

Books for Guys

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy [Series]

Douglas Adams (YA ADAMS)

What do you do when your planet's destroyed? Hitchhike about the galaxy! (Grades 8-12)

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Sherman Alexie (YA ALEXIE)

Can Junior solve his identity crisis? (Grades 8+)

Going Bovine

Libba Bray (YA BRAY)

Cam gets Mad Cow Disease & sets out on a quest with a Mexican –American dwarf to unravel the great mystery. (Grades 8+)

Ender's Game [Series]

Orson Scott Card (YA CARD)

One boy will decide the fate of the world. (Grades 6+)

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky (YA CHBOSKY)

What's to be done when you're caught between living your life and running from it? (Grades 10-12)

Code Orange

Caroline Cooney (YA COONEY)

Who knew doing homework could give you a deadly disease... (Grades 6-9)

Deadline

Chris Crutcher (YA Crutcher)

Ben suffers from incurable leukemia but determines to complete high school and live his dreams. (Grades 9+)

Fat Kid Rules the World

K.L. Going (YA GOING)

Tony is despondent...until pounding the cans in a rock band gives him a new lease on life! (Grades 8+)

Looking for Alaska

John Green (YA GREEN)

Miles Halter is the "seeker of the great perhaps." Is Alaska - young, feminist, and rabbleroxing - the key? (Grades 9+)

Football Genius [Series]

Tim Green (YA GREEN)

Predicting football—a blessing or a curse? (Grades 6+)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Mark Haddon (YA HADDON)

Autistic Christopher can barely function, but he'll find out who killed Wellington. (Grades 10+)

The Outsiders

S.E. Hinton (YA HINTON)

Gang life's tough, but it's all they know. (Grades 6+)

Slam

Nick Hornby (YA HORNBY)

Will unexpected fatherhood be the slam of Nick's life? (Grades 10+)

Alex Rider [series]

Anthony Horowitz (YA HOROWITZ)

Alex must use his prowess to outsmart the terrorists who want him and every child in England dead. (Grades 6-9)

Nailed

Patrick Jones (YA JONES)

"The nail that sticks out the farthest gets hammered hardest." In his conservative school misfit Bret just so happens to be that nail. (Grades 9+)

Eyes of the Dragon

Stephen King (YA KING)

A kingdom is in turmoil as the old king dies and his successor must do battle against an evil wizard and a would-be rival. (Grades 10+)

Born to Rock

Gordon Korman (YA KORMAN)

Discovering that your dad is a raging punk rocker would be cool, right? Not if you're a Republican! (Grades 7+)

Will Grayson, Will Grayson

David Levithan (YA LEVITHAN)

Two kids who have the same name & not much else in common trying to figure out how to be themselves. A large & brave tale. (Grades 9+)

Football Hero (series)

Robert Lipsyte (YA LIPSYTE)

Ty Lewis, going through a tough time after the death of his parents, is buoyed by faith in his brother, an All-American football player soon to turn pro. (Grades 5-8)

In the Break

Jack Lopez (YA LOPEZ)

3 teens run away from a brutal stepfather to a quest for the perfect wave. (Grades 9+)

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie

David Lubar (YA LUBAR)

Starting high school's bad enough without a stupid baby sibling on the way. (Grades 7+)

Angry Young Man

Chris Lynch (YA LYNCH)

Alexander is constantly overshadowed by his older more responsible brother, Robert. (Grades 9+)

Missing in Tokyo

Graham Marks (YA MARKS)

Tokyo is a sprawling megalopolis. Adam's sister is lost somewhere in it... (Grades 10+)

Gil's All Fright Diner

A. Lee Martinez (YA MARTINEZ)

Need to get rid of zombies? Hire a werewolf and a vampire! (Grades 9+)

Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal

Christopher Moore (YA MOORE)

"The first time I saw the man who would save the world he was sitting near the central wall in Nazareth with a lizard hanging out of his mouth." (Grades 9+)

Monster

Walter Dean Myers (YA MYERS)

Steve's murder trial makes a great Hollywood script... (Grades 7+)

Paranoid Park

Blake Nelson (YA NELSON)

Sometimes, your own conscience is your worst enemy. (Grades 10+)

Brian's Saga [Series]

Gary Paulsen (YA PAULSEN)

Stranded in the wilderness with only his hatchet & his wits. Will Brian survive? (Grades 6-9)

King Dork

Frank Portman (YA PORTMAN)

Some have called "A Catcher in the Rye" a life-changing novel. For Tom (AKA "Mo"), it's the father he never knew. (Grades 10+)

Devil's Footsteps

E.E. Richardson (YA RICHARDSON)

Something's out there, haunting their nightmares...while they're awake! (Grades 6-9)

Always Running—Gang Days in L.A.

Luis Rodriguez (921 RODRIGUEZ, LUIS)

Stabbings. Shootings. Robberies. Drug use. Funerals. Very few make it to 21. Luis is an exception. (Grades 10+)

Small Steps

Louis Sachar (YA SACHAR)

Armpit is trying to turn his life around., which is hard when everyone expects the worst of you. (Grades 6-8)

The Wednesday Wars

Gary Schmidt (YA SCHMIDT)

Meet Holling Hoodhood, fan of the New York Yankees...and William Shakespeare?! (Grades 7-10)

The Schwa Was Here

Neal Shusterman (YA SHUSTERMAN)

The Schwa just wants to be noticed by Antsy and his friends—problem is, he tends to disappear before your eyes!
(Grades 7-10)

The Book of Mordred

Vivian Vande Velde (YA VANDE VELDE)

The story of the man who brought down King Arthur. (Grades 8+)

Be More Chill

Ned Vizzini (YA VIZZINI)

This novel stars an uncouth, smart, nerdy, antihero, Jeremy Heere. Genuine and serious issues of morality are folded into this novel. 'Blatant sexual themes & profanity.' (Grades 10+)

Leviathan

Scott Westerfeld (YA WESTERFELD)

World War I as never seen before. This global conflict is between the Clankers, who put their faith in machines, and the Darwinists, whose technology is based on new species. (Grades 9+)

Castration Celebration

Jake Wizzner (YA WIZZNER)

A zany romantic romp through a summer theater program at Yale. Adult themes. (Grades 10+)

I Am the Messenger

Marcus Zusak (YA ZUSAK)

Can a bunch of playing cards with cryptic messages written on them really turn Ed's aimless life around? (Grades 9+)