

Young Adult

BOOKS FOR GUYS

- YA Fic Alexie, Sherman *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*
Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.
- YA Fic Allende, Isabel *City of Beasts*
When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians.
- YA Fic Almond, David *The Savage*
A boy tells about a story he wrote when dealing with his father's death about a savage kid living in a ruined chapel in the woods--and the tale about the savage kid coming to life in the real world.
- YA Fic Carter, Alden *Dogwolf*
A Native American boy searches for his identity and is haunted by a ferocious dog that people say is half wolf.
- YA Fic Chbosky, Stephen *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
In letters to an unknown receiver, Charlie reveals his struggles to defy his instinct to be a wallflower, always watching and never doing.
- YA Fic Cormier, Robert *The Chocolate War*
A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.
- YA Fic Crane, Stephen *Red Badge of Courage*
The confusion, glory, pride, horror and cowardice associated with war are depicted in this graphic account of a young man's Civil War experience.

- YA Fic Crutcher, Chris (any by this author) 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.
- YA Fic Crutcher, Chris Deadline
Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."
- YA Fic Defoe, Daniel Robinson Crusoe
A shipwrecked mariner on a deserted island overcomes self-pity and despair to reconstruct his life.
- YA Fic Ellis, Ann Dee This is What I Did
Logan, an utterly frank, slightly awkward, and extremely lovable outcast, becomes enmeshed in a mysterious psychological drama when he witnesses a horrific event in this powerful novel.
- YA Fic Fast, Howard April Morning
Adam Cooper, the fifteen-year-old son of a Massachusetts farmer is catapulted from childhood to maturity on a fateful day in April 1775.
- YA Fic 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.
- YA Fic Fogelin, Adrian The Real Question
Fisher has always been an overachiever, and he's tired of living to make good grades. But when a friend suggests a short weekend trip, Fisher gets more of an adventure than he bargained for.
- YA Fic Green, John An Abundance of Katherines
Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

- YA Fic Myers, Walter Dean **Monster**
 While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
- Newbery Park, Linda Sue **A Single Shard**
 Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
- Newbery Paulsen, Gary **Hatchet**
 After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days alone in the wilderness, surviving with the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother.
- YA Fic Paulsen, Gary **The Voyage of the Frog**
 David sets out to scatter his uncle's ashes out at sea when he gets blown off course and struggles to survive.
- YA Fic Peck, Robert Newton **A Day No Pigs Would Die**
 A Shaker farm boy learns through the crisis of slaughtering his pet pig to assume responsibilities forced on him later by his father's death.
- YA Fic Portman, Frank **King Dork**
 High school loser Tom Henderson discovers that "The Catcher in the Rye" may hold the clues to the many mysteries in his life.
- YA Fic Rawlings, Marjorie **The Yearling**
 A story of the Florida country and the conflicts in a boy's mind as he has to face the unpleasant aspects of adult life.
- YA Fic Rawls, William **Where the Red Fern Grows**
 Bill Coleman overcomes all obstacles in acquiring two hunting dogs in this powerful story set in the Oklahoma Ozarks.
- YA Fic Rosoff, Meg **Just In Case**
 Fifteen-year-old David Case realizes the fragility of life after a near death experience. Without looking back, he changes his name to Justin and assumes a new identity, new clothing and new friends, and dares to fall in love.

- YA Fic Runyon, Brent Maybe
 Brian has a lot going on – he’s at a new school, with new friends, and he’s dating all the wrong girls. But mostly he’s busy trying to think about what happened to his family last year.
- YA Fic Salisbury, Graham Lord of the Deep
 Thirteen-year-old Mikey, growing up in Hawaii, learns some hard truths about life and honor during three fateful days aboard his stepfather’s deep-sea fishing boat.
- YA Fic Smith, Anita Hope Keeping the Night Watch
 A thirteen-year-old African American boy chronicles what happens to his family when his father, who temporarily left, returns home and they all must deal with their feelings of anger, hope, abandonment, and fear.
- YA Fic Spinelli, Jerry Crash
 Seventh-grader “Crash” Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior until he meets a Quaker boy and must reconsider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.
- YA Fic Stevenson, Robert Louis Kidnapped
 Upon the death of his father, seventeen-year-old David leaves home seeking an unknown uncle, who turns out to be an unscrupulous man.
- YA Fic Stoker, Bram Dracula
 Count Dracula’s nasty practice of drinking the blood of his victims is ended by a group of stalwart Englishmen.
- YA Fic Tashjian, Janet Vote for Larry
 Not yet eighteen years old, Josh, a.k.a. Larry, comes out of hiding and returns to public life, this time to run for President as an advocate for issues of concern to youth and to encourage voter turnout.
- YA Fic Taylor, Theodore Sniper
 Left alone on his parent’s Wild Cat Reserve, Ben discovers that someone is out to kill the wild cats and destroy the game reserve.
- YA Fic Taylor, Theodore The Weirdo
 Deep in the swamp lives a seventeen-year-old recluse people call the weirdo. Befriended by a naturalist studying the black bears of the region, the weirdo begins to look at his world differently.

- YA Fic Trueman, Terry No Right Turn
After three years of wanting only to be invisible, sixteen-year-old Jordan begins to recover from his father's suicide and start living again when a neighbor's vintage Corvette Stingray opens up new possibilities for him.
- YA Fic Twain, Mark Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Whether Tom is dousing Aunt Polly's cat with painkillers, having his friends whitewash his fence or witnessing a murder, his adventures are lively and memorable.
- YA Fic Van de Ruit, John Spud
In 1990, thirteen-year-old John "Spud" Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes, embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, and much more.
- YA Fic Vaught, Susan Trigger
Teenager Jersey Hatch must work through his extensive brain damage to figure out why he decided to shoot himself.
- YA Fic Voelkel, JP Middleworld
A Boston teenager whose idea of adventure comes from computer gaming finds himself at the center of cosmic struggles between ancient Maya gods within the jungles of Central America. Max Murphy's archeologist parents leave him behind, as usual, when they rush off to excavate an ancient Maya temple, and so he is surprised to be summoned to join them a week later. By the time he arrives, however, they have gone missing, and Max can tell that people are holding back the details.
- YA Fic Werlin, Nancy Rules of Survival
Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.
- YA Fic White, T.H. Sword in the Stone
An interesting account of the everyday medieval life in a great manor with two boys, Kay and the Wart (who turns out to be King Arthur).
- YA Fic Wizner, Jake Spanking Shakespeare
Shakespeare Shapiro navigates a senior year fraught with feelings of insecurity while writing the memoir of his embarrassing life, worrying about his younger brother being cooler than he is, and having no prospects of ever getting a girlfriend.

