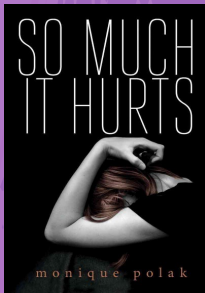


So Much it Hurts

Monique Polak
PB YA POLAK

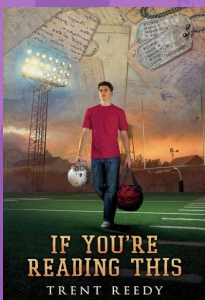
A teen actress gets involved with an older, controlling director, whose explosive temper threaten to destroy her life.



If You're Reading This

Trent Reedy
YA REEDY

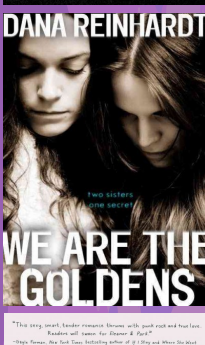
Michael struggles after his father was killed in Afghanistan, his overworked mother will not talk about their situation, and he suddenly starts receiving letters from his father before his death.



We are the Goldens

Dana Reinhardt
YA REINHARDT

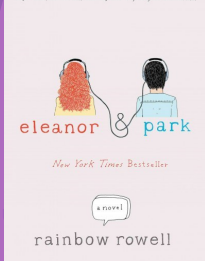
Nell looks forward to her freshman year in high school, with her older sister, Layla, but the year takes an unexpected turn as Layla starts withdrawing. She knows her sister is hiding something, and when Nell discovers what it is, she struggles to support her.



Eleanor and Park

Rainbow Rowell
YA ROWELL

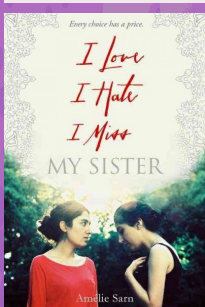
Eleanor and Park meet during the 1986 school year, and although they know that first love almost never lasts, they are brave and desperate enough to try.



I Love, I Hate, I Miss My Sister

Amelie Sarn
YA SARN

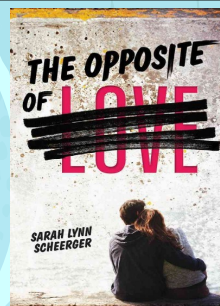
A portrait of two Muslim sisters, once closely bonded, but now on divergent paths as one embraces her religion and the other remains secular.



The Opposite of Love

Sarah Lynn Scheerger
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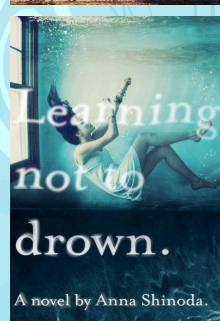
Rose and Chase find a common bond in their troubled relationships with their parents, but as Chase's family life improves, Rose's becomes worse.



Learning Not to Drown

Anna Shinoda
YA SHINODA

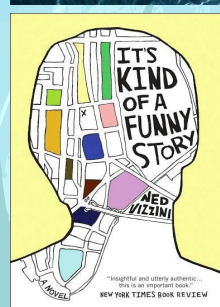
Clare, seventeen, has always stood up for her eldest brother, Luke, despite his many jail stints, but when her mother takes Clare's hard-earned savings to post bail for Luke, Clare begins to understand truths about her brother and her family.



It's Kind of a Funny Story

Ned Vizzini
PB YA VIZZINI

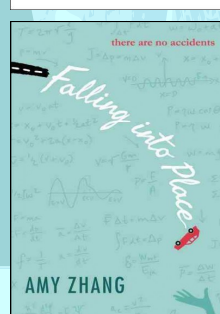
A humorous account of a New York City teenager's battle with depression and his time spent in a psychiatric hospital.



Falling Into Place

Amy Zhang
YA ZHANG

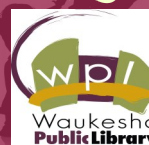
One cold fall day, Liz steers her car into a tree. This haunting and heartbreaking story is told by a surprising and unexpected narrator and unfolds in nonlinear Flashbacks, even as Liz's friends, foes, and family gather at the hospital and Liz clings to life.



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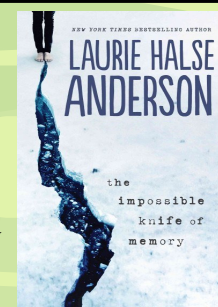
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TEEN LEVELS NOVELS WITH DIFFICULT LIFE ISSUES

The Impossible Knife of Memory

Laurie Halse Anderson
YA ANDERSON

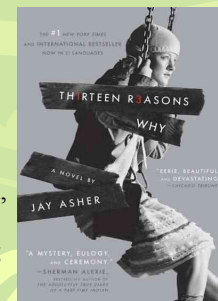
Hayley and her father move back to their hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their everything. Also by this author: Speak.



Thirteen Reasons Why

Jay Asher
YA ASHER

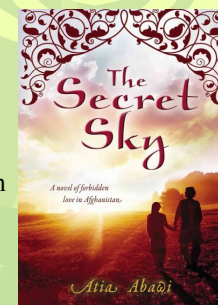
When Clay receives a box containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, he spends a heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah recount the events leading up to her suicide.



The Secret Sky

Atia Abawi
YA ABAWI

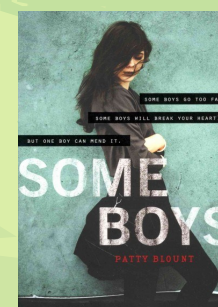
Two teens from different ethnic groups in present-day Afghanistan must fight their culture, tradition, families, and the Taliban to stay together.



Some Boys

Patty Blount
PB YA BLOUNT

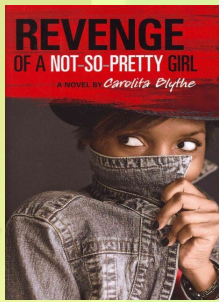
Shunned by her friends and even her father after she accuses the town golden boy of rape, Grace wonders if she can ever trust Ian, a classmate who is funny, kind, and has secrets of his own.



Revenge of a Not-So-Pretty Girl

Carolita Blythe
YA BLYTHE

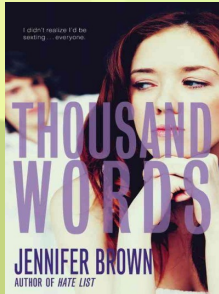
Faye, an African American living in 1984 Brooklyn, copes with her mother's abuse by stealing with her friends, but when robbing an elderly woman almost turns to murder, she learns new truths about life.



Thousand Words

Jennifer Brown
YA BROWN

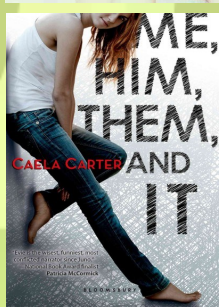
Talked into sending a nude picture of herself to her boyfriend while she was drunk, Ashleigh became the center of a sexting scandal and is now in court-ordered community service. Also by this author: Hate List



Me, Him, Them, and It

Caela Carter
YA CARTER

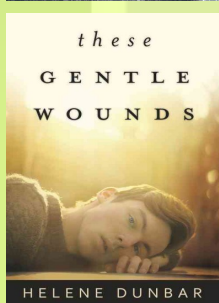
Playing the "bad girl" at school to get back at her feuding parents, Evelyn becomes pregnant and faces a difficult decision.



These Gentle Wounds

Helene Dunbar
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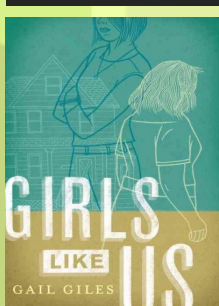
Gordie is trying to build a new life after tragically losing his family, but when his abusive father returns, Gordie must confront the traumas of the past.



Girls Like Us

Gail Giles
YA GILES

Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Bidy are placed together in their first apartment and discover things they have in common in the face of past challenges and current trauma.



Kindness for Weakness

Shawn Goodman
YA GOODMAN

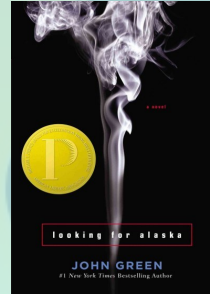
A boy from an abusive home desperately seeking his older brother's love and approval starts pushing drugs for him.



Looking for Alaska

John Green

Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers after a fatal car crash. Also by this author: The Fault in Our Stars and others.

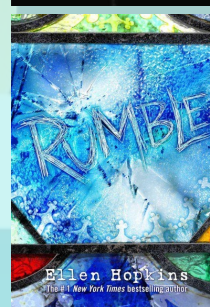


Rumble

Ellen Hopkins

YA HOPKINS

Matt's atheism is tested when, after a horrific accident of his own making, he hears a voice that calls everything he has ever disbelieved into question.



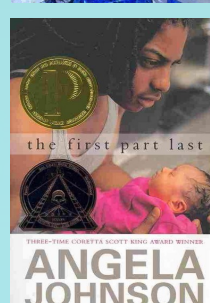
Also by this author: Identical and others.

The First Part Last

Angela Johnson

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Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father.

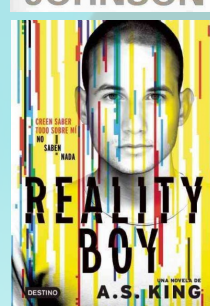


Reality Boy

A. S. King

YA KING

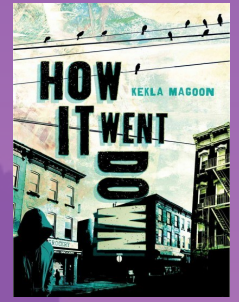
An emotionally damaged boy, who was once an infamous reality television show star, meets a girl from another dysfunctional family, who helps him out of his angry shell. Also by this author: Please Ignore Vera Dietz.



How it Went Down

Kekla Magoon
YA MAGOON

When Tariq is killed, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack, is white. In the aftermath, everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.

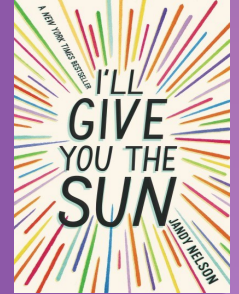


I'll Give You the Sun

Jandy Nelson

YA NELSON

A story of first love, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time.

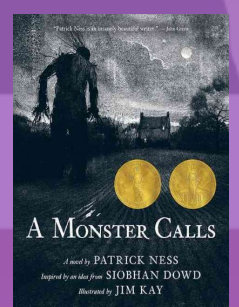


A Monster Calls

Patrick Ness

YA NESS

Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window; not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill, but an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

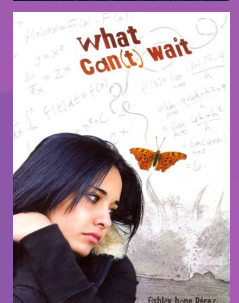


What Can't Wait

Ashley Hope Pérez

YA PEREZ

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



Stronger Than You Know

Jolene B. Perry

YA PERRY

After fifteen years of horrific abuse and neglect by her mother and her mother's boyfriends, Joy struggles to understand and accept a normal life with relatives, at school, and with a boyfriend.

