The Benefits of Being an Octopus  
by Ann Braden
Seventh-grader Zoey wishes she had eight arms to assist with all of her responsibilities. When she reluctantly joins the debate club, she learns that speaking up for herself and the people she loves creates a power she never knew she had.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus  
by Dusti Bowling
Born without arms, thirteen-year-old Aven Green has been raised to believe that she can do anything. She becomes determined to show her new friend Connor that his Tourette's Syndrome shouldn't keep him from living his best life. Between helping out Connor and solving a mystery at her parents' new western theme park she certainly has her plate full.

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation  
by Stuart Gibbs
Albert Einstein created a code that could help – or destroy – the world. Decades later, an enemy organization is searching for this code, and the CIA needs the help of a genius to find it and solve its mystery. Enter Charlie Thorne. Too young to get a driver’s license, Charlie is on the hunt for clues to unravel one of the modern world’s greatest mysteries… before time runs out.

Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish  
by Pablo Cartaya
Eighth-grader Marcus Vega is having a hard time. After being suspended, he and his family take a trip to Puerto Rico to try and rebuild. Marcus meets some interesting people during this time and along the way he learns the true meaning of family.

The First Rule of Punk  
by Celia C. Pérez
Following the First Rule of Punk can be hard when being yourself is not “normal” at your new school. When the chance to try out for the school annual talent show comes up, she finds a few like-minded misfits to form a rock band. What could really go wrong? What happens when you don’t fit in? You make the show your own.

Pet  
by Akwaeke Emezi
Jam was always told that monsters are no more. After she accidentally brings a creature to life from a painting, she learns that everything is not as it seems. She must keep her wits about her to be able to clearly see the difference between lies and reality. Will Jam be able to find the monster and stand up for herself?

Genesis Begins Again  
by Alicia D. Williams
Thirteen-year-old Genesis has a lot of things she’d like to fix in her life. Most of all, Genesis believes that if she can just change the color of her skin, everything would be better. When her own family believes her dark skin puts her at a disadvantage, how can Genesis possibly learn to love herself?

Snapdragon  
by Kat Leyh
When outcast Snapdragon befriends rumoured town “witch” Jacks, she learns about her own powers and inner strength. In this coming-of-age magical realism graphic novel, we discover that those that are unfairly judged hold their own magical stories and oftentimes we find connections, love and family in the most unusual places.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky  
by Kwame Mbalia
Seventh-grader Tristan Strong is struggling with the death of his best friend, whose journal of stories has become Tristan’s prize possession. One night, a creature steals it from him. In a struggle to reclaim it, Tristan punches a hole into the MidPass. This puts him face to face with battling African gods and legends. Can he outwit Anansi the spider to seal the hole and find his way home?