . hills patrolled by armies . . . and a jungle rife with danger stand between them and the border. Their one hope of escape lies with a veteran warrior who has lost his faith and may betray them at any moment. Their one dream is to reach freedom and safety and home. If they can just survive.

**Legacy of the Clockwork Key** Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

Meg and her siblings have been sent to the English countryside for the summer to stay with elderly relatives. The children are looking forward to exploring the ancient mansion and perhaps discovering a musty old attic or two filled with treasure, but never in their wildest dreams did they expect to find themselves in the middle of a fairy war. When Rowan pledges to fight for the beautiful fairy queen, Meg is desperate to save her brother. But the Midsummer War is far more than a battle between mythic creatures: Everything that lives depends on it. How can Meg choose between family and the fate of the very land itself?

*Into the Still Blue* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Eager to start his apprenticeship, Finn MacCullen, descendent of a magical race of Irish warriors, quickly becomes the target of the goblin-like Amandâan and must find a lost spear—the only weapon that can destroy them—to save himself.

*Taken* Simon and Schuster

"A love letter to queerness, self-expression, and individuality (also Madonna) that never shies away from the ever-present fear within the queer community of late '80s New York, *Like a Love Story* made me feel so full—of hope, love, courage, pride, and awe for the many people who fought for love and self-expression in the face of discrimination, cruelty, and death. "A book for warriors, divas, artists, queens, individuals, activists, trend setters, and anyone searching for the courage to be themselves."—Mackenzi Lee, New York Times bestselling author of *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* 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, a gay man with AIDS who devotes his time to activism as a member of ACT UP. 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. He'll never be who his conservative parents want him to be, so he rebels by documenting the AIDS crisis through his photographs. As Reza and Art grow closer, Reza struggles to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart—and destroy the most meaningful friendship he's ever known. This is a bighearted, sprawling epic about friendship and love and the revolutionary act of living life to the fullest in the face of impossible odds.

*Trapped* Abrams

Sandy, a sophomore in high school, is sexually assaulted and unable to deal with the abuse, begins to abuse alcohol and steal.

**Ashes** Tanglewood

.27 is a number Ruby hates. It's a number that marks the

percentage of the population that has survived. It's a number that means she's one of the "lucky" few still standing. And it's a number that says her father is probably dead. Against all odds, Ruby has survived the catastrophic onset of the killer rain. Two weeks after the radio started broadcasting the warning, "It's in the rain. It's fatal and there's no cure," the drinkable water is running out. Ruby's left with two options: persevere on her own, or embark on a treacherous journey across the country to find her father-if he's even still alive.

*The Day the World Exploded* Penguin UK

The race for survival comes to a thrilling close in the earth-shattering conclusion to Veronica Rossi's New York Times bestselling *Under the Never Sky* trilogy. Their love and their leadership have been tested. Now it's time for Perry and Aria to unite the Dwellers and the Outsiders in one last desperate attempt to find the fabled Still Blue and bring balance to their world. Perfect for fans of the *Hunger Games* and *Divergent* series, Veronica Rossi's trilogy has been called "inspired, offbeat, and mesmerizing" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) and "incredibly original" (Seventeen.com). Brimming with romance and danger and building to a climax that will leave you breathless, *Into the Still Blue* brings this "masterpiece" trilogy to an unforgettable close (Examiner.com).

**All Right Now** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

How can you sneak past a horde of the dead with a screaming baby? The day Charlie Macomber is born is the first day of the zombie apocalypse. When the hospital in Harrington, Indiana is overrun by reanimated corpses, Charlie's dad must carry his son through the walking dead to safety. But when zombies roam the earth, can anyplace be safe? A companion novella to *ALL TOGETHER NOW: A ZOMBIE STORY*, *ALL RIGHT NOW* features familiar characters and sets the stage for the novel. **WARNING** This novella is mean and nasty and intended for a mature audience. It is absolutely not appropriate for younger readers. *ALL RIGHT NOW: A SHORT ZOMBIE STORY* is a gruesome, repugnant tale featuring horrific acts of violence sure to warp young minds. **PRAISE FOR ALL TOGETHER NOW: A ZOMBIE STORY** *ALL TOGETHER NOW: A ZOMBIE STORY* is by turns disgusting, terrifying, funny, and heartbreaking. Fans of *THE WALKING DEAD* will eat it up like, well, zombies munching fresh brains. A stellar debut from a novelist to watch! -Mike Mullin, award-winning author of *ASHFALL*, *ASHEN WINTER*, and *SUNRISE* Robert Kent's *ALL TOGETHER NOW: A ZOMBIE STORY* explodes with action, near escapes, flying guts (and other body parts), and bad luck for the main characters followed by even worse luck. In other words, a perfect zombie book. But the heart of this story is its realistic characters. I found myself staying up late over several nights, unable to put Ricky's tale down. -Darby Karchut, author of *GRIFFIN RISING* and *FINN FINNEGAN* When I say I found this book horrifying, I mean that in a good way. I mean it in the best way there is. There were moments in this book that completely spun me out. I read the disclaimer, but I wasn't expecting it to be as intense as it was. -Anniki's Bookcase *ALL TOGETHER NOW: A ZOMBIE STORY* is a book that is fast-paced, well-written and thought-provoking while still filling its pages with plenty of action, suspense, and, of course, zombie carnage. If you like zombie action combined with dark humor and a twinge of romance than *ALL TOGETHER NOW* is definitely for you. -Blood, Sweat, and Books This story is seriously fun, really easy to read, and the characters are easy to cheer for. And there are some fabulous one liners in this, seriously... for a zombie book, I think I laughed much more than I cringed! Well, maybe a bit, maybe not more. -Creating Serenity I was absolutely glued to my kindle till the early hours. The short chapters make it easy to read for those who just want to pick it up and put it down, but I bet you can't stop once

you start. Every chapter is action-packed, fast-paced and full of suspense, but still maintaining believability even from a 15-year-old's perspective. The action is heart-pounding, gripping, and in some places I actually found myself holding my breath while I speedily read through the pages to find out what was going to happen next... and... breathe. -Gadget Girl Reviews I found no faults with this book, it flows well, is edited well and it is wickedly smart. There are also some very good moral lessons which gives us a very good reason to share this book with the young adults in our lives. It is guaranteed to warp their young minds, and hey, isn't that how we all started to love the genre? I really cared for Ricky and Michelle, I loved the originality of the story and it was never predictable. In my opinion that deserves 5 stars. Whether you love zombies or not, I think you will really enjoy *ALL TOGETHER NOW: A ZOMBIE STORY!* -Horror-Web Kent doesn't pull any punches. This is a violent story, that not only shows the zombie carnage, but also how humans can be just as nasty and dangerous as zombies, if not more so. -Pearls Cast Before A McPig

*Shadows* Scholastic Inc.

Adam has killed again. It had to be done, part of him knows that, but it changes a person. It can certainly change a teenager who's already grown up too quickly, too harshly, in the wake of the catastrophic global blackout five months ago. In the name of safety and survival, Adam and his neighbors have turned their middle American suburban neighborhood into a fortress, defending against countless enemies. Adam wants to hope, wants to be what his girlfriend Lori wants him to be—but there's always a threat tugging at the edges of his consciousness. What's lurking in the dark is a greater danger than ever before: somebody who wants to destroy the Neighborhood and stop their strategic alignments with other powerful enclaves. More than that, though, it's personal: this somebody wants to destroy Adam. And he knows his prey is already wounded. Soon, the hunted becomes the hunter . . . and Adam hates himself for what he will have to do. Because sometimes even the dark is not cover enough for things that would never happen in the light.

*The Rule of Three: Will to Survive* Harper Collins

A pulse-pounding thrill ride, where a teen girl must participate in a breathtaking race to save her brother's life--and her own. Time is slipping away. . . . Tella Holloway is losing it. Her brother is sick, and when a dozen doctors can't determine what's wrong, her parents decide to move to the middle of nowhere for the fresh air. She's lost her friends, her parents are driving her crazy, her brother is dying--and she's helpless to change anything. Until she receives mysterious instructions on how to become a Contender in the *Brimstone Bleed*. It's an epic race across jungle, desert, ocean, and mountain that could win her the prize she desperately desires: the Cure for her brother's illness. But all the Contenders are after the Cure for people they love, and there's no guarantee that Tella (or any of them) will survive the race. The jungle is terrifying, the clock is ticking, and Tella knows she can't trust the allies she makes. And one big question emerges: Why have so many fallen sick in the first place? Victoria Scott's breathtaking novel grabs readers by the throat and doesn't let go.

**Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul IV** Spencer Hill Middle Grade

A teen girl unravels the mysteries of a secret society and their most dangerous invention in this adventure-swept romance set in Victorian London. When a fire consumes Meg's home, killing her parents and destroying both her fortune and her future, all she has left is the tarnished pocket watch she rescued from the ashes. But this is no ordinary timepiece. The clock turns out to be a mechanical key—a key that only Meg can use—which unlocks a

series of deadly secrets and intricate clues that Meg has no choice but to follow. She has uncovered evidence of an elite secret society and a dangerous invention that some will stop at nothing to protect, and that Meg alone can destroy. Together with the handsome stable hand she barely knows but hopes she can trust, Meg is swept into a hidden world of deception, betrayal, and revenge. The clockwork key has unlocked her destiny in this captivating start to a trilogy.

Simon and Schuster

Many visitors to Yellowstone National Park don't realize that the boiling hot springs and spraying geysers are caused by an underlying supervolcano, so large that the caldera can only be seen by plane or satellite. And by some scientific measurements, it could be overdue for an eruption. For Alex, being left alone for the weekend means having the freedom to play computer games and hang out with his friends without hassle from his mother.

Then the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging his hometown into a nightmare of darkness, ash, and violence. Alex begins a harrowing trek to search for his family and finds help in Darla, a travel partner he meets along the way. Together they must find the strength and skills to survive and outlast an epic disaster.

The Water Wars Carolrhoda Lab ®

Simon Winchester's brilliant chronicle of the destruction of the Indonesian island of Krakatoa in 1883 charts the birth of our modern world. He tells the story of the unrecognized genius who beat Darwin to the discovery of evolution; of Samuel Morse, his code and how rubber allowed the world to talk; of Alfred Wegener, the crack-pot German explorer and father of geology. In breathtaking detail he describes how one island and its inhabitants were blasted out of existence and how colonial society was turned upside-down in a cataclysm whose echoes are still felt to this day.