1. **Belles, The** by Dhonielle Clayton
   [African American, dark fantasy, beauty, fashion, magic, female protagonist]
   **Summary:** In a world where Beauty is a commodity only a few control, one Belle will learn the dark secrets behind her powers, and rise up to change the world. (Publisher)
   **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG - BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 16.0 AR Quiz No. 195051

2. **Cruel Prince (The Folk of the Air: Book 1), The** by Holly Black
   [female protagonist, fairies, bullying, outcasts, political thriller]
   **Summary:** Jude, seventeen and mortal, gets tangled in palace intrigues while trying to win a place in the treacherous High Court of Faerie, where she and her sisters have lived for a decade. (LOC)

Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 16.0 AR Quiz No. 193493

3. Dry by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman
[droughts, survival, brothers and sisters, California, climate change, alternating POV, contemporary, apocalyptic, action]
Summary: A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive. (LOC)
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.5 - AR Pts: 16.0 AR Quiz No. 198982

4. Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
[parental addiction, family addiction identity, coming of age, male protagonist, memoir]
Summary: Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, expressing himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about what's going on. (AR)
Awards: A National Book Award Finalist
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 3.5 - AR Pts: 2.0 AR Quiz No. 198847

5. Lying Woods, The by Ashley Elston
[Louisiana, male protagonist, boarding school, white collar crime, alternating narrators, missing persons, mystery]
Summary: Owen Foster is pulled from his elite New Orleans boarding school when his father's assets are seized. Back in his small town, he begins to piece together his father's past despite mounting danger. (AR)
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 14.0 AR Quiz No. 500590

6. Poet X, The by Elizabeth Acevedo
[coming of age, Afro-Latina, Harlem, contemporary, slam poetry, immigrants, self-esteem, body image, female protagonist]
Summary: A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world. (AR)
Awards: Winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, the Michael L. Printz Award, and the Pura Belpré Award
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.2 - AR Pts: 5.0 AR Quiz No. 195165
7. **Price of Duty** by Todd Strasser  
[boys and men, PTSD, war, soldiers, hero, family life, male protagonist]  
**Summary:** Hailed as a hero, twenty-year-old Jake returns to his pro-military hometown and family injured physically and emotionally, unsure if he can return to active duty but uncomfortable with the alternative. (LOC)  
**Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG - BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 6.0 AR Quiz No. 500313

8. **Pride** by Ibi Zoboi  
[Pride and Prejudice retelling, Afro-Latino, romance, gentrification, New York City, female protagonist]  
**Summary:** Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable. (AR)  
**Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG - BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 9.0 AR Quiz No. 197782

9. **Sadie** by Courtney Summer  
[sisters, revenge, stuttering, podcasts, missing girls, alternating narrators, Colorado, male/female protagonists]  
**Summary:** Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance. (LOC)  
**Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 198315

10. **Summer of Jordi Perez, The (And the Best Burger in Los Angeles)** by Amy Spalding  
[LGBT+, humor, family, self-esteem, female protagonist, summer, romance, contemporary, body image]  
**Summary:** Plus-size, never-been-kissed, fashion blogger Abby lands a dream job at her favorite Los Angeles boutique, and enters into an opposites-attract summer romance with a fellow intern. Abby’s summer-before-senior year adventures also include helping her friend Jax rate burger joints for Jax’s dad’s new app, a welcome break from her mother’s famous health food blog.  
**Awards:** Named one of the Best YA Books of 2018 by Cosmopolitan  
**Accelerated Reader:** N/A