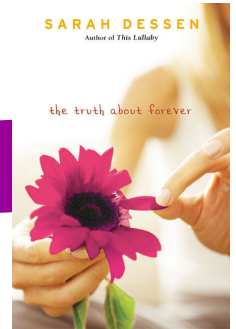
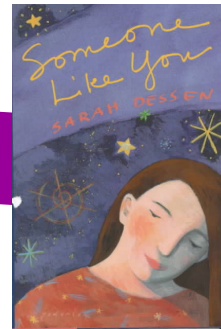
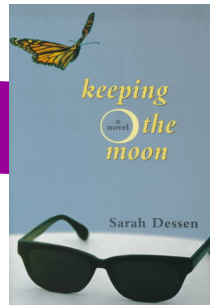
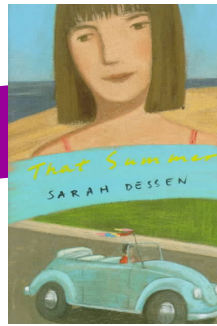


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Hope was Here by Joan Bauer

When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor. Many wonderful books by this author.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

The pants were magic--worn, thrift-shop jeans that made each of the four best friends look absolutely fabulous. Obviously they were life-changing pants. Thus the plan: route them to each of the four at their various summer destinations, with appropriate rules attached, of course, and watch wonderful things happen. Only they don't. A total of four marvelous books in this series.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

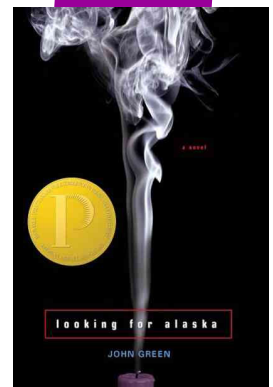
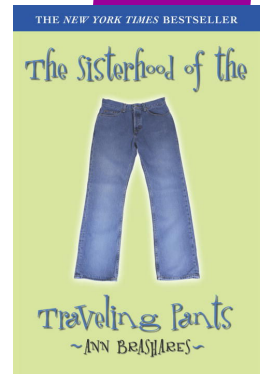
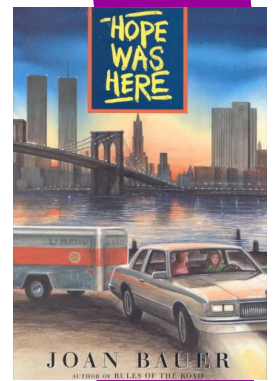
Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

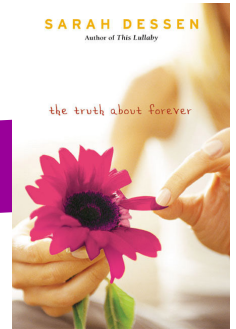
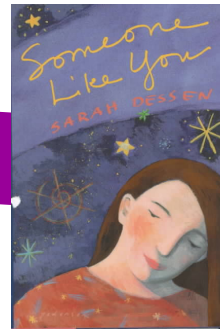
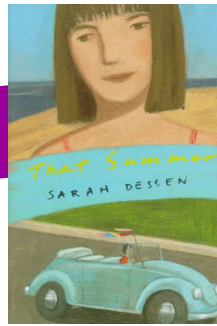
When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life. Other books by this author: *The Bermudez Triangle*, *Key to Golden Firebird*, and *Devilish*.

Love and Other Four Letter Things by Carolyn Mackler

When she and her mother move to an apartment in New York City after her parents decide on a trial separation, sixteen-year-old Sammie learns to deal with her mother's fragile mental state, her best friend's self-centeredness, several new friendships, and her own budding sexuality. Also, *The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things* and *Vegan Virgin Valentine* by this author—great reads!



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Saving Francesca by Melina Marchetta

Sixteen-year-old Francesca could use her outspoken mother's help with the problems of being one of a handful of girls at a parochial school that has just turned co-ed, but her mother has suddenly become severely depressed. Also read: **Looking for Alibrandi**.

Sloppy Firsts by Megan McCafferty

Devastated when her best friend moves away, sixteen-year-old Jessica Darling feels isolated at school and at home, as she struggles to deal with her father's obsession with her track meets, her boy-crazy peers, and her own nonexistent love life. Sequels are: **Second Helpings** and **Charmed Thirds**.

The Year of Secret Assignments by Jaclyn Moriarty

Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools. Also by this author: **The Murder of Bindy MacKenzie** and **Feeling Sorry for Celia**.

One of Those Hideous Books When the Mother Dies by Sonya Sones

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born. Other fabulous reads by this author are: **Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy** and **What My Mother Doesn't Know**.

Heart on my Sleeve by Ellen Wittlinger

From the end of high school to the beginning of college, Chloe and Julian deal with major changes in their families and friendships and explore their feelings for each other through emails, letters, and a visit.

