

Tears of a Tiger

Sharon M. Draper

FIC DRA

Driving drunk, Andy Jackson, an African American high school student, kills his best friend in a car accident. Now no one seems to

understand how he feels. This tragic story is told through journal entries, newspaper articles, and homework assignments.



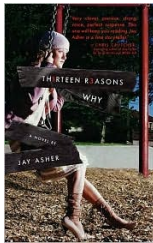
The Truth About Forever

Sarah Dessen

FIC DES

The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business

where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.



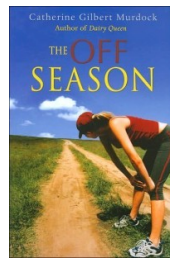
Thirteen Reasons Why

Jay Asher

FIC ASH

High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a

bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.



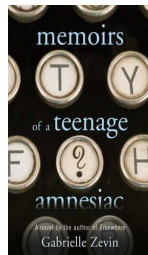
The Off Season

Catherine Murdock

FIC MUR

High school junior D.J. staggers under the weight of caring for her badly injured brother, her responsibilities on the dairy farm, a

changing relationship with her friend Brian, and her own athletic aspirations.

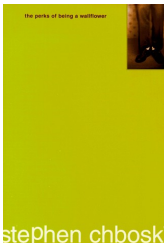


Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac

Gabrielle Zevin

FIC ZEV

After a nasty fall, Naomi realizes that she has no memory of the last four years and finds herself reassessing every aspect of her life.

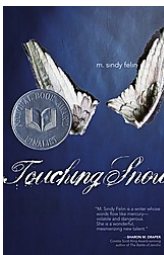


***Perks of Being a Wallflower* ***

Stephen Chbosky

FIC CHB

Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver.



Touching Snow

Sindy M. Felin

FIC FEL

After her stepfather is arrested for child abuse, Karina's home life improves. The urging of her younger sister, their uncle, and a friend

tempt her to testify against him.

* Denotes Mature Themes

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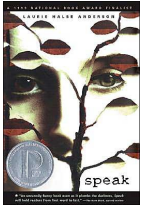


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Realistic books have plots, characters and settings that might be found in real life.



Speak *

Laurie Ruse Anderson

FIC AND

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

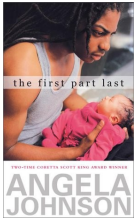


Go Ask Alice *

Anonymous

FIC ANO

A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

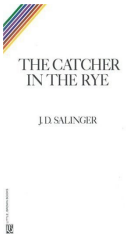


The First Part Last

Angela Johnson

FIC JOH

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

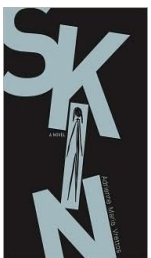


The Catcher in the Rye

J.D. Salinger

FIC SAL

In an effort to escape the hypocrisies of life at his boarding school, sixteen-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City

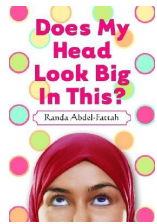


Skin

Adrienne Marie Vrettos

FIC VRE

When his parents decide to separate, eighth grader Donnie watches with horror as the physical condition of his sixteen-year-old sister, Karen, deteriorates due to an eating disorder.

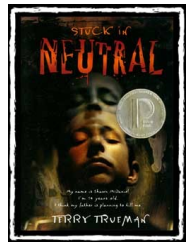


Does My Head Look Big In This?

Randa Abdel-Fattah

FIC ABD

Year eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith - without losing her identity and sense of style.

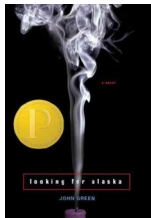


Stuck in Neutral

Terry Trueman

FIC TRU

Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.

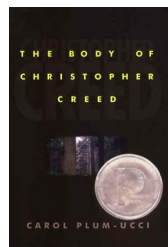


Looking for Alaska

John Green

FIC GRE

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.



The Body of Christopher Creed

Carol Plum-Ucci

FIC PLU

Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

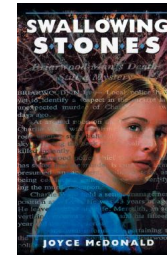


Shark Girl

Kelly L. Bingham

FIC BIN

After a shark attack causes amputation of her right arm Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss.



Swallowing Stones

Joyce McDonald

FIC MCD

Dual perspectives reveal the aftermath of seventeen-year-old Michael MacKenzie's birthday celebration during which he discharges an antique Winchester rifle and unknowingly kills the father of his school classmate Jenna Ward.



One Good Punch

Rich Wallace

FIC WAL

Eighteen-year-old Michael Kerrigan, writer of obituaries for the Scranton Observer and captain of the track team, is ready for the most important season of his life—until the police find four joints in his school locker and he is faced with a choice that could change everything.



Fanboy and Goth Girl

Barry Lyga

FIC LYG

A fifteen-year-old "geek" who keeps a list of the high school jocks and others who torment him and pours his energy into creating a great graphic novel, encounters Kyra, Goth Girl, who helps change his outlook on almost everything, including himself.