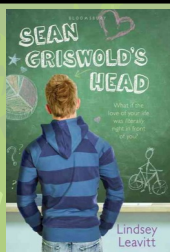


## Sean Griswold's Head

Lindsey Leavitt  
**YA LEAVITT**

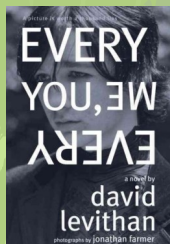
After discovering that her father has multiple sclerosis, Payton begins counseling sessions at school. These sessions lead her to become interested in a boy in her biology class.



## Every You, Every Me

David Levithan  
**YA LEVITHAN**

Evan is haunted by the loss of his best friend, but when mysterious photographs start appearing, he begins to fall apart as he starts to wonder if she has returned, seeking vengeance.



## Want to go Private?

Sarah Littman  
**YA LITTMAN**

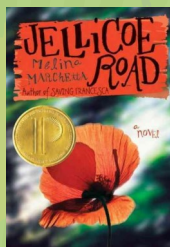
Insecure about the changes high school brings, Abby ignores advice from her parents to "make an effort" and, withdraws from everyone but Luke, who she met online.



## Jellicoe Road

Melina Marchetta  
**YA MARCHETTA**

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother high school student Taylor struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.



## The Knife That Killed Me

Anthony McGowan  
**YA MCGOWAN**

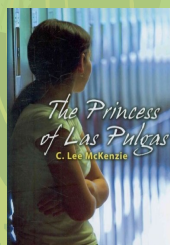
Paul, an English Catholic School student, is a loner until the school bully encourages Paul to join his gang.



## The Princess of Las Pulgas

C. Lee McKenzie  
**YA MCKENZIE**

After her father's slow death from cancer, Carlie, her mother, and younger brother Keith are forced to move to a rough neighborhood and an urban school where her grief, perceived to be aloofness, earns her the nickname Princess.



## Monster

Walter Dean Myers  
**YA MYERS**

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, Steve records his experiences in the courtroom in the form of a film script.



## Recovery Road

Blake Nelson  
**YA NELSON**

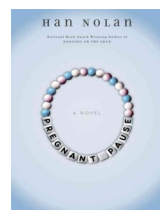
While in a rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abuse, Maddie begins a relationship with another patient.



## Pregnant Pause

Han Nolan  
**YA NOLAN**

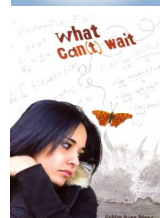
Married, pregnant, and living at a "fat camp" in Maine, Eleanor has many questions about her future.



## What Can't Wait

Ashley Hope Pérez  
**YA PÉREZ**

Marooned in a broken-down Houston neighborhood, talented Marissa seeks comfort elsewhere when her Mexican immigrant family becomes unbearable.



## Some Girls Are

Courtney Summers  
**PB YA SUMMERS**

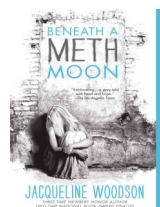
Regina, a senior in the popular crowd, suddenly falls out of favor and becomes the object of the same vicious bullying that she used to inflict on others.



## Beneath a Meth Moon

Jacqueline Woodson  
**YA WOODSON**

A young girl uses crystal meth to escape the pain of losing her family in Hurricane Katrina, and then struggles to get over her addiction.



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# TEEN LIVES NOVELS WITH DIFFICULT LIFE ISSUES

## Wintergirls

Laurie Halse Anderson  
**YA ANDERSON**

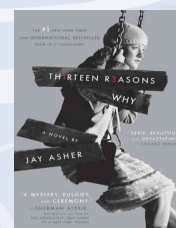
Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia, as she struggles with the same disorder. Also by this author: Speak



## 13 Reasons Why

Jay Asher  
**YA ASHER**

High school student Clay receives a box containing cassette tapes recorded by a classmate recounting the events leading up to her suicide.



## Compulsion

Heidi Ayarbe  
**YA AYARBE**

Jake struggles to keep his obsessive-compulsive disorder hidden while leading his high school soccer team to its third state championship.



## I am J

Cris Beam  
**YA BEAM**

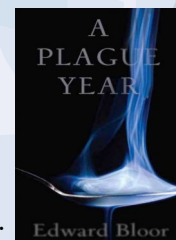
J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend and parents when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.



## A Plague Year

Edward Bloor  
**YA BLOOR**

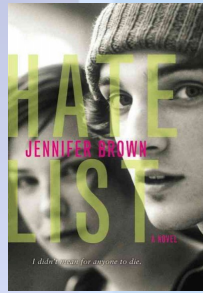
A ninth-grader who works with his father in the local supermarket describes the plague of meth addiction that consumes many people in his Pennsylvania coal mining town.



## Hate List

Jennifer Brown  
**YA BROWN**

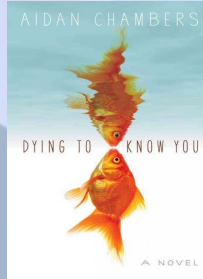
Valerie, whose boyfriend committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to integrate herself back into high school life.



## Dying to Know You

Aidan Chambers  
**YA CHAMBERS**

Struggling through his dyslexia to try to fulfill his girlfriend Fiorella's request for a letter revealing his secret self, Karl asks Fiorella's favorite author for help.



## What Happens Next

Colleen Clayton  
**YA CLAYTON**

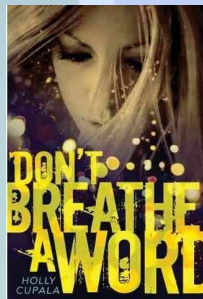
The stress of hiding a horrific incident that she can neither remember nor completely forget leads Sid to become alienated from her friends, obsessed about weight loss, and drawn close to Corey Livingston.



## Don't Breathe a Word

Holly Cupala  
**YA CUPALA**

Joy is suffocating from severe asthma, overprotective parents, and an emotionally-abusive boyfriend when she escapes to the streets of nearby Seattle and falls in with a "street family" that teaches her to use a strength she did not know she had.



## I Swear

Lane Davis  
**YA DAVIS**

After years of abuse from her classmates, Leslie decided she had no other options and took her own life. When Leslie's parents file a wrongful death lawsuit against their daughter's tormenters, the proceedings uncover the systematic cyber bullying and harassment that occurred.



## You Against Me

Jenny Downham  
**YA DOWNHAM**

When Mikey's younger sister claims to have been raped, he seeks to avenge the crime, meets and befriends Ellie, the sister of the accused, and complicates the situation considerably for all of them.



## After

Amy Efav  
**YA EFAW**

In complete denial that she is pregnant, straight-A student and star athlete Devon leaves her baby in the trash.



## But I Love Him

Amanda Grace  
**YA GRACE**

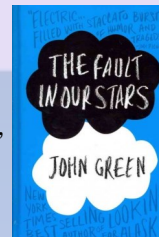
Through the course of a year, Ann transforms from a happy A-student, track star, to a solitary, abused young woman whose love for the emotionally scarred Connor has taken away everything.



## The Fault in Our Stars

John Green  
**YA GREEN**

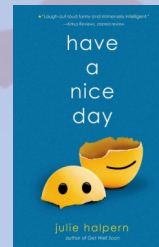
Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at a cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.



## Have a Nice Day

Julie Halpern  
**YA HALPERN**

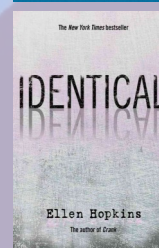
When Anna returns from a stay in a mental hospital she struggles to resume a normal life.



## Identical

Ellen Hopkins  
**YA HOPKINS**

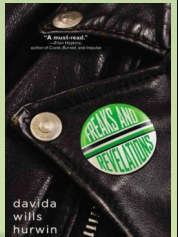
Identical twin daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, Kaeleigh and Racanne desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart.



## Freaks and Revelations

Davida Wills Hurwin  
**YA HURWIN**

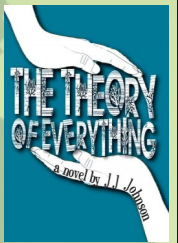
Jason, a gay youth surviving on the streets as a prostitute in the 80's, and Doug, a hate-filled punk rocker, have a fateful meeting in a Los Angeles alley.



## The Theory of Everything

J. J. Johnson  
**YA JOHNSON**

After an accident took her best friend's life, Sara is having trouble at home, at school, and with her boyfriend, but she gains an understanding of interconnectedness while working for Roy, an eccentric Christmas tree-farm owner, dealing with his own tragedy.



## Skinny

Ibi Kaslik  
**YA KASLIK**

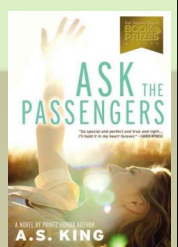
After the death of their father, two sisters struggle with various issues, including their family history, personal relationships, and an extreme eating disorder.



## Ask the Passengers

A. S. King  
**YA KING**

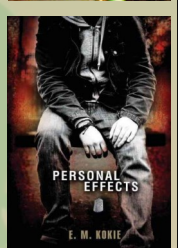
Astrid Jones copes with her small town's gossip and narrow-mindedness by staring at the sky and imagining that she's sending love to the passengers in the airplanes flying over her backyard.



## Personal Effects

E. M. Kokie  
**YA KOKIE**

Matt has been sleepwalking through life while seeking answers about his brother T.J.'s death in Iraq, but after discovering that he may not have known his brother as well as he thought he did, Matt is able to stand up to his father, honor T.J.'s memory, and take charge of his own life.



## Hold Still

Nina LaCour  
**YA LACOUR**

Three months after her best friend Ingrid commits suicide, Caitlin finds Ingrid's hidden journal.

