**If you like Ellen Hopkins, try…**

*Speak* - Laurie Halse Anderson

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda’s freshman year in high school.

*Go Ask Alice* – Anon

A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

*Jay’s Journal* – Anon

 The story of Jay, a sixteen-year-old boy, describing his descent into drugs, Satanism, and suicide.

*Thirteen Reasons Why* – Jay Asher

High school student Clay Jensen receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heatbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah’s voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

*Just Listen* – Sarah Dessen

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

*Hold Still* – Nina LaCour

Ingrid didn’t leave a note. Three months after her best friend’s suicide, Caitlin finds what she left instead: a journal, hidden under Caitlin’s bed.

*Stop Pretending* – Sonya Sones

Younger sister has a difficult time adjusting to life after her older sister has a mental breakdown. Written in verse.

*True Believer* – Virginia Euwer Wolff

Living in the inner city amidst guns and poverty, fifteen-year-old LaVaughn learns from old and new friends, and inspiring mentors, that life is what you make it – an occasion to rise to. Written in verse.

*Beneath a Meth Moon* – Jacqueline Woodson

Laurel Daneau, having lost her mother, grandmother, and home in Hurricane Katrina, thinks things are going well with her new life as a cheerleader and the girlfriend of basketball star T-Boom, but after T-Boom introduces her to meth and she finds the drugs help her deal with her past, she must rely on the help of an artist named Moses and her friend Kaylee to overcome the addiction.