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<p><i>The Pregnancy Project: A Memoir</i> -- Rodriguez, Gaby Simon & Schuster BFYR, c2012. 218p Gaby Rodriguez, whose mother and older sister both became pregnant as teenagers, explains what she learned from faking a pregnancy as a high school senior in order to find out how people would treat her.</p>
<p><i>Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod</i> -- Paulsen, Gary Harvest Book, 1995. 256p The author's account of his most ambitious quest, to know a world beyond his knowing, to train for and run the Iditarod.</p>
<p><i>Copper Sun</i> -- Draper, Sharon Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2006. 302p Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives slaves sanctuary.</p>
<p><i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> -- Green, John Dutton Books, c2012. 318p Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.</p>
<p><i>Everybody Sees the Ants</i> -- King, A. S. (Amy Sarig) Little, Brown, 2011. 282p Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War, but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective.</p>
<p><i>Grave Mercy</i> -- LaFevers, Robin Houghton Mifflin, 2012. 549p Seventeen-year-old Ismae avoids an arranged marriage by making a place for herself at the convent of St. Martin, where she learns of her unique gifts and must determine whether she will be trained as an assassin and serve as a handmaiden to Death.</p>
<p><i>Every Day</i> -- Levithan, David A. Knopf, c2012. 324p Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.</p>
<p><i>Rot & Ruin</i> -- Maberry, Jonathan Simon & Schuster BFYR, c2010. 458p 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.</p>
<p><i>Dairy Queen</i> -- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert Houghton Mifflin, 2006. 274p After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.</p>
<p><i>Dirty Little Secrets</i> -- Omololu, Cynthia Jaynes Walker, 2010, 212p When her unstable mother dies unexpectedly, sixteen-year-old Lucy must take control and find a way to keep the long-held secret of her mother's compulsive hoarding from being revealed to friends, neighbors, and especially the media.</p>
<p><i>Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick</i> -- Schreiber, Joe Houghton Mifflin, 2011. 190p Perry's parents insist that he take Gobi, their quiet, Lithuanian exchange student, to senior prom but after an incident at the dance he learns that Gobi is actually a trained assassin who needs him as a henchman, behind the wheel of his father's precious Jaguar, on a mission in Manhattan.</p>
<p><i>Daughter of Smoke & Bone</i> -- Taylor, Laini Little, Brown, 2011. 418p Seventeen-year-old Karou, a lovely, enigmatic art student in a Prague boarding school, carries a sketchbook of hideous, frightening monsters--the chimaerae who form the only family she has ever known.</p>