YA Novels in Verse

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Adoff, Arnold
Roots and Blues

Adoff, Jaime
The Death of Jayson Porter

Alexander, Kwame
Crossover Series
1. Crossover
2. Rebound
He Said, She Said
Solo
Swing

Anderson, Laurie Halse—
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Shout

Atkins, Jeannine
Stone Mirrors: The Sculpture and Silence of Edmonia Lewis

Bingham, Kelly
Shark Girl

Block, Francesca Lia
How To (Un)cage a Girl

Cisneros, Sandra
The House on Mango Street

Clark, Kristin Elizabeth
Freakboy

Cormier, Robert
Frenchtown Summer

Corrigan, Eireann
Splintering

Crowder, Melanie
Audacity

Darrow, Sharon
Trash

Dean, Carolee
Forget Me Not

Del Rosario, Juleah
500 Words or Less

Elliot, David
Bull
Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc

Engle, Margarita
Hurricane Dancers: the First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck
The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba’s Greatest Abolitionist

Frost, Helen
Crossing Stones
Hidden

Glenn, Mel
Split Image: a story in poems
Who Killed Mr. Chippendale?: a mystery in poems

Grimes, Nikki
Bronx Masquerade

Grover, Lorie Ann
Loose Threads

Hemphill, Stephanie
Things Left Unsaid
Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials
Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath

Heppermann, Christine
Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty

Herrick, Steven
The Wolf

Hopkins, Ellen
Identical
Rumble
The You I’ve Never Known
People Kill People
Crank Series
1. Crank
2. Glass
3. Fallout
Burned Series
1. Burned
2. Smoke
Impulse Series
1. Impulse
2. Perfect
Tricks Series
1. Tricks
2. Traffick
Triangles Series
1. Triangles
2. Tilt

Hubbard, Jenny
And We Stay

Janeczko, Paul B.
Worlds Afire

Jaskulka, Marie
The Lost Marble Notebook of Forgotten Girl and Random Boy

Jensen, Cordelia
Skyscraping

Johnson, J. J.
Be·liev·a·rex·ic

Koertge, Ronald
Coaltown Jesus

Levithan, David
The Realm of Possibility

Levitt, Martine
Coaltown Jesus

Madsen, Cindi
All the Broken Pieces

Marcus, Kimberly
Exposed

McCall, Guadelupe Garcia
Under the Mesquite

McCormick, Patricia
Sold

McCullough, Joy
Blood Water Paint

McVoy, Tera Elan
After the Kiss

Myers, Walter Dean
Amiri and Odette
Street Love

Nelson, Marilyn
How I Discovered Poetry

Newman, Lesléa
October mourning: a song for Matthew Shepard

Ostlere, Cathy
Karma

Pattou, Edith
Ghosting

Powell, Patricia Hruby
Loving Vs. Virginia: a Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Case

Reynolds, Jason
Long Way Down

Richards, Jame
Three Rivers Rising: a Novel of the Johnstown Flood

Rylant, Cynthia
God Went to Beauty School

Sandell, Lisa Ann
Song of the Sparrow

Schroeder, Lisa
All We Have is Now

Shusterman, Neal
Bruiser
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Sones, Sonya
- One of Those Hideous Books
- Where the Mother Dies
- To Be Perfectly Honest
- Stop Pretending: What Happened when My Big Sister went Crazy

*What My Mother Doesn’t Know Series*
1. What My Mother Doesn’t Know
2. What My Girlfriend Doesn’t Know

Stone, Tanya Lee
- A Bad Boy Can be Good for a Girl

Terry, Ellie
- Forget Me Not

Terry, Farish
- The Good Braider

Venkatraman, Padma
- A Time to Dance

Walrath, Dana
- Like Water on Stone

Wayland, April Halprin
- Girl Coming in for a Landing

Weatherford, Carole Boston
- Becoming Billie Holiday

Wolf, Allan
- The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic

Wolff, Virginia Euwer
*Make Lemonade Trilogy*
1. Make Lemonade
2. True Believer
3. This Full House