If I Stay
Gayle Forman
Mia is in a coma after a car accident that killed her family. Now she has to decide if music and her bandmember boyfriend are enough to live for.

Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing
Ann Angel
She died at age 27, but Janis Joplin’s music and style had a profound effect on the rock music scene of the late 1960’s, and set the stage for later outrageous artists like Lady Gaga.

Lament (and sequel Ballad)
Maggie Stiefvater
When the gorgeous and mysterious Luke shows up at a music competition and convinces Dee to join him in a duet, he opens her up to a frightening mystical world.

The Last Days
Scott Westerfeld
Moz and his friends form an amazing band, but the madness that is taking over New York City is about to affect them all.

A Little Wanting Song
Cath Crowley
In this book from Australia, a summer friendship between two seemingly different girls, the introverted guitarist Charlie, and the driven Rose, brings them both love and change.

My Heartbeat
Garret Freymann-Weyr
Ellen’s two favorite people are her older brother and his best friend James, but when they have a falling out, she finds herself reinventing her relationships with both of them.

Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist
Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
When bassist Nick sees his ex coming towards him he can’t deal, so he turns to a stranger (Norah) and asks the fateful question: “…would you be my girlfriend for the next five minutes?”

Rock & Roll Soldier: A Memoir
Dean Ellis Kohler
While fighting in the jungles during the Vietnam War, Dean Kohler formed a rock band that entertained his fellow soldiers.

Rock Star Superstar
Blake Nelson
Pete starts out as a serious musician, but when he joins a new band that is popular but not musically talented, he has to decide which is more important to him, the music or success.

Scott Pilgrim (series)
Bryan Lee O’Malley
The movie, Scott Pilgrim Versus the World is based on this graphic novel series, about a young man who plays bass guitar in a band.

This Lullaby
Sarah Dessen
Remy’s mom has been married five times, so she’s determined to lead a practical life without romance. That is, until she starts dating rock musician Dexter, who refuses to follow her plan.

Vinyl Princess
Yvonne Prinz
While working at a record store, Allie starts a zine and a blog, and finds her ordinary summer becoming much more.

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For Younger Teens

After Tupac and D Foster
Jacqueline Woodson
The life, death and music of rapper Tupac Shakir have deep meaning for three girlfriends from Queens, New York, as they grow from children to teens.

All Shook Up
Shelley Pearsall
Sent for an extended stay with his divorced dad, Josh finds himself with a whole host of embarrassing problems when he discovers that his mild-mannered father has become an Elvis impersonator!

Born to Rock
Gordan Korman
Acting as a roadie for the punk band headed by his estranged biological father forces staunch Republican Leo to examine his life and his beliefs.

Broken Chords
Barbara Snow Gilbert
Clara’s parents have decided that she will have a career as a concert pianist, and she has worked towards this goal for many years. But is this what Clara wants for herself?

Bronx Masquerade
Nikki Grimes
The highlight of the week in Mr. Ward’s English class is open mic Friday, when his high school students get to use poetry to express who they really are.

Dragonsong (series)
Anne McCaffrey
Menolly runs away after her father forbids her to follow her dream of becoming a Harper. On the road, she befriends a group of tiny fire lizards, and sets off a chain of events that will change her life forever.

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie
Jordan Sonnenblick
Steven’s life focuses on his drumming and thoughts of girls, until his little brother is diagnosed with leukemia.

Emako Blue
Brenda Woods
Emako was an incredible singer, and everyone said she’d be famous someday. But then she died.

Fat Kid Rules the World
K.L. Going
Fat boy Troy Billings is contemplating suicide when he meets Curt MacCrae, bad-boy rocker and school legend. Instead, he finds the chance to become something more than the school joke.

Good Enough
Paula Yoo
Patti isn’t happy with the high expectations of her Korean-American parents, which don’t include interacting with boys or liking rock music.

Lemonade Mouth
Mark Peter Hughes
A series of random events that send five students to detention leads to the creation of a band that ends up on the road to stardom.

The Singer of All Songs
Kate Constable
Calwyn has spent her life behind the Wall of Antaris, learning to use her beautiful singing voice to work magic. After a stranger appears, she leaves everything she has ever known for a dangerous adventure.

Under the Baseball Moon
John H. Ritter
Trumpet player Andy Ramos and softball pitcher Glory Martinez must find a way to work together to reach their goals of making it big.

We Beat the Street
Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins & Rameck Hunt
This is the true story of three poor boys from Newark, New Jersey who met in 9th grade and made a pact to graduate from medical school and become doctors. All three succeeded.

Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!
Bob Spitz
In this adaptation of his adult biography of the Beatles, Bob Spitz captures the excitement of a musical phenomenon for teen readers.

For Mature Teens

Audrey, Wait
Robin Benway
Audrey isn’t very happy when a song written by her ex-boyfriend becomes a major hit.

Five Flavors of Dumb
John Antony
Piper, a deaf teen, becomes the manager of a heavy metal band called Dumb. Can she make them a success and earn enough money to pay for college?

Guitar Girl
Sarra Manning
When Molly and her friends formed a band, it was just for fun. The last thing they expected was fame and everything that goes with it.

Heavy Metal and You
Christopher Krovatin
Sam likes to drink and smoke with his buddies, and he loves heavy metal music. He also likes Melissa, who doesn’t approve of his lifestyle.