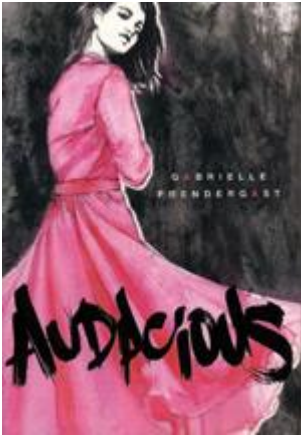




Apparition / Gail Gallant
Random House

Being able to see ghosts and teaming up with a local historian and his son, allows Amelia to piece together what really happened the night her best friend apparently committed suicide. The last time Amelia Mackenzie saw her best friend Matthew alive, he broke her heart. When he is found the next day an apparent suicide, Amelia's world comes crashing down. And then she sees him again. Because Amelia has a secret: sometimes, she sees ghosts. A local history columnist named Morris Dyson contacts Amelia after the funeral and tells her that he thinks the barn Matthew died in is haunted. With Amelia's gift for seeing ghosts, Morris's radical theories on the supernatural, and a bit of help from Morris's son Kip a mystery unfolds. *Apparition* is a fast-paced supernatural mystery about memory and obsession, love and loss.



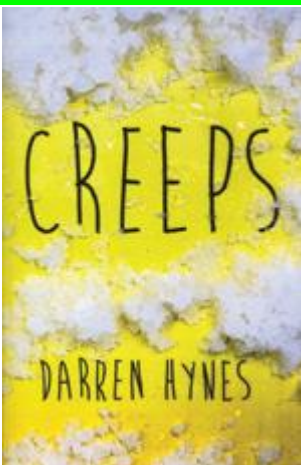
Audacious / Gabrielle Prendergrast
Orca Book Publishers

When artistic outcast Raphaëlle moves to a new town she tries to reinvent herself and attracts the attention of the brooding Samir until a bold artistic decision threatens to derail everything. Raphaëlle is wrong—she has the wrong hair, the wrong clothes, and the wrong personality. In fact, the only time she ever feels right is when she's creating works of art; so when her family relocates, she decides to become someone new. Reborn as Ella, she envisions a new kind of life and finds herself drawn to the brooding Samir. But too soon she discovers that reinvention is not as simple as shedding her past, and a bold artistic decision may very well destroy her. Told in jagged verse that catapults readers into Ella's life, *Audacious* by Gabrielle Prendergrast is a bold exploration of art, faith, and boundaries.



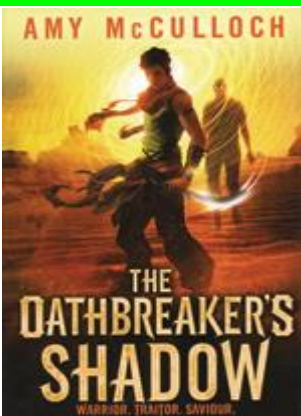
Baygirl / Heather Smith
Orca Book Publishers

Newfoundland teen Kit Ryan faces new love and loss after relocating from her small hometown of Parsons Bay to the big city of St. John's. Kit Ryan's tumultuous family life, with an abusive, alcoholic father and acquiescent mother, is only tempered by visits to her loving Nan and best friend Anne-Marie. This changes when Kit's father loses his fishing job and the family must move to the big city of St. John's. There, Kit befriends an unlikely cast of characters: her once-successful Uncle, now fighting his own demons, a curmudgeonly, yet lovable older neighbour, and new love interest Elliot. These people help Kit to see beyond her father's outbursts, to understand alcoholism as a nuanced disease. But other events threaten Kit's new understanding of her situation. Will she emerge unscathed?



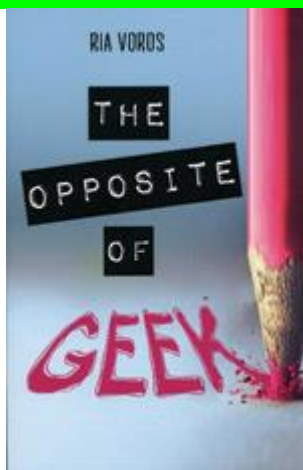
Creeps / Darren Hynes
Penguin Books

Wayne Pumphrey is routinely the object of bullying until one day an unlikely source comes to his rescue and a friendship is born. Will Wayne's new friendship survive the bully's new plans? Fifteen-year old Wayne Pumphrey wishes he had the courage to actually send the letters he writes to friends and family. He also wishes his father would stop drinking, his mother would stop packing her bags to leave, and that his sister would stop listening to Nickleback. But what Wayne wishes for most, is that Pete "The Meat" would let him walk to school in peace. Then one morning, faced with Pete, his posse, and the inevitable eating of yellow snow, Marjorie rescues Wayne and an unlikely friendship is born. If only Pete didn't have plans for them both...



The Oathbreaker's Shadow / Amy McCulloch
Random House

When a young warrior is wrongfully accused of treachery against the heir to the khan, he is exiled into the desert where he fights to survive and clear his name. In fifteen-year-old Raim's world, you tie a knot for every promise you make. Break that promise and the knot will burst into flames, marking you as an oathbreaker. But Raim doesn't know what promise was made for the knot he has worn on his wrist for as long as he can remember. On the day he pledges his life to Khareh, the future king, the rope ignites and sears a mark into his skin. Raim has two options: run or be killed. He takes refuge in the desert. Will he be able to learn skills needed to clear his name?



***The Opposite of Geek* / Ria Voros**

Scholastic Canada

A piercing novel about the unnerving process of growing up, and a girl finding her feet. What went wrong in grade 11 when Gretchen lost her best friend to the swim team and she needed emergency tutoring to pass chemistry? James and Dean to the rescue. But everything changes over the course of one awful night.

Written partly in verse, Gretchen finds new ways of expressing herself. *The Opposite of Geek* is a tale of haiku, high school, and heartache that explores teenage life through the words of one girl who is finding her way. One night changes everything when her new friend and chemistry tutor, James, dies in a car accident. *The Opposite of Geek* is a tale of haiku, high school, and heartache that explores teenage life as told by Gretchen.



Rush* / Eve Silver **WINNER*

HarperCollins Canada

Miki Jones wakes up in “the lobby”; an alternate universe after being hit by a car. She’s in a game where she has to fight and save the world – over and over again, any time, any place. If you’re successful, you go back to the real world; if you die in the game, you’re dead. Sixteen-year-old Miki Jones’s carefully controlled life spirals into chaos after she’s run down in the street, left broken and bloody. She wakes up fully healed in a place called the lobby—pulled from her life, through time and space into some kind of game where she and a team are sent on missions to eliminate the Drau, terrifying and beautiful alien creatures. There are no practice runs, no training, and no way out. Miki has only the guidance of secretive but maddeningly attractive team leader, Jackson Tate, who says the game is more than that and what they do now determines their survival—and the survival of every other person on this planet. She laughs. He doesn’t. And then the game takes a deadly and terrifying turn.



***The Silent Summer of Kyle McGinley* / Jan Andrews**

Great Plains

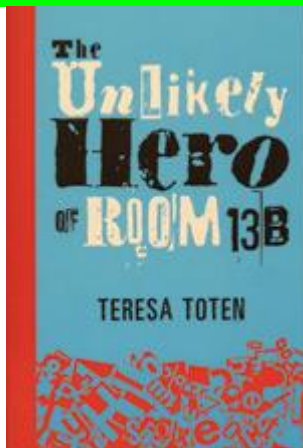
Fed up with being moved from one foster care home to the other, Kyle McGinley has taken a vow of silence. After all, what’s the point of talking when no one listens? When Kyle lands at Scott and Jill Wardman’s home, Kyle starts to reconsider. With a little bit of help from a crow, a swamp, and a ton of black paint, Kyle starts to believe that his life can be better with Scott and Jill. If only his dad doesn’t come back and mess everything up. Fed up with foster care, Kyle McGinley has stopped speaking. When he lands in a new home, Kyle slowly comes to realize that maybe life could be better, at least, if his father stays away.



***Tag Along* / Tom Ryan**

Orca Book Publishers

It’s junior prom night. Andrea is grounded for getting her older brother to buy booze for her, Paul is having panic attacks, Roemi has been stood up by his Internet date, and Candace is busy tagging a building (before she gets collared by a particularly tenacious cop). By happenstance, the four near-strangers end up together, getting into more trouble, arguing and ultimately helping each other out over the course of eight madcap hours. Fans of the 80’s movie, *The Breakfast Club*, will love the premise of this hilarious book. Friendships are forged on prom night, when four teens help each other through disappointment, near arrest, parental interference and panic attacks.



***The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B* / Teresa Toten**

Random House

Adam Spencer Ross meets Robyn and falls in love – not an easy task for a teen, especially one with OCD. When he chooses a superhero avatar, he naturally becomes Batman to her Robyn – but can he be a hero? Adam Spencer Ross is a typical 15-year-old boy. He’s dealing with typical everyday problems: school, divorced parents, step-siblings. And he’s got OCD. As an added bonus, weird things are going on at home AND his OCD rituals are escalating. In room 13B, the support group room, he meets Robyn – and instantly falls in love! When the group is asked to choose a superhero to represent them, Adam naturally becomes Batman to Robyn’s Robyn. But can he be her hero? Can he be anyone’s hero? Can he save himself?