

# FOURTEEN AND UP

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## Adventure/Mystery

### **The Agency: A Spy in the House**

by Y. S. Lee

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-4067-5

Rescued from the gallows at twelve, Mary Quinn finds herself working for an undercover detective agency. Her hair-raising adventure in Victorian London lead to the establishment of her own identity. (13-16)

## Coming of Age

### **All Unquiet Things**

by Anna Jarzab

(Delacorte, \$17.99) 978-0-385-73835-4

Set in high school in California, this murder mystery moves through a fast-paced drug-infested crowd in search of answers about the real killers. (14+)

### **Bullet Point**

by Peter Abrahams

(Harper, \$16.99) 978-0-06-122769-1

Seventeen-year-old Wyatt confronts the biological father he has never seen and must decide whether his father's imprisonment is justified. (14-18)

### **Butterfly**

by Sonya Hartnett

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-4760-5

In Australia, fourteen-year-old Plum deals with issues of body image, friendship, and love heightened by insights from a young wife next door. (14-18)

### **Death Benefits**

by Sarah N. Harvey

(Orca, \$12.95) 978-1-55469-226-2

Pressed into service as caretaker for his difficult aged grandfather, Royce learns to appreciate the cantankerous man, a world-renowned cellist. (14-16)

### **Freak Magnet**

by Andrew Auseon

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-113926-0

Two teenagers cope very differently with tremendous grief and loss, but develop a strong , supportive relationship with one another. (13-17)

**\*Hothouse**

by Chris Lynch

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-167379-5

Russell struggles to come to terms with his grief and the painful truths that emerge after his father dies fighting a fire. (13-17)

**How I Made It to Eighteen:**

**A Mostly True Story**

written and ill. by Tracy White

(Roaring Brook, \$16.99) 978-1-59643-454-7

Stacy's harsh story of her mental breakdown is told with dark humor and honesty through stark illustrations and narrative. (15-18)

**\*How to Make a Bird**

by Martine Murray

(Arthur A. Levine, \$17.99) 978-0-439-66951-1

Seventeen-year-old Manon (Mannie) journeys to Melbourne to uncover secrets about a family tragedy and ultimately discovers herself. (13-17)

**\*Hush**

by Eishes Chayil

(Walker, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-2088-7

Seventeen-year-old Gittel, a member of the Chasidic Jewish community, yearns to understand and reveal what happened to her best friend when they were ten. **Mature**

**The Last Great Getaway of the Water Balloon Boys**

by Scott William Carter

(S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-7156-6

Teenagers Charlie and Jake take a wild road trip that changes their lives forever. (15-18)

**The Lighter Side of Life and Death**

by C. K. Kelly Martin

(Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-84588-8

Fifteen-year-old Mason explores his new identity after his first sexual encounter and his father's marriage to a woman with two children. (14-17)

**A Little Wanting Song**

by Cath Crowley

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86096-6

Charlie, sad, and Rose, angry, become friends because each needs something from the other. Told in alternating voices. Set in rural Australia. (14-17)

**The Mark**

by Jen Nadol

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-431-3

Sixteen-year-old Cassie has inherited the ability to foresee other people's death day in this literate tale of fate, love, and warring philosophies. (14-16)

**Nobel Genes**

by Rune Michaels

(Atheneum, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-1259-0

Raised as the son of a Nobel prize winner, a teen-ager discovers the truth that casts light on the meaning of identity. (14-18)

**A Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame**

by Brenda Woods

(Putnam, \$16.99) 978-0-399-24683-8

Nine students in a 10th-grader creative writing class share their struggles and dreams with each other and their teacher. (13-16)

**Tangled**

by Carolyn Mackler

(Harper, \$16.99) 978-0-06-173104-4

After meeting briefly on an island vacation, four teens look inside themselves, face their insecurities, and become more confident. (13-17)

**The Vinyl Princess**

by Yvonne Prinz

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-171583-9

Against the backdrop of Berkeley, California, sixteen-year-old Allie, a self-confessed music geek, defines her life, loves, and notions of family. (13-17)

## Fantasy

**The Curse Workers: White Cat**

by Holly Black

(McElderry, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-6396-7

Cassel, a misfit in a family of con artists, is trying hard to lead a "normal" life until terrifying dreams tell him he will need to do more to survive. (14-17)

**Finnikin of the Rock**

by Melina Marchetta

(Candlewick, \$18.99) 978-0-7636-4361-4

Finnikin survives ten years of exile before returning with the queen to retake the land. (13-15)

**Green Witch**

by Alice Hoffman

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-14195-6

As sixteen-year-old Green mourns the loss of her family and her city, she embarks on a difficult and enlightening journey of self-discovery. (13-16)

## Historical Fiction

### **Folly**

by Marthe Jocelyn

(Wendy Lamb, \$15.99) 978-0-385-73846-0

The parallel stories of Mary Finn and James Nelligan expose the difficulties of life for the poor in late Victorian England. (14-16)

### **Poisoned Honey:**

A Story of Mary Magdalene

by Beatrice Gormley

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85207-7

Marianne of Magdala is determined to follow her vision and become a disciple of Rabbi Yeshua. (12-16)

### **Revolution**

by Jennifer Donnelly

(Delacorte, \$18.99) 978-0-385-73763-0

Music genius seventeen-year-old Andi leaves her privileged world of private school Brooklyn to adventure in Paris, in both her present and in the mysterious past of another. (14-17)

## Science Fiction

### **Draw the Dark**

by Ilsa J. Bick

(Carolrhoda Lab, \$16.95) 978-0-7613-5686-8

Using his psychic powers, Christian is able to solve an ugly mystery that has haunted Winter, Wisconsin since it was the site of a prisoner of war camp for Germans during World War II. (13-17)

### **\*Ship Breaker**

by Paolo Bacigalupi

(Little, Brown, \$17.99) 978-0-316-05621-2

Teenager Nailer scavenges ships for parts to survive in a futuristic society while confronting issues of loyalty, love, and parental conflicts. (14-17)

## Today

### **\*Crazy**

by Han Nolan

(Harcourt, \$17.00) 978-0-15-205109-9

Jason worries about his mental stability as he tries to help his father deal with his own challenges. (13-16)

### **Every Little Thing in the World**

by Nina De Gramont

(Atheneum, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-8013-1

Troubled and “in trouble,” sixteen-year-old Sydney learns truths about family, friendship, and herself on a wilderness canoe trip. (14-17) **Mature**

### **Friend is Not a Verb**

by Daniel Ehrenhaft

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-113106-6

Sixteen-year-old Hen finds his way towards self-realization through music, friendship, love, and family. (14-16)

### **\*Glimpse**

by Carol Lynch Williams

(S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-0730-6

When Hope’s older sister Lizzie becomes suicidal and is subsequently hospitalized, a terrible family secret is gradually revealed. Told in free verse. (14-16)

### **Hope in Patience**

by Beth Fehlbaum

(WestSide Books, \$16.95) 978-1-934813-41-6

Fifteen-year-old Ashley deals with the effects of her stepfather’s sexual abuse and the reality of the justice system. (14-18)

### **Jumpstart the World**

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86665-4

Sixteen-year-old Elle confronts the many definitions of love and friendship when she meets her transgender neighbor. (14-17) **Mature**

### **The Knife that Killed Me**

by Anthony McGowan

(Delacorte, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73822-4

Paul’s nemesis, the school bully, creates a situation in which others are doomed. A powerful story about gang violence in contemporary England. (14+)

### **The Life of Glass**

by Jillian Cantor

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-168651-1

When thirteen-year-old Melissa's father dies, she holds onto her memories of him by continuing his journal, and unwittingly begins a journey of self-discovery. (13-15)

### **Lockdown**

by Walter Dean Myers

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-121480-6

A gritty and realistic look at a young boy's experience in a juvenile detention center. (14+)

### **The Lonely Hearts Club**

by Elizabeth Eulberg

(Point, \$17.99) 978-0-545-14031-7

When Penny is betrayed by her boyfriend Nate, she swears off boys and starts a club to empower like-minded high school friends. The results are not what she expected. (12-15)

### **Lost for Words**

by Alice Kuipers

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-14292-4

Devastated and guilty over her beloved sister's death in a terrorist attack, Sophie struggles to find peace and move forward. (13-16)

### **\*No and Me**

by Delphine De Vigan

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-479-5

When thirteen-year-old Lou meets a homeless teenage girl, their relationship upends her family in unexpected ways. Translated from the French. (14-16)

### **Please Ignore Vera Dietz**

by A. S. King

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86586-2

Vera, 17, is secretly in love with her best friend Charlie. When he betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, will she reveal information that could clear his name? (15-17)

### **The Secret to Lying**

by Todd Mitchell

(Candlewick, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-4084-2

At a new high school, James experiments with romance and reinvents himself via a web of creative lies which escalate toward self-destruction. (14-16)

### **Sorta Like a Rock Star**

by Matthew Quick

(Little, Brown, \$16.99) 978-0-316-04352-6

When homeless seventeen-year-old Amber's Mom is murdered, her can-do optimism is put to a test. (14-17)

**Teenie**

by Christopher Grant

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86191-8

An excellent student has trouble in her freshman year when she and her best friend confront problems with the young men in their lives. (14-16)

**You**

by Charles Benoit

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-194704-9

Fifteen-year-old Kyle chooses to befriend the manipulative Zack -- and faces the dire consequences of his choice. (13-17)