Teen Science Fiction & Dystopias

[Internment by Samira Ahmed]
Layla and her parents have found themselves imprisoned an internment camp in the United States. But it is not the 1940s — it’s the near future, and the camp is for Muslim Americans. How will Layla escape and fight the injustices in her country?

[Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi*]
On the coast in a dystopian America, Nailer scavenges from old ships to make a living. But when he finds a new ship that could change his life, he has to decide whether to break the ship, or save the life of its only survivor.

[The Selection by Kiera Cass*]
What do you get when you combine The Bachelor with Cinderella with a dystopian future? You get the life of America Singer, who has the opportunity to win the heart of a king. But she’s from a lower social class with a first love waiting for her at home...

[The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins*]
Katniss’s world is divided into Districts, governed by strict rules. And every year, children from each district are sent to participate in a brutal fight to the death, broadcast to everyone in Panem. When Katniss finds herself in the Hunger Games, she must figure out who to trust and how to survive.

[Mirage by Somaiya Daud*]
Amani’s world changes in minutes when she is kidnapped by the leaders of the vicious Vathek empire to become a stand-in for the cruel, hated Princess Maram. Her life is full of danger, but also confusion as she gets to know the princess, the handsome Idris, and the palace.

[On the Edge of Gone by Corinne Duyvis]
In 2035, the apocalypse has arrived in the form of a comet about to hit the earth. Denise tries desperately to care for her mother and sister, despite addiction and disappearance. A chance to leave Earth could save Denise if she can prove her worth, but what about her family?

[Genius: The Game by Leopoldo Gout]
The Game pits geniuses from around the world in a competition to unlock a complex code. Rex, Tunde, and Painted Wolf bring skills in programming and hacking, engineering, and activism. But the stakes are impossibly high, and the teens have only each other to turn to.

[Leia, Princess of Alderaan by Claudia Gray]
Star Wars fans have known Leia since the beginning of A New Hope, but who was she before then? Trained from a young age to take over as leader of Alderaan, Leia begins to wonder what her parents are keeping from her...but what she discovers will alter the whole course of her life.

[The Summer Prince by Alaya Dawn Johnson]
In a future Brazil, June Costa is dedicated to the art that will make her famous. But when Enki becomes the new Summer King, doomed to die, June starts to see her art as her voice. Together with Enki and her best friend Gil, June plans art projects that fuel a rebellion and change their world.
Not Your Sidekick by C.B. Lee*
In a city where super-powered humans are around every corner, what do you do when you're the only person in your family without powers? You intern for the city's most notorious super-villain, of course! But Jess's internship uncovers secrets, romance, a dastardly plot, and more.

Proxy by Alex London*
Syd is a proxy for the wealthy Knox. What does that mean? Syd takes all of Knox's punishments, from beatings to forced labor. But when Syd is sentenced to death for Knox's crime, the boys realize how intertwined their lives really are, and flee into a heart-racing adventure.

Warcross by Marie Lu*
Emika is a bounty hunger — in the online world of Warcross, that is. But when she accidentally hacks her way into the championships and becomes famous. But instead of being arrested, she's contacted by the game's creator and drawn into a world of games, fame, and danger she never could have imagined.

Want by Cindy Pon*
In Zhou's society, the rich are the only people who can afford the protective suits that keep them safe from pollution and plagues. Determined to disrupt this unfair system, Zhou and his friends plan to sneak into a world of wealth but his plans are complicated by unforeseen challenges and an alluring woman.

Lizard Radio by Pat Schmatz
Kivali has never fit in with boys or girls, and has always had questions about her mysterious past. When her artist foster mother sends her to the gov-controlled CropCamp, Kivali is torn between finally feeling accepted and the sense that something is wrong...especially when people start disappearing.

Unwind by Neal Shusterman*
In a dystopian future, children between 13 and 18 can be sent to be "unwound," their entire body taken apart and donated to others. Connor, Risa, and Lev are on the run from this awful fate. On the way they face dangers, learn terrifying truths, and learn to rely on each other as they fight to survive.

More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera
Aaron Soto's Bronx is almost exactly like the version in our world...except for the procedure that can help people erase their memories. As Aaron struggles to get through a family tragedy, even his girlfriend Genevieve can't comfort him. His new friend Thomas makes Aaron feel better, but Thomas also awakens something new in Aaron, and he starts to see the appeal of removing some memories.