Older Teen Books



Anderson, Laurie Halse Wintergirls

TEEN ANDERSON

Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in matchstick bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the skinniest. But what comes after size zero and size double-zero? When Cassie succumbs to the demons within, Lia feels she is being haunted by her friend's restless spirit.

Asher, Jay 13 Reasons Why TEEN ASHER

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

Brown, Jennifer Hate List TEEN BROWN

Five months ago, Valerie's boyfriend, Nick, opened fire on their school cafeteria. Shot trying to stop him, Valerie inadvertently saved the life of a classmate, but was implicated in the shootings because of the list she helped create. A list of people and things she and Nick hated. The list he used to pick his targets. After a summer of seclusion, Val is forced to confront her guilt as she returns to school to complete her senior year. Haunted by the memory of the boyfriend, former friends and the girl whose life she saved, Val must come to grips with the tragedy that took place and her role in it, in order to make amends and move on with her life.

Chbosky, Stephen Perks of Being a Wallflower TEEN CHBOSKY

Most people think 15-year-old Charlie is a freak. The only friend he had killed himself, forcing him to face high school alone. But then seniors Patrick and his beautiful stepsister Sam take Charlie under their wings and introduce him to their eclectic, open-minded, hard-partying friends. It is from these older kids that Charlie learns to live and love, until a repressed secret from his past threatens to destroy his newfound happiness. The letters Charlie writes to an anonymous person describe his journey to the edge of depression and how he makes it back.

Dasner, James Maze Runner TEEN MAZE RUNNER TRILOGY

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his first name. His memory is blank. But he's not alone. When the lift's doors open, Thomas finds himself surrounded by kids who welcome him to the Glade. Just like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they got to the Glade. All they know is that every morning the stone doors to the maze that surrounds them have opened. Every night they've closed tight. And every thirty days a new boy has been delivered in the lift. Thomas might be more important than he could ever guess. If only he could unlock the dark secrets buried within his mind.

Green, John Looking For Alaska TEEN GREEN

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.

Hopkins, Ellen Crank series TEEN HOPKINS

Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter, gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina. Through a boy, Bree meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul - her life.

E. Lockhart We Were Liars TEEN LOCKHART

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

Lyga, Barry I Hunt Killers TEEN LYGA

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious "Dear Old Dad." Believing he has a conscience that will help fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist." In doing so, he discovers that he may have more in common with his father than he thought.

McCormick, Patricia Never Fall Down TEEN McCORMICK

Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.

Nelson, Jandy I'll Give You the Sun TEEN NELSON

A story of first love and family loss follows the estrangement between daredevil Jude and her loner twin brother, Noah, as a result of a mysterious event that is brought to light by a beautiful, broken boy and a new mentor.

Oliver, Lauren Vanishing Girls TEEN OLIVER

Estranged from her sister Dara after an accident that left Dara's face scarred, Nick realizes that something dire has happened when Dara vanishes at the same time a young girl goes missing.

Peters, Julie By The Time You Read This I'll Be Dead TEEN PETERS

High school student Daelyn Rice, who has been bullied throughout her school career and has more than once attempted suicide, again makes plans to kill herself, in spite of the persistent attempts of an unusual boy to draw her out.

Smith, Andrew Winger TEEN SMITH

Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.

Shusterman, Neal Unwind TEEN SHUSTERMAN

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

Yoon, Nicola Everything, Everything TEEN YOON

Maddy is allergic to the world, and as a result, hasn't left her house in 17 years. But when Olly moves in next door, she begins to wonder if he's worth taking a (literally) deadly risk. Their gorgeous love story plays out through a series of diary entries, drawings, letters, and vignettes.