Thank you for joining our “Real Characters, Real Issues: Using Complex YA to Empower Teens” panel discussion.
The SURVIVAL COLONY 9 series
YA Science Fiction
by Joshua David Bellin

In a world without a past,
one boy is the key to the future.

From Mary Shelley to H. G. Wells to Octavia Butler, science fiction has always functioned to highlight real-world issues—not just issues concerning science and technology, but issues ranging from racism to economic injustice. Sometimes, we need the unreal to make the real visible.
—Joshua David Bellin
As the characters work through various emotional and logistical difficulties, the reader learns that it is possible to make great accomplishments no matter one’s circumstances. *Wendy Hawkins, Audubon Education Chair*
The world can be a big and not so nice place, and reading about someone else making it, may help them to understand that they can make it as well, even when everything around them seems to be falling into shambles.--- reviewer of TWIGS
After his suicide attempt, 16-year-old Ryan struggles with guilty secrets, old problems, and new friendships.
See you at the Book Blitz!