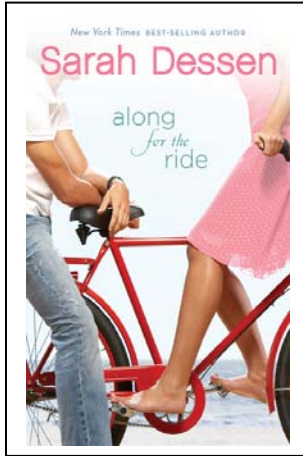


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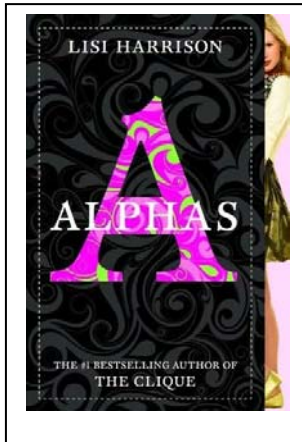


Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

Release Date: June 16, 2009

Need to Know: Sarah Dessen is the queen of teen romance. Her books are chick lit with deeper issues and her novel *Just Listen* won last year's Gateway Award. The story is about a girl, Auden, who suffers from insomnia and is spending summer with her father, his new wife and their new baby.

What if it's not in?: *Twenty Boy Summer* Sarah Ockler, *The September Sisters* by Jillian Cantor, Elizabeth Scott, Sara Zarr, Maureen Johnson, Carolyn Mackler, Ann Brashares, Sonya Sones, Melina Marchetta, Susane Colasanti, Joan Bauer



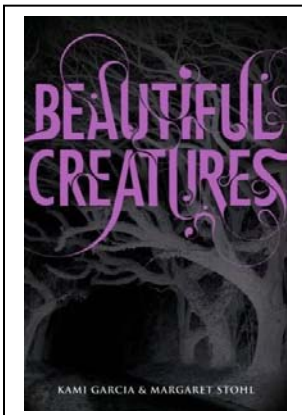
Alphas by Lisi Harrison

Release Date: August 25, 2009

Need to Know: New series by Clique author Lisi Harrison, and somewhat a spin-off (some Clique characters will appear).

What if it's not in?: *Lucky* by Rachel Vail, *Bras and Broomsticks* by Sarah Mlynowski, *The Ashleys* by Melissa de la Cruz, *The Secret Identity of Devon Delaney* by Lauren Barnholdt (and it's upcoming sequel *Devon Delaney Should Totally Know Better*), *Inside Girl Series* by J. Minter, *L.A. Candy* by Lauren Conrad, *What My Mother Doesn't Know* (and it's sequel *What My Girlfriend Doesn't Know*) by Sonya Sones,

The Luxe by Anna Godbersen (historical gossip girl)

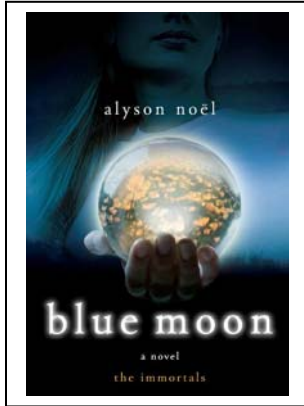


Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

Release Date: December 1, 2009

Need to Know: Southern Gothic romance and suspense. Lena lives in a small town and has powers that have haunted her family. Ethan is haunted by dreams of a girl he's never met. They are drawn to each other and must uncover their connection. Pre-buzz around it have recommended it as a good book to read after *Twilight*.

What if it's not in?: *Prophecy of the Sisters* by Michelle Zink, *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray, *Immortal* by Gillian Shields, *Beating Heart* by A.M. Jenkins, *Blood and Chocolate* by Annette Curtis Klause, *Gothic! Ten Original Tales* short story collection, *Look for Me by Moonlight* by Mary Downing Hahn

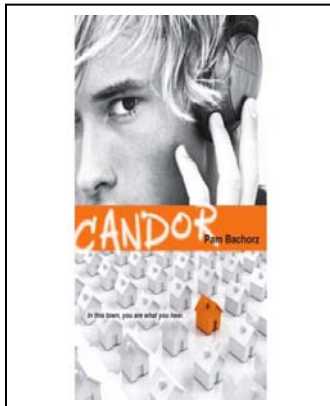


Blue Moon by Alyson Noel
Release Date: July 7, 2009

Need to Know: Second title in Alyson Noel's *Immortals* series (after *Evermore*) debuted at #1 on the NY Times bestseller list. Both books have been on the NY Times and USA Today bestseller lists since *Evermore*'s release in February. I also book talked this series on my school visits. Ever has psychic powers and she meets Damen, a mysterious boy at school. In *Blue Moon*, Damen's powers are weakening and Ever must travel to the mystical dimension Summerland to try to save him. While there, she discovers he might be able to reverse time and bring

back her family who was killed in an accident. But she can only choose one...

What if it's not in?: Anything paranormal would go well with this one. If they're trying to break away from vampires/werewolves try: *Wake and Fade* (third book out in 2010) by Lisa McMann, *Wondrous Strange* (sequel *Darklight*) by Lesley Livingston, *Sleepless* by Teri Clark, *Wicked Lovely* (and sequels) by Melissa Marr, *Deadly Little Secret* (and sequel *Deadly Little Lies*) by Laurie Faria Stolarz,



Candor by Pam Bachorz
Release Date: September 22, 2009

Need to Know: Getting a big push from Egmont at ALA, *Candor* is the story of a dystopian future, where teens are controlled and made perfect. But one teen knows the way around the brainwashing and subliminal messages. For a price, Oscar will help teens de-program and escape. But Nia moves to Candor and everything changes. Be sure to watch the book trailer online for this one.

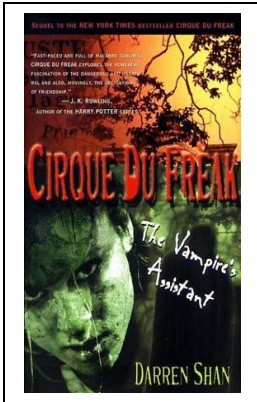
What if it's not in?: Another pre-buzzes book at ALA, *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner may make a good read-alike, *The Compound* by S.A. Bodeen, *The Hunger Games* (and sequel *Catching Fire*) by Suzanne Collins, *The Declaration* (and sequel *The Resistance*) by Gemma Malley, *Tomorrow When the War Began* (Mobius) and *The Eillie Chronicles* by John Marsden, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, *Feed* by M.T. Anderson. *The Sky Inside* by Clare B. Dunkle



Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: The much anticipated sequel to *The Hunger Games* is the must have YA book of 2009. If you haven't read *The Hunger Games*, pick it up NOW! Dystopian future where *Survivor* meets *Gladiator* and teens compete in a death match, I can't say anything without ruining the story. Great title with lots of adult appeal.

What if it's not in?: Same list as for *Candor*. Might also try *Gone* (and sequel *Hunger*) by Michael Grant, *Unwind* by Neil Shusterman, *Exodus* by Julie Bertagna



Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant by Darren Shan
Movie Release Date: October 23, 2009

Need to Know: Darren Shan's books have always been popular, but expect to see a surge in requests for *Cirque du Freak* thanks to the upcoming movie. The movie changed it's name to *The Vampire's Assistant* and with John C. Reilly, Willem Dafoe, Selma Hayek as the bearded lady, a Halloween movie release, and an almost Tim Burton-esque to the movie, I expect this one to do well.

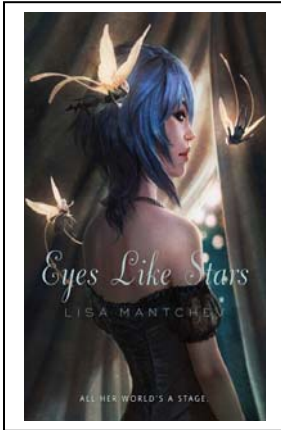
What if it's not in?: *Demonata Series* by Darren Shan, *Skeleton Creek* (and *Ghost in the Machine*) by Patrick Carman, *The Chronicles of Vladimir Todd Series* by Heather Brewer, *Monster Blood Tattoo Series* by D.M. Cornish, *Freaks! Alive on the Inside* by Annette Curtis Klause, *Mortal Instruments Series* by Cassandra Clare, *Midnighters* by Scott Westerfeld, *Vampirates Series* by Justin Somper, *Full Tilt* by Neil Shusterman



The Devil's Kiss by Sarwat Chadda
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: Disney-Hyperion's big ALA push. About a young girl who is the only female member of the Knights Templar, forced to join by her father, the Templar Master. When tempted with another way of life, she learns she may have brought down the Tenth Plague upon humanity-the death of all first born. Already has a sequel coming 2010, and with a strong tough heroine, this should have appeal to action/adventure fans.

What if it's not in?: *Warrior Princess* by Frewin Jones, *Keeper of the Grail* by Michael Spradlin, *Alfred Kropp Series* by Rick Yancey, *Nobody's Princess* by Esther Friesner, *Blue Flame* by K.M. Grant, *The Last Knight* by Hillari Bell, Tamora Pierce

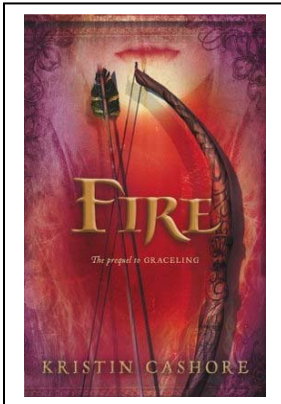


Eyes Like Stars by Lisa Mantchev

Release Date: July 7, 2009

Need to Know: Debut author Lisa Mantchev starts of a wonderful trilogy about a girl who lives in a theater, but is not an actor, with *Eyes Like Stars*. The book has received rave reviews, received tons of online pre-release buzz and after only a week in print it went into its second printing. (Update: as of 7/29-*Eyes Like Stars* is in its third printing! So it's a must know.)

What if it's not in?: This book is pretty unique, but some good suggestions would be: *Wondrous Strange* by Leslie Livingston, *Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor *Lament: The Faerie Queen's Deception* (and sequel *Ballad*) by Maggie Stiefvater, *Saving Juliet* by Suzanne Selfors, *Ophelia* by Lisa M. Klein, Shakespeare novels featured in the book



Fire by Kristin Cashore

Release Date: October 5, 2009

Need to Know: Prequel to the 2008 hit *Graceling*, which was shortlisted for the ALA Morris debut novel award, and won the Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature. One on the must grab ARCs at ALA, *Fire* is set in the same world as *Graceling*, but serves as a prequel set 30-some years before the events in *Graceling*.

What if it's not in?: *Savvy* by Ingrid Law, *The Hero and the Crown* by Robin McKinley, *Beka Cooper Series* and *Song of the Lioness Series* Tamora Pierce, *Princess Ben* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Dealing with Dragons* (and sequels) by Patricia Wrede



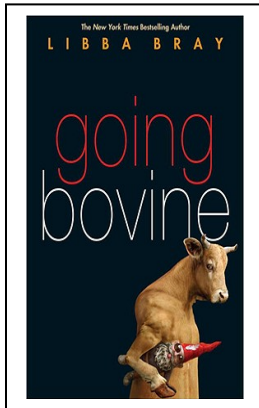
Forest Born by Shannon Hale

Release Date: September 15, 2009

Need to Know: Shannon Hale won a Newberry Honor for *The Princess Academy* and *Forest Born* is her latest entry into the Books of Bayern, which include *The Goose Girl*, *Enna Burning*, and *River Secrets*. This one has a blurb from

Twilight's Stephenie Meyer, so I would expect this one to get more interest from fans not acquainted with her previous titles.

What if it's not in?: Shannon Hale's previous titles, *Princess Ben* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock, *Dealing with Dragons* (and sequels by Patricia Wrede), *Catherine Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman, *The Amaranth Enchantment* by Julie Berry Robin McKinley, Gail Carson Levine, Alex Flinn's fairy tale re-tellings *Beastly* and *A Kiss in Time*



Going Bovine by Libba Bray
Release Date: September 22, 2009

Need to Know: Libba Bray has a large developed a large following after her Gemma Doyle trilogy (*A Great and Terrible Beauty*, *Rebel Angels*, *The Sweet Far Thing*) but gothic romance this is not. *Going Bovine* is the story of Cameron, a teen who has mad cow disease, and his road trip with loopy punk angel, a video-gamer dwarf and a lawn gnome. Expect this to be popular with adults looking for dark humor as well as teens.

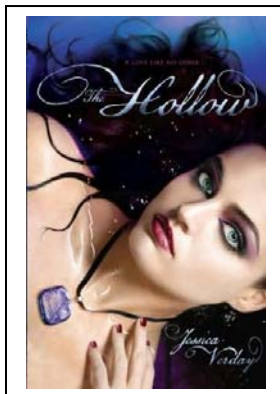
What if it's not in?: *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams, *Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before* and *Girls for Breakfast* by David Yoo, *Ten Things to do Before I Die* by Daniel Ehrenhaft, *Dunk* and *Sleeping Freshman Never Lie* by David Lubar, *Ghostgirl* (and sequel *Ghostgirl: Homecoming*) by Tonya Hurley, *Prom* by Laurie Halse Anderson



Hate List by Jennifer Brown
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: Librarian's have been talking this one up and giving Hate List lots of early praise. I've heard nothing but good things about this one. A debut novel by KC area author Jennifer Brown, Hate List tackles the issue of a school shooting told through the eyes of the shooter's girlfriend. I've been told it's a stay up all night read.

What if it's not in?: *Shooter* by Walter Dean Myers, *Hangman's Curse* by Frank Peretti, *Give a Boy a Gun* by Todd Strasser, *Project X* by Jim Shepard, *The Brimstone Journals* by Ron Koertge, *On the Fringe* edited by Don Gallo, *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Piccolt



The Hollow by Jessica Verday
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: Another debut author this time re-telling The Legend of Sleepy Hollow in the start to a new trilogy. Supernatural and romance fans will pick this one up and I think

the cover alone will be enough to entice readers to grabbing this book.

What if it's not in?: *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving, *The Hollow Series* by Christopher Golden, *Immortal* by Gillian Shields, *Meridian* by Amber Kizer, *Love is Hell* by various authors, *Prom Nights From Hell* by various authors, *Vacations From Hell* by various authors, *Generation Dead* (and sequel *Kiss of Life*) by Daniel Waters Edgar Allan Poe

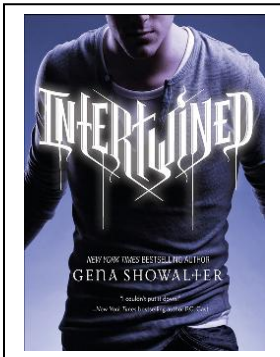


Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick
Release Date: October 13, 2009

Need to Know: Simon and Schuster's big Fall push at ALA. Yes, there's a rise still in YA and paranormal, but *Hush, Hush* adds a new twist-it's the story of a fallen angel. Full of romance, suspense, and mystery, this will be one reader's are gushing over.

What if it's not in?: *Eternal* by Cynthia Leitich Smith, *Angel* by Cliff McNish, *Raven* by Allison van Diepen, *Evermore* by Alyson Noel, *Kissed by an Angel* by Elizabeth Chandler, *Heavenly* by

Jennifer Laurens and *Coffeehouse Angel* by Suzanne Selfors for lighter angel/paranormal reads



Intertwined by Gena Showalter
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: With the rise of YA and romance, it was only a matter of time before romance giant Harlequin started a line for teens. *Intertwined* is one of two debut titles to kick off Harlequin Teen, with more titles following in 2010. The story of a boy tormented by four souls living inside him and mix in werewolves, vampires and of course romance. According to early buzz Harlequin Teen will be a publisher to keep an eye on.

What if it's not in?: *My Soul to Take* by Rachel Vincent, *Mortal Instruments Series* by Cassandra Clare, *The Summoning (and sequels)* by Kelley Armstrong, *Strange Angels* by Lili St. Crow, *The Demon's Lexicon* by Sarah Rees Brennan, *Soul Enchilada* by David Macinnis Gill, Lynne Ewing, Amelia Atwater Rhodes, L.J. Smith



Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld
Release Date: October 6, 2009

Need to Know: Scott Westerfeld gained a big following with his *Uglies* series. Now he's trying his hand at steam punk. Steam punk takes the Victorian era when steam-power was still being used, but adds technology and sometimes an alternate timeline.

Illustrations inside the novel show some of Westerfeld's creations.

What if it's not in?: *Monster Blood Tattoo Series* by D. M. Cornish, *Larklight (and sequels)* by Phillip Reeve, *Mortal Engines (and sequels)* by Phillip Reeve, *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* comics by Allan Moore, *Society of Unrelenting Vigilance* by Glenn Dakin, *Steam punk* short story collection



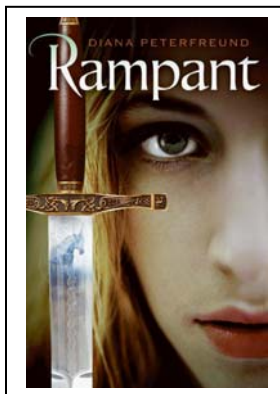
My Soul to Take by Rachel Vincent

Release Date: August 1, 2009

Need to Know: First release in the new Harlequin Teen line. This one is about a girl who sense when people around her about to die. Sequel is coming in 2010.

What if it's not in?: Same as *Intertwined*, also try *Wake and Fade* by Lisa McMann, *Deadly Little Secrets (and sequel Deadly Little Lies)* by Laurie Faria Stolarz, *Sleepless* by Terri Clark, *Sleepless* by Thomas Fahy, *Need* by Carrie Jones, *Mediator*

Series by Meg Cabot



Rampant by Diana Peterfreund

Release Date: August 25, 2009

Need to Know: It's a YA book about killer unicorns-yep *killer* unicorns-enough said.

What if it's not in?: *The Demon's Lexicon* by Sarah Rees Brennan, *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by Carrie Ryan, *Bones of Faerie* by Janni Lee Simner, *Lament: The Faerie Queen's Deception (and sequel Ballad)* by Maggie Stiefvater, *Faerie Wars (and sequels)* by Herbie Brennan, *Wicked Lovely (and sequels)* by

Melissa Marr



Sent by Margaret Peterson Haddix (The Missing Book 2)

Release Date: August 25, 2009

Need to Know: Second book in Margaret Peterson Haddix's *The Missing* series. Haddix is the queen of tween suspense and her books are popular with the late elementary/middle school crowd. *Found*, the first book in the series, left readers hanging, so demand for this one will be high. This is another series I book talked this year and it's such an easy sell-plane lands and it's full of babies, thirteen years later teens are getting letters saying "you are one of the missing."

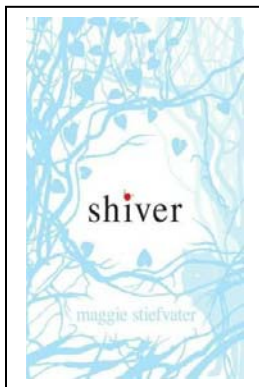
What if it's not in?: *Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken, *On the Run* by Bill Myers, *Locked Inside* by Nancy Werlin, *On the Run Series* by Gordon Korman, *Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman, Peg Kehret, Caroline B Cooney, Mary Downing Hahn, Peter Abrahams,



The Ranger's Apprentice: The Siege of Macindaw
Release Date: August 4, 2009

Need to Know: Sixth book in the Ranger's Apprentice series. With the end of Harry Potter and Percy Jackson and no release date on the next Christopher Paolini, Ranger's Apprentice may serve as a good hold over series for reader's looking for adventure and fantasy.

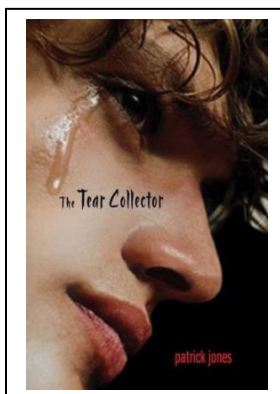
What if it's not in?: *The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel Series* by Michael Scott, *Fablehaven Series* by Brandon Mull, *The Lost Years of Merlin Series* by T.A. Barron, *The Thief* (and sequels) by Megan Whalen Turner, *Septimus Heap Series* by Angie Sage, *The Magic Thief* (and sequel *Lost*) by Sarah Prineas, *Skullduggery Pleasant* (and sequels) by Derek Landy, *The Last Apprentice Series*, Garth Nix, Kenneth Opiel, Eoin Colfer



Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater
Release Date: August 1, 2009

Need to Know: This is a title to know! Published by Scholastic with a big promo push behind it and Borders doing to a big marketing push for it as well, this book has been getting lots of pre-pub buzz. The story of werewolves who turn to wolf form in the winter and the girl who loves a werewolf boy. Maggie's writing is very lyrical and the story goes deeper than boy and girl meet and fall in love. *Shiver* started shipping early on Amazon and its currently ranked 24 in YA romance after about 20 various copies of *Twilight* and *Vampire Diaries*. If a book is poised to dethrone Edward and Bella's reign, I believe it's *Shiver*. Sequels will be released in 2010.

What if it's not in?: Maggie's other offerings, *Lament* and *Ballad, Fairy Tale* by Cyn Balog, *Impossible* by Nancy Werlin, *A Certain Slant of Light* by Laura Whitcomb, *Blood and Chocolate* by Annette Curtis Klaus, *The Silver Kiss* by Annette Curtis Klaus, *Tantalize* by Cynthia Leitich Smith, *Keturah and Lord Death* by Martine Leavitt



The Tear Collector by Patrick Jones
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: A vampire novel, but with a unique twist-these vampires feed on tears, not blood. Plus, it's written by Patrick Jones, of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries* fame.

What if it's not in?: Any vampire novel, but also try *Night Road* by A. M. Jenkins, *Wait for me by Moonlight* by Mary Downing Hahn, *Bloodline* by Kate, *Uninvited* by Amanda Marrone, *Hush, Hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick



Tentacles by Roland Smith
Release Date: September 1, 2009

Need to Know: Roland Smith's books are always popular with the tween/early teen crowd. *Tentacles* is the sequel to *Cryptid Hunters*, which was the Mark Twain nominee list and came in third place.

What if it's not in: *Tales of the Cryptids* by Kelly Millner Halls, *Nightmare Academy* by Dean Lorey, *Monster Blood Tattoo* by D.M. Cornish, *The Land of Elyon Series* by Patrick Carman, *Lion Boy* (and sequels) by Zizou Corder, Will Hobbs,

Kenneth Oppel, Gary Paulsen

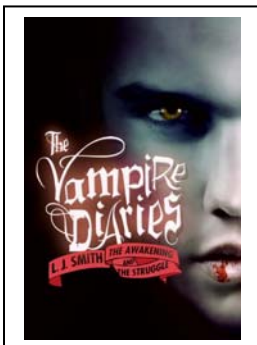


Tricks by Ellen Hopkins
Release Date: August 25, 2009

Need to Know: Ellen Hopkins writes gritty issue novels in verse. Her novels are powerful and extremely popular with teens (and adults). *Tricks* pushes the envelope and tells the story of five teens who get caught up in a teenage prostitution ring.

What if it's not in?: When teens are looking for books by Ellen Hopkins, they could be looking for novels in verse or issue novels. *Novels in verse:* Lisa Schroeder, *Stop Pretending* by

Sonya Sones, *After the Death of Anna Gonzales* by Terri Fields, *This is What I Did* by Ann Dee Ellis, *Hold Me Tight* by Lori Ann Grover, *Make Lemonade* by Virginia Euwer Wolff, *Issue Books: Go Ask Alice, Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Story of a Girl* by Sara Zarr, *Looking for Alaska* by John Green, *Paper Towns* by John Green, *Smack* by Melvin Burgess, *The Chosen One* by Carol Lynch Williams, Gail Giles, Nancy Werlin, Alex Flinn, Walter Dean Myers



The Vampire Diaries by L.J. Smith
TV Show Release Date: September 2009 on CW

Need to Know: These books were originally released in 1991, but gotta re-release with the current vampire craze. Now with a TV show coming this Fall on CW, *Vampire Diaries* has taken off again. The show is being produced by the same producer that did *Dawson's Creek*, and since the books are full of teen angst (and not much else) I'm sure the show will have a Dawson's with bite feel

to it. Angsty teen drama's have done well on the CW so far and with the vampire craze still going strong, expect one season of the TV show at least. And as long as the TV show is on, the books will be popular.

What if it's not in?: Typical vampire lists and also *Uninvited* by Amanda Marrone, For lighter vampire fare try: *Vamped* by Lucienne Diver and *Sucks to Be Me* by Kimberly Pauley, *Suck It Up* by Brian Meehl



Wings by Aprilynne Pike
Release Date: May 5, 2009

Need to Know: Wings is like Twilight with fairies. It's a pretty tame read and reads more like a middle grade book than teen and it has fairies and a love triangle with the best friend guy and the mysterious guy to be drawn out over the course of a four book series. It's been on the NY Times bestseller list since it debuted- having Stephenie Meyer blurb your book doesn't hurt at all. There's already a movie in the works-produced by Disney and

starring Miley Cyrus.

What if it's not in?: *Fairy Tale* by Cyn Balog, *Faerie Path Series* by Frewin Jones, *Wondrous Strange* by Leslie Livingston, *Sea Change* by Aimee Friedman, *Need* by Carrie Jones, *Eyes Like Stars* by Lisa Mantchev