

Eddy Reads

Young Adult Books that Don't Pull Any Punches

Teen Novel Anderson, Rack And, Yrack And
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.

YFIC Anderson

Feed, by M. T. Anderson

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

YFIC Armstrong

Fire-Us Trilogy, by Jennifer Armstrong

In 2007, a small band of children have joined together in a Florida town, trying to survive in a world where it seems that all the adults have been killed off by a catastrophic virus.

Teen Novel Chambers

Postcards from No Man's Land, by Aidan Chambers

Alternates between two stories —contemporarily, seventeen-year-old Jacob visits a daunting Amsterdam at the request of his English grandmother--and historically, nineteen-year-old Geertrui relates her experience of British soldier's attempts to liberate Holland from its German occupation.

Teen Novel Cohn

Gingerbread, by Rachel Cohn

After being expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse's 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.

*also try *Shrimp*

Teen Novel Cohn, R

Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist, by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan

High school student Nick O'Leary, member of a rock band, meets college-bound Norah Silverberg and asks her to be his girlfriend for five minutes in order to avoid his ex-sweetheart

YFIC Cormier

The Rag and Bone Shop, by Robert Cormier

Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.

Teen Novel Crutcher

Whale Talk, by Chris Crutcher

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

YFIC Efav

Battle Dress, by Amy Efav

As a newly arrived freshman at West Point, seventeen-year-old Andi finds herself gaining both confidence and self esteem as she struggles to get through the grueling six weeks of new cadet training known as the Beast.

Teen Novel Flinn

Breathing Underwater, by Alex 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.

YFIC 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.

Teen Novel Green

Looking for Alaska, by John Green

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.

Teen Novel Green

An Abundance of Katherines, by John Green

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships

YFIC Hesser

Kissing Doorknobs, by Terry Spencer 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.

Teen Novel Klause

Blood and Chocolate, by Annette Curtis Klause

Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.

Teen Novel Koertge

Stoner and Spaz, by Ron Koertge

A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman.

Teen Novel Marr, M

Wicked Lovely, by Melissa Marr

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and the Winter Queen, and the survival of her life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance.

Teen Novel 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.

Teen Novel Nolan

Born Blue, by Han Nolan

Janie was four years old when she nearly drowned due to her mother's neglect. Through an unhappy foster home experience, and years of feeling that she is unwanted, she keeps alive her dream of someday being a famous singer.

Teen Novel One

One Hot Second: stories about desire

11 short stories about the strange, amusing, amazing things people do in the name of love.

YFIC Oates

Big Mouth and 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.

YFIC Pullman, Fiction Pullman, Yrack Scifi Pul

His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

YFIC Rapp

Little Chicago, by Adam Rapp

An eleven-year-old boy tries to cope with being sexually abused, neglected, and treated cruelly at school.

Teen Novel Rosoff

how i live now, by Meg Rosoff

To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land.

Teen Novel Thomas

Rats Saw God, by Rob Thomas

In hopes of graduating, Steve York agrees to complete a hundred-page writing assignment which helps him to sort out his relationship with his famous astronaut father and the events that changed him from promising student to troubled teen.

YFIC Trueman

Stuck in Neutral, by Terry Trueman

Fourteen-year-old 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.

Teen Novel Werlin, N

Double Helix, by Nancy Werlin

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.

Teen Novel Westerfeld

Peeps, by Scott Westerfeld

Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected

**Also try *The Last Days*

Teen Novel Weyr, G

My Heartbeat, by Garret Freyermann-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.

Teen Novel Williams

When Kambia Elaine Flew in from Neptune, by Lori Aurelia Williams

Shayla, an aspiring writer growing up in a poor section of Houston, can't figure out the new girl next door, Kambia Elaine, who tells fantastic stories. She slowly realizes that Kambia Elaine needs help, but Shayla doesn't know where to find it.

YFIC Wittlinger

Hard Love, by Ellen Wittlinger

After starting to publish a zine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets an unusual girl and begins to develop a healthier personality.

YFIC Wolff, Yrack Wolff

Make Lemonade, by Virginia Euwer Wolff

In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother.

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