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2008
- Bad Monkeys by Matt Ruff – F RUF
- Genghis: Birth of an Empire by Conn Iggulden – F IGG
- A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah – B BEA
- Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones – F JON
- The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss – F ROT

2007
- Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen – F GRU
- The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game by Michael Lewis – B OHE
- The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield – F SET

2006
- Anansi Boys by Neil Gaiman – F GAI
- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro – F ISH
- Gil's All Fright Diner by A. Lee Martinez – F MAR
- My Jim by Nancy Rawles by F RAW
- The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls – B WAL

2005
- Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America by Steve Almond – 338.476 ALM
- Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer by Lynn Cox – YA B COX
- My Sister’s Keeper by Jodi Picoult – F PIC

2004
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon – F HAD
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini – F HOS
- The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger – F NIF
- Drinking Coffee Elsewhere by Z.Z. Packer – F PAC
- True Notebooks by Mark Salzman – 808.042 SAL
- Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi – GRAPHIC SAT
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### 2022
- **Light from Uncommon Stars** by Ryka Aoki – F AOK
- **Winter’s Orbit** by Everina Maxwell – F MAX
- **The Library of the Dead** by T.L. Huchu – F HUC
- **The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn – F QUI
- **The Witch’s Heart** by Genevieve Gornichec – F GOR

### 2021
- **Black Sun** by Rebecca Roanhorse – F ROA
- **The House in the Cerulean Sea** by T.J. Klune – F KLU
- **The Impossible First: From Fire to Ice - Crossing Antarctica Alone** by Colin O’Brady – 919.8904 OBR
- **The Only Good Indians** by Stephen Graham Jones – F JON
- **Plain Bad Heroines** by Emily M.丹forth – F DAN
- **We Ride Upon Sticks** by Quan Barry – F BAR

### 2020
- **Dominicana** by Angie Cruz – F CRU
- **Middlegame** by Seanan McGuire – F MCG
- **The Nickel Boys** by Colson Whitehead – F WHI
- **Red, White & Royal Blue** by Casey McQuiston – F MCQ
- **The Swallows** by Lisa Lutz – F LUT

### 2019
- **Circe** by Madeline Miller – F MIL
- **Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover – B WES
- **The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After** by Clemantine Wamariya – B WAM
- **Spinning Silver** by Naomi Novik – F NOV

### 2018
- **The Clockwork Dynasty** by Daniel H. Wilson – F WIL
- **Down Among the Sticks and Bones** by Seanan McGuire – F MCG
- **A Hope More Powerful than the Sea** by Melissa Fleming – YA 956.91 FLE

### 2017
- **In the Country We Love** by Diane Guerrero – B GUE
- **Every Heart a Doorway** by Seanan McGuire – F MCG

### 2016
- **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates – 305.8009 COA
- **Humans of New York** by Brandon Stanton – 974.7002 STA

### 2015
- **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr – F DOE
- **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng – F NG
- **The Martian** by Andy Weir – F WEI
- **Those Who Wish Me Dead** by Michael Koryta – F KOR
- **Wolf in White Van** by John Darnielle – F DAR

### 2014
- **Brewster** by Mark Slouka – F SLO
- **Help for the Haunted** by John Searles – F SEA
- **Lexicon** by Max Barry – F BAR
- **Mother, Mother** by Koren Zailckas – F ZAI
- **Relish** by Lucy Knisley – GRAPHIC B KNI

### 2013
- **Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore** by Robin Sloan – F SLO
- **My Friend Dahmer** by Derf Backderf – GRAPHIC DER
- **The Round House** by Louise Erdrich – F ERD
- **Where’d You Go, Bernadette?** by Maria Semple – F SEM

### 2012
- **The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens** by Brooke Hauser – YA 373.18 HAU
- **The Night Circus** by Erin Morgenstern – F MOR
- **Ready Player One** by Ernest Cline – AUDCD CLI
- **Robopocalypse: A Novel** by Daniel H. Wilson – F WIL
- **Salvage the Bones** by Jesmyn Ward – F WAR

### 2011
- **Girl in Translation** by Jean Kwok – F WOJ
- **The House of Tomorrow** by Peter Bognanni – F BOG
- **The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake: A Novel** by Aimee Bender – F BEN
- **Room: A Novel** by Emma Donoghue – F DON

### 2010
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope** by William Kamkwamba – B KAM
- **The Good Soldiers** by David Finkel – 956.7044 FIN
- **The Magicians** by Lev Grossman – F GRO
- **Stitches: A Memoir** by David Small – GRAPHIC B SMA

### 2009
- **City of Thieves** by David Benioff – F BEN
- **The Dragons of Babel** by Michael Swanwick – F SWA
- **Just After Sunset: Stories** by Stephen King – F KIN
- **Mudbound** by Hillary Jordan – F JOR
- **Three Girls and Their Brother** by Theresa Rebeck – F REB