

# If You Don't Like to Read



B Angelou / Classic Pbk

***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,***

by Maya Angelou

An autobiographical account of a young African-American girl living first in Arkansas with her grandmother, then later in California, where the lessons learned early help her survive tragedy and pain.

YFIC Armstrong

***Souder,*** by William H. Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of his devoted dog Souder.

YFIC Bo

***The Edge,*** by Ben Bo

A teenaged gang member accused of various crimes finds redemption working and snowboarding at a ski lodge in the mountains surrounding Canada's Glacier National Park.

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***D.I.Y. Beauty,*** by Karen W. Bressler & Susan Redstone  
Hair, makeup, and skin care suggestions are some of the chapters included in this book on Do It Yourself Beauty. Each chapter also includes suggestions from teens.

YFIC Cabot

***All-American Girl,*** by Meg Cabot

A sophomore girl stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed Teen Ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.

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***I Am the Cheese: a novel,*** 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.

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***The Teenage Guy's Survival Guide,***

by Jeremy Daldry

A humorous guide for young guys, offering advice on dating, sex, body changes, and social life.

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***Emily the Strange,*** by Rob Reger, Brian Brooks, et al  
13-year-old Emily is extremely pale, wears only black and has 4 cats who are with her constantly. Each volume presents

Emily's latest distraction, from the Boring Issue (vol. 1) to the Rock Issue (vol. 4).

Fic Go

***Go Ask Alice (author anonymous)***

Based on the diary of an anonymous 15 year old girl, this is an almost unbearably powerful first person account of drug addiction. Once read, never forgotten.

YRACK Fuj

***Oh My Goddess! 1-555-GODDESS,*** by Kosuke Fujishima  
(Graphic Novel)

A college kid in search of a pizza dials a wrong number, reaching the Goddess hotline instead. His wish? That a Goddess come and stay with him permanently. (Graphic Novel)

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***Mecha Mania : how to draw the battling robots, cool spaceships, and military vehicles of Japanese comics,*** by Christopher Hart.

This book offers a mix of instructions and advice for creating Japanese style drawing. Sample drawings and posing suggestions are perfect for the beginner.

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***Spiders in the Hairdo: modern urban legends,*** collected and retold by David Holt and Bill Mooney

Famous Urban legends such as the kidney thieves legend, ghostly hitchhiker stories, and the famous *Spiders in the Hairdo* yarn are retold for everyone to enjoy.

YFic Horowitz, A

***Stormbreaker,*** by Anthony Horowitz

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

\*\*Also try *Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpio,* and *Ark Angel*

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***For the Love of the Game: my story,***

by Michael Jordan

An autobiography of the former Chicago Bull's star, detailing his life before and during the game. Dozens of full color photos bring this one to life.

YFIC Korman

***Son of the Mob***, by Gordon Korman

Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

\*\*Also try ***Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle***

YFIC Koss

***The Girls***, by Amy Goldman Koss

Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, and the hurt and self-doubt that it causes them.

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***How Rude!: the teenagers guide to good manner, proper behavior, and not grossing people out***,

by Alex J. Packer

A humorous but practical guide to good manners and social skills, discussing such areas as family life, behavior in public, manners in school, eating, and clothes.

YFIC Peck

***A Long Way from Chicago***,

by Richard Peck

Forced to visit his larger-than-life Grandmother with his sister every summer, a boy remembers their adventures on her farm in rural Illinois.

Teen Novel Pena, M

***Ball Don't Lie***, by Matt de la Pena

Seventeen-year-old Sticky lives for basketball and plays at school and at the Lincoln Rec Center in Los Angeles but he is unaware of the many dangers--including his own past--that threaten his dream of playing professionally.

YFIC Powell / YRACK POW

***Is Kissing a Girl Who Smokes like Licking an Ashtray?***, by

Randy Powell

An 18 year old pinball addict and a smart-mouthed girl who don't quite fit in with anyone else develop a special relationship.

YFIC Sheldon

***Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen***,

by Dyan Sheldon

In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school.

YFIC Sleator

***The Boy Who Couldn't Die***, by William Sleator

When his best friend dies in a plane crash, sixteen-year-old Ken has a ritual performed that will make him invulnerable, but soon learns that he had good reason to be suspicious of the woman he paid to lock his soul away.

YFIC Sleator

***Oddballs: Stories***, by William Sleator

A collection of stories based on experiences from the author's youth and peopled with an unusual assortment of family and friends.

Teen Novel Stone, T

***A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl***,

by Tanya Lee Stone

Josie, Nicolette, and Aviva all get mixed up with a senior boy who can talk them into doing almost anything he wants. In a blur of high school hormones and personal doubt, each girl struggles with how much to give up and what ultimately to keep for herself

YRACK STR (Graphic Novel)

***The Amazing Spider-man: Coming Home***, by J. Michael Straczynski

Spider-man must defeat a superhero who is able to drain the powers of other superheroes. While trying to avoid this new menace, Spidey meets an interesting character who just might be able to help him.

YFIC Taylor / J Taylor / Y RACK TAY

***The Cay***, by Theodore Taylor

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

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***Things I Have to Tell You: Poems and Writings by Teenage Girls***, edited by Betsy Franco

A collection of poems, stories, and essays written by girls 12 to 18 years of age and revealing the secrets which enabled them to overcome the challenges they faced.

YFIC Zindel

***The Pigman: a novel***, by Paul Zindel

A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.

YFIC Zindel

***Rats***, by Paul Zindel

When mutant rats threaten to take over Staten Island, which has become a huge landfill, fourteen-year-old Sarah and her younger brother Mike try to figure out how to stop them.

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