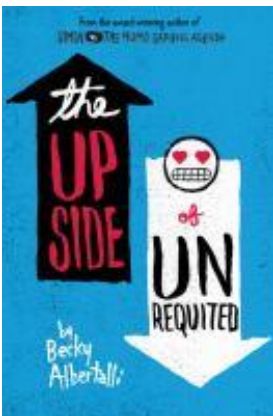




***Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy**

Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (dubbed “Dumplin’” by her former beauty queen mom) has always been at home in her own skin. With her all-American beauty best friend by her side, things have always worked... until Will takes a job at Harpy’s, the local fast-food joint. There she meets Private School Bo, a hot former jock. Will isn’t surprised to find herself attracted to Bo, but she is surprised when he seems to like her back. Instead of finding new heights of self-assurance in her relationship with Bo, Will starts to doubt herself.

She sets out to take her confidence back by doing the most horrifying this she can imagine: entering the Miss Clover City beauty pageant- along with several other unlikely candidates- to show the world that she deserves to be up there as much as any twiggy girl does. Along the way she’ll shock the hell out of Clover City- and maybe herself most of all.

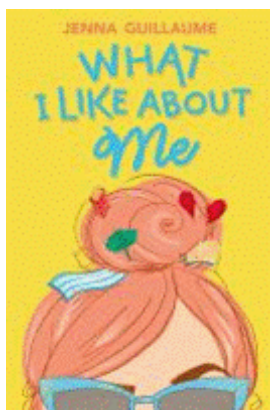


***The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertalli**

Seventeen-year-old Molly Peskin-Suso knows all about unrequited love. No matter how many times her twin sister, Cassie tells her to woman up, Molly can’t stomach the idea of rejection. So she’s careful. Fat girls always have to be careful.

Then a cute new girl enters Cassie’s orbit, and for the first time ever, Molly’s cynical twin is a lovesick mess. Meanwhile, Molly’s totally not dying of loneliness- except for the part where she is. Luckily, Cassie’s new girlfriend comes with a cute hipster-boy sidekick. If Molly can win him over, she’ll get her first kiss and she’ll get her twin back.

There’s only one problem: Molly’s coworker, Reid. He’s a chubby Tolkien superfan with a season pass to the Ren Faire, and there’s absolutely no way Molly could fall for him. Right?



***What I Like About Me* by Jenna Guillaume**

The last thing sixteen-year-old Maisie Martin thought she’d be doing over vacation is entering a beauty pageant. Not when she’s spent most of her life hiding her body from everyone. Not when her Dad is AWOL and her gorgeous older sister has returned to rock Maisie’s already shaky confidence. And especially not when her best friend starts flirting with the boy she’s always loved. But Maisie’s got something to prove.

As she writes down all the ways her vacation is going from bad to worse in her school-assignment journal, what starts as homework might just end up being an account of how Maisie didn’t let anything or anyone, hold her back.



My Eyes Are Up Here by Laura Zimmermann

If Greer Walsh could only live inside her head, life would be easier. She'd be able to focus on excelling at math or negotiating peace talks between her best friend and... everyone else. She wouldn't spend any time worrying about being the only Kennedy High student whose breasts are bigger than her head.

But you can't play volleyball inside your head. Or go to the pool. Or have confusingly date-like encounters with the charming new boy. You need an actual body for all of those things. And Greer is entirely uncomfortable in hers.

Through awkwardness and ferocity, imaginary butterflies and rock-solid friends, Greer finds her way out of her oversized sweatshirt and back into the real world.



I'll Be the One by Lyla Lee

Skye Shin has heard it all. Fat girls shouldn't dance. Shouldn't wear bright colors, Shouldn't call attention to themselves. But Skye dreams of joining the glittering world of K-Pop, and to do that, she's about to break all the rules. She'll challenge thousands of other performers in a televised competition looking for the next K-Pop star, and she'll do it better than anyone.

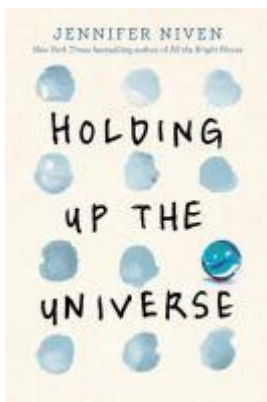
When Skye nails her audition, she's swept into a whirlwind of drama that comes with reality TV. What she doesn't count on are the highly fat-phobic beauty standards of the K-Pop industry, her sudden media fame and scrutiny, or the sparks that fly with her fellow competitor, Henry Cho. But Skye has her sights on becoming the world's first plus-sized K-Pop star, and that means winning the competition, without losing herself.



To Be Honest by Maggie Ann Martin

Savannah is dreading being home with her overbearing mother after her big sister-and best friend- goes off to college. But she can just get through senior year, she'll be able to escape to college, too. What she doesn't count on is that her mother's obsession with weight has only grown since her appearance on an extreme weight-loss show, and now Savvy's mom is pressuring her even harder to be constantly mindful of what she eats.

Between her mom's diet-helicoptering, missing her sister, and worrying about her own future, Savvy has enough to worry about. Then she meets George, the cute new kid who has insecurities of his own. As Savvy and George grow closer, they help each other discover how to live in the moment and enjoy the here and now.



Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven

Everyone thinks they know Libby Strout, the girl once dubbed "America's Fattest Teen." But no one's taken the time to look past her weight to get to know who she really is. Following her mom's death, she's been picking up the pieces in the privacy of her home, dealing with her heartbroken father and her own grief. Now, Libby's ready: for high school, for new friends, for love, and for every possibility life has to offer. *In that moment, I know the part I want to play here at MVB High. I want to be the girl who can do anything.*