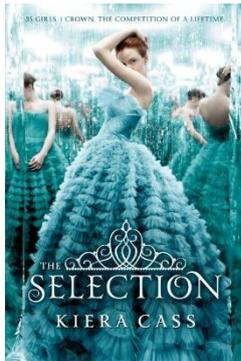




Valentine's Day

LOVE AND ROMANCE

for readers in high school

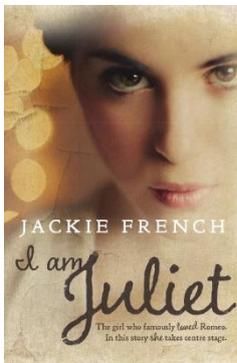


The Selection series by Kiera Cass

A series of five young adult novels focusing on The Selection, a competition for the current king's heir's hand in marriage. The first three books are from the point of view of America Singer, joining the selection after bribery from her mother, who doesn't know she is in love with Aspen, who is a caste lower than her. The sequels, **The Elite**, **The One**, **The Heir**, and **The Crown** are written from the point of view of Princess Eadlyn, the firstborn daughter of Prince Maxon.

Star Crossed by Jo Cotterill

This summer, Fliss is playing Juliet opposite her dream Romeo. If only she could tell him how she feels! Unless she finds some inner confidence, she's going to miss her chance with him; because someone else has her eyes on Fliss's role - and her leading man.



Juliet by Anne Fortier

When a young woman inherits the key to a safety deposit box in Sienna, she is told it will lead to an old family treasure. This legacy leads her on a dangerous journey into the past - and to the true story of her ancestor, Giulietta, whose love for a young man named Romeo turned medieval Sienna upside down.

I Am Juliet by Jackie French

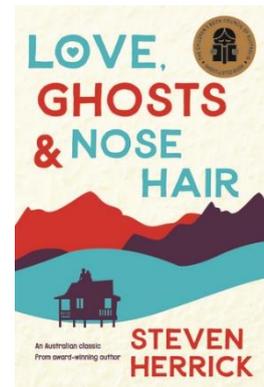
This story closely follows the well-known plot of the play, but we also see the point of view of Rob, the boy who is the first to play the role of Juliet on the Elizabethan stage. He is overwhelmed by 'all those words' that Shakespeare wrote. Rob realises that the story of love and tragedy is a somewhat simple one and the words are there for their extraordinary beauty and meaning.

French Kissmas by Cathy Hapka

For Nicole Larson, the Christmas season in Paris is more than just a romantic interlude. Nic studied abroad in Paris a year ago and is back in town with her friend Annike to spend Christmas and New Year in the City of Light. Of course, now that Nicole is there, the chemistry she once had with Parisian hottie Luc instantly reignites. But why fuel a romance that has only three weeks to survive? Nic would rather spend time with her new buddy Mike . . . until it becomes clear that Mike is also interested in being more than just friends. With a backdrop of twinkling lights on the Champs-Elysee it's going to be difficult for Nic to deny the romance around her.

Love, Ghosts and Nose Hair by Steven Herrick

Jack's got a lot on his mind: He's trying to figure out the mystery of the opposite sex, he can't stop wondering about facial hair, and he won't let go of his mother's ghost, even though she died seven years ago. Jack knows he can't hang on to the past forever, but what he doesn't know is how to let go. Then he meets Annabel. She's beautiful, smart, and she gets him.



Ophelia by Lisa Klein

Ophelia is young, vivacious and falling in love with a prince who cannot return her affections without arousing suspicion. So, they meet in secret. When bloody deeds turn the court of Elsinore into a place of madness and revenge, Ophelia alone must find the means to escape. In desperation, she will flee from her home forever with one very dangerous secret.



My Funny Valentine by Karen McCombie

Shaunna knows exactly the sort of boy she's looking for - someone smart, soulful and romantic, and 100 percent different to Boring Brian, her sister's fiancé. So, when she spots a broodingly handsome guy gazing at the stars, she decides it must be fate. Amidst the chaos of wedding plans, mad relatives and even more maddening mates, Shaunna makes some surprising discoveries about life, love and the pursuit of romance.

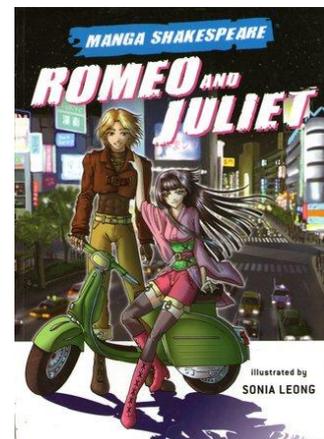
A Star for the Latecomer by Bonnie Zindel and Paul Zindel

When sixteen-year-old Brooke Hillary discovers her mother is dying of cancer, she's torn between conflicting emotions. Should she try to fulfil her mother's dream and become a "star" before her mother dies? Or pursue her own dream, of revealing her love for Brandon, who is moving further away from her?

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare (graphic novel)

Adapted by Richard Appignanesi

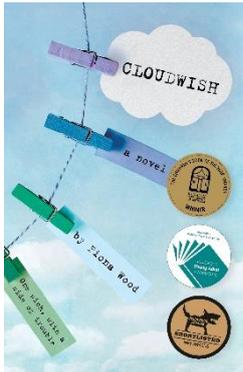
Set in modern-day Japan, two young lovers are caught up in a bitter vendetta between their rival Yakuza families - the Montagues and the Capulets. Can their forbidden love survive as violence, betrayal and tragedy explode on the streets of Tokyo?



Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare (graphic novel)

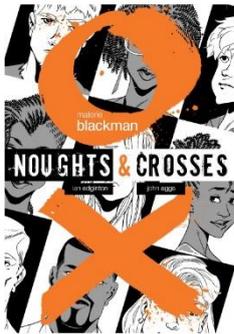
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It is Christmas in Illyria, but Countess Olivia's household is far from merry. Her lovelorn suitor pines for her in vain; her puritanical butler spreads chilly disapproval on her drunken uncle; and even her jester is sad. When a set of twins are shipwrecked on separate parts of the coast, the comedy of confused identity and true love that follows melts the ice and warms things up.



Cloudwish by Fiona Wood

For Van Uoc Phan, fantasies fell into two categories: nourishing, or pointless. Daydreaming about Billy Gardiner, for example? Pointless. It always left her feeling sick, as though she'd eaten too much sugar. Van Uoc doesn't believe in fairies, zombies, vampires, Father Christmas - or magic wishes. She believes in keeping a low profile: real life will start when school finishes. But when she attracts the attention of Billy Gardiner, she finds herself in an unwelcome spotlight. Not even Jane Eyre can help her now.

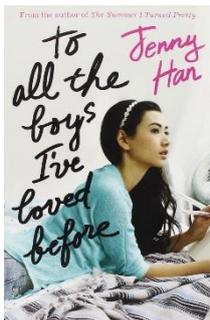
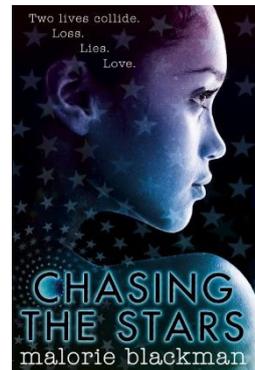


Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

Sephy and Callum have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Until the first steps are taken towards more social equality and a limited number of Noughts are allowed into Cross schools... Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum – a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger...

Chasing the Stars by Malorie Blackman

Olivia and her twin brother Aidan are heading alone back to Earth following the virus that wiped out the rest of their crew, and their family, in its entirety. Nathan is part of a community heading in the opposite direction. Their lives unexpectedly collide, Nathan and Olivia are instantly attracted to each other, deeply, head-over-heels – like nothing they have ever experienced. Is it possible to live out a happy ever after?

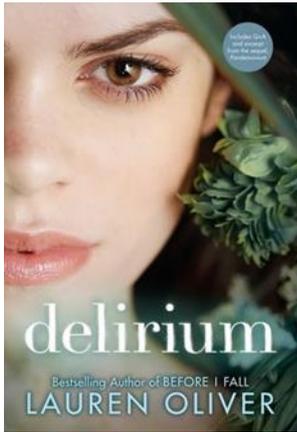


To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han

Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Song keeps her love letters in a hatbox her mother gave her. They aren't love letters that anyone else wrote for her; these are ones she's written. One for every boy she's ever loved—five in all. When she writes, she pours out her heart and soul and says all the things she would never say in real life, because her letters are for her eyes only. Until the day her secret letters are mailed, and suddenly, Lara Jean's love life goes from imaginary to out of control.

Anna and the French Kiss by Stephanie Perkins

Anna has everything figured out – she was about to start senior year with her best friend, she had a great weekend job, and her huge work crush looked as if it might finally be going somewhere... Until her dad decides to send her 4383 miles away to Paris. On her own. But despite not speaking a word of French, Anna finds herself making new friends, including Etienne, the smart, beautiful boy from the floor above. But he's taken – and Anna might be too. Will a year of romantic near-miss end with the French kiss she's been waiting for?

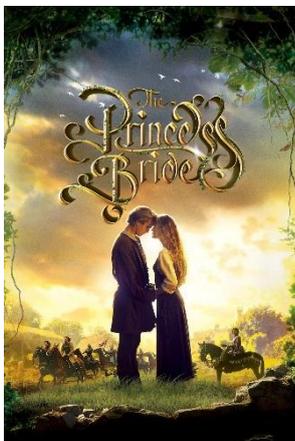


Delirium by Lauren Oliver

In an alternate United States, love has been declared a dangerous disease, and the government forces everyone who reaches eighteen to have a procedure called the Cure. Living with her aunt, uncle, and cousins in Portland, Maine, Lena Haloway is very much looking forward to being cured and living a safe, predictable life. She watched love destroy her mother and isn't about to make the same mistake. But with ninety-five days left until her treatment, Lena meets enigmatic Alex, a boy from the "Wilds" who lives under the government's radar. What will happen if they do the unthinkable and fall in love?

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out--under any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes--for Leo and for the entire school. After 15 years of home schooling, Stargirl bursts into tenth grade in an explosion of colour and a clatter of ukulele music, enchanting the Mica student body. But the delicate scales of popularity suddenly shift, and Stargirl is shunned for everything that makes her different. Somewhere in the midst of Stargirl's arrival and rise and fall, normal Leo Borlock has tumbled into love with her.



The Princess Bride by William Goldman **(book and film)**

A classic tale of true love and high adventure illustrating the maxim that the course of true love never runs smoothly. This fairy tale adventure features a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. Together they must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other.

Let's Get Lost by Adi Alsaid

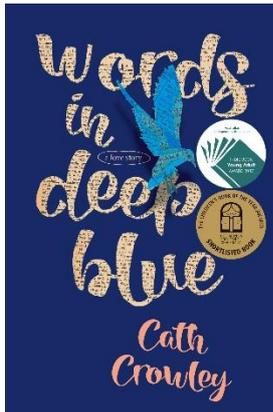
Four teens across the country have only one thing in common: a girl named Leila. She crashes into their lives in her absurdly red car at the moment they need someone the most. When Leila leaves them, their lives are forever changed. It is during Leila's own 4,268-mile journey that she discovers the most important truth - sometimes, what you need most is right where you started. Maybe the only way to find what you're looking for is to get lost along the way.

Zac and Mia by A.J. Betts

The last person Zac expects in the room next door is a girl like Mia, angry and feisty with questionable taste in music. In the real world, he wouldn't - couldn't - be friends with her. In hospital different rules apply, and what begins as a knock on the wall leads to a note - then a friendship neither of them sees coming. You need courage to be in hospital, different courage to be back in the real world.

Graffiti Moon by Cath Crowley

Lucy's looking for Shadow, the graffiti artist everyone talks about. His work is all over the city, but he is nowhere. Ed, the last guy she wants to see at the moment, says he knows where to find him. He takes Lucy on an all-night search to places where Shadow's thoughts about heartbreak and escape echo around the city walls. The one thing Lucy can't see is the one thing that's right before her eyes.

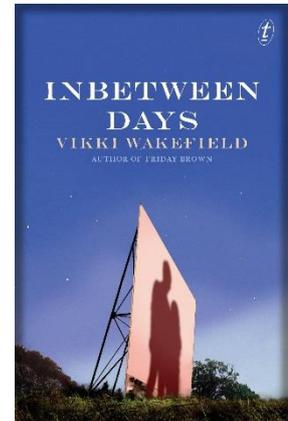


Words in Deep Blue by Cath Crowley

Second-hand bookshops are full of mysteries. This is a love story. It's the story of Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets, to words. It's the story of Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie. They were best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore, grieving for her brother Cal. She's looking for the future in the books people love, and the words that they leave behind.

Inbetween Days by Vikki Wakefield

At seventeen, Jacklin Bates is all grown up. She's dropped out of school. She's living with her runaway sister, Trudy, and she's in secret, obsessive love with Luke, who doesn't love her back. Jack is losing everything, including her mind. As she struggles to hold onto the life she thought she wanted, Jack learns that growing up is complicated—and love might be the biggest mystery of all.



Love-shy by Lili Wilkinson

Penny Drummond aspires to be a journalist. A good one. A Pulitzer prize-winning journalist. In the meantime, she's honing her journalistic skills on the *East Glendale Secondary College Gazette*. When she discovers a boy at her school is posting anonymous messages on loveshy.com, Penny believes she has found just the story that will help make her name. But what will become of her 'journey of the soul' article if the love-shy boy is not who she expects? And what happens when Penny finds that *her* soul might be in need of a little attention as well?

If I Stay series by Gayle Forman (Book and film)

Mia Hall, a talented young cellist, thought the most difficult decision she would ever have to make would be whether to pursue her musical dreams at prestigious Juilliard or follow her heart to be with the love of her life, Adam, a rock singer/guitarist. However, a car wreck changes everything in an instant, and now Mia's life hangs in the balance. Suspended between life and death, Mia faces a choice that will decide her future. Sequels are *Where She Went*, *Just One Day*, *Just One Year* and *Just One Night*.

Touch Me by James Moloney

For Xavier McLachlan, rugby is life. Winning a 1st XV jersey means everything ... until he meets Nuala Magee. Has there ever been a girl like her? She's feisty, she's troubled, she's dangerous. What will his mates think? Does he even care? Xavier McLachlan is in love.

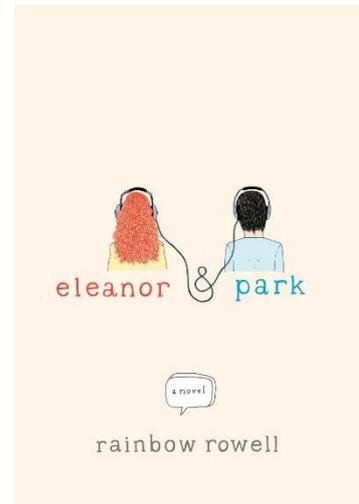


The Love That I Have by James Moloney

Margot Baumann has left school to take up her sister's job in the mailroom of a large prison. But this is Germany in 1944, and the prison is Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin. Margot is shielded from the camp's brutality as she has no contact with prisoners. But she comes to know Dieter Kleinschmidt - through the beauty and the passion of his letters to his girlfriend. And since his girlfriend is also named Margot, it is like reading love letters written for her. A tender love story for older readers.

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

Set over one school year in 1986, *Eleanor & Park* is the story of two star-crossed misfits – smart enough to know first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. "Reminded me not just what it's like to be young and in love with a girl, but also what it's like to be young and in love with a book." John Green



Talking to Adam by Sarah Ell

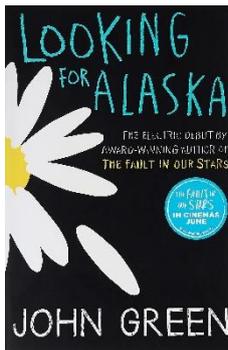
Everything is slotting into place for Katie. Then suddenly her world falls apart. No one can help, no one can understand... until she meets the stranger with the compelling green eyes, manky dreads, and 1,000-watt grin... until Katie starts talking to Adam.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (**book and film**)

Hazel Grace Lancaster, a 16-year-old cancer patient, meets and falls in love with Gus Waters, a similarly afflicted teen from her cancer support group. Hazel feels that Gus really understands her. They both share the same acerbic wit and a love of books, especially Grace's touchstone, *An Imperial Affliction* by Peter Van Houten. When Gus scores an invitation to meet the reclusive author, he and Hazel embark on the adventure of their brief lives.

Keep Your Hair On by Elizabeth Vercoe

Here is Jess's life so far: She is 16 years old. She's never waggged school. She's on a netball team. Her best friends are Sara and Charlotte. She has cancer. Last week she kissed a boy called Dylan. Today her hair is going down the plughole. If Dylan finds out he'll probably drop her - or worse, feel sorry for her. Can she keep it a secret?



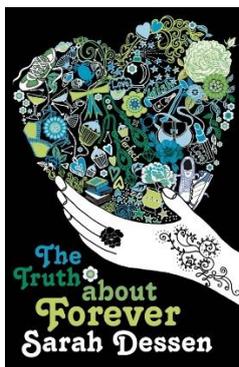
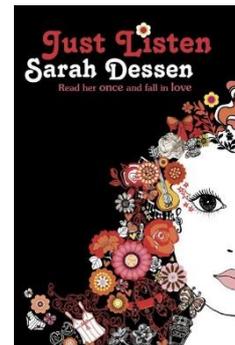
Looking for Alaska by John Green

Alaska Young is gorgeous, clever, funny, sexy, screwed up and utterly fascinating. Miles Halter could not be more in love with her. When tragedy strikes, Miles discovers the value and the pain of living and loving unconditionally.



Just listen by Sarah Dessen

I'm Annabel. I'm the girl who has it all. Model looks, confidence. A great social life. I'm one of the lucky ones. Aren't I? My 'best friend' is spreading rumours about me. My family is slowly falling apart. It's turning into a long, lonely summer, full of secrets and silence. But I've met this guy who won't let me hide away. He's one of those intense types, obsessed with music. He's determined to make me listen. And he's determined to make me smile. But can he help me forget what happened the night everything changed?



The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen

On the outside, Macy Queen is cool and calm. On the inside, she's breaking.

Silently struggling with her dad's death, and spending the summer apart from her oh-so-perfect boyfriend, Macy is smiling her way through - she's 'fine'. It's only when she meets a group of new friends - and artistic, sexy Wes catches her eye - that she realizes she can wear her heart on her sleeve sometimes. Because life doesn't stop when someone disappears - and even though she's lost so much, can Macy see what she has to gain?

You Don't Even Know by Sue Lawson

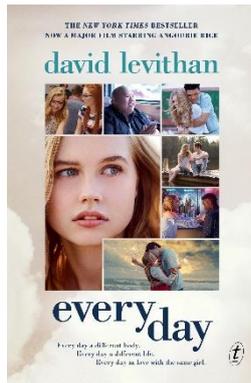
A story of love, loss and forgiveness. I stare, body and mind numb, at the inky water before me, a silent beast waiting for prey. Lightning spears and thunder splits the air, rattling the windows behind me. And I know, in every cell of my body, that it is over. When the one thing that anchors Alex Hudson to a fragile world is ripped from him, life becomes pointless. He finds himself in hospital recovering from an accident. In the next bed is a girl recovering from cancer. What does the future hold for them both?

Fallen in Love by Lauren Kate

Unexpected. Unrequited. Forbidden. Eternal. Everyone has their own love story. And in a twist of fate, four extraordinary love stories combine over the course of a romantic Valentine's Day in Medieval England. Filled with love stories . . . the ones everyone has been waiting for. True love never says goodbye . . .

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan

This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance. This is a happy-meaningful romantic comedy about finding love, losing love, and doing what it takes to get love back in a crazy-wonderful world.



Every Day by David Levithan

Every day a different body. Every day a different life. Every day in love with the same girl.

There's never any warning about where it will be or who it will be. A has made peace with that, even established guidelines by which to live: Never get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. It's all fine until the morning that A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment, the rules by which A has been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone A wants to be with—day in, day out, day after day.

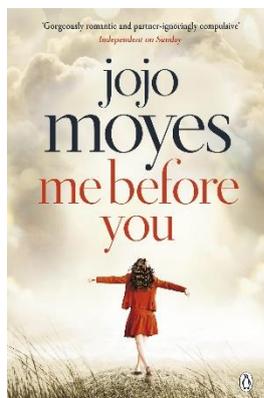
Love Me, Love Me Not by Libby Gleeson

Crushes, love at first sight, friendship that may become something more all these ideas are explored in this collection of nine stories. There are ten individuals, all students in year 8, whose stories are woven together to create something more than a simple collection. From loving self to loving another person, all are struggling with growing emotions.

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer (**book and film**)

Twilight is a young adult vampire-romance novel. It is the first book in the Twilight series and introduces seventeen-year-old Bella Swan, who moves from Phoenix, Arizona to Forks, Washington. She is endangered after falling in love with Edward Cullen, a vampire.

Followed by **New Moon, Eclipse and Breaking Dawn Parts 1 and 2.**



Me Before You series by Jojo Moyes (**book and film**)

Lou Clark knows lots of things. She knows how many footsteps there are between the bus stop and home. She knows she likes working in The Buttered Bun tea shop and she knows she might not love her boyfriend Patrick. Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. He knows everything feels very small and rather joyless now and he knows exactly how he's going to put a stop to that. What Will doesn't know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour. And neither of them knows they're going to change the other for all time. Sequels are **After You** and **Still Me**,



Side Effects May Vary by Julie Murphy

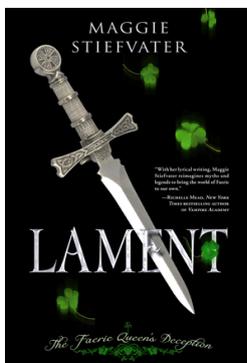
When Alice is diagnosed with leukaemia she convinces her friend Harvey to help her with a crazy bucket list. It's as much about revenge as redemption and warped or not, it gives Alice the focus she needs when everything else seems pointless. Then she goes into remission. Now faced with the consequences of her actions, can Alice repair the damage she's caused to those around her? And maybe show the one who loves her most how much she loves him in return.

One Day by David Nicholls

On the day of their college graduation -- two people from opposite sides of the tracks begin a lifelong friendship. Emma, an idealist from a working-class family, wants to make the world a better place. Dexter, a playboy, thinks the world is his oyster. For the next 20 years, the two friends reunite on the 15th of each July, sharing dreams, tears and laughter -- until they discover what they've been searching for, each other.

Extraordinary Means by Robyn Schneider

When he's sent to Latham House, a boarding school for sick teens, Lane thinks his life may as well be over. When he meets Sadie and her friends - a group of eccentric troublemakers - he realises that maybe getting sick is just the beginning. That illness doesn't have to define you, and that falling in love is its own cure.



Lament: The Faerie Queen's Deception by Maggie Stiefvater

Sixteen-year-old Deirdre Monaghan is a painfully shy but prodigiously gifted musician. She's about to find out she's also a cloverhand—one who can see faeries. Deirdre finds herself infatuated with a mysterious boy who enters her ordinary suburban life, seemingly out of thin air. Trouble is, the enigmatic and gorgeous Luke turns out to be a gallowglass—a soulless faerie assassin. An equally hunky—and equally dangerous—dark faerie soldier named Aodhan is also stalking Deirdre.



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