

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld  
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Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.

Sorcery & Cecelia by Patricia Wrede & Caroline Stevermer  
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In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecilia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards.



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## RECOMMENDED READS FOR NINTH GRADE





**Does My Head Look Big in This?** by Randa Abdel-Fattah

YA FIC ABDEL F R

High school is tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith - without losing her identity or sense of style.

**Internment** by Samira Ahmed

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In a terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence.

**Speak** by Laurie Halse Anderson

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A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

**The House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros

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Tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and harsh beauty.

**Book of a Thousand Days** by Shannon Hale

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Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her mistress, Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.

**Hattie Big Sky** by Kirby Larson

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After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

**The Downstairs Girl** by Stacey Lee

YA FIC LEE S

In 1890 Atlanta, Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady.

**A Step Toward Falling** by Cammie McGovern

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When Emily sees her developmentally disabled classmate Belinda being attacked, she does nothing at all. Belinda, however, manages to save herself. When their high school finds out what happened, Emily and Lucas, a football player who was also there that night, are required to perform community service at a center for disabled people. But can they do anything that will actually help the one person they hurt the most?

**Cinder** by Marissa Meyer

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As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

**A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness

YA FIC NESS P

Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill - an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

**Sabriel** by Garth Nix

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Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

**All American Boys** by Jason Reynolds

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When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

**The Gravity of Us** by Phil Stamper

YA FIC STAMPE P

When his volatile father is picked to become an astronaut for NASA's mission to Mars, seventeen-year-old Cal, an aspiring journalist, reluctantly moves from Brooklyn to Houston, Texas, and looks for a story to report, finding an ally (and crush) in Leon, the son of another astronaut.

**It's Kind of a Funny Story** by Ned Vizzini

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A humorous account of a New York City teenager's battle with depression and his time spent in a psychiatric hospital.

