

FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse Catalyst

Eighteen-year-old Kate, who sometimes chafes at being a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year as she faces difficult neighbors, the possibility that she may not be accepted by the college of her choice, and an unexpected death.

Anderson, Laurie Halse Twisted

After a disastrous hurricane, ex-FBI forensic profiler Ulysses Grove returns to New Orleans where he and journalist Maura County investigate the murder of Professor Moses De Lourde, and find that the death is linked to other cold cases and that a serial killer is connected to the ex-agent's past.

Bray, Libba A Great and Terrible Beauty

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

Brooks, Martha True Confessions of a Heartless Girl

A confused seventeen-year-old girl, a single mother and her young son, two elderly women, and a sad and lonely man, with their own individual tragedies to bear, come together in a small Manitoba town and find a way to a better future.

Cabot, Meg et al Prom Nights From Hell

The exterminator's daughter / Meg Cabot -- The corsage / Lauren Myracle -- Madison Avery and the dim reaper / Kim Harrison -- Kiss and tell / Michele Jaffe -- Hell on Earth / Stephanie Meyer. A collection of five stories about prom nights that feature paranormal activity; written by Meg Cabot, Kim Harrison, Michele Jaffe, Stephanie Meyer, and Lauren Myracle.

Crutcher, Chris Whale Talk

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 recruits some of the school's less popular students.

de la Cruz, Melissa Angels on Sunset Boulevard

When Nick's younger sister disappears after a party sponsored by TAP.com, a social networking site, he is troubled to learn of her participation in a mysterious dark world.

Deuker, Carl High Heat

When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart.

Downham, Jenny Before I Die

Four years after being diagnosed with leukemia, British teenager Tessa, 16, knows she has almost no time left.

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Farmer, Nancy **The Land of the Silver Apples**

"A Richard Jackson book."; Sequel to: The Sea of Trolls.; Includes bibliographical references. After escaping from the Sea of Trolls, the apprentice bard Jack plunges into a new series of adventures, traveling underground to Elfland and uncovering the truth about his little sister Lucy.

Flake, Sharon G. **The Skin I'm In**

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka Madison, insecure about her very dark skin, rejects the support of a new teacher, Miss Saunders, whose skin looks blotched because of a rare medical condition--but soon Maleeka begins to see that Miss Saunders could be a role model, and that she must learn to love herself and accept love from others.

Flinn, Alex **Breathing Underwater**

Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, and ordered to keep a journal, sixteen-year-old Nick recounts his relationship with Caitlin, examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father.

Frost, Helen **Keesha's House**

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.

Funke, Cornelia **Inkheart**

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.

Gaiman, Neil and Reaves, Michael **Interworld**

A lad discovers that he can walk between alternate Earths—and is swept up in a war between them in this fast-paced, compulsively readable tale.

Gaiman, Neil **Neverwhere**

Richard Mayhew, a young businessman living in London, helps an injured girl and finds his life changed when he leaves reality and enters the city's underground world of sewers and abandoned subway stations--a world in which the girl he helped is someone of power and nobility.

Green, John **Looking for Alaska**

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.

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Hornby, Nick et al **Click**

Stories within a story, written as separate chapters by a number of noted authors who each contribute to the life of the mysterious George "Gee" Keane, photographer, soldier, and adventurer.

Jinks, Catherine **Evil Genius**

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

Johnson, Angela **The First Part Last**

Sixteen-year-old Bobby finds out that he is going to become a father and suddenly all the things that seemed important to him before are insignificant as he and his girlfriend, Nia, try to sort out the situation and decide what to do.

Kingsolver, Barbara **The Bean Trees**

Taylor, a poor Kentuckian, makes her way west with an abandoned baby girl and stops in Tucson. There she finds friends and discovers resources in apparently empty places.

Koertge, Ron **Stoner and Spaz**

A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman.

Larbalestier, Justine **Magic or Madness**

From the Sydney, Australia home of a grandmother she believes is a witch, fifteen-year-old Reason Cansino is magically transported to New York City, where she discovers that friends and foes can be hard to distinguish.

LeGuin, Ursula K. **Powers**

A tragedy sets Gavir, a young slave, on a dangerous road to freedom and dealing with the powers he has hitherto kept secret, including the ability to see flashes of the future.

Lenhard, Elizabeth **Chicks with Sticks: It's a Purl Thing**

Four teenage girls from very different social cliques at their progressive Chicago high school become friends after forming a knitting club.

Marr, Melissa **Wicked Lovely**

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see fairies, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle by Keenan, the terrifying but alluring Summer King, who determines that she must become his queen and save summer from perishing.

Mass, Wendy **Heaven Looks A Lot Like the Mall**

After an accident in gym class puts sixteen-year-old Tessa into a coma, she re-evaluates her life by visiting the mall stores where significant events in her life took place.

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McDonald, Janet **Brother Hood**

Sixteen-year-old Nate, an academically gifted student who attends an exclusive private boarding school, straddles two cultures as he returns home for occasional visits to see his family and "gangsta crew" in Harlem, New York.

Meyer, Stephanie **Eclipse**

Bella must choose between her friendship with Jacob, a werewolf, and her relationship with Edward, a vampire, but when Seattle is ravaged by a mysterious string of killings, the three of them need to decide whether their personal lives are more important than the well-being of an entire city.

Meyer, Stephanie **New Moon**

When the Cullens, including her beloved Edward, leave Forks rather than risk revealing that they are vampires, it is almost too much for eighteen-year-old Bella to bear, but she finds solace in her friend Jacob until he is drawn into a "cult" and changes in terrible ways.

Meyer, Stephanie **Twilight**

Seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, where she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Mitchard, Jacquelyn **Now You See Her**

Fifteen-year-old Hope describes events leading her to agree to her boyfriend's plan to stage her abduction, and the consequences for their relationship, her family life, and her budding career as an actress.

Moore, Perry **Hero**

Thom, the teenage son of a fallen superhero who seems to be linked to his mother's disappearance, joins the League and finds himself dealing with confusing sexual feelings for the hero Superman while learning to use his powers and moving toward the truth about his mother's disappearance.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert **Dairy Queen**

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert **The Off Season**

Sequel to: Dairy queen. High school junior D. J. Schwenk staggers under the weight of caring for her badly injured brother, her responsibilities on the dairy farm, a changing relationship with her friend Brian, and her own athletic aspirations.

Myers, Walter Dean **Autobiography of My Dead Brother**

"Amistad." Jesse pours his heart and soul into his sketchbook to make sense of life in his troubled Harlem neighborhood and the loss of a close friend.

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Myracle, Lauren **TTYL**

Chronicles, in "instant message" format, the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three friends, Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they begin tenth grade.

Patterson, James **Maximum Ride: School's Out-Forever**

After a short stay with an FBI agent who gives them a chance to attend school and live a normal life, the six genetically-altered, winged youths head toward Florida and Max's ultimate destiny--to save the world, whether she wants to or not.

Picoult, Jodi **Nineteen Minutes**

The people of Sterling, New Hampshire, are forever changed after a shooting at the high school leaves ten people dead, and the judge presiding over the trial tries to remain unbiased, even though her daughter witnessed the events and was friends with the assailant.

Reinhardt, Dana **A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life**

Sixteen-year-old atheist Simone Turner-Bloom's life changes in unexpected ways when her parents convince her to make contact with her biological mother, an agnostic from a Jewish family who is losing her battle with cancer.

Satrap, Marjane **Persepolis, Vol. 1**

Contains black-and-white comic strip images in which the author shares the story of her life in Tehran, Iran, where she lived from ages six to fourteen while the country came under control of the Islamic regime.

Sones, Sonya **One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies**

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.

Stolarz, Laurie Faria **Bleed**

A collection of interconnected stories chronicling one day in the life of ten teenagers.

Volponi, Paul **Black and White**

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Westerfeld, Scott **Extras**

In an alternative civilization where the social status of each person is monitored and rated and anyone can drop from celebrity to nobody, fifteen-year-old Aya Fuse's popularity ranking is so low her only chance of moving up is to find a good story, so when she meets a group of girls who hide an explosive secret, Aya decides to expose the group and unknowingly puts her own life in danger.

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Zevin, Gabrielle

Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac

After a nasty fall, Naomi realizes that she has no memory of the last four years and finds herself reassessing every aspect of her life.

NON-FICTION

Bang, Molly

Picture This: How Pictures Work

Explains the principles of illustration composition, explaining how viewers see shapes and unconsciously interpret colors and movement; demonstrates these principles through sample pictures showing the process of illustrating "Little Red Riding Hood."

Fleischman, John

**Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About
Brain Science**

The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.

Nelson, Peter

**Left for Dead: A young Man's Search for Justice
for the USS Indianapolis**

Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.

Runyon, Brent

The Burn Journals

Presents the true story of Brent Runyon, who at fourteen set himself on fire and sustained burns over eighty percent of his body and describes the months of physical and mental rehabilitation that followed as he attempted to pull his life together.

Printz Award Winners for 2008

Winner

McCaughrean, Geraldine

The White Darkness

Fourteen-year-old Symone's exciting vacation to Antarctica turns into a desperate struggle for survival when her uncle's obsessive quest leads them across the frozen wilderness into danger.

Honor Books

Knox, Elizabeth

Dreamquake

Clark, Judith

One Whole and Perfect Day

Jenkins, A. M.

Repossed

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And your teachers recommend:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>JLHS Teacher</u>
Alexander, Robert	Rasputin's Daughter	Mrs. Almonte
Alexie, Sherman	The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian	Mrs. Scire
Balakian, Peter	Black Dog of Fate	Mrs. Javian
Bohjalian, Chris	The Double Bind	Mrs. Javian
Crichton, Michael	The Terminal Man	Mr. Peters
Gaiman, Neil	Neverwhere	Mr. Peters
Gregory, Philippa	The Boleyn Inheritance	Mrs. Scranton
Gregory, Philippa	The Constant Princess	Mrs. Scranton
Grisham, John	Playing for Pizza	Mrs. Scranton
Grogan, John	Marley and Me	Ms. Carroll
Gruen, Sara	Water for Elephants	Mrs. Scranton
Hosseini, Khaled	1,000 Splendid Suns	Mrs. Scranton
Immaculée, Ilibagiza	Left to Tell	Mrs. Almonte
Kittle, Katrina	The Kindness of Strangers	Mrs. Javian
Krakaner, John	Into Thin Air	Mr. Stanton
Larsen, Erik	The Devil in the White City	Mrs. Scire
Levitt, Steven and Dubner, Stephen	Freakonomics	Mr. Stanton
McCarthy, Cormac	The Road	Mr. Stanton
Meyer, Stephenie	Eclipse	Mrs. Almonte
Paolini, Christopher	Eldest	Mrs. Scire
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon	Ms. Brown
Picoult, Jodi	Change of Heart	Mrs. Holden
Picoult, Jodi	Keeping Faith	Ms. Brown
Picoult, Jodi	Nineteen Minutes	Mrs. Scranton
Picoult, Jodi	The Plain Truth	Ms. Lucia
Sedaris, David	Me Talk Pretty One Day	Mrs. Javian
Walls, Jeanette	The Glass Castle	Ms. Lucia
		Mrs. Scire
		Mrs. Almonte

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