

Girl Gives Birth to Own Prom Date

Todd Strasser

Nicole Maris is determined to make it to the prom and goes so far as to give her neighbor, Chase, a make-over to create her dream date.

Surviving the Applewhites

Stephanie Tolan

Will anyone take on Jake Semple? He's notorious. He supposedly burned down his old school and got kicked out of every school in his home state. Only one place will take him now, and that's a home school run by the Applewhites, a chaotic and hilarious family of artists. The only one who doesn't fit the Applewhite mold is E.D. —a smart girl who immediately clashes with the unruly Jake. Jake thinks surviving this one will be a breeze, but is he really as tough or as bad as he seems?

Teen Angst? Naaah—A Quasi-Autobiography

Ned Vizzini

A collection of essays written by the author from age fifteen to seventeen in which he shares impressions of school, sports, cool people, boring people, friends, family, money, music, and obsessions.
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Burger Wuss

Matthew Anderson

Hoping to lose his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully that results in a war between two competing fast food restaurants, Burger Queen and O'Dermott's.

King of the Creeps

Steven Banks

When a nerdy, unpopular high school senior notices his resemblance to Bob Dylan, he leaves home for Greenwich Village, in 1963, to become a folk singer.

Rules of the Road

Joan Bauer

Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of a chain of successful shoe stores from Chicago to Texas to confront the son who is trying to force her to retire. Along the way Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman, and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.

Thwunk

Joan Bauer

A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to AJ, a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love.

All American Girl

Meg Cabot

Top Ten Reasons Samantha Madison is in Deep Trouble:

10. Her big sister is the most popular girl in school
9. Her little sister is a certified genius
8. She's in love with her big sister's boyfriend
7. She got caught selling celebrity portraits in school
6. And now she's being forced to take art classes
5. She's just saved the president of the United States from an assassination attempt
4. So the whole world thinks she is a hero
3. Even though Sam knows she is far, far from being a hero
2. And now she's been appointed teen ambassador to the UN
1. The president's son just might be in love with her

Vampire High

Douglas Rees

When his family moves from California to New Sodom, Massachusetts and Cody enters Vlad Dracul Magnet School, many things seem strange, from the dark-haired, pale-skinned, supernaturally strong students to Charon, the wolf who guides him around campus on the first day.

Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging

Louise Rennison

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a 14-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie. First in the series

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen

Dyan Sheldon

In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school.

Oddballs

William Sleator

A collection of stories based on experiences from the author's youth and peopled with an unusual assortment of family and friends. —SS Sleator

There's a Girl in My Hammerlock

Jerry Spinelli

13-year-old Maisie joins her school's formerly all-male wrestling team and tries to last through the season despite opposition from others.

Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?

Jerry Spinelli

The sibling rivalry between 12-year-old Megin and her older brother Greg intensifies after she ruins his science project and he retaliates by throwing her favorite hockey stick into the pond.

Slot Machine

Chris Lynch

When overweight thirteen-year-old Elvin Bishop is sent to camp at St. Paul's Seminary Retreat Center, he and his two best friends are forced to try out various sports in order to find out where they belong.

The Agony of Alice

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Alice is about to become a teen, but she doesn't know how. Her mother has been dead for years, and what do her father and her 19-year-old brother know about being a teenage girl? If only she had a role model, like the beautiful 6th grade teacher Miss Cole. But instead Alice gets assigned to plain, pear-shaped Mrs. Plotkin's class. Is Alice doomed to a life of one embarrassment after another? First in the *Alice* series.

The Schernoff Discoveries

Gary Paulsen

Harold and his best friend, both hopeless geeks and social misfits, try to survive unusual science experiments, the attacks of the football team, and other dangers of junior high school.

The Teacher's Funeral: a Comedy in Three Parts

Richard Peck

Russell is hopeful that they will close the school down now that their teacher has died, but when a replacement is named and it is Russell's sister, the two know that they are going to have quite an eventful year together as Russell tries to sabotage her plans at every turn.

The Education of Robert Nifkin

Daniel Pinkwater

Set in the 1950s in Chicago, Robert Nifkin tells his highly unorthodox high school experiences in the form of a college application essay.

Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents

Terry Pratchett

Maurice, the cat; Kevin, a piper; and a pack of educated rats travel the countryside operating a Pied Piper Scam until they discover the rat catcher's diabolical plot to brutalize native rats and swindle the townsfolk of Bad Blintz.

Heroic Life of Al Capsella

Judith Clarke

All Al Capsella wants to be is normal. But in spite of his heroic efforts, he faces a crippling pair of obstacles—his parents.

The Alfred G. Graebner Memorial High School Handbook of Rules and Regulations

Ellen Conford

As Julie muddles through her sophomore year of high school, her experiences are often contrary to those mentioned in the student handbook.

Bucking the Sarge

Christopher Paul Curtis

Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, 14-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

Can You Sue Your Parents for Malpractice?

Paula Danziger

It's absolutely disgusting being 14. You've got no rights whatsoever. Your parents get to make all the decisions: who gets the single bedroom; how much allowance is enough; what time you must come in; who's a "proper" friend; what your report card is supposed to look like. And what your parents don't tell you to do, the school does. None of this seems fair to Lauren Allen, but then she finds a way to fight back. She can even sue her parents for malpractice...can't she?

How My Private Personal Journal Became a Bestseller

Julia DeVillers

Jamie accidentally turns in a private story from her journal instead of an English assignment and becomes a best-selling author almost overnight.

Kick Me: Adventures in Adolescence

Paul Feig

The creator of the TV series "Freaks and Geeks" draws on his own experiences to present a humorous look at the trials and tribulations of adolescence and high-school life, from ill-fated prom dates to hellish bus rides. [BIOG] — B Feig

A Fate Totally Worse than Death

Paul Fleischman

An offbeat mix of horror story and satire about self-centered rich girls who want to teach a beautiful exchange student a lesson.

Jack's Black Book

Jack Gantos

Comic misadventures ensue when seventh-grader Jack tries to write the great American novel.

Cheaper by the Dozen

Frank Bunker Gilbreth

Growing pains have never been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the riotous Gilbreth clan. There are a dozen red-haired, freckle-faced kids. There's Dad, an efficiency expert who believes a family can be run just like a factory. How they all survive such escapades as forgetting Frank, Jr. in a roadside restaurant or going on a first date (with Dad in the backseat) or having their tonsils removed en masse will keep you in stitches. [BIOG]— B Gilbreth

Bad Kitty

Michelle Jaffe

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

Howl's Moving Castle

Dianna Wynne Jones

The eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

Confess-O-Rama

Ron Koertge

While his mother grieves over the death of her fourth husband, Tony vents his feelings to the Confess-O-Rama, never suspecting who's on the other end of the line.

The Harmony Arms

Ronald Koertge

Mortified by his movie-studio father's inclination to speak through a hand puppet rather than directly, fourteen-year-old Gabriel is further surprised when the neighbors at their new Los Angeles apartment are even more eccentric.

Losing Joe's Place

Gordon Korman

Jason and his two friends move into Jason's brother's apartment and manage to wreak havoc in it during one funny and memorable summer.

Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle

Gordon Korman

18-year-old Vince Luca, son of mob boss Anthony Luca, goes away to college hoping to escape his past, but soon his brother and a series of "uncles" appear at his dorm, and before long he is caught up in criminal activity once again.

One Fat Summer

Robert Lipsyte

Overweight Bobby Marks hates the summertime because he can't hide under heavy clothing. Then he gets a job grooming the grounds of Dr. Kahn's estate, and it isn't long before he finds out how terrifying and exhilarating, how dangerous and wonderful, one fat summer can be.