

Sharon's Share List for Summer

Stories with a Soundtrack

Benway, Robin. **Audrey, Wait!** Razorbill, 2008. MS/HS. 313 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-1595141910

When Audrey breaks up with her rocker boyfriend Evan, he writes a rock song about their breakup that becomes a smash hit and catapults her into fame that she doesn't really want. She finds herself stalked by paparazzi, rock stars looking for a muse and star crazed fans. As Audrey struggles to maintain a normal life and her new romance with her ice cream shop co-worker, she realizes she needs to find a way out of her new found notoriety.

Cohn, Rachel. **Very LeFreak**. Knopf Books for Young Readers; 1 edition, 2010. HS. 320 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0375857584

Veronica, aka Very, is obsessed with technology. Attending class and listening to her Columbia University professors aren't nearly as interesting as instant messaging, texting, meme-ing and tweeting. A co-creator of the Grid, an underground student networking site, Very is also busy organizing flash mobs and illegal parties. In danger of flunking out, Very is finally sent to tech-rehab when her friends do an intervention.

Madigan, L.K. **Flash Burnout**. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. MS/HS. 336 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0547194899

15-year-old photographer Blake Hewson has a gorgeous girlfriend (Shannon) and a fellow photographer friend who is a girl (Marissa). The lines begin to blur when Blake takes a picture of a passed out street person whom Marissa recognizes as her meth addicted mother. As Blake begins spending more and more time dealing with Marissa's problems, he finds it hard to be an attentive boyfriend.

Printz, Yvonne. **The Vinyl Princess**. HarperTeen, 2009. MS/HS. 320 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0061715839

Allie, a sixteen-year-old audiophile, champions vinyl records in the age of downloads. She works at Bob & Bob's Records in Berkeley and starts a music blog that attracts international followers. Over the summer of her sophomore year she navigates her divorced parents' new relationships, crushes on a mysterious stranger and helps her best friend Kit spy on her cheating rocker boyfriend. Of course, she finds prince charming where she least expects him.

Rapp, Adam. **Punkzilla**. Candlewick, 2009. HS. 256 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0763630317

Fourteen-year-old street urchin Jamie, aka Punkzilla, is hitchhiking from Portland to Memphis to see his gay playwright brother who is dying of cancer. Along the way he meets a variety of disenfranchised characters who help him in one way or another. Told through a series of letters to his brother, Punkzilla's story is one of despair and heartbreak, which is tempered by tenderness and hope.

Skovron, Jon. **Struts and Frets**. Amulet Books, 2009. MS/HS. 304 ISBN-13: 978-0810941748

17-year-old Sammy wants nothing more than fame and fortune as a rock star. However, his band's lead singer is a loose cannon, his jazz musician grandfather is suffering from dementia and his best girl friend is becoming more than a friend. Struggling to become a legitimate musician amidst the chaos that is his life may be more than he can handle.

Mysteries

Abrahams, Peter. **Reality Check**. HarperTeen; 1 edition, 2009. MS/HS. 336 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0061227660

Cody Laredo's life begins to unravel when an injury sidelines him from his high school football team in Colorado, and his wealthy girlfriend Clea is sent away to Dover Academy in Vermont. When Clea disappears, Cody drops out of school and heads east to find her.

Carter, Ally. **I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You**. Hyperion, 2007. MS. 288 pages.
ISBN-10: 1423100042

15-year-old Cammie Morgan is a student at the Gallagher Academy, a top-secret boarding school for girls who are spies-in-training. Her troubles begin when she falls for Josh, a local boy who has no idea

about her true identity. Cammie's double life leads to some hilarious encounters as she navigates the mysteries of boy/girl relationships that seem much more difficult for her than studying covert operations and cultural assimilation at spy school.

(Sequels include *Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy*, *Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover* and *Only the Good Spy Young* which will come out June 29, 2010)

Carter, Ally. **Heist Society**. Hyperion Book CH, 2010. MS. 304 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-1423116394

The first in a new series introduces Katarina Bishop, daughter of one of the world's foremost art thieves, who decides to retire from the family business and attend a New England boarding school. However, when her father's life is threatened, Kat returns to her team of teenage burglars in an attempt to stage a heist that will save her father's life.

Ferguson, Alane. **The Dying Breath: Forensic Mystery**. Viking Juvenile, 2009. MS/HS. 234 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0670063147

The fourth book in The Forensic Mystery series finds teen assistant coroner, Cameryn Mahoney, stalked by a sociopathic killer with whom she became involved in an earlier book. Kyle O'Neil is leaving creepy love notes for her and no matter what the Deputy Sheriff does to protect her, Kyle seems to find a way around it. Finally, it is up to Cameryn to put an end to Kyle's schemes, before he kills again.

(Others in series include *Angel of Death*, *The Christopher Killer* and *The Circle of Blood*)

Parker, Robert B. **The Boxer and the Spy**. Philomel, 2008. MS/HS. 224 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0399247750

Fifteen-year-old boxer-in-training Terry Novak and his best friend Abby are determined to get to the bottom of the death of a classmate of an apparent suicide. The presence of steroids in the corpse just doesn't seem to fit what they knew about their shy nerdy friend. Their investigations pit them against the school principal, a beefy football player and a local politician, who are determined to prevent the two from learning the truth.

Dystopian Novels

Bachorz, Pam. **Candor**. EgmontUSA, 2009. MS/HS. 256 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1606840122

Candor is a planned community where people's behavior is manipulated through mind control music. Oscar Banks, son of the town's founder, has found a way to defy the subliminal messages and has developed a business helping teens escape. Then he falls in love with rebellious newcomer Nia, and he can't decide whether to help her escape or find a way for her to stay without losing herself.

Collins, Suzanne. **The Hunger Games**. Scholastic Press, 2008. MS/HS. 384 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0439023481

In the not-too-distant future in Panem, a dystopian state in North America, 24 teens are selected by lottery each year to compete in The Hunger Games. The games are televised as the teens are forced to eliminate their competitors until only one teen is left alive. In District 12, the poorest district in Panem, 16-year-old Katniss takes her 12-year-old sister's place along with Peeta, the town baker's son. Although they are pitted against stronger contestants, their cooperation just may allow them to survive.

(Sequel *Catching Fire*)

Dasher, James. **The Maze Runner**. Delacorte Books for Young Readers; First Edition edition, 2009. MS. 384 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0385737944

The first book in a proposed trilogy introduces Thomas, who is an amnesiac thrust into an enormous maze named the Glade where other teens are struggling to survive. No one knows why they are there, but each day elected maze runners search the monster ridden labyrinth to find a way out. When the first girl arrives in the Glade, she triggers memories in Thomas about the world outside the Glade, giving him clues as to how to escape.

Doctorow, Cory. **Little Brother**. Tor Teen, 2008. MS/HS. 384 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0765319852

Techno-geek Marcus and his gaming buddies are ditching school when terrorists blow up the Bay Bridge in San Francisco. Agents from the Department of Homeland Security find the kids suspicious and detain them for six days of intensive interrogation and torture. After his release, Marcus uses his technological skills to fight back against governmental electronic surveillance and restrictions which threaten to take away people's privacy and personal freedom.

Fisher, Catherine. **Incarceron**. Dial, 2010. MS. 448 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0803733961

In the first book of a new trilogy, we meet Finn, who is imprisoned in Incarceron, a sentient prison which is a failed experiment meant to imprison undesirables in a model utopia. After he finds a crystal key that opens any door, he is determined to use it to escape. The crystal key connects him with Claudia, the warden's daughter who is trying to avoid an arranged marriage. She believes Finn is the True Prince of the Realm, to whom she was engaged. Together they attempt to engineer his escape.

Westerfeld, Scott. **Extras**. Simon Pulse, 2007. MS/HS. 432 pages. ISBN-10: 1416951172

Aya is an "extra" in a society run on a "reputation economy." Each person's fame determines his wealth. She is hoping to achieve fame as a "kicker" by exposing an incognito clique which performs death defying tricks. When she infiltrates the group, she finds more than she bargains for.

Candy Bar Books

Bushnell, Candace. **The Carrie Diaries**. Balzer + Bray, 2010. MS/HS. 400 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0061728914

In this prequel to the wildly popular *Sex and the City*, Carrie Bradshaw navigates the drama of senior year in high school. She dates bad boy Sebastian, who can't seem to stick with one woman, mourns the death of her mother, and dreams of becoming a writer. Hoping to attend a summer writing seminar in New York City, Carrie experiments with finding her voice, as she takes on writing for the school newspaper.

Dessen, Sarah. **Along for the Ride**. Viking Juvenile, 2009. MS. 384 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0670011940

After her parents' divorce Auden is spending what she hopes will be a carefree summer with her dad and his new wife. Auden, who is always studying in an attempt to please her demanding academic mom, has missed out on a normal teenage life. Then she meets Eli, who is struggling to deal with the guilt he feels over the death of a friend. Both insomniacs, they meet on nightly nocturnal sojourns. Together they embark on a quest to find out what the town has to offer at night and end up discovering a lot about themselves and each other.

Fitzpatrick, Becca. **Hush, Hush**. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2009. MS/HS. 400 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-1416989417

Nora Grey, budding journalist, uses her researching skills to investigate several new transfer students at her school. Elliott, the key suspect in a suspicious death at his former prep school, and his silent best friend intrigue Nora and her best friend. Then there's Patch, Nora's new bad-boy lab partner, whom she discovers is a fallen angel who wants to become human. All three are entangled in a mysterious relationship she is determined to unravel.

Johnson, Maureen. **Scarlett Fever**. Point; 1 edition, 2010. MS. 352 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-043989928

In the sequel to *Suite Scarlett*, Scarlett continues her job as personal assistant to Mrs. Amberson, who is now a theatrical agent. Recruited to spy on Max, the brother of Mrs. Amberson's newly signed starlet, Scarlett finds herself vacillating between being annoyed and intrigued by him. Meanwhile, her brother has landed a part in a TV show, her sister has married "Number 98" and Maureen has become alarmingly nice. The Martin family financial woes continue in the second book of this madcap trilogy.

Selfors, Suzanne. **Coffeehouse Angel**. Walker Books for Young Readers, 2009. MS/HS. 288 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0802798121

16-year-old Katrina Svenson brings coffee and a Danish to a vagrant who is sleeping in the alley behind her grandma's coffee shop, and later finds out he's an angel who is a messenger from Heaven. For her kindness he must grant her heart's desire. But what does she want – love, fame, or fortune? While Katrina is busy trying to decide, her grandma's coffeehouse is failing, her best guy friend is dating her nemesis, and her cat becomes famous for killing a giant rat in the coffeehouse. To complicate matters she is attracted to the angel and would like for him to stick around.

Trigiani, Adrianna. **Viola in Reel Life**. HarperTeen, 2009. MS. 288 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0061451027

Brooklyn native Viola Chesterton ends up at boarding school in South Bend, Indiana when her parents head off to Afghanistan to make a documentary. Leaving her best friend Andrew behind, Vi expects to be miserable, but her three roommates help her adjust to her new life. Chronicling her adventures in a video journal, Vi tells the story of finding new friends, meeting a hot fellow filmmaker who becomes her boyfriend, and entering a film competition that may just make her dreams come true.

Novels in Verse

Hopkins, Ellen. **Identical**. Margaret K. McElderry (August 26, 2008). HS. 576 pages. ISBN-10: 1416950052

Kaeleigh and Raeanne are identical twins who are both harboring a secret. Their mother is a politician who is constantly on the campaign trail, and Kaeleigh is the inappropriate focus for her father's love. Raeanne, who is jealous, resorts to drugs, alcohol and sex. What can save the twins from their separate nightmares?

Hopkins, Ellen. **Tricks**. Margaret K. McElderry; 1 edition, 2009. HS. 640 page. ISBN-13: 978-1416950073

Five teens driven to prostitution through five different journeys all end up in Las Vegas where they struggle to find a way out of the hopelessness that has come to define their lives.

Schroeder, Lisa. **Far from You**. Simon Pulse; 1 edition, 2010. MS/HS. 384 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1416975076

Four days in a snowbound car with her stepmother and baby stepsister Ivy, give Alice time to reflect on the bitterness she feels about her mother's death from cancer and her father's new family, as well as her confusion about her relationships with her rebel boyfriend Blaze, who is pressuring her to sleep with him, and her best friend Claire, who is ready for Alice to move on from her ceaseless grief.

Schroeder, Lisa. **Chasing Brooklyn**. Simon Pulse; 1 edition, 2010. MS/HS. 432 pages ISBN-13: 978-1416991687

This novel in verse chronicles the year after Brooklyn's boyfriend Lucca is killed in a car accident and Gabe, the boy who was driving, commits suicide. Gabe is haunting Brooklyn's dreams and Lucca is haunting his brother Nico, instructing him to help Brooklyn deal with her grief. As Nico and Brooklyn begin to train for a triathlon, they attempt to redefine their lives which have been shattered by loss.

Wolf, Allan. **Zane's Trace**. Candlewick, 2007. MS/HS. 208 pages. ISBN-10: 0763628581

After his grandfather dies, Zane Guesswind steals his absentee father's 1969 Plymouth Barrucuda and heads for Zanesville, Ohio, where he is going to kill himself on his mother's grave. Along the way he meets Libba, a hitchhiker, who is also headed to Zanesville, and other mysterious characters who seem related to his ancestry. With every mile he travels, he gets closer to figuring out who he really is.

Social Awareness

Barnes, John. **Tales from the Madmen Underground**. Viking Juvenile; 1 edition, 2009. HS. 544 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0670060818

During six days in 1973, Karl Shoemaker, who is starting his senior year in high school, attempts to enact "Operation Be Fucking Normal," without much success. As he works five jobs, struggling to take care of his alcoholic mother, he realizes that his attempt to distance himself from the other kids forced to endure school therapy, known as the Madman Underground, is futile.

De la Pena, Matt. **We Were Here**. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2009. MS/HS. 368 pages. ISBN-13: 978-038573667

This story is written as a court ordered journal that Miguel Castenada is required to write while in a group home in San Jose. Fed up with the group home environment, Miguel and two other inmates, Mong and Rondell, break out and attempt to flee to Mexico. Miguel continues to chronicle their adventures in the journal, slowly revealing the stories leading to each boy's incarceration and the tragic event that changed Miguel's life forever.

Henry, April. **Torched**. Putnam Juvenile, 2009. MS/Hs. 224 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0399246456
In a deal that allows her hippie pot-growing parents to stay out of jail, sixteen-year-old April agrees to go undercover and join a local activist group, Mother Earth Defenders (MEDs). Participating in acts of eco-terrorism to prove herself, April is appalled to find out that the group is planning a deadly protest mission. To complicate matters, she has fallen for Coyote, one of the activist leaders. How far will she go to do what's right when the moral complexities of environmental activism blur the lines between right and wrong?

Waters, Daniel. **Generation Dead**. Hyperion Book CH, 2008. MS/HS. 400 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1423109211

When dead teenagers start coming back to life, prejudice against these "living impaired" kids is rampant at Oakvale High. Phoebe, who is a Goth girl, finds herself attracted to Tommy, the leader of the undead. She and her best friends Adam and Margi join the Undead Studies group to see if they can begin to understand the phenomenon and bridge the rift in the student body that prejudice has created.

(Sequel *Kiss of Life*. Third in the series *Passing Strange* is due out May 10, 2010).

Zenatti, Valerie. **A Bottle in the Gaza Sea**. Bloomsbury USA Children's Books; 1st edition, 2008. MS/HS. 160 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1599902005

When Naim, a Palestinian boy, finds a note in bottle on the beach, he begins communicating with Tal, the Israeli girl who wrote the note and had her brother throw it into the sea in Gaza. Through their email correspondence they develop a relationship that bridges the political chasm between their two countries.

Werewolves, Vampires and Fairies

Hanley, Victoria. **Violet Wings**. EgmontUSA, 2009. MS.368 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1606840115

When Zaria, a twelve-year-old fairy in Feyland, receives her wand and a watch which reveals her inborn levels of magic, she is astounded to find out she and her friend Leona are two of the most powerful fairies alive. Zaria, however, is "Earth struck" and can't stop thinking about her family's disappearance there. As she struggles to deal with the loss, she must also battle her evil mentor and plot against her for control of the governing council of Feyland. This is the first book in a proposed series.

Jones, Carrie. **Need**. Bloomsbury USA Children's Books, 2008. MS. 320 pages. ISBN-13: 978-1599903385

After the death of her beloved stepfather, Zara is devastated. Her mother sends Zara to live with her grandmother in Maine where she makes several new friends including Nick whose dangerous vibe is very enticing. Then Zara discovers the man who has been stalking her since her stepfather's heart attack is actually the pixie king, who has been kidnapping local boys. At first she is frightened, but then she realizes it is up to her and her new friends to stop him once and for all.

(Sequel *Captivate*)

Livingston, Lesley. **Darklight**. HarperTeen; 1 edition, 2009. MS. 320 page.
ISBN-13: 978-0061575402

In the sequel to *Wondrous Strange*, Sonny is in Faerie attempting to destroy the fairies in the Wild Hunt while Kelly is rehearsing her role as Shakespeare's Juliet at the Avalon theater. When sadistic leprechauns threaten her, Kelly flees to Faerie, where with the help of Fennrys Wolf and Sonny, she must battle for her life.

Marr, Melissa. **Wicked Lovely**. HarperTeen, 2007. MS/HS. 336 pages.
ISBN-10: 0061214655

Aislinn has always seen faeries that are invisible to most people, but now they are stalking her. Keenan, the faeries' Summer King, is determined that Aislinn is destined to be the Summer Queen, for whom he has been searching for nine centuries; but Aislinn does not want to sacrifice her freedom, her best friend Seth, and life as she knows it to find out.

(Sequels *Ink Exchange*, *Fragile Eternity*, and *Radiant Shadows*)

Stiefvater, Maggie. **Shiver**. Scholastic Press; 1 edition, 2009. 400 pages. MS/HS. ISBN-13: 978-0545123266

The first book in a proposed trilogy introduces Grace who has always been enthralled by the wolves who live in the woods behind her house. Attacked by the wolves when she was a child, Grace remembers little of her rescue by Sam, a pack member who is actually a werewolf. Sam was bitten by a werewolf as a young boy and now spends the cold months of the year as a wolf. The two finally meet and fall deeply in love, but their romance is threatened by many challenges, including the fact that Sam will soon lose the ability to become human.

(Sequel *Linger* is due out July 20, 2010)

Turner, Max. **Night Runner**. St. Martin's Griffin; 1 Original edition, 2009. MS. 272 Pages. ISBN-13: 978-0312592288

Orphaned Zack Thompson has spent the last eight years in a mental ward which was the only place that seemed to be able to deal with his strange medical condition. He's allergic to the sun, can't sleep at night, and can't digest anything but blood. He has adjusted to his odd routine, until one night a guy on a motorcycle crashes into the ward and liberates him, only to leave him running for his life.

Sports

Feinstein, John. **Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series**. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2009. MS. 320 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0375856365

Two teen investigative reporters, who are covering the World Series between Boston and Washington, D.C., uncover a suspicious incident in a rookie pitcher's past. Nobert Doyle, a career minor league player, is called up at the last minute to play for the Nationals. Fortuitously, the teens interviewed him before his winning game and are able to parlay the information he divulged into a front page story. However, they face an ethical dilemma in deciding whether to expose him and ruin his fairytale story.

(Others in the series include *Last Shot*, *Vanishing Act* and *Cover-Up*)

Korman, Gordon. **Pop**. Balzer + Bray, 2009. MS. 272 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0061742286

Practicing in the park, preparing for football tryouts at his new school, Marcus meets Charlie, an eccentric older guy who clearly knows a lot about football. As Charlie teaches Marcus to "love the pop," the sound that comes with the perfect hit, Marcus realizes that fearlessness has been missing from his game. However, when Marcus discovers Charlie's secret, he also realizes there's a price to pay for this bravery.

Lupica, Mike. **Million Dollar Throw**. Philomel, 2009. MS. 244 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0399246265

Eighth-grade football star Nate Brodie wins the opportunity to try to make a million-dollar throw on national TV during the halftime at a Patriots game. Normally, the throw would be within his capabilities, but the pressure of his family's financial woes added to his friend Abby being diagnosed with a degenerative eye disease is messing with his mojo. Will he be able to get his head back in the game in time

for the team championship and his halftime challenge?

Weaver, Will. **Saturday Night Dirt**. Puffin, 2008. MS. 272 pages.
ISBN-10: 014240392X

The first book in Weaver's new Motor Series introduces ten characters of varying ages and ethnicities who all are involved in the world of car racing. Headwaters Speedway is a small dirt stock-car track in northern Minnesota struggling to stay in business. One Saturday night, when rainstorms at other tracks force cancellations at other tracks, big name racers join the local kids at Headwaters for a night they'll all remember.

(Sequels *Superstock Rookie* and *Checkered Flag Cheater*)

Zadoff, Allen. **Food, Girls and Other Things I Can't Have**. Egmont USA, 2009. MS/HS. 320 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-1606840047

At 306 pounds, sophomore Andy Zansky is a target for bullies, until the quarterback of the football team recruits him as a lineman. Overnight he is transformed from a Model UN geek to a popular football player. For the first time in his life he is a member of the in-crowd, but it comes with a price.

Classic Connections

Bray, Libba. **Going Bovine**. Delacorte Books for Young Readers; 1 edition, 2009. MS/HS. 496 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0385733977

Based on Cervantes' Don Quixote, this fantasy introduces Cameron, a 16-year-old slacker, who has suddenly, becomes the center of attention after he is diagnosed with mad cow disease. In the hospital, he meets Dulcie, an alluring angel, who presents him with a heroic quest to rescue the planet from an otherworldly, evil force and in addition find a cure for his fatal disease.

Lo, Malinda. **Ash**. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009. MS/HS. 272 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0316040099

In this groundbreaking retelling, it's another woman at court, not the prince, who captures Cinderella's heart. Will she defy conventional norms and follow her passion?

Flinn, Alex. **Beastly**. HarperTeen, 2007. MS. 320 pages. ISBN-10: 0060874163

Kyle Kingsbury, a gorgeous, rich, ladies man at a private high school in New York City may be beautiful on the outside, but he is cruel and arrogant on the inside. When he angers a Goth girl, who is actually a witch, he is turned into a beast who can only be transformed by finding true love. In chat room sessions he seeks advice from other fairy tale characters, who root for him as he tries to woo Lindy, a fellow student whom he lures and then holds captive in his Brooklyn Brownstone.

Flinn, Alex. **Kiss in Time**. HarperTeen; 1 edition, 2009. 384 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0060874193

In this inventive retelling of Sleeping Beauty, Princess Talia of Euphrasia has been sleeping for 300 years when Jack, a Miami teen who is on an educational tour of Europe, awakens her with a kiss. He spirits her off to Florida where she discovers the wonders of the twenty-first century. However, their happy ending is thwarted by the evil fairy, who put the spell on Talia, and they must return to Euphrasia to put an end to her magical interference in their lives.

Reeve, Philip. **Here Lies Arthur**. Scholastic Press, 2008. MS. 352 pages.
ISBN-13: 978-0545093347

The story of King Arthur is told from the point of view of Gwyna, a young girl who is taken in by Myddrin, the king's bard, who weaves tales of his heroic prowess. Myddrin disguises her as Gwyn, his servant boy, and has her help him create the myth of the once and future king. The well-known supernatural elements of the story are explained as conjuring tricks that Gwyna and Myddrin create and exaggerations of the truth that Myddrin spins to turn Arthur into a legendary hero.