HIGH SCHOOL BOOK RECS

**NON-FICTION**

Apple by Eric Gansworth -- A memoir-in-verse about growing up Onondaga (YA)
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah -- Stories from a South African childhood (A, YA)
Catch the Sparrow by Rachel Rear -- A search for the truth of a sister's murder (A)
Don't Look Back by Achut Deng and Keely Hutton -- A memoir of war, survival, and a journey from Sudan to America (YA)
From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry by Paula Yoo -- The killing of Vincent Chin and the trial that galvanized the Asian American movement (YA)
I Have Something to Tell You by Chasten Buttigieg -- A memoir of growing up gay in a small, midwestern town (A, YA)
Ordinary Hazards by Nikki Grimes -- A memoir-in-verse about growing up in a dangerous home (YA)
Radium Girls by Kate Moore -- The scary but true story of a poison that made people glow in the dark (A, YA)
Sunshine by Jarrett Krosoczka -- How one camp taught Jarrett about life, death, and hope (YA)
They Called Us Enemy by George Takei -- A memoir of a boy in an American concentration camp during WWII.
Tin Man by Justin Madson -- Solar, Fenn, & Campbell find unexpected friendship (YA)
Welcome to St. Hell by Lewis Hancox -- A trans teen misadventure (YA)

**GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMICS**

Batter Royale by Leisl Adams -- A romcom/baking competition delight (YA)
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin -- The race to build -- and steal -- the world's most dangerous weapon (YA)
Coming Back by Jessi Zabarsky -- Can Varissa be worthy of Preet's love? (YA)
Coven by Jennifer Dugan -- Emmy must help her coven find a killer (YA)
Himawari House by Harmony Becker -- Nao returns to Tokyo for a year (YA)
Hungry Ghost by Victoria Yang -- Val fights an eating disorder (YA)
Messy Roots by Laura Gao -- A memoir of a Wuhanese American (YA)
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut -- Billy survives WWII and travels through time in this anti-war story (A)
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CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Briarcliff Prep by Brianna Peppins — Avi deals with changing relationships (YA)
Chasing Pacquiao by Rod Pulido — Bobby fights to survive HS after being outed (YA)
Cool for the Summer by Dahlia Adler — Lara's summer girl crush shows up at her school (YA)
The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Blum — Hoodie falls for a girl outside his Orthodox Jewish community (YA)
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Promise Boys by Nick Brooks — 3 students are accused of murdering their principal, but they profess innocence (YA)
The Davenports by Krystal Marquis — Sisters look for love in 1910 Chicago (YA)
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver — A 1990s Appalachian DAVID COPPERFIELD remix (A)
The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander — Kofi's life is turned upside down in 1600s Africa (YA)
The Girl in His Shadow by Audrey Blake — Nora illegally practices medicine in 1800s London (A)
The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz — The younger sister of 1980s IVF triplets tells their stories (A)
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SCIFI & FANTASY

All That's Left in the World by Erik J. Brown — Andrew & Jamie survive a plague and fall for each other (YA)
The Daughter of Doctor Moreau by Silvia Moreno-Garcia — A retelling of THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU (A)
In the Lives of Puppets by TJ Klune — Victor & his robots learn about humanity (A)
Legends & Lattes by Travlis Baldree — Viv, an orc, opens a coffee shop (A)
Mickey7 by Edward Ashton — Mickey is on a deadly mission to colonize a planet (A)
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng — Bird sneaks off to find his rebellious mom (A)
Rebel of Fire and Flight by Aneesa Marufu — Khadija escapes an arranged marriage on a hot air balloon (YA)
The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas — 10 semidioses compete for Sol (YA)
Upgrade by Blake Crouch — Logan is infected with a DNA-changing virus (A)

HORROR

The Box in the Woods by Maureen Johnson — Stevie investigates a 40yo camp murder (YA)
Harvest House by Cynthia Leitich Smith — A Halloween haunted house tale (YA)
Hidden Pictures by Jason Rekulak — Mallory babysits Teddy, who starts drawing creepy, ghostly things (A)
The Honeys by Ryan La Sala — Mars investigates their twin's death (YA)
Such Sharp Teeth by Rachel Harrison — After a car accident, Rory begins to change mentally and physically (A)
The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson — A retelling of CARRIE (YA)