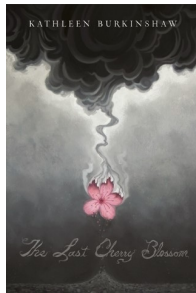


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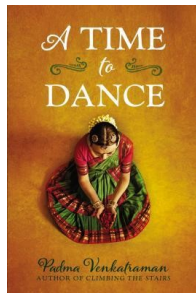


The Last Cherry Blossom by Kathleen Burkinshaw

YA BURKINSHAW KATHLEEN

Yuriko was happy growing up in Hiroshima until her aunt and cousin moved in. But while things are changing at home, the outside world is even more unpredictable: World War II is coming to an end and Japan's fate is not entirely clear.

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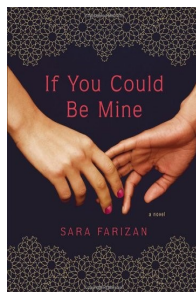


A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

YA VENKATRAMAN, ebook

Veda is a classical dance prodigy in India—until she loses her leg in an accident and her dreams are shattered. But Veda refuses to give up on dance and begins relearning how to dance with her new prosthetic leg.

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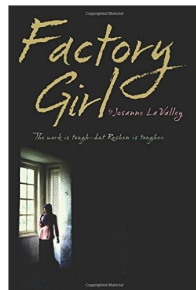


If You Could Be Mine by Sara Farizan

YA FARIZAN, ebook

Sahar and Nasrin have been in love since they were six, but their relationship is a secret: in Iran, homosexuality is punishable by death. Then Nasrin's parents announce her arranged marriage and Sahar proposes a drastic solution to stay together.

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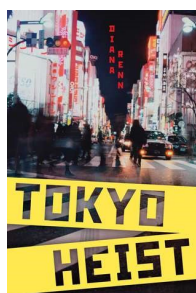


Factory Girl by Josanne La Valley

YA LA VALLEY JOSANNE

In order to save her family's farm, Roshen leaves her home at sixteen to work in a factory in the south of China. The conditions in the factory are terrible and she faces contempt for her minority background, but Roshen is determined to help her family.

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Tokyo Heist by Diana Renn

YA RENN

Violet is thrilled when her father's job takes them on a summer trip to Japan—until a priceless sketch is stolen and held ransom for a van Gogh painting. No one knows where the painting is hidden, but until they find it, all their lives are in danger.