

# ROAD TRIP READS

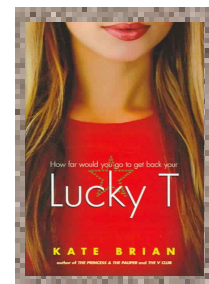
## Traveling Fiction for Teens

### *Lucky T*

Kate Brian

Carrie gets upset when her mother gives her lucky t-shirt to help needy people in India. Now she's only having only bad luck and decides to travel halfway around the world to recover her lucky shirt.

YA BRIAN



### *Desert Crossing*

Elise Broach

A summer trip across the New Mexico desert turns nightmarish for fourteen-year-old Lucy, her older brother Jamie, and his best friend Kit, as they become involved in the suspicious death of a young girl.

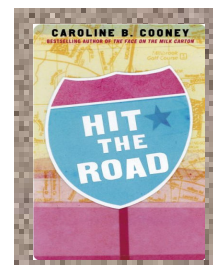
YA BROACH

### *Hit the Road*

Carolyn Cooney

Sixteen-year-old Brittany acts as chauffeur for her grandmother and three other eighty-plus-year-old women going to what is supposedly their college reunion, on a long drive that involves lies, theft, and kidnappings.

YA COONEY

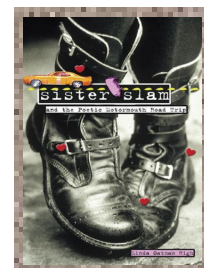


### *Car Trouble*

Jeanne DuPrau

Early one August morning, seventeen-year-old computer "nerd" Duff Pringle leaves Richmond, Virginia, in a newly acquired used car and begins an unexpectedly convoluted journey to San Jose, California, and the job that awaits him there.

YA DUPRAU



### *An Abundance of Katherines*

John Green

Colin Singleton tends to fall for girls named Katherine. He goes on a mission to prove The Theorem of Underlying Katherine Predictability, which will predict the future of all relationships, realize his true genius, and win him the girl.

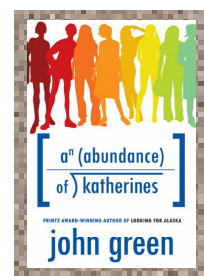
YA GREEN

### *Sister Slam and the Poetic Motormouth Roadtrip*

Linda Oatman High

In this novel told in slam verse, best friends and aspiring poets Laura and Twig embark on a road trip after graduating from high school, from Pennsylvania to New York City, to compete at slam poetry events.

YA HIGH



### *Becoming Chloe*

Catherine Ryan Hyde

A gay teenage boy and a fragile teenage girl meet while living on the streets of New York City and eventually decide to take a road trip across America to discover whether or not the world is a beautiful place.

YA HYDE

### *13 Little Blue Envelopes*

Maureen Johnson

When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

YA JOHNSON

*Life is a journey, not a destination*



Public Libraries

## “What a long strange trip it’s been”— Grateful Dead

### *Boy Girl Boy* Ronald Koertge

YA KOERTGE

Three troubled high school seniors, who plan to run away together from Illinois to California after graduation, try to figure out who they are and who they want to be.

### *How To Be Bad* E. Lockhart

YA LOCKHART

Told in alternating voices, Jesse, Vicks, and Mel, hoping to leave all their worries and woes behind, escape their small town by taking a road trip to Miami.

### *Guyaholic* Carolyn Mackler

YA MACKLER

V, the queen of the meaningless hookup, has been with Sam for a pretty long time, but when she panics after graduation and messes everything up, it takes a solo driving trip from New York to visit her irresponsible mother in Texas before she learns enough about herself to know what she really wants.

### *Rainbow Road* Alex Sanchez

YA SANCHEZ

While driving across the United States during the summer after high school graduation, three young gay men encounter various bisexual and homosexual people and make some decisions about their own relationships and lives.

### *Zig Zag* Ellen Wittlinger

YA WITTLINGER

A high-school junior makes a trip with her aunt and two cousins, discovering places she did not know existed and strengths she did not know she had.

### *Zane's Trace* Alan Wolf

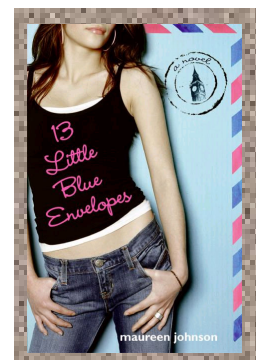
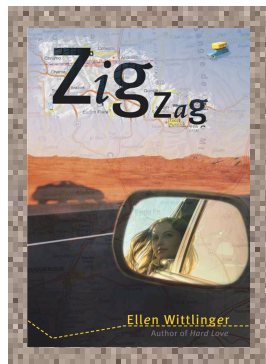
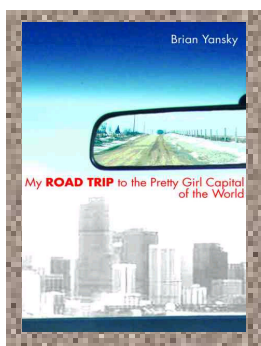
YA WOLF

Believing he has killed his grandfather, Zane Guesswind heads for his mother's Zanesville, Ohio, grave to kill himself, driving the 1969 Plymouth Barracuda his long-gone father left behind, and meeting along the way assorted characters who help him discover who he really is.

### *My Road Trip to the Pretty Girl Capital of the World* Brain Yansky

YA YANSKY

In 1979 when his life in Mansfield, Iowa, seems to fall apart, seventeen-year-old Simon takes his father's car and sets out for Texas, looking for his birth parents and picking up a man claiming to be Elvis, two bums, and an abused young wife along the way.



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