

**Fever 1793***Anderson, Laurie Halse*

YA ANDE

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

**Feed***Anderson, M.T.*

YA ANDE

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

**Hope Was Here***Bauer, Joan*

YA BAUE

When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

**Girl Goddess #9***Block, Francesca Lia*

YA BLOC

Movie stars, rock stars, pond nymphs, intergalactic superheroes...who are the real goddesses in Block's world? Real young women - the kind who ache, bleed, dance, and talk to blue ghosts in closets.

**Tangerine***Bloor, Edward*

YA BLOO

Is Tangerine, Florida, like the Bermuda Triangle? A sinkhole swallows the middle school, lightning strikes repeatedly, underground fires burn endlessly – and all newcomer Paul Fisher wants to do is play soccer, despite his thick glasses, his parents' indifference, and his evil brother.

**The Perks of Being a Wallflower***Chbosky, Stephen*

YA CHBO

The hilarious, heartbreaking tale of Charlie, a high-school wallflower in full bloom. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie is navigating through the strange worlds of love, drugs, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show", and dealing with the loss of a good friend and his favorite aunt.

**An Island Like You***Ortiz Cofer, Judith*

YA ORTI

Twelve beautifully written stories capture the pain and joy of teens growing up Puerto Rican in a New Jersey barrio.

## YA Best of the Best Fiction



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**Gingerbread***Cohn, Rachel*

YA COHN

After being expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse's problems with her mother escalate after Cyd falls in love with a sensitive surfer and is subsequently sent from San Francisco to New York City to spend time with her biological father.

**Rag and Bone Shop***Cormier, Robert*

YA CORM

When twelve-year-old Jason is questioned as a witness in a young girl's murder investigation, he doesn't realize that the interrogation, by a skilled detective, will become a matter of life and death.

**Whale Talk***Crutcher, Chris*

YA CRUT

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruit some of the school's less popular students.

**A Northern Light***Donnelly, Jennifer*

YA DONN

In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. This is based on a true story.

**The House of the Scorpion***Farmer, Nancy*

YA FARM

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

**Whirligig***Fleischman, Paul*

YA FLEI

After killing a girl when driving drunk, Brent Bishop learns a lot about himself and life when he's forced to pay for his crime by traveling to the four corners of the U.S. to build whirligigs in her memory.

**The Last Book in the Universe***Philbrick, Rodman*

YA PHIL

After an earthquake destroys much of the planet in this futuristic urban dystopia, a chance meeting between an epileptic gang member named Spaz and a genetically improved girl from the ruling class causes major changes in society.

**America***Frank, E. R.*

YA FRAN

Troubled foster child America reveals the sad confusion of his short life to sympathetic Dr. B., the one adult who may be able to help him.

**The Lightkeeper's Daughter***Lawrence, Iain*

YA LAWR

When, after a four-year absence, seventeen-year-old Squid returns to her childhood home on a remote lighthouse island off British Columbia with her young daughter in tow, she and her parents try to come to terms with each other and the painful events of the past, especially the death of her older brother.

**Shattering Glass***Giles, Gail*

YA GILE

When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.

**Fat Kid Rules the World***Going, K.L.*

YA GOIN

Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

**The First Part Last***Johnson, Angela*

YA JOHN

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

**Boy Meets Boy**

*Levithan, David*

YA LEVI

In a novel set in a mythical, free-spirited high school with many openly gay students, Paul tries to balance a new relationship with Noah while still caring for his ex-Kyle.

**Breathing Underwater**

Flinn, Alex

YA FLIN

After Nick's girlfriend Caitlin has a restraining order issued against him, he is forced to come to grips with his anger and low self-esteem. Sent to counseling for hitting her, and ordered to keep a journal, the sixteen-year-old recounts his relationship with Caitlin, examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father.

**Imani All Mine**

*Porter, Connie Rose*

YA PORT

This is about a 15-year-old black girl's joy at giving birth in an increasingly violent world. Tasha from Buffalo is glad to be without a husband: "I know she is all mine, and I like it just like that, not having to share my baby with no one."

**The Gospel According to Larry**

*Tashjian, Janet*

YA TASH

Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site about anticonsumerism that is receiving national attention.