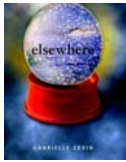


Heartbreak Hotel

Stories That Will Break Your Heart - And Make You Think



Running Loose by Chris Crutcher

Louie Banks has everything he could want in life; he's a senior with a car, a starting spot on the football team, good friends, and the girl of his dreams. But his hopes and dreams are shattered as everything he knows about sportsmanship, fair play, love and life, are suddenly snatched away from him.

Someone Like You by Sarah Dessen

Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of the boyfriend of her best friend Scarlett, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.

The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen

The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.

Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper

The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

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.

Where I Want to Be by Adele Griffin

Two teenaged sisters, separated by death but still connected, work through their feelings of loss over the closeness they shared as children that was later destroyed by one's mental illness, and finally make peace with each other.

Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

Silver Kiss by Annette Klause

Beautiful yet frightening, only Simon, the young vampire who comes to her house in the middle of the night, can help Zoe overcome her brooding thoughts of her dying mother and her own loneliness.

Upstream by Melissa Lion

After her boyfriend is killed in a hunting accident, Alaska high-school-senior Marty, with help from her mother and two younger sisters, tries to get over her grief and begin a new life. Also see **Swollen** by this author.

The Beast by Walter Dean Myers

A visit to his Harlem neighborhood and the discovery that the girl he loves is using drugs give sixteen-year-old Anthony Witherspoon a new perspective both on his home and on his life at a Connecticut prep school.

One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies by Sonya Sones

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.

Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton

Chandra struggles with the deaths of those around her and the shame of being molested as she continues her education and cares for her siblings and friend Esther, amidst the poverty and AIDs epidemic that plague her African homeland.

Rats Saw God by Rob Thomas

To make up the credit for an English class he failed, eighteen-year-old Steve York produces a journal that reveal how he has gone from a National Merit Scholar to an underachieving stoner.

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

