

# Skinny Books for High School

Want a book without many pages? Check below for the best ones ...

## **A Day No Pigs Would Die**

By Robert Newton Peck

To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter. *150 pages*

## **A Fate Totally Worse Than Death**

By Paul Fleischman

An outrageous spoof of the typical teenage horror novel. Cliffside High. Ruled by the cruelest of cliques, the Huns. Until Helga appears. Helga. The ravishing exchange student from Norway – or so she claims – who mesmerizes Drew. Drew. The millionaire's son who loathes his fortune. The boy Danielle has claimed for her own. Danielle. Al Capone in Miss America's body. Willing to stop at nothing to crush Helga. *124 pages*

## **Cherokee Bat and the Goat**

**Guys** by Francesca Lia Block

Once there was a slink-chunk, slam-dunk band called The Goat Guys. Cherokee Bat danced and sang. Witch Baby pounded the beat on her drums. Raphael played the guitar, and Angel Juan kept the rhythm on his bass. They made music that sparkled like fireworks, and audiences loved them. But with success came power, and power was a dangerous thing. Cherokee and The Goat Guys were swept up in it-and soon it was threatening to destroy them. Until Cherokee realized that it was up to her to save them all . . . *128 pages*

## **Dolores: Seven Stories About Her**

By Bruce Brooks

Meet Dolores. Dolores is different. Dolores is poised. Dolores is spunky. Dolores is tough. *135 pages*

## **The Little Prince** by Antoine St. Exupery

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little man from a small planet who describes his adventures in the universe seeking the secret of what is really important in life. *111 pages*

## **The Rag and Bone Shop**

By Robert Cormier

A seven-year-old girl is brutally murdered. A twelve-year-old boy named Jason was the last to see her alive – except, of course, for the killer. Unless Jason is the killer. The police call in an expert interrogator, a man named Trent, a man with a stellar reputation. He always gets a confession. When Jason and Trent come face to face the truth will come out. Or will it? *154 pages*

## **Weetzie Bat**

By Francesca Lia Block

Weetzie Bat lived in a fairy-tale land of glitter, glitz, and coolness. She had a bleached-blonde flat-top and pink sunglasses, and cruised around town with her best friend Dirk and her Slinkster Dog pooch in a '55 Pontiac named Jerry. Weetzie loved L.A., with its plastic palm tree wallets and tomahawks, its cheap cheese and bean burritos, and its surfer dudes. But still, something was missing. So Weetzie made three wishes, and they all came true... *88 pages*

## **Whirligig**

By Paul Fleischman

After he accidentally kills a teenage girl while trying to take his own life, sixteen-year old Brent finds himself taking a life-changing trip across the United States, making whirligigs for retribution. *133 pages*

## **Witch Baby**

By Francesca Lia Block

Once upon a time in the city of Shangri-L.A., someone left a baby on a doorstep. She had wild, dark hair and purple eyes and looked at the world in a special way. The family that took her in called her Witch Baby and raised her as their own. But even though she tried to fit in, she never felt as though she truly belonged. So one day she packed her bat-shaped backpack, and went out into the real world to find out who she really was.... *103 pages*

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# Skinny Books for Middle School

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**Born Too Short: The Confessions of an Eighth-Grade Basket Case** By Dan Elish  
What do you do if your best friend is Keith Livingston? Keith - who practically needs a chart to keep track of his babes. Keith - the stud of Hannaford School in New York City. Well, for starters, if you're like Matt Greene, a 5'1" nerd who has never made out, you suffer. In fact, Matt is so envious of Keith, he wishes Keith's life would fall completely apart. This story, of the insane, gut-wrenching jealousy of a non-stud basket case, is wildly funny. *152 pages*

**How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports** By Gary Paulsen  
Humorous tales of astonishing stunts attempted by Paulsen and his pals, including:  
Shooting a waterfall in a barrel, breaking the world speed record on skis, hang gliding with an army surplus target kite, inventing the skateboard, jumping a bike through a hoop of fire, and wrestling with a bear. *111 pages*

**The Little Prince** By Antoine St. Exupery  
An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little man from a small planet who describes his adventures in the universe seeking the secret of what is really important in life. *111 pages*

**The Night the White Deer Died** By Gary Paulsen  
An Indian brave stands poised, ready to shoot a white deer drinking from a pool of water in the moonlight. It is only a dream that haunts 15-year old Janet Carson, but it is a dream that will change her forever, especially when she meets Billy Honcho, an old alcoholic Indian. *112 pages*

**The Outsiders** By S.E. Hinton  
Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders." *188 pages*

**The Rag and Bone Shop** By Robert Cormier  
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**The Tiger Rising** By Kate DiCamillo  
A young boy discovers a caged tiger in the misty Florida woods near the ramshackle hotel he and his father call home. On the same day, he meets Sistine Bailey and together they devise a plan to release it. *116 pages*

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