

SOCIAL ISSUES
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ABUSE

- FIC ALLISON **BASTARD OUT OF CAROLINA** by Dorothy Allison
A girl comes of age in '50's South Carolina fighting the label "trash" and the violent advances of her stepfather. Published 1993.
- FIC ALPHIN **COUNTERFEIT SON** by Elaine Alphin
When serial killer Hank Miller is killed in a shoot-out with police, his abused son Cameron adopts the identity of one of his father's victims in order to find a better life. Published 2000.
- FIC AMATEAU **CLAIMING GEORGIA TATE** by Gigi Amateau
Twelve-year-old Georgia Tate feels loved and safe living with Nana and Granddaddy, until her sexually abusive father tries to win her custody. Published 2005.
- FIC ATKINS **ALTED** by Catherine Atkins
Participating in a special after-school counseling class with other troubled students, including a sensitive gay classmate, helps Susan, an overweight tenth grader, develop a better sense of herself. Published 2003.
- FIC BO **SKULLCRACK** by Ben Bo
Jonah, a troubled boy who escapes from his dreary life with an alcoholic father by surfing on the coast of Ireland, discovers that he has a twin sister with whom he has an unusual mental link. Published 2000.
- FIC COLE **THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES** by Brock Cole
At the request of her social worker, thirteen-year-old Linda gradually reveals how her life with her unstable mother and her younger brother led to her rape and the murder she witnessed. Published 1997.
- FIC CRUTCHER **CHINESE HANDCUFFS** by Chris Crutcher
Still troubled by his older brother's violent suicide, eighteen-year-old Dillon becomes deeply involved in the terrible secret of his friend Jennifer, who feels she can tell no one what her stepfather is doing to her. Published 1989.
- FIC FLINN **BREATHING UNDERWATER** by Alexandra Flinn
Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, and ordered to keep a journal, sixteen-year-old Nick recounts his relationship with Caitlin, examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father. Published 2001.
- FIC GIBBONS **ELLEN FOSTER** by Kaye Gibbons
Having suffered abuse and misfortune for much of her life, a young child searches for a better life and finally gets a break in the home of a loving woman with several foster children. Published 1987.
- FIC GOOBIE **SOMETHING GIRL** by Beth Goobie
Sophie, 15, comes from an abusive family. Her mother is a depressive alcoholic. Her father appears to be an upstanding member of the community, but in reality he is a savagely violent man. Will Sophie speak up about the abuse at home? Published 2005.
- FIC HOWE **THE WATCHER** by James Howe
As she sits watching a seemingly perfect family and a handsome lifeguard on the beach, a lonely, troubled girl projects herself into the fantasy lives she has created for them. Published 1997.
- FIC HUNT **THE LOTTERY ROSE** by Irene Hunt
A young victim of child abuse gradually overcomes his fears and suspicions when placed in a home with other boys. Published 1976.
- FIC KLASS **YOU DON'T KNOW ME** by David Klass
Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful, but shallow classmate and other problems at school. Published 2001.
- FIC MAGORIAN **GOOD NIGHT, MR. TOM** by Michelle Magorian
A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War. Published 1981.

FIC MAXWELL SECRET DIARY OF ANNE BOLEYN by Robin Maxwell
Anne Boleyn was the second wife of Henry VIII. Unbeknownst to the king, she has kept a secret diary which is given to her daughter when she is queen. As a result of the revelations in it, Elizabeth makes a resolution that will change the course of history. Published 1997.

FIC MCCORMICK CUT by Patricia McCormick
Callie cuts herself. Never too deep, never enough to die. Now she is at Sea Pines, a "residential treatment facility" for young girls. Published 2000.

FIC MCNAMEE HATE YOU by Graham McNamee
Nursing hatred for the father who choked her and damaged her voice as a child, seventeen-year-old Alice writes songs she feels she cannot sing and seeks to reconcile her feelings for herself and her father. Published 1999.

FIC MIKLOWITZ SECRETS NOT MEANT TO BE KEPT by Gloria Miklowitz
Her three-year-old sister's changing behavior unleashes many long-suppressed disturbing memories from Adrienne's own days at a highly respected local preschool. Published 1987.

FIC SAPPHIRE PUSH by Sapphire
Claireece Precious Jones endures unimaginable hardships in her young life. She grows up poor, angry, illiterate, fat, unloved and generally unnoticed. Published 1996.

FIC TOTEN THE GAME by Teresa Toten
They had created their own secret world and they were on a quest vanquish evil. But the Game is now a hazy memory as Dani looks up from the floor of the isolation room at Riverwood Clinic. Published 2001.

FIC VOIGHT WHEN SHE HOLLERS by Cynthia Voight
Tish, a teenager who has been enduring abuse from her adoptive stepfather since she was a small child, finally decides she must do something to stop him. Published 1994.

ADOPTION/CHILD CUSTODY/MISSING CHILD/KIDNAPPING/ ABANDONED CHILDREN

FIC ATKINS WHEN JEFF COMES HOME by Catherine Atkins
Sixteen-year-old Jeff, returning home after having been kidnapped and held prisoner for three years, must face his family, friends, and school and the widespread assumption that he engaged in sexual activity with his kidnapper. Published 1999.

FIC CARROLL WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES by Jenny Carroll
Jessica Mastriani decides to walk home from school, right into an Indian thunderstorm. Somehow on that long walk home, Jessica acquires a newfound talent. She becomes a psychic who can find missing children. Published 2001.

FIC COONEY THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON by Caroline Cooney
Having recognized her own face on a milk carton depicting a child kidnapped ten years earlier, Janie begins to unravel the mystery of her birth. Published 1990.

FIC COONEY WHATEVER HAPPENED TO JANIE? by Caroline Cooney
The members of two families have their lives disrupted when a teenage girl who had been kidnapped twelve years earlier discovers that the people who raised her are not her biological parents. Sequel to *The Face on the Milk Carton*. Published 1993.

FIC DUNCAN THE THIRD EYE by Lois Duncan
High school senior Karen, who worries that her psychic powers will make her seem different from other people, is frightened at first when a young policeman asks her to use her gift to help the police locate missing children. Published 1984.

FIC DUNCAN THE TWISTED WINDOW by Lois Duncan
Tracy, a high school junior, becomes embroiled in the problems of a strange boy, who asks her assistance in "snatching" his half-sister from her father who has allegedly kidnapped her. Published 1984.

FIC FERGUSON SHOW ME THE EVIDENCE by Alane Ferguson
When, after a bizarre series of events, her best friend is accused of murdering her own baby brother and two other babies, Lauren, convinced of her friend's innocence, joins her in trying to solve the mystery and find evidence to clear her name. Published 1989.

- FIC GARRISON FIRE AND ICE by Paul Garrison
Starts with a knockout punch: we watch a man's whole world being stolen from him. Doctors Sarah and Michael Stone and their 10-year-old daughter Ronnie seem to have an ideal life. They sail the Pacific in their 38-foot hospital ship. Michael goes to the atoll to help a dying man and watches as a carrier scoops up the hospital sailboat and steams away with his family on it. He follows the carrier to the Orient for a literally explosive finale. Published 1998.
- FIC GRANT KUMQUAT MAY, I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU by Cynthia Grant
Abandoned by her mother, Livvy decides she is smart and self-reliant enough to live by herself, if she can only keep her situation a secret. Published 1986.
- FIC HARMETZ OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH by Al Jean Harmetz
What lifts this book above the classic thriller are the chapters that explore David's reactions to his abduction and his relationship with his captor. Published 1997.
- FIC HAWES WAITING FOR CHRISTOPHER by Louise Hawes
Shortly after moving with her mother to Florida, a lonely, fourteen-year-old bibliophile is reminded of her infant brother who died and decides to care for an abused, abandoned child with help from a new friend. Published 2002.
- FIC LANTZ SOMEONE TO LOVE by Francess Lantz
Although at odds with her parents over their decision to adopt a baby, fifteen-year-old Sarah finds herself drawn to the birth mother, who is having second thoughts about giving up her child. Published 1997.
- FIC LOWRY FIND A STRANGER SAY GOODBYE by Lois Lowery
Seemingly a girl who has everything, Natalie, at seventeen, goes in pursuit of her real mother. Published 1978.
- FIC MARTIN MISSING SINCE MONDAY by Ann Martin
When their little sister doesn't come home from school, fifteen-year-old Maggie and her brother must face up to some deep, dark secrets about their natural mother, whom they must consider as a kidnapping suspect. Published 1986.
- FIC MAZER TAKING TERRI MUELLER by Norma Fox Mazer
Fourteen-year-old Terri remembers only life with her father, but then she discovers that he kidnapped her from her mother after a divorce and that her mother is still alive. Published 1983.
- FIC MITCHARD DEEP END OF THE OCEAN by Jacquelyn Mitchard
3-year-old Ben Cappadora is kidnapped from a hotel lobby where his mother is checking into her 15th high school reunion. Published 1996.
- FIC PEYTON PROVE YOURSELF A HERO by K. M. Peyton
Cycling home after his guitar lesson, Jonathan becomes a kidnapping victim. Published 1978.
- FIC REINHARDT A BRIEF CHAPTER IN MY IMPOSSIBLE LIFE by Dana Reinhardt
Sixteen-year-old atheist Simone Turner-Bloom's life changes in unexpected ways when her parents convince her to make contact with her biological mother, an agnostic from a Jewish family who is losing her battle with cancer. Published 2006.
- FIC SEBESTYEN THE GIRL IN THE BOX by Quida Sebestyen
Kidnapped and left in an underground room, Jackie explores her psychological strengths and limitations as she tries to make contact with the outside world by writing messages and sending them through a slit in the door. Published 1988.
- FIC WHITE LONG LIVE THE QUEEN by Ellen White
The President's daughter is a victim of kidnapping by terrorists. Published 1989.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS/GAMBLING

- FIC BUNTING A SUDDEN SILENCE by Eve Bunting
Jesse Harmon searches for the hit and run driver who killed his brother Bry. Published 1988.

FIC COY CRACKBACK by John Coy
Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs. Published 2005.

FIC DEAN COMFORT by Carolee Dean
Fourteen-year-old Kenny Roy Wilson fantasizes about escape from his hometown of Comfort, Texas, following his alcoholic father's release from prison. Published 2002.

FIC FOON DOUBLE OR NOTHING by Dennis Foon
High-school senior Kip has been well provided for by his dedicated mother and loyal uncle. Unfortunately, Kip has a penchant for gambling and his girlfriend's father is a high stakes con artist with his eye on Kip's savings. Published 2000.

FIC HAUTMAN STONE COLD by Pete Hautman
Sixteen-year-old Dennis finds himself alienating both friends and family when he becomes obsessed with playing high-stakes poker with adult gamblers. Published 1998.

FIC KOERTGE STONER & SPAZ by Ronald Koertge
A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman. Published 2002.

FIC LYNN RX by Tracy Lynn
Thyme, 17, is stressed. She is trying to keep her grades up and maintain her status in The Twenty, a nickname for a group of overachieving, good-school-bound juniors. She steals a bottle of Ritalin from her friend Will, thinking it will improve her study habits. An A on a history exam confirms it. Soon, she becomes adept at stealing pills from purses and medicine cabinets, and begins to deal to other students. Following the overdose/suicide of a fellow honor student, Thyme finally decides to quit. Published 2006.

FIC MIKLOWITZ ANYTHING TO WIN by Gloria Miklowitz
To increase his chances of winning a college scholarship, a talented high school quarterback risks his health by taking anabolic steroids to gain weight. Published 1989.

FIC ROOS YOU'LL MISS ME WHEN I'M GONE by Stephen Roos
Convinced that he is a rotten kid and disgusted that his father is still taking physical advantage of his mother even though they are now divorced, sixteen-year-old Marcus finds that a vodka bottle is the only thing to get him through one horrible day to another. Published 1988.

FIC TALBERT DEAD BIRDS SINGING by Marc Talbert
When a drunk driver smashes into the family car killing his mother and critically injuring his sister, Matt's life is changed forever. Published 1985.

CRIME/MURDER

FIC CORMIER I AM THE CHEESE by Robert Cormier
A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive. Published 1997.

FIC CORMIER TENDERNESS by Robert Cormier
A psychological thriller told from the points of view of a teenage serial killer and the runaway girl who falls in love with him. Published 1997.

FIC DUNCAN KILLING MR. GRIFFIN by Lois Duncan
A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder? Published 1978.

FIC GILES PLAYING IN TRAFFIC by Gail Giles
Shy and unremarkable, seventeen-year-old Matt Lathrop is surprised and flattered to find himself singled out for the sexual attentions of the alluring Skye Colbly, until he discovers the evil purpose behind her actions. Published 2004.

FIC MCDONALD SHADOW PEOPLE by Joyce MacDonald
When his family moves to a secluded area in western New Jersey after his brother is murdered, Gabriel finds himself involved with three other teenagers, each with his or her own problems, in a series of increasingly violent acts. Published 2000.

- FIC MIKAELSEN **TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR** by Ben Mikaelson
After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life. Published 2001.
- FIC MYERS **MONSTER** by Walter Dean Myers
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken. Published 1999.
- FIC NIXON **A CANDIDATE FOR MURDER** by Joan Lowery Nixon
Cary finds her life in danger when she uncovers a plot to sabotage her father's political campaign for governor of Texas. Published 1991.
- FIC PICOULT **PERFECT MATCH** by Jodi Picoult
Nina Frost, an assistant district attorney in Maine, knows how hard it is to obtain a conviction for a sex crime when the victim is a juvenile, so when her five-year-old son, identifies their priest as being the man who raped him, Nina's grievances with the system become personal. Published 2002.
- FIC RAPP **BUFFALO TREE** by Adam Rapp
While serving a six-month sentence at a juvenile detention center, thirteen-year-old Sura struggles to survive the experience with his spirit intact. Published 1997.
- FIC WARTSKI **CANDLE IN THE WIND** by Maureen Wartski
On the night of a party celebrating his acceptance into Harvard, Harris Mizuno, a Japanese-American teenager, is shot dead by an elderly white man who mistakes him for an intruder when Harris asks to use the phone because his car has stalled. Published 1995.
- FIC WERLIN **THE KILLER'S COUSIN** by Nancy Werlin
After being acquitted of murder, seventeen-year-old David goes to stay with relatives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he finds himself forced to face his past as he learns more about his strange young cousin Lily. Published 1998.
- FIC WHYMAN **BOY KILLS MAN** Matt Whyman
Two thirteen-year-old boys, blood brothers and best friends, get drawn into a dangerous, violent world on the streets of a troubled Columbian city. Published 2005.

DEATH/DYING/SUICIDE/EUTHANASIA

- FIC AMIS **NIGHT TRAIN** by Martin Amis
A captivating mystery of betrayal and deception. Detective Mike Hoolihan must investigate the suicide of her boss' daughter. Published 1998.
- FIC ARRICK **TUNNEL VISION** by Fran Arrick
At fifteen, Anthony Hamil died. He used his father's neckties and the ceiling hook for his bedroom light fixture. He left behind – not better days for his survivors as he'd figured – but grief and guilt and life sentences of bewilderment. Published 1980.
- FIC BUNTING **FACE AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD** by Eve Bunting
Haunted by the suicide of a gifted young black writer who was his best friend, Jed pursues the reason for it. Published 1985.
- FIC CRUTCHER **CHINESE HANDCUFFS** by Chris Crutcher
Still troubled by his older brother's violent suicide, eighteen-year-old Dillon becomes deeply involved in the terrible secret of his friend Jennifer, who feels she can tell no one what her stepfather is doing to her. Published 1989.
- FIC DEAVER **SAY GOODNIGHT, GRACIE** by Julie Deaver
When a car accident kills her best friend Jimmy, with whom she has shared everything from childhood escapades to breaking into the professional theater scene in Chicago, seventeen-year-old Morgan must find her own way of coping with his death. Published 1988.

- FIC DRAPER TEARS OF A TIGER by Sharon Draper
Winner of the Coretta Scott King Award. The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school. Book one of the Hazelwood High trilogy. Published 1996.
- FIC FERRIS INVINCIBLE SUMMER by Jean Ferris
Seventeen-year-old Robin, in treatment for leukemia, falls in love with a boy who also has the disease, and together they attempt to survive their ordeal. Published 1987.
- FIC FLEISCHMAN WHIRLIGIG by Paul Fleischman
While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he causes, sixteen-year-old Brian finds forgiveness and atonement. Published 1998.
- FIC HOFFMAN GREEN ANGEL by Alice Hoffman
When her family is lost in a terrible disaster, 15-year-old Green is haunted by loss and by the past. Published 2003.
- FIC LEIMBACH DYING YOUNG by Marti Leimbach
Victor has leukemia and has discontinued chemotherapy... Published 1990.
- FIC LOWRY A SUMMER TO DIE by Lois Lowry
Thirteen-year-old Meg envies her sister's beauty and popularity. Her feelings don't make it any easier for her to cope with Molly's strange illness and eventual death. Published 1997.
- FIC MILLER AIMEE by Mary Beth Miller
Having recently been acquitted of assisting her best friend's suicide, she is seeing a court-appointed psychiatrist who has suggested she write the journal that forms this book. Published 2002.
- FIC MILLER ON THE HEAD OF A PIN
While drinking alcohol and playing with a loaded gun at a party, a teenage boy accidentally shoots and kills another student and then tries to conceal her death. Published 2006
- FIC PECK REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES by Richard Peck
Trav, Kate, and Buck make up a trio during their freshman year in high school, but their special friendship may not be enough to save Trav as he pressures himself relentlessly to succeed, in his own eyes as well as in the eyes of his parents and the world. Published 1985.
- FIC PICOULT THE PACT by Jodi Picoult
Emily is dead at seventeen from a gunshot wound to the head. There's a single unspent bullet in the gun that Chris took from his father...There are doubts about the suicide pact that Chris has described. Published 1998.
- FIC ROTTMAN ROUGH WATERS by S. L. Rottman
After their parents' death in an automobile accident, two teenage brothers are sent to Colorado to live with an estranged uncle, owner of a white water rafting outfit. Published 1998.
- FIC SPARKS A WALK TO REMEMBER by Nicolas Sparks
In 1958 Landon Carter is a teenager who spends most of his time with friends. Through a series of circumstances he is falling for the preacher's daughter. He will encounter a major trauma as a result. Published 1999.

FRIENDSHIP AND PEER PRESSURE

- FIC CUMMINGS RED KAYAK by Priscilla Cummings
A toddler drowns in a kayak accident after friends of teenage Brady, the victim's neighbor, vent some anger against the child's dad by drilling holes in the bottom of his craft. It was a mean-spirited prank--but no one was supposed to die. What happens now? Revealing the terrible secret would implicate Brady's friends in the drowning, and it clouds his whole world with guilt and fear. Published 2004.
- FIC DEUKER NIGHT HOOPS by Carl Deuker
While trying to prove that he is good enough to on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street. Published 2000.

- FIC DEUKER PAINTING THE BLACK by Carl Deuker
When star athlete Josh Daniels moves in across the street, Remy Ward doesn't realize how much his life will change during his senior year at Seattle's Crown Hill High. Published 1997.
- FIC FERRIS BAD by Jean Ferris
In an attempt to please her friends, sixteen-year-old Dallas goes along with their plan to rob a convenience store and when her father refuses to allow her to come home, she is sentenced to six months in the Girls' Rehabilitation Center. Published 1998.
- FIC FERRIS THE STAINLESS STEEL RULE by Jean Ferris
Kitty and Fran fear that they are losing their best friend Mary when she develops a dangerous infatuation for a domineering, manipulative boy. Published 1986.
- FIC FREYMANN-WEYR MY HEARTBEAT by Garret Freymann-Weyr
As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing. Published 2002.
- FIC GILES SHATTERING GLASS by Gail Giles
When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence. Published 2002.
- FIC GRIFFIN AMANDINE by Adele Griffin
Her first week at a new school, shy, plain Delia befriends Amandine, not anticipating the dangerous turns their friendship would take. Published 2001.
- FIC PECK PRINCESS ASHLEY by Richard Peck
In her new high school, where her mother has taken a job as counselor, Chelsea experiences joys and sorrows as she makes choices about new friends and learns they are not always what they seem. Published 1987.
- FIC PETERS DEFINE "NORMAL" by Julie Anne Peters
When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend. Published 2000.
- FIC WALTMAN LEARNING THE GAME by Kevin Waltman
When he and his high-school basketball teammates steal from a fraternity house in their small Indiana town, Nate contends with his guilt, his loyalty to his friends, and his desire to help his older brother who comes under suspicion for the crime. Published 2005.

GANGS/CULTS

- FIC HINTON THE OUTSIDERS by S. E. Hinton
The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society. Published 1967.
- FIC HINTON RUMBLE FISH by S. E. Hinton
A junior high school boy idolizes his older brother, the coolest, toughest guy in the neighborhood, and wants to be just like him. Published 1975.
- FIC MYERS MONSTER by Walter Dean Myers
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken. Published 1999.
- FIC OATES FOXFIRE: CONFESSIONS OF A GIRL GANG by Joyce Carol Oates
Five teenage girls from upstate New York in the '50's form a blood sisterhood to protect one another against the world and its oppressors, until their leader's disastrous act of revenge puts all their lives in turmoil. Published 1993.
- FIC PETERSON NOBODY ELSE CAN WALK IT FOR YOU by P. J. Peterson
A group of young backpackers led by eighteen-year-old Laura must outwit three motorcyclists who terrorize them in a wilderness area. Published 1982.

- FIC WAITE FORBIDDEN by Judy Waite
Elinor, 15, is a Follower of the True Cause cult, which is headed by Howard, a power-driven, mentally unstable demagogue. The Followers, all of whom seem to be young females, earn their keep by selling The Book and encouraging Outsiders to become New Joiners. When they reach the age of 16, they become Howard's brides. Elinor's brainwashed life gradually changes after she encounters Jamie, a handsome Outsider who begins to sow doubts in her about the cult. Published 2006.
- FIC YOLEN ARMAGEDDON SUMMER by Jane Yolen
Fourteen-year-old Marina and sixteen-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult, the Believers, to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain, where they try to decide what they themselves believe. Published 1998.

GENERATION GAP/ELDERLY

- FIC BALDACCI WISH YOU WELL by David Baldacci
The year is 1940. After a car accident kills 12-year-old Lou's and 7-year-old Oz's father and leaves their mother Amanda in a catatonic trance, the children find themselves sent from New York City to their great-grandmother Louisa's farm in Virginia. Her frugal existence is a profound shock! Published 2000
- FIC BERG JOY SCHOOL by Elizabeth Berg
Tells the story of the passion a lonely 13 year old feels for an older man who saved her after an accident. Published 1997.
- FIC CHOI GATHERING OF PEARLS by Sook Nyul Choi
Sookan struggles to balance her new life as a college freshman in the United States with expectations from her family at home in Korea. Published 1994.
- FIC HOBBS BEARSTONE by Will Hobbs
A troubled Indian boy goes to live with an elderly rancher whose caring ways help the boy become a man. Published 1989.
- FIC KERR GENTLEHANDS by M. E. Kerr
A teenage boy falls in love with an "upper-class" girl and gets to know his estranged grandfather in one heartbreaking summer which climaxes in a shattering search for Nazi war criminals. Published 1978.
- FIC LEVOY A SHADOW LIKE A LEOPARD by Myron Levoy
A street-punk poet and an old painter form a friendship and confront their fears. Published 1981.
- FIC MAZER AFTER THE RAIN by Norma Fox Mazer
After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet. Published 1987.
- FIC MORI ONE BIRD by Kyoko Mori
After her mother abandons them, fifteen-year-old Megumi tries to understand her father's need for his mistress while dealing with her own aching isolation. Published 1995.
- FIC MORI SHIZUKO'S DAUGHTER by Kyoko Mori
After her mother's suicide when she is twelve years old, Yuki spends years living with her distant father and his resentful new wife, cut off from her mother's family, and relying on her own inner strength to cope with the tragedy. Published 1993.
- FIC MYERS HANDBOOK FOR BOYS by Walter Dean Myers
Sixteen-year-old Jimmy, on probation for assault, talks about life with three senior citizens in a Harlem barbershop and hears about the tools he can use to succeed in life. Published 2002.
- FIC NIXON NOBODY'S THERE by Joan Lowery Nixon
Abbie has gotten herself in trouble over her father's girlfriend and the rock she threw...As a consequence, she is assigned to a volunteer program under an elderly woman. Published 2000.
- FIC OATES BIG MOUTH & UGLY GIRL by Joyce Carol Oates
When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid. Published 2002.

- FIC PAULSEN ALIDA'S SONG by Gary Paulsen
A fourteen-year-old boy who has been neglected by irresponsible parents spends a wonderful summer on a farm where his grandmother cooks for two elderly brothers. Published 1999.
- FIC PECK A YEAR DOWN YONDER by Gary Paulsen
During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman. Published 2000.
- FIC TAN JOY LUCK CLUB by Amy Tan
Explores the tender and tenacious bond between four daughters and their mothers. The daughters know one side of their mothers, but they don't know about their earlier never-spoken of lives in China. Published 1989.

HEALTH/ILLNESS/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

- FIC BENJAMIN TAKEDOWN E. M. J. Benjamin
Jake thinks the biggest battle of his senior year will be for the wrestling championship. But he soon faces a much greater challenge...epilepsy. Published 1999.
- FIC FERRIS INVINCIBLE SUMMER by Jean Ferris
Seventeen-year-old Robin, in treatment for leukemia, falls in love with a boy who also has the disease, and together they attempt to survive their ordeal. Published 1987.
- FIC FERRIS OF SOUND MIND by Jean Ferris
Tired of interpreting for his deaf family and resentful of their reliance on him, high school senior Theo finds support and understanding from Ivy, a new student who also has a deaf parent. Published 2001
- FIC GOOBIE BEFORE WINGS by Beth Goobie
Adrien, 15, survived a brain aneurysm at age 13, and in two years since has become obsessed with her own mortality. She takes a job at Lakeshore, her Aunt Erin's summer camp. Erin is caught between the land of the living and the spirit world. Published 2000.
- FIC GREENBERG IN THIS SIGN by Joanne Greenberg
Two deaf individuals leave an insensitive home for the handicapped to find a life for themselves. Published 1984.
- FIC HALLIDAY SHOOTING MONARCHS by John Halliday
Macy and Danny, two teenage boys who have both grown up under difficult circumstances, turn out very differently – one becomes a hero, the other a murderer. Published 2003.
- FIC LIPSYTE CHEMO KID by Robert Lipsyte
When the drugs that he takes as part of his chemotherapy suddenly transform him from wimp into superhero, sixteen-year-old Fred and his friends plot to rid the town of its most lethal environmental hazard, toxic waste in the water supply. Published 1992.
- FIC LUBAR DUNK by David Lubar
While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park dunk tank on the new Jersey shore the summer before his junior year in high school, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with the police, and "the girl." Published 2002.
- FIC ORR PEELING THE ONION by Wendy Orr
Following an automobile accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion begins a long and painful recovery with the help of her family. Published 1997.
- FIC PICOULT MY SISTERS KEEPER by Jodi Picoult
Imagine that you were conceived to be the donor of bone marrow and platelets for your older sister, who has a rare form of cancer. Published 2004.
- FIC PLUM-UCCI WHAT HAPPENED TO LANI GARVER by Carol Plum-Ucci
Sixteen-year-old Claire is unable to face her fears about a recurrence of her leukemia, her eating disorder, her need to fit in with the popular crowd on Hackett Island, and her mother's alcoholism until the enigmatic Lani Garver helps her get control of her life at the risk of his own. Published 2002.

- FIC ROSTKOWSKI **AFTER THE DANCING DAYS** by Margaret Rostkowski
A forbidden friendship with a badly disfigured soldier in the aftermath of World War I forces thirteen-year-old Annie to redefine the word "hero" and to question conventional ideas of patriotism. Published 1986.
- FIC SALLIS **ONLY LOVE** by Susan Sallis
When she finds herself the object of a young man's love, a spirited, physically handicapped 16-year-old is both touched and frightened for she knows she may now have to share her painful secret. Published 1980.
- FIC VRETTOS **SKIN** by Adrienne Maria Vrettos
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, anorexia nervosa. Published 2006.

HONESTY/ETHICAL BEHAVIOR

- FIC BENNETT **PLUNKING REGGIE JACKSON** by James Bennett
High school baseball star Coley Burke tries to deal with an ankle injury, back spasms, a pregnant girlfriend, academic failure, pressure from his father, and the legacy of his dead older brother. Published 2001.
- FIC BUNTING **ALL LOVES EXCELLING** by John Bunting
Addresses the subject of pressure put on high school students to win acceptance to elite universities. Published 2001.
- FIC BUNTING **IF I ASKED YOU, WOULD YOU STAY?** By Eve Bunting
When Crow, a seventeen-year-old loner, rescues a troubled young girl from the ocean, his jealously guarded solitary existence is threatened by his first awakening to love. Published 1984.
- FIC DEUKER **PAINTING THE BLACK** Carl Deuker
When star athlete Josh Daniels moves in across the street, Remy Ward doesn't realize how much his life will change during his senior year at Seattle's Crown Hill High. Published 1997.
- FIC HOOPER **AMY** by Mary Hooper
Lonely after being dumped by her two best friends, Amy hopes for a romance with Zed, whom she met in an Internet chat room, but the day they spend together in his seaside village near London is not what she expected. Published 2002.
- FIC LUBAR **DUNK** by David Lubar
While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park dunk tank on the New Jersey shore the summer before his junior year in high school, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police and his father, and the girl that got away. Published 2002.
- FIC MALLOY **THE YEAR OF ICE** by Brian Malloy
The year he graduates and goes off to college is not Kevin Doyle's best. He is in love with a classmate who doesn't reciprocate and then he find out that the accident that killed his mother maybe wasn't – and what his father did... Published 2002.
- FIC MAZER **OUT OF CONTROL** by Norma Fox Mazer
After joining his two best friends in a spontaneous attack on a girl at their school, sixteen-year-old Rollo finds that his life is changed forever. Published 1993.
- FIC MCDONALD **SWALLOWING STONES** by Joyce MacDonald
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 high school classmate Jenna. Published 1997.
- FIC MILLER **AIMEE** by Mary Beth Miller
Having recently been acquitted of assisting her best friend's suicide, she is seeing a court-appointed psychiatrist who has suggested she write the journal that forms this book. Published 2002.

- FIC ROTTMAN HEAD ABOVE WATER by S. L. Rottman
Skye, a high school junior, tries to find the time for both family obligations and personal interests, which include caring for her brother who has Down's Syndrome, dating her first boyfriend, and swimming competitively. Published 1999.
- FIC SPINELLI WRINGER by Jerry Spinelli
As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it. Published 1997.
- FIC TOMEY NOBODY ELSE HAS TO KNOW by Ingrid Tomey
Fifteen-year-old Webber must either live with guilt or tell the truth about who was driving his grandfather's car when it struck and seriously injured a little girl. Published 1999.
- F Watson MONTANA 1948 by Larry Watson
Award winning novel about small town life in Bentrock, Montana during the summer of 1948. Should the sheriff turn in his own brother, a war hero, town doctor and now a murder suspect? Published 1995.
- FIC WATSON WHITE CROSSES by Larry Watson
It's 1957 in Bentrock, Montana and sheriff Jack Nevelson shoulders the burden of protecting his neighbors from the truth about a fatal car accident that claimed the lives of the elementary school principal and a teenage girl, who were running away together. Published 1998.

**HOSTILITY AND ITS EFFECT ON INNOCENT/PREJUDICE/DISCRIMINATION
RACISM**

- FIC ANDERSON SPEAK by Laurie Halse Anderson
A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school. Published 1999.
- FIC BALDWIN IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK by James Baldwin
Fonny, a talented young artist, finds himself unjustly arrested and locked in New York's infamous Tombs. A powerful indictment of justice and punishment in our time. Published 1974.
- FIC BUNTING SOMEONE IS HIDING ON ALCATRAZ ISLAND by Eve Bunting
When he offends the toughest gang in his San Francisco school, Danny tries to elude them by going to Alcatraz only to find himself and a Park Service employee trapped by the gang in an old prison cell block. Published 1984.
- FIC COONEY BURNING UP by Caroline Cooney
When a girl she had met at an inner city church is murdered, fifteen-year-old Macey channels her grief into a school project that leads her to uncover prejudice she had not imagined in her grandparents and their wealthy Connecticut community. Published 1999.
- FIC CORMIER THE CHOCOLATE WAR by Robert Cormier
A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies. Published 1974.
- FIC DUNCAN GALLOWS HILL by Lois Duncan
When seventeen-year-old Sarah works in the fortune-telling booth at a school carnival, she finds that sometimes she can really see the future in the crystal ball, a talent that disturbs some of the other students and makes them suspect her of being a witch. Published 1997.
- FIC DUNCAN SUMMER OF FEAR by Lois Duncan
Insidious occurrences convince Rachel that her cousin, Julia, is a witch and must be stopped. Published 1978.
- FIC ELLIS PARVANA'S JOURNEY by Deborah Ellis
The story of Parvana's journey once she leaves Kabul to search for her family. The Taliban still controls Afghanistan, but Kabul is in ruins. Published 2002.
- FIC FERRIS EIGHT SECONDS by Jean Ferris
Eighteen-year-old John must confront his own sexuality when he goes to rodeo school and finds himself strangely attracted to an older boy who is smart, tough, complicated, gorgeous, and gay. Published 2000.

FIC GUY	<p>THE FRIENDS by Rosa Guy Phyllisia eventually recognizes that her own selfish pride rather than her mother's death and her father's tyrannical behavior created the gulf between her and her best friend. Published 1973.</p>
FIC JONES	<p>NAILED by Patrick Jones Sixteen-year-old Bret Hendricks personifies his father's adage: "The nail that sticks out the farthest gets hammered hardest." He's an actor in a school that worships jocks, a semi-intellectual in a blue-collar family, a kid with a ponytail in a school that values conformity. Published 2006.</p>
FIC KELLEY	<p>A DIFFERENT DRUMMER by William Kelley Set in a mythical backwater Southern town. This is the extraordinary story of Tucker Caliban, a quiet, determined descendant of an African chief for no apparent reason destroys his farm and heads for parts unknown. Published 1990.</p>
FIC KERR	<p>SLAP YOUR SIDES by M. E. Kerr Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II. Published 2001.</p>
FIC KLASS	<p>DANGER ZONE by David Klass When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics. Published 1996.</p>
FIC KONIGSBURG	<p>SILENT TO THE BONE by E. L. Konigsburg When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened. Published 2000.</p>
FIC MIKLOWITZ	<p>THE ENEMY HAS A FACE by Gloria Miklowitz Netta and her family have re-located temporarily from Israel to Los Angeles, and when her seventeen-year-old brother disappears, she becomes convinced that he has been abducted by Palestinian terrorists. Published 2003.</p>
FIC MILLER	<p>AIMEE by Mary Beth Miller Having recently been acquitted of assisting her best friend's suicide, she is seeing a court-appointed psychiatrist who has suggested she write the journal that forms this book. Published 2002.</p>
FIC RANDLE	<p>BREAKING RANK by Kristen Randle Seventeen-year-old Casey has some of her preconceived notions challenged when she begins to tutor Baby, a member of a gang-like non-conformist society called the Clan. Published 1999.</p>
FIC RIPSLINGER	<p>HOW I FELL IN LOVE AND LEARNED TO SHOOT FREE THROWS by Jon Ripslinger Seventeen-year-old Danny Henderson, an indifferent basketball player, has his eye on Angel McPherson, star of the girls' team in their Iowa high school. Published 2003.</p>
FIC SEBESTYEN	<p>WORDS BY HEART by Ovida Sebestyen A young black girl struggles to fulfill her papa's dream of a better future for their family in the southwestern town where, in 1910, they are the only blacks. Published 1979.</p>
FIC SPINELLI	<p>STARGIRL by Jerry Spinelli In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. Published 2000.</p>
FIC TOLAN	<p>PLAGUE YEAR by Stephanie Tolan Sixteen-year-old David becomes intimately involved when a scandal is discovered about the strange new boy in his high school and everyone else turns against him. Published 2000.</p>
FIC VOLPONI	<p>BLACK AND WHITE by Paul Volponi Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught. Published 2005.</p>

FIC VOLPONI ROOFTOP by Paul Volponi
Still reeling from seeing police shoot his unarmed cousin to death on the roof of a New York City housing project, seventeen-year-old Clay is dragged into the whirlwind of political manipulation that follows. Published 2006.

PERSONALITY/EATING DISORDERS

FIC BENNETT LIFE IN THE FAT LANE by Cherie Bennett
Sixteen-year-old Lara, winner of beauty pageants and Homecoming Queen, is distressed and bewildered when she starts gaining weight and becomes a fat girl. Published 1998.

FIC BROOKS THE MOVES MAKE THE MAN by Bruce Brooks
A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship. Published 1984.

FIC CLARKE NIGHT TRAIN by Judith Clarke
His family, peers, and teachers despair of eighteen-year-old Luke, who seems to have turned himself into a loser, failing at school, paralyzed with fear and indecision, losing touch with reality. Published 2000.

FIC CRUTCHER STAYING FAT FOR SARAH BYRNES by Chris Crutcher
The daily class discussions about the nature of man, the existence of God, abortion, organized religion, suicide and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-schoolsenior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help. Published 1993.

FIC DESSEN KEEPING THE MOON by Sarah Dessen
Fifteen-year-old Colie, a former fat girl, spends the summer working as a waitress in a beachside restaurant, staying with her overweight and eccentric Aunt Mira, and trying to explore her sense of self. Published 1999.

FIC GOING FAT KID RULES THE WORLD by K. L. Going
Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 lbs., gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band. Published 2003.

FIC HADDON THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME by Mark Haddon
Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. Published 2003.

FIC HESSER KISSING DOORKNOBS by Terry Hesser
Fourteen-year-old Tara describes how her increasingly strange compulsions begin to take over her life and affect her relationships with her family and friends. Published 1998.

FIC JENKINS DAMAGE by A. M. Jenkins
Seventee-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks he has found relief in a girl who seems very special. Published 2001.

FIC LEVENKORN THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD by Steven Levenkorn
15-year-old figure skater Katie Roskova inflicts pain on herself when she can't manage her feelings about her absent father, her overbearing mother, the pressures of her sport, and her school life. Published 1997.

FIC LYNCH EXTREME ELVIN by Chris Lynch
As he enters high school, fourteen-year-old Elvin continues to deal with his weight problem as he tries to find his place among his peers. Published 1999.

FIC MCCORMICK CUT by Patricia McCormick
While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self- mutilation, and gradually starts to get better. Published 2000.

FIC NAYLOR THE KEEPER by Phylis Reynolds Naylor
Junior high school student Nick must face the fact that his father is plunging fast into serious mental illness. Published 1986.

- FIC RUCKMAN THE HUNGER SCREAM by Ivy Ruckman
A girl who suffers from anorexia struggles to deal with the problem. Published 1983.
- FIC SACHS THE FAT GIRL by Marilyn Sachs
Jeff, a high school senior, becomes obsessed with creating a new, beautiful, person out of an unhappy fat girl, but when she begins to think independently, he loses control of the situation. Published 1984.
- FIC WERSBA FAT, A LOVE STORY by Barbara Wersba
During the summer she is sixteen, overweight Rita Formica falls in love with the most beautiful young man she's ever seen. Published 1987.
- FIC WHYTOCK MY CUP RUNNETH OVER by Cherry Whytock
Believing she is too big, fourteen-year-old Angel tries dieting and kick-boxing to lose weight, but thanks to her friends and the school fashion show, she discovers that her size is just right. Includes recipes. Published 2003.

TEEN PREGNANCY/ABORTION

- FIC BECHARD HANGING ON TO MAX by Margaret Bechard
When his girlfriend decides to give their baby away, seventeen-year-old Sam is determined to keep him and raise him alone. Published 2002.
- FIC COHN GINGERBREAD by Rachel Cohn
After she is expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse finds that her problems with her mother escalate after Cyd falls in love with a sensitive surfer and is subsequently sent from San Francisco to New York City to spend time with her biological father. Published 2002.
- FIC CONE PAUL DAVID SILVERMAN IS A FATHER by Molly Cone
Two teenagers get married when they find that they are expecting a baby and undergo unforeseen trials and adjustments. Published 1983.
- FIC DESSEN SOMEONE LIKE YOU by Sarah Dessen
Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship. Published 1998.
- FIC HARUF PLAINSONG by Kent Haruf
Tom, a high school teacher left with two young sons, Victoria, a high school senior thrown out because she is pregnant, Harold and Raymond, two aging cattle ranchers – all drawn together by Maggie Jones! Published 1999.
- FIC JOHNSON THE FIRST PART LAST by Angela Johnson
Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter. Published 2003.
- FIC KLEIN NO MORE SATURDAY NIGHTS by Norma Klein
A seventeen-year-old unmarried father wins the rights to custody of his son in court; goes off to college in New York City, where he finds an apartment with three girls as roommates; and improves his relationship with his own father, always knowing his baby is the most important thing in his life. Published 1988.
- FIC LETTS WHERE THE HEART IS by Billie Letts
Novalee Nation is abandoned in Oklahoma by her boyfriend Wille Jack Pickens. She has 10 dollars, the clothes on her back, is seventeen, seven months pregnant, thirty-seven pounds overweight...and superstitious about sevens! Published 1995.
- FIC MCDONALD SPELLBOUND by Janet McDonald
Raven, a teenage mother and high school dropout living in a housing project, decides, with the help and sometime interference of her best friend Aisha, to study for a spelling bee which could lead to a college preparatory program and four-year-scholarship. Published 2001.
- FIC MCDONALD CHILL WIND by Janet McDonald
Afraid that she will have nowhere to go when her welfare checks are stopped, nineteen-year-old high school dropout Aisha tries to figure out how to support herself and her two young children in New York City. Sequel to Spellbound. Published 2002.

- FIC REYNOLDS TOO SOON FOR JEFF by Marilyn Reynolds
High school senior Jeff Browning is upset when he learns that his girlfriend is pregnant and determined not to let a baby ruin his plans to go to college on a debate scholarship, but his feelings change after the baby is born. Published 1994.
- FIC SWEENEY WAITING FOR JUNE by Joyce Sweeney
In the third trimester of her pregnancy, Florida high school senior Sophie tries to discover the identity of the father she has never known, while adamantly refusing to disclose the name of her own baby's father. Published 2003.

IMMIGRATION

- FIC NA A STEP FROM HEAVEN by An Na
A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America. Published 2001.

WAR CRIMES/CONCENTRATION CAMPS/JAPANESE EVACUATION

- FIC BAT-AMI TWO SUNS IN THE SKY Miriam Bat-Ami
The setting is a grim refugee camp at Oswego, New York during WWII. Chris, 15, is fed up with the boring town of Oswego but is fascinated by the exotic strangers living so close by. She and her friends sneak into the camp where she meets Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew. Published 2001.
- FIC CORMIER HEROES by Robert Cormier
After joining the army at fifteen and having his face blown away by a grenade in a battle in France, Francis returns home to Frenchtown hoping to find--and kill--the former childhood hero he feels betrayed him. Published 1998.
- FIC FORMAN MY ENEMY, MY BROTHER by James Forman
Released from a concentration camp after World War II, a sixteen-year-old boy settles on an Israeli kibbutz but finds his new life threatened by the growing conflict between Arabs and Jews. Published 1969.
- FIC FORMAN THE SURVIVOR by James Forman
An account of a Jewish family in Holland during World War II as one by one it dwindles away during the Nazi holocaust. Published 1976.
- FIC OTSUKA WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS DIVINE by Julie Otsuka
Describes the travails of a Japanese family living in an internment camp during World War II. Published 2002.
- FIC SILKO THE CEREMONY by Leslie Silko
Tayo is a half-white Laguna Indian emotionally stricken by white warfare and almost destroyed by his experiences as a World War II prisoner of the Japanese. Published 1977.