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A close-up, high-angle shot of a person's feet wearing blue perforated sneakers with white laces and blue denim jeans. The feet are resting on a weathered wooden railing. Below the railing, a dark, almost black lake is visible, extending to the horizon under a dark, overcast sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

The sun was hot that Saturday.
Rob Vega stood on the bridge.
He looked down.

Far below was a lake.
The water was **dark.**
Almost black.

Emma and Bret stood by Rob.
They were his friends.
His dad was there too.



"Happy Birthday!"

Emma said to Rob.

"You are seventeen," Bret said.

"How does it feel?"

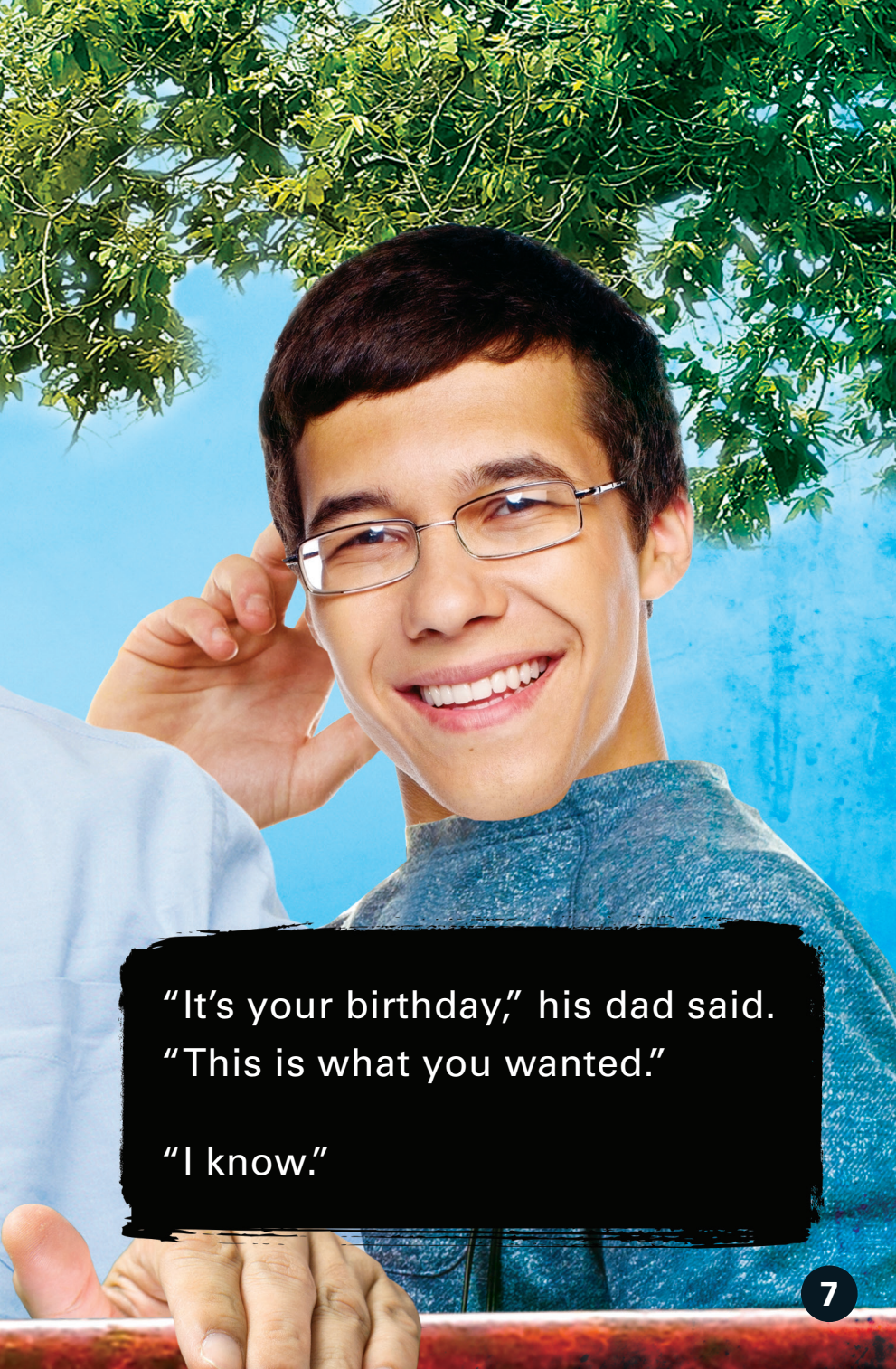
"It feels good," Rob said.



A close-up portrait of a man with short dark hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt over a white t-shirt. The background is a bright blue wall with some green foliage visible on the right side.

"Well," said Mr. Vega. "Are you going to **jump?**"

Rob did not speak.

A young man with short dark hair and glasses is smiling broadly. He is adjusting his glasses with his right hand. He is wearing a blue textured sweater. The background is a bright blue sky with green tree branches at the top. A black text box is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

“It’s your birthday,” his dad said.
“This is what you wanted.”

“I know.”

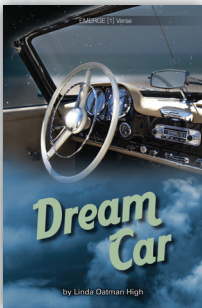
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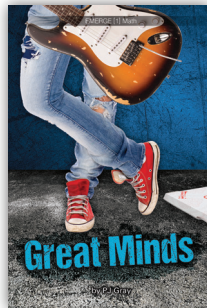
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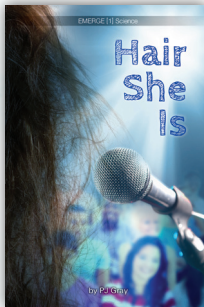
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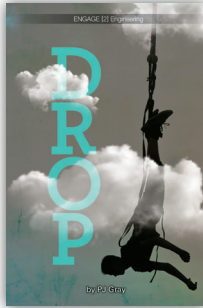


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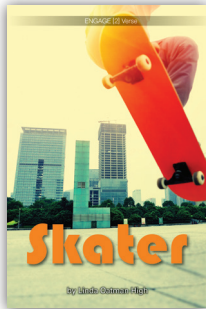
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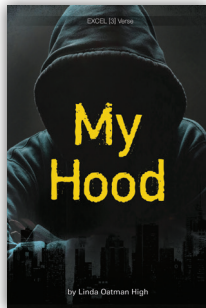


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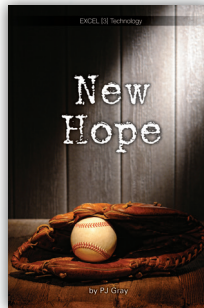


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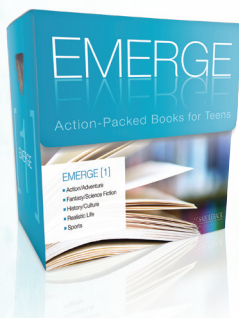
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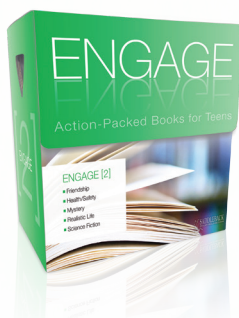
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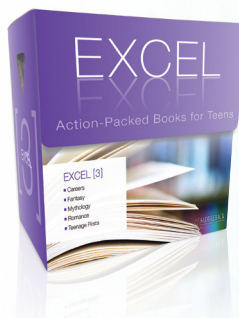
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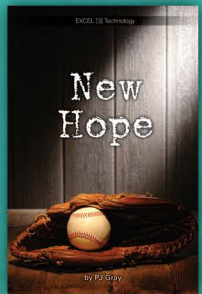
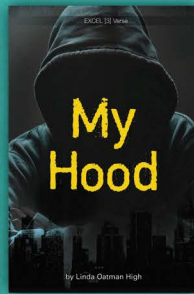
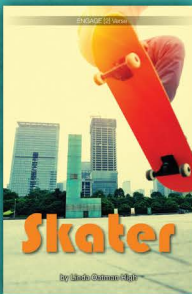
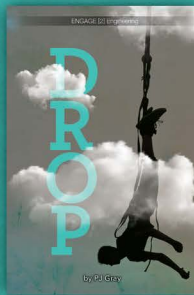
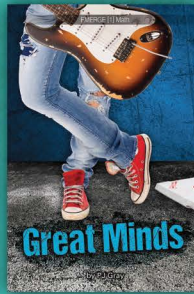
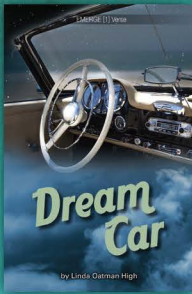
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