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A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's feet standing on a wooden bridge railing. The person is wearing blue sneakers with white laces and blue denim jeans. The railing is made of weathered, light-colored wood. 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?"

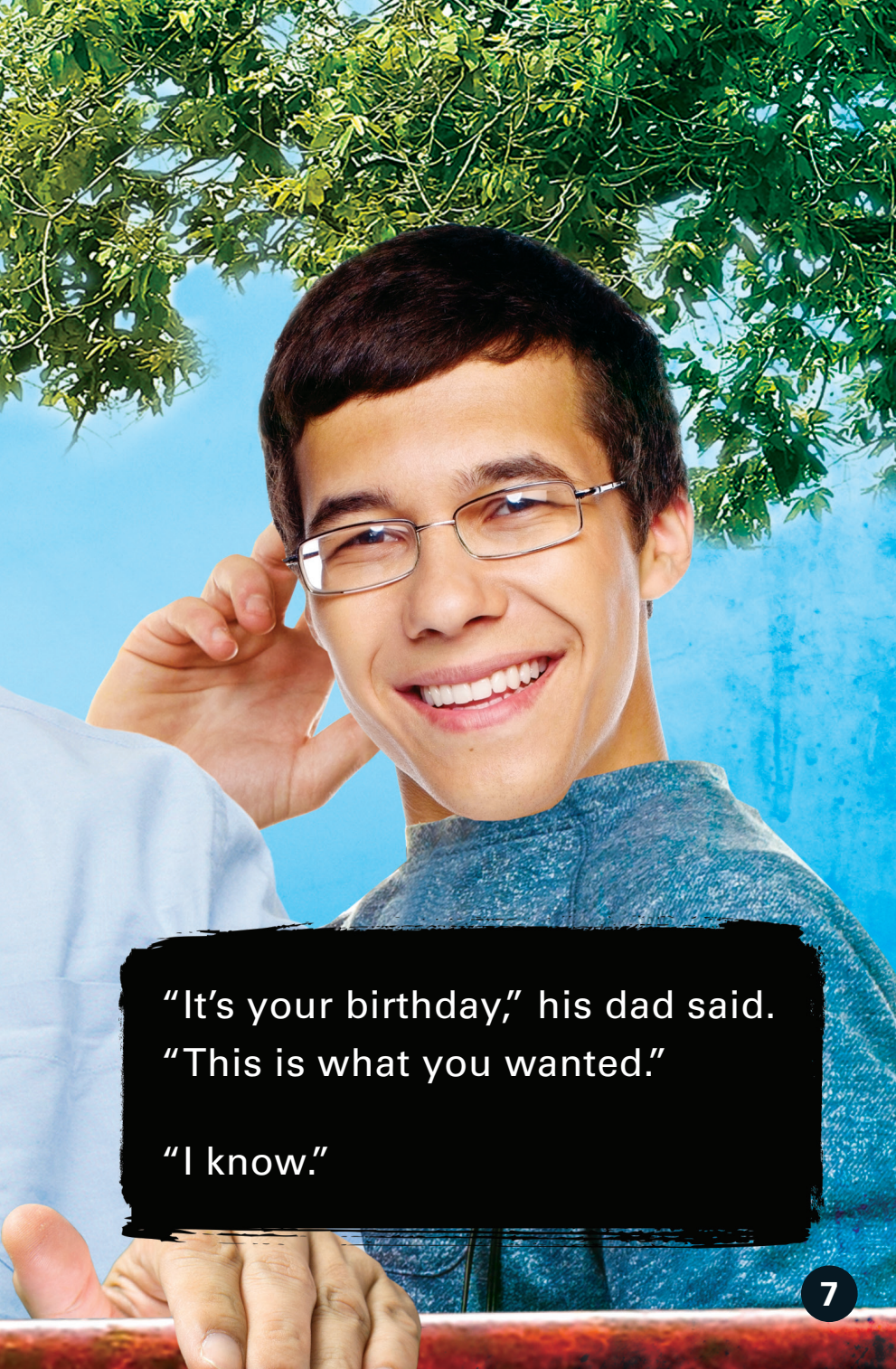
"It feels good," Rob said.



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 dark hair and glasses is smiling broadly. A hand is visible on the left, adjusting his glasses. 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."

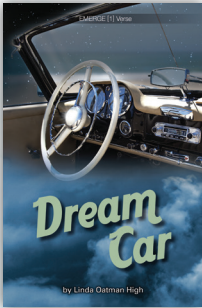
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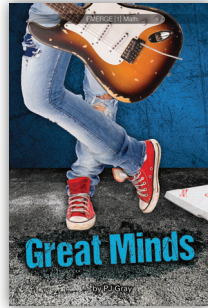
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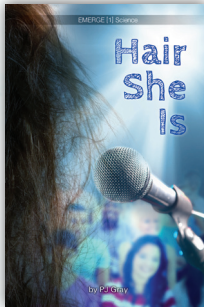
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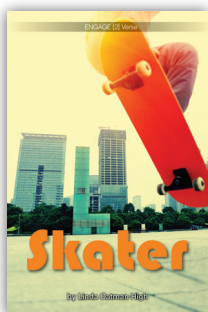
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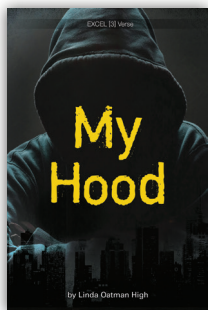


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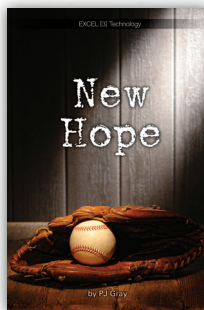


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