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**The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin** [Random House Digital, Inc.](#) **When Will Halpin transfers from his all-deaf school into a mainstream Pennsylvania high school, he faces discrimination and bullying, but still manages to solve a mystery surrounding the death of a football player in his class. Guy Langman, Crime Scene Procrastinator** [Ember](#) **Sixteen-year-old Guy Langman, his best friend Anoop, and other members of the school Forensics Club investigate a break-in and a possible murder, which could be connected to the mysterious past of Guy's recently-deceased father. Say It Ain't So** [Yearling Books](#) **"Lenny gets jealous when Mike makes the school baseball team, but together they and Other Mike stumble upon a stealing signals scandal that could go further up than anyone knows"--** **Strike Three, You're Dead** [Knopf Books for Young Readers](#) **"Lenny Norbeck and his friends The Mikes set out to investigate the suspicious death of a young pitcher at a Phillies game"--** **Camp Murderface** [HarperCollins](#) **Summer camp turns sinister in Camp Murderface, a spooky middle grade read perfect for fans of scare masters like R.L. Stine and Christopher Pike. The year: 1983. The place: Ohio. The camp: Scary as heck. Camp Sweetwater is finally reopening, three decades after it mysteriously shut down. Campers Corryn Quinn and Tez Jones have each had more than enough of their regular lives—they're so ready to take their summer at Sweetwater by storm. But before they can so much as toast one marshmallow, strange happenings start...happening. Can they survive the summer? Or will Camp Sweetwater shut down for good this time—with them**

inside? **Five Flavors of Dumb** [Penguin](#) Winner of the Schneider Book Award The award-winning author of the Elemental series delivers a rock-and-roll novel that Lauren Myracle called “raw, fresh, funny, and authentic.” **The Challenge:** Eighteen-year-old Piper has one month to get her high school’s coolest rock band Dumb a paying gig. **The Deal:** If she does it, Piper will become the band’s manager and get her share of the profits. **The Catch:** How can Piper possibly manage a band made up of an egomaniacal pretty boy, a talentless piece of eye candy, a silent rocker, an angry girl, and a crush-worthy nerd boy? And how can she do it when she’s deaf? Piper is determined to show her classmates that just because she’s hearing impaired doesn’t mean she’s invisible. With growing self-confidence, a budding romance, and a new understanding of her parent’s decision to buy a cochlear implant for her deaf baby sister, she discovers her own inner rock star and what it truly means to be a flavor of Dumb. For fans of K. L. Going’s *Fat Kid Rules the World* and Catherine Gilbert Murdock’s *Dairy Queen*. **Verdigris** Deep [Abrams](#) “Deliciously shiver-inducing . . . Fans of dark fantasies such as Neil Gaiman’s *Coraline* will find this tale irresistible”—from the award-winning author (*School Library Journal*). **Verdigris** (n.): a blue-green rust that tarnishes aging and forgotten copper coins, altering them entirely . . . **Ryan feels invisible:** At school, he’s in a class with students older and cooler than him, and at home, he’s largely ignored during his parents’ petty arguments. And then he meets Josh. Josh is popular in the way that only beautiful boys can be—he’s almost electric. Both Ryan and his chatterbox sidekick, Chelle, fall under Josh’s spell, and the three soon become inseparable. One summer afternoon, they sneak off to the troubled town of Magwhite. Trapped without bus fare for the ride home, Josh convinces his less mischievous companions their only solution is to steal coins from the infamous wishing well. Soon after, each develops a unique, sinister power. When the well witch appears, she gargles demands of her three new servants. Ryan, Josh, and Chelle have robbed her and now must obey her . . . and the wishes rotting at the bottom of her well. “A deliciously creepy tale . . . There is a vividness and energy to Hardinge’s imagination that makes almost every moment of this absorbing story shine with light or glossy darkness.” —*The Horn Book* (starred review) “Inescapably chilling . . . a dark, polished gem.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) “There’s no denying Hardinge’s power as a storyteller, her ability to create beautiful, precise imagery, or her expectation that her readers will grasp the subtle ideas and reflections woven into the novel.” —*Booklist* (starred review) **Draw the Dark** [Carolrhoda Lab](#)™ There are things the people of Winter, Wisconsin, would rather forget. The year the Nazis came to town, for one. That fire, for another. But what they'd really like to forget is Christian Cage. Seventeen-year-old Christian's parents disappeared when he was a little boy. Ever since, he's drawn obsessively: his mother's face...her eyes...and what he calls "the sideways place," where he says his parents are trapped. Christian figures if he can just see through his mother's eyes, maybe he can get there somehow and save them. But Christian

also draws other things. Ugly things. Evil things. Dark things. Things like other people's fears and nightmares. Their pasts. Their destiny. There's one more thing the people of Winter would like to forget: murder. But Winter won't be able to forget the truth, no matter how hard it tries. Not as long as Christian draws the dark... **Camp Murderface #2: Doom in the Deep** [HarperCollins](#) A long-abandoned—and long-haunted—summer camp sets the stage for the sequel to **Camp Murderface**, perfect for fans of old school scare masters like R.L. Stine and Christopher Pike. There's no such thing as an uneventful summer at Camp Sweetwater. Now that the Vampire Devils beneath the lake have been awakened, the camp is in big trouble. The first victims? Tez and Corryn's counselors, Gavin and Scary Mary. The Camp Director insists that the missing counselors are just quitting and going home, but Tez and Corryn don't believe it. They know something much more eeeeeeeevil is afoot. With the help of their cabinmates, Tez and Corryn set out to investigate the disappearances. But what they find is a horror closer than the bottom of the lake... and it might just spell the end for all of them. **Future Imperfect** [St. Martin's Griffin](#) Ade Patience can see the future and it's destroying his life. When the seventeen-year-old Mantlo High School student knocks himself unconscious, he can see days and decades into his own future. Ade's the best of Denver's "divination" underground and eager to join the heralded Mantlo Diviners, a group of similarly enabled teens. Yet, unlike the Diviners, Ade Patience doesn't see the future out of curiosity or good will; Ade gives himself concussions because he's addicted to the high, the Buzz, he gets when he breaks the laws of physics. And while there have been visions he's wanted to change, Ade knows the Rule: You can't change the future, no matter how hard you try. His memory is failing, his grades are in a death spiral, and both Ade's best friend and his shrink are begging him to stop before he kills himself. Ade knows he needs to straighten-out. Luckily, the stunning Vauxhall Rodolfo has just transferred to Mantlo and, as Ade has seen her in a vision two years previously, they're going to fall in love. It's just the motivation Ade needs to kick his habit. Only things are a bit more complicated. Vauxhall has an addiction of her own, and, after a vision in which he sees Vauxhall's close friend, Jimmy, drown while he looks on seemingly too wasted to move, Ade realizes that he must break the one rule he's been told he can't. The pair must overcome their addictions and embrace their love for each other in order to do the impossible: change the future. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** [Little, Brown Books for Young Readers](#) Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one

Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike. **Cornered 14 Stories of Bullying and Defiance** [Running Press](#) It does not necessarily take a fist to create a punch in the gut. This fourteen-story YA fiction anthology delves into the experience of being bullied—socially, emotionally, physically, psychologically, and sexually. The school hallways, walks home, and house walls are no longer the boundaries for intimidation and harassment. With the rapid-fire response time of social media and smartphones, bullying has lost all limits, and the lines among truth, lies, and real accountability have become blurred. Featuring some of the hottest voices in YA literature, both bestselling and on the rise, **Cornered** includes works from Kirsten Miller (New York Times bestseller *The Eternal Ones*), Jennifer Brown (*Hate List*), Elizabeth Miles (*Fury*), Jaime Adoff (*The Death of Jayson Porter*), Lish McBride (Morris Award finalist *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer*), Matthue Roth (*Losers*), Sheba Karim (*Skunk Girl*), Kate Ellison (*Butterfly Clues*), Zeta Elliot (*A Wish After Midnight*), Josh Berk (*The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin*), and James Lecesne (*Absolute Brightness* and founder of the Trevor Project). **Bet Your Life** [St. Martin's Griffin](#) Jess Tennant has now been living in a tiny town on the English seaside for three months, and is just beginning to relax and think of it as home after the traumatic events of last summer. But in the small hours of Halloween night, a teenage boy is left for dead by the side of the road. Seb Dawson has a serious head injury and may not survive. Jess might not have liked Seb much, but surely he didn't deserve this. The police don't seem to be taking the attack very seriously, but Jess can't just let it go, and she takes matters into her own hands. As she investigates, Jess discovers that Seb was involved in some very dangerous games. A secret predator around girls, he would do whatever it took to abuse them, from lying and blackmail to spiking drinks. Could a group of vengeful victims be behind his attack? Or is there someone else with a grudge against Seb, who will stop at nothing to silence him? Jane Casey returns with another edge-of-your-seat mystery in **Bet Your Life**. **The Looney Experiment** [Blink Author](#) Luke Reynolds's humorous and heart-warming contemporary novel, *The Looney Experiment*, chronicles one boy's journey through bullying, first love, and an up-close examination of the meaning of courage. Atticus Hobart couldn't feel lower. He's in love with a girl who doesn't know he exists, he is the class bully's personal punching bag, and to top it all off, his dad has just left the family. Into this drama steps Mr. Looney, a 77-year-old substitute English teacher with uncanny insight and a most unconventional approach to teaching. But Atticus soon discovers there's more to Mr. Looney's methods than he'd first thought. And as Atticus begins to unlock the truths within his own name, he finds that his hyper-imagination can help him forge his own voice, and maybe—just maybe—discover that the power to face his problems was inside him all along. **Burning Blue** [Penguin](#) A soulful mystery for fans of *Thirteen Reasons Why* and

**Paper Towns** When Nicole Castro, the most beautiful girl in her wealthy New Jersey high school, is splashed with acid on the left side of her perfect face, the world takes notice. But quiet loner Jay Nazarro does more than that—he decides to find out who did it. Jay understands how it feels to be treated like a freak, and he also has a secret: He’s a brilliant hacker. But the deeper he digs, the more danger he’s in—and the more he falls for Nicole. Too bad everyone is turning into a suspect, including Nicole herself. **Playground** [Penguin](#) Thirteen-year-old Butterball doesn't have much going for him. He's teased mercilessly about his weight. He hates the Long Island suburb his mom moved them to and wishes he still lived with his dad in the city. And now he's stuck talking to a totally out-of-touch therapist named Liz. Liz tries to uncover what happened that day on the playground - a day that landed one kid in the hospital and Butterball in detention. Butterball refuses to let her in on the truth, and while he evades her questions, he takes readers on a journey through the moments that made him into the playground bully he is today. This devastating yet ultimately redemptive story is told in voice-driven prose and accented with drawings and photographs, making it a natural successor to *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Loosely inspired by 50 Cent's own adolescence, and written with his fourteen-year-old son in mind, *Playground* is sure to captivate wide attention - and spark intense discussion. **Huge A Novel** [Crown](#) Life hasn't been easy for Eugene "Huge" Smalls. Sure, his IQ is off the charts, but that doesn't help much when you're growing up in the 1980s in a dreary New Jersey town where your bad reputation precedes you, the public school system's written you off as a lost cause, and even your own family seems out to get you. But it's not all bad. Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett have taught Huge everything he needs to know about being a hard-boiled detective . . . and he's just been hired to solve his first case. What he doesn't realize is that his search for the truth will change everything for him. **Latitude Zero** [Penguin](#) When a bicycle racing champion dies suddenly, a teen sleuth travels to Ecuador to solve the mystery. "I have to run," said Juan Carlos. "You will call? Please? It is very important." "Yes. I will call. Definitely. At two." That's what Tessa promises. But by two o'clock, young Ecuadorian cycling superstar Juan Carlos is dead, and Tessa, one of the last people ever to speak to him, is left with nothing but questions. The media deems Juan Carlos's death a tragic accident at a charity bike ride, but Tessa, an aspiring investigative journalist herself, knows that something more is going on. While she grapples with her own grief and guilt, she is being stalked by spies with an insidious connection to the dead cycling champion. Tessa's pursuit of an explanation for Juan Carlos's untimely death leads her from the quiet New England backwoods to bustling bike shops and ultimately to Ecuador itself, Juan Carlos's homeland. As the ride grows bumpy, Tessa no longer knows who's a suspect and who is an ally. The only thing she knows for sure is that she must uncover the truth of why Juan Carlos has died and race to find the real villain—before the trail goes cold. **Nearly Gone** [Penguin](#) Bones meets Fringe in a big,

dark, scary, brilliantly-plotted urban thriller that will leave you guessing until the very end Nearly Boswell knows how to keep secrets. Living in a DC trailer park, she knows better than to share anything that would make her a target with her classmates. Like her mother's job as an exotic dancer, her obsession with the personal ads, and especially the emotions she can taste when she brushes against someone's skin. But when a serial killer goes on a killing spree and starts attacking students, leaving cryptic ads in the newspaper that only Nearly can decipher, she confides in the one person she shouldn't trust: the new guy at school--a reformed bad boy working undercover for the police, doing surveillance. . . on her. Nearly might be the one person who can put all the clues together, and if she doesn't figure it all out soon--she'll be next. **No One Else Can Have You** [Harper Collins](#) Sara Shepard's **Pretty Little Liars** series meets the cult classic film **Fargo** in this gripping, dark comedy by debut author **Kathleen Hale**. A quiet town like **Friendship, Wisconsin**, keeps most of its secrets buried . . . but when local teen **Ruth Fried** is found murdered in a cornfield, her best friend, **Kippy Bushman**, decides she must uncover the truth and catch the killer. Since the police aren't much help, **Kippy** looks to her newly discovered idol, journalist **Diane Sawyer**, for tips on how to conduct her investigation. But **Kippy** soon discovers, if you want to dig up the truth, your hands have to get a little dirty, don'tcha know. In this riveting young adult novel, **Kathleen Hale** creates a quirky murder mystery that is intricately plotted and sure to keep readers guessing, laughing, and cringing until the surprising final pages. "Can a murder mystery be funny? You betcha!" raved **Kirkus Reviews** in a starred review. **Don't Get Caught** [Sourcebooks, Inc.](#) 10:00 tonight at the water tower. Tell no one. **-Chaos Club** When **Max** receives a mysterious invite from the untraceable, epic prank-pulling **Chaos Club**, he has to ask: why him? After all, he's **Mr. 2.5 GPA**, **Mr. No Social Life**. He's **Just Max**. And his favorite heist movies have taught him this situation calls for **Rule #4: Be suspicious**. But it's also his one shot to leave **Just Max** in the dust... Yeah, not so much. **Max** and four fellow students-who also received invites-are standing on the newly defaced water tower when campus security "catches" them. Definitely a setup. And this time, **Max** has had enough. It's time for **Rule #7: Always get payback**. Let the prank war begin. **Oceans 11** meets **The Breakfast Club** in this entertaining, fast-paced debut filled with pranks and cons that will keep readers on their toes, never sure who's pulling the strings or what's coming next. **The Girl in the Park** When a teenaged girl with a bad reputation is murdered in **New York City's Central Park** after a party, her childhood friend is determined to solve the mystery of who caused her death. **The Cipher** [Penguin](#) **Robert "Smiles" Smylie** and his friend **Ben** become embroiled in a high-stakes negotiation with a pair of suspicious **Feds** when **Ben** cracks a code with the power to unlock all the Internet's secrets. **Hands of My Father** **A Hearing Boy, His Deaf Parents**, and **the Language of Love** [Bantam](#) By turns heart-tugging and hilarious, **Myron Uhlberg's** memoir tells the story of growing up as the hearing son of deaf parents—and his life in a world that he found unaccountably beautiful,

even as he longed to escape it. “Does sound have rhythm?” my father asked. “Does it rise and fall like the ocean? Does it come and go like the wind?” Such were the kinds of questions that Myron Uhlberg’s deaf father asked him from earliest childhood, in his eternal quest to decipher, and to understand, the elusive nature of sound. Quite a challenge for a young boy, and one of many he would face. Uhlberg’s first language was American Sign Language, the first sign he learned: “I love you.” But his second language was spoken English—and no sooner did he learn it than he was called upon to act as his father’s ears and mouth in the stores and streets of the neighborhood beyond their silent apartment in Brooklyn. Resentful as he sometimes was of the heavy burdens heaped on his small shoulders, he nonetheless adored his parents, who passed on to him their own passionate engagement with life. These two remarkable people married and had children at the absolute bottom of the Great Depression—an expression of extraordinary optimism, and typical of the joy and resilience they were able to summon at even the darkest of times. From the beaches of Coney Island to Ebbets Field, where he watches his father’s hero Jackie Robinson play ball, from the branch library above the local Chinese restaurant where the odor of chow mein rose from the pages of the books he devoured to the hospital ward where he visits his polio-afflicted friend, this is a memoir filled with stories about growing up not just as the child of two deaf people but as a book-loving, mischief-making, tree-climbing kid during the remarkably eventful period that spanned the Depression, the War, and the early fifties. From the Hardcover edition. Flip [Penguin Group](#) What does it mean to have a soul whose will to live knows no limits? This gripping psychological thriller establishes Martyn Bedford as a hot new literary talent for young adults. Friday, December 14th. Fourteen-year-old Alex rushes home that night to beat his curfew. The next morning, he wakes up in an unfamiliar house, in a different part of the country, and it's the middle of June. Six months seem to have disappeared overnight. The family at the breakfast table? Total strangers. And when Alex looks in the mirror, another boy — called Philip, or Flip — stares back. The race against the clock is on, and unless Alex finds out what's happened and how to get back to his own life, he'll be forever trapped in someone else's body and life. The Morgue and Me [Penguin](#) After getting a job in the local morgue after his senior year, Christopher's life is forever changed when he discovers a murder cover-up, gets involved in a dangerous investigation, and becomes partners with an attractive newspaper reporter whose ambitious nature puts them both in great danger. Far From You [Little, Brown Books for Young Readers](#) The truth won't let her go. Sophie Winters nearly died. Twice. The first time, she's fourteen, and escapes a near-fatal car accident with scars, a bum leg, and an addiction to Oxy that'll take years to kick. The second time, she's seventeen, and it's no accident. Sophie and her best friend Mina are confronted by a masked man in the woods. Sophie survives, but Mina is not so lucky. When the cops deem Mina's murder a drug deal gone wrong, casting partial blame on Sophie, no one will believe the truth: Sophie has been clean for months, and

it was Mina who led her into the woods that night for a meeting shrouded in mystery. After a forced stint in rehab, Sophie returns home to a chilly new reality. Mina's brother won't speak to her, her parents fear she'll relapse, old friends have become enemies, and Sophie has to learn how to live without her other half. To make matters worse, no one is looking in the right places and Sophie must search for Mina's murderer on her own. But with every step, Sophie comes closer to revealing all: about herself, about Mina---and about the secret they shared. So Yesterday [Penguin](#) Ever wonder who was the first kid to keep a wallet on a big chunky chain, or wear way-too-big pants on purpose? What about the mythical first guy who wore his baseball cap backwards? These are the Innovators, the people on the very cusp of cool. Seventeen-year-old Hunter Braque's job is finding them for the retail market. But when a big-money client disappears, Hunter must use all his cool-hunting talents to find her. Along the way he's drawn into a web of brand-name intrigue- a missing cargo of the coolest shoes he's ever seen, ads for products that don't exist, and a shadowy group dedicated to the downfall of consumerism as we know it. You Choose! [Random House](#) Imagine you could go anywhere, with anyone and do anything! Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? Go on - you choose! With the help of Nick Sharratt's illustrations, this book looks at a whole range of scenarios where choosing is made fun. Overturned [Scholastic Inc.](#) What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. Especially murder. Nikki Tate is infamous, even by Las Vegas standards. Her dad is sitting on death row, convicted of killing his best friend in a gambling dispute turned ugly. And for five years, he's maintained his innocence. But Nikki wants no part of that. She's been working on Operation Escape Vegas: playing in illegal card games so she can save up enough money to get out come graduation day. Then her dad's murder conviction is overturned. The new evidence seems to come out of nowhere and Nikki's life becomes a mess when he's released from prison. Because the dad who comes home is not the dad she remembers. And he's desperately obsessed with finding out who framed him-and why. As her dad digs into the seedy underbelly of Vegas, the past threatens everything and Nikki is drawn into his deadly hunt for the truth. But in the city of sin, some sinners will do anything to keep their secrets, and Nikki soon finds herself playing for the biggest gamble ever-her life. Clarity [Scholastic UK](#) When you can see things others can't, where do you look for the truth? This paranormal murder mystery will have teens reading on the edge of their seats! Clarity "Clare" Fern sees things. Things no one else can see. Things like stolen kisses and long-buried secrets. All she has to do is touch a certain object, and the visions come to her. It's a gift. And a curse. When a teenage girl is found murdered, Clare's ex-boyfriend wants her to help solve the case but Clare doesn't want to get involved. Then Clare's brother becomes the prime suspect, and Clare can no longer look away. Teaming up with Gabriel, the smouldering son of the new detective, Clare must venture into the depths of fear, revenge, and lust in order to find the killer. Buzz Kill [Houghton Mifflin Harcourt](#) Seventeen-year-old

Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach "Hollerin' Hank" Killdare--and why. **Coin Heist** [Adaptive Books](#) A YA heist adventure about a group of high school students who hatch a plan to rob the U.S. Mint in order to save their school. **Liars, Inc.** [Harper Collins](#) A dark and twisted psychological tale, which Kirkus Reviews called "captivating to the very end" in a starred review—perfect for fans of *I Hunt Killers* and *Gone Girl*. Max Cantrell has never been a big fan of the truth, so when the opportunity arises to sell forged permission slips and cover stories to his classmates, it sounds like a good way to make a little money. So with the help of his friend Preston and his girlfriend, Parvati, Max starts *Liars, Inc.* Suddenly everybody needs something, and the cash starts pouring in. Who knew lying could be so lucrative? When Preston wants his own cover story to go visit a girl he met online, Max doesn't think twice about it. But then Preston never comes home. And the evidence starts to pile up—terrifying clues that lead to Preston's body. Terrifying clues that point to Max as the killer....

**Carter Finally Gets It** [Little, Brown Books for Young Readers](#) Join Will Carter for his freshman year, when he'll search for sex, love, and acceptance anywhere he can find it. In the process, he'll almost kill a trombone player, face off with his greatest nemesis, get caught up in a messy love triangle, suffer a lot of blood loss, narrowly escape death, run from the cops (not once, but twice), meet his match in the form of a curvy drill teamer, and surprise everyone, including himself. **Kick** [Harper Collins](#) For the very first time in his decades-long career writing for teens, acclaimed and beloved author Walter Dean Myers writes with a teen, Ross Workman. Kevin Johnson is thirteen years old. And heading for juvie. He's a good kid, a great friend, and a star striker for his Highland, New Jersey, soccer team. His team is competing for the State Cup, and he wants to prove he has more than just star-player potential. Kevin's never been in any serious trouble . . . until the night he ends up in jail. Enter Sergeant Brown, a cop assigned to be Kevin's mentor. If Kevin and Brown can learn to trust each other, they might be able to turn things around before it's too late. **The Last Good Day of the Year** [Bloomsbury Publishing USA](#) Ten years after Samantha and her next door neighbor Remy watched as a man broke into Sam's home and lifted her younger sister, Turtle, from her sleeping bag, Sam's shattered family returns to her childhood home in an effort to heal, and the more they re-examine the events of that fateful night, the more questions they have about what really happened to Turtle. **Microbial Evolution and Co-Adaptation A Tribute to the Life and Scientific Legacies of Joshua Lederberg: Workshop Summary** [National Academies Press](#) Dr. Joshua Lederberg - scientist, Nobel laureate, visionary thinker, and friend of the Forum on Microbial Threats - died on February 2, 2008. It was in his honor that the Institute of Medicine's Forum on Microbial Threats convened a public workshop on May 20-21, 2008, to examine Dr. Lederberg's scientific and policy contributions to the marketplace of ideas in the life sciences, medicine, and public policy. The resulting workshop summary, *Microbial Evolution and Co-Adaptation*, demonstrates

the extent to which conceptual and technological developments have, within a few short years, advanced our collective understanding of the microbiome, microbial genetics, microbial communities, and microbe-host-environment interactions. **Play Me Backwards** [Simon and Schuster](#) A committed slacker enlists the help of his best friend (who may or may not be the devil) to get his act together in this “timelessly true to life” (Booklist) novel filled with humor, awkwardness, and honesty, ideal for fans of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Leon Harris isn’t exceptional and he isn’t popular. He’s the kind of guy that peaked in middle school, when once upon a time he was in the “gifted” program and on the fast track to Ivy League glory. Now, a high school senior, he’s a complete slacker who spends his time hanging out in a third-rate ice cream parlor with his best friend, Stan, a guy who (jokingly, Leon thinks) claims to be Satan. Committed to his sloth, Leon panics when he finds out that Anna, the love of his life aka middle school girlfriend, might be moving back to town. Determined to get his act together, Leon asks Stan for help. Stan gives him a few seemingly random and mysterious assignments. Date a popular girl. Listen to *Moby-Dick*, the audiobook. Find the elusive white grape slushee. Join the yearbook committee. As each task brings Leon one step away from slacker city and one step closer to Anna, he starts to wonder if maybe he shouldn’t have promised Stan his soul after all... **Small Steps** [A&C Black](#) Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes, he is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him? In this exciting novel, Armpit is joined by many vibrant new characters, and is learning what it takes to stay on course, and that doing the right thing is never the wrong choice.