

# Next Level Stories: 700 Lexile and Under

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## Kill creatures

by Rory Power

One year after Nan's three best friends disappear, no one is more surprised than her when one of them returns - because she is the one who killed them. YA FIC POWER / LEXILE: 630



## Every borrowed beat

by Erin Stewart

After receiving a heart transplant, Sydney wants to learn as much as she can about Mia, the person whose heart she inherited, and falls deeply into Mia's world. YA FIC STEWART / LEXILE: 650



## A cruel thirst

by Angela Montoya

A fledgling vampire and a headstrong vampire huntress must work together-against their better judgment -to rid the world of monsters. YA FIC MONTOYA / LEXILE: 630



## The party

by Natasha Preston

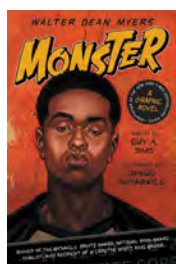
Bessie and her classmate's spring break party at a remote English castle turns deadly as a storm traps them with a killer, forcing them to unravel growing suspicions while the body count rises. YA FIC PRESTON / LEXILE: 640



## No rules tonight

by Hyun Sook Kim

At a winter camp in 1980s Korea, students get one rule-free night. Hyun Sook revives a banned book club, Taehee and Kiwoo navigate feelings, and Suji risks everything to share a secret—all under the shadow of state surveillance. YA GN NO / LEXILE: 490



## Monster : a graphic novel

by Guy A Sims

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken. YA GN MONSTER / LEXILE: 420



## As you walk on by

by Julian Winters

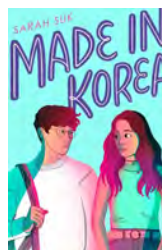
When his promposal goes epically wrong, 17-year-old Theo Wright, who has his life all figured all—or so he thinks— seeks refuge in an empty bedroom where he is joined by others escaping who they're supposed to be outside the bedroom door. YA FIC WINTERS / LEXILE: 600.



## Crashing into you

by Rocky Callen

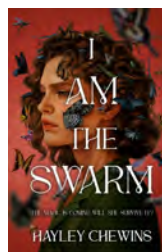
Dreaming of becoming a famous street racer, 17-year-old Leti Rivera vows to give up driving after tragedy strikes following a race, until she realizes it could be the very thing that saves her—and the boy she's come to love. YA FIC CALLEN / LEXILE: 630



## Made in Korea

by Sarah Suk

Running a successful beauty-care sales business at school, Korean-American teen Valerie clashes with newcomer Wes, who is selling a competitor's K-pop products to raise funds for his musical ambitions. YA FIC SUK / LEXILE: 640



## I am the swarm

by Hayley Chewins

The women of the Strand family are magical, but Nell sees their powers as a curse. When her emotions begin summoning insects, she must choose whether to suppress her true self or embrace the chaotic magic within her. YA FIC CHEWINS / LEXILE: 500



## Please be my star

by Victoria Grace Elliott

Obsessed with the cutest boy in her theater class, Erika hopes it will lead to friendship and romance when he agrees to star in her play, but soon she wonders what he sees in a girl like her— And if he has his own agenda. YA GN PLEASE / LEXILE: 500

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## Family Force V. Book one

by Matthew Braly

Welcome to Family Force V, where kaiju attacks are routine news. Fifteen-year-old Maise Shiraki juggles a crush, her love of art, and life as part of the superhero Moon Troopers. Being a hero is tough—almost as tough as being a teen—and Maise isn't great

at either. YA GN FAMILY V.1 / LEXILE: 400



## Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family. YA FIC SAENZ / LEXILE: 380



## Murder between friends

by Liz Lawson

Told in three voices, Grace questions her eyewitness testimony that convicted Henry's brother in a murder trial, leaving former childhood friends Henry and Ally no choice but to join forces with her to prove Jake's innocence. YA FIC LAWSON / LEXILE: 610



## The reappearance of Rachel Price

by Holly Jackson

When her mother, who disappeared 16 years before, reappears while a true crime documentary about her case is being filmed, Bel, not buying her mom's unbelievable story about what happened to her, must uncover the real reason Rachel

Price is back from the dead.

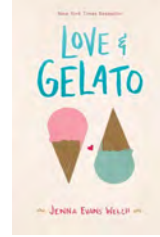
YA FIC JACKSON / LEXILE: 620



## This one summer

by Mariko Tamaki

Rose's latest summer at a beach lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens. YA GN THIS / LEXILE: 300



## Love & gelato

by Jenna Evans Welch

Reluctantly spending the summer in Tuscany in order to fulfill her mother's dying wish that she get to know her absent father, Lina is inspired to follow in her mother's footsteps after reading her journal and, in the process, uncovers a long-hidden secret. YA FIC

WELCH / LEXILE: 640

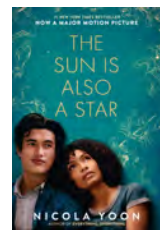


## Leah on the offbeat

by Becky Albertalli

Leah is an anomaly in her friend group: the only child of a young, single mom; her life is decidedly less privileged. She loves to draw but is too self-conscious to show it. And even though her mom knows she's bisexual, she hasn't mustered the courage to tell her

friends. When her friend group starts to fracture in unexpected ways, it's hard for Leah to strike the right note. And with prom and college on the horizon, tensions are running high. YA FIC ALBERTALLI / LEXILE: 500



## The sun is also a star

by Nicola Yoon

A scientifically minded girl who avoids relationships to help keep her family from being deported and a dutiful student who endeavors to live up to his parents' high expectations unexpectedly fall in love and must determine which path they will choose

in order to be together. YA FIC YOON / LEXILE: 650



## The flip side

by Jason Walz

After losing his best friend to cancer, grieving Theo navigates a haunting alternate reality that embodies his depression, where he faces a shape-shifting monster and teams up with a mysterious girl to survive in a world where everyone has vanished\*\*\*



## I am not alone

by Francisco X. Stork

A suspect in a terrible crime, Alberto, an undocumented immigrant from Mexico with developing schizophrenia, learns he's not alone when Grace, a girl with whom he forms an immediate—and electric—connection sets out to prove his innocence. YA FIC STORK /

LEXILE: 600