# The Shape of Thunder

By Jasmine Warga

Cora hasn't spoken to her best friend, Quinn, in a year. Cora is still grappling with the death of her beloved sister in a school shooting, and Quinn is carrying the guilt of what her brother did. Quinn has decided that the only way to fix things is to go back in time to the moment before her brother changed all their lives forever--

### Before the Ever After

and stop him.

By Jacqueline Woodson

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

### **Buzzing**

By Samuel Sattin J Graphic Buzzing Isaac is a shy boy with OCD, but one day at school he meets new friends who introduce him to role-playing games, which lead him on a journey of self-discovery and growth.

# Living with Viola

By Rosena Fung
Livy is already having trouble fitting in as the new girl at school—and then there's Viola. Viola is Livy's anxiety brought to life, a shadowy twin that only Livy can see or hear. Only when Livy learns to ask for help and face her anxiety does she finally figure out living with Viola.

# **Growing Pangs**

By Kathryn Ormsbee J Graphic Growing Eleven-year-old Katie experiences the ups and downs of growing up, from bad haircuts and friendship breakups to new experiences, new friends, and a new understanding of her OCD.

### A Mind Like Mine

By Rachael Davis J Biograph Meet 21 incredible figures with a variety of mental health conditions from throughout history right up to the present day.

# **Believing in Me**

By Poppy O'Neill J Life Issues
Grow your self-esteem with the help of Bop, a
friendly and supportive character as you complete
activities all about you and your confidence.

# Living the Confidence Code

By Katty Kay

The best way to understand confidence and learn how to harness its secret powers is to see it in action for yourself. So take a look at these 30 stories of real girls.

### A Smart Girl's Guide

J Life Issues

A series of books that tackle lots of life issues, including worry, liking yourself, money, friendship, race, tough stuff, drama, body image, middle school and more.

## Calm: Mindfulness for Kids

By Wynne Kinder J Science Body
Learn to focus your thoughts and pay attention,
with care, to one moment at a time, through activities including breathing exercises, moving the body
to unwind stress, and taking a walk in the woods.

# Calm Girl: Yoga for Stress Relief

By Rebecca Rissman J Science Body
Having a hard time finding your inner Calm Girl? Set
the stress aside with relaxing yoga stretches and
holds. In no time you'll find a soothing escape to
relax, stay calm, and get in shape all at once.

# Where to Start: A Survival Guide

Teen Life Issues

Mental Health America provides clear, honest, jargon-free information for anyone struggling emotionally and looking for help.

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#### The Line Tender

By Kate Allen
Following a tragedy that further alters the course of her life, 12-year-old Lucy decides to continue the research her marine biologist mother left unfinished when she died years earlier.

# Iveliz Explains it All

By Andrea Beatriz Arango J Fic Arango
Twelve-year-old Iveliz is trying to manage her
mental health and advocate for help, but in the
meantime her new friend calls her crazy and her
abuela Mimi dismisses the therapy and medicine Iveliz needs to feel like herself.

# The Canyon's Edge

By Dusti Bowling

A year after the death of her mother in a restaurant shooting, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.

# Moonflower

By Kacen Callender J Fic Callende Moon's depression is overwhelming. Theraphy doesn't help, and moon is afraid that their mother hates them because they are sad. Moon's only escape is traveling to the spirit realms, where they hope to stay forever.

# **Rain Rising**

By Courtne Comrie
Thirteen-year-old Rain, who struggles with low self-esteem, must overcome sadness after her older brother Xander is severely beaten up at a frat party, but through the help of an after-school circle group, Rain finds the courage to help herself and her family heal.

# The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle

By Leslie Connor

As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.

#### Hazard

By Frances O'Roark Dowell J Fic Dowell
A kid filled with rage, suspended from the football team for unsportsmanlike conduct, and his father, newly home from the war in Afghanistan, reckon with the injuries they've caused other and themselves.

# **Mockingbird**

By Kathryn Erskine
Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure about her brother's death by working on a project with her father.

# **Extraordinary**

By Miriam Spitzer Franklin J Fic Franklin
Pansy often backed out of things her best friend,
Anna, wanted to do, but after Anna contracted
meningitis and became disabled, Pansy will do anything to become extraordinary in case a surgery
can return Anna to her old self.

#### The Einsteins of Vista Point

By Ben Guterson

Eager for a fresh start following the death of his younger sister, Zack and the grieving Einstein family moves to the remote town of Vista Point to renovate an old house and turn it into a bed-and-breakfast.

# The Science of Breakable Things

By Tae Keller

Natalie's year-long assignment to answer a question using the scientific process leads to truths about her mother's depression and her own cultural identity.

### In the Key of Us

By Mariama Lockington J Fic Lockingt
While 12-year-old Andi has suffered from anxiety
attacks since her mother died 10 months ago, Zora
starts hurting herself whenever she feels out of
control. They are both at an elite summer music
camp trying to deal with their problems and the
stress of competition.

### The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

By Stacy McAnulty

A lightning strike made Lucy a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

#### The One Who Loves You the Most

By Medina

Searching for their place in this world, 12-yearold Gabriela, who is dealing with depression
and identity, finds the new year brings them
trans and queer friends and a YouTube channel
that helps them find purpose in their journey.

#### How to Become a Planet

By Nicole Melleby

After a summer trying to figure out how to go back to before her depression and anxiety diagnosis, 12-year-old Pluto finds out, with the help of a new tutor and a new friend, that there is no old or new Pluto, there's just Pluto, growing up.

# The True History of Lyndie B. Hawkins

By Gail Shepherd J Fic Shepherd When Lyndie and her parents must move to her grandparents' home in small-town Tennessee in 1985, she learns all about having to keep all the family problems private, especially the ones about Lyndie's dad and the Vietnam War.

# Counting By 7s

By Holly Goldberg Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outside Willow
Change must figure out how to connect with
other people and find a surrogate family for
herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

# Luna Howls at the Moon

By Kristin O'Donnell Tubb

Luna has always wanted to be a therapy dog, and how she's a whisker away from it becoming official. And Luna knows that her clients each have different needs; Beatrice is tangled in knots of anger, Caleb rushes like a waterfall, and Amelia carries fear heavy like a shadow.