

GET REAL: Real Life Fiction ABOUT TEENS FOR TEENS

How to Build a House - YA Reinhardt

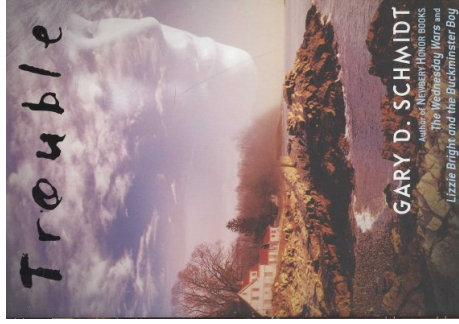
When her father divorces her beloved stepmother and leaves her without her stepsister, Tess, Harper decides to join a volunteer organization to build houses for tornado victims, but struggling to figure out her role in the mix upon her arrival, Harper is befriended by Teddy who inspires her to love and trust once again.

Trouble - YA Schmidt

Fourteen-year-old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. But fate adds another companion--the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin--and reveals troubles that predate the accident.

Flygirl - YA Smith

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.



Wherever Nina Lies - YA Weingarten

Two years after the disappearance of her older sister, sixteen-year-old Ellie goes on a quest to find her.

Absolutely Maybe - YA Yee

When living with her mother, an alcoholic ex-beauty queen, becomes unbearable, almost seventeen-year-old Maybelline "Maybe" Chestnut runs away to California, where she finds work on a taco truck and tries to track down her birth father.

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The Young Adult Collection is made up of books for a wide age range (12-18) and includes a variety of different topics and interests. Not all titles will be appropriate for all readers.



Waiting For You - YA Colasanti

Fifteen-year-old high school sophomore Marisa, who has an anxiety disorder, decides that this is the year she will get what she wants--a boyfriend and a social life--but things do not turn out exactly the way she expects them to.



Angry Management - YA Crutcher

A collection of short stories featuring characters from earlier books by Chris Crutcher.

Mare's War - YA Davis

Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.

Along for the Ride - YA Dessen

When Auden goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having fun new experiences.

Little Brother - YA Doctorow

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

After - YA Efav

In complete denial that she is pregnant, straight-A student and star athlete Devon Davenport leaves her baby in the trash to die, and after the baby is discovered, Devon is accused of attempted murder.

If I Stay - YA Forman

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

After the Moment - YA Freymann-Weyr

When seventeen-year-old Leigh changes high schools his senior year to help his stepister, he finds himself falling in love with her emotionally disturbed friend, although he is still attached to a girl back home.



Paper Towns - YA Green

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

The Summer I Turned Pretty - YA Han

Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.

North of Beautiful - YA Headley

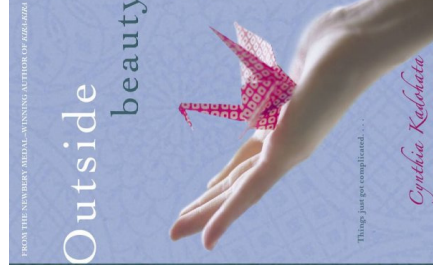
Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.

Tricks - YA Hopkins

Five troubled teenagers fall into prostitution as they search for freedom, safety, community, family, and love.

Outside Beauty - YA Kadohata

Thirteen-year-old Shelby and her three sisters must go to live with their respective fathers while their mother, who has trained them to rely on their looks, recovers from a car accident that scarred her face.



Pop - YA Korman

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

Disreputable History of Frankie-Landau Banks - YA Lockhart

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Game - YA Myers

If Harlem high school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new--white--student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.

Twenty Boy Summer - YA Ockler

While on vacation in California, sixteen-year-old best friends Anna and Frankie conspire to find a boy for Anna's first kiss, but Anna harbors a painful secret that threatens their lighthearted plan and their friendship.



Geek Charming - Robin Palmer

Rich, spoiled, and popular high school senior Dylan is coerced into doing a documentary film with Josh, one of the school's geeks, who leads her to realize that the world does not revolve around her.

Secret Keeper - Mitali Perkins

In 1974 when her father leaves New Delhi, India, to seek a job in New York, Ashi, a tomboy at the advanced age of sixteen, feels thwarted in the home of her extended family in Calcutta where she, her mother, and sister must stay, and when her father dies before he can send for them, they must remain with their relatives and observe the old-fashioned traditions that Ashi hates.