

Young Adults

BOOKS FOR GIRLS

- YA Fic Anderson, Jodi Lynn Peaches (and sequel)
Three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds, thrown together to pick peaches in a Georgia orchard, spend a summer in pursuit of the right boy, the truest of friends, and the perfect peach.
- YA Fic Anderson, Laurie Halse Fever, 1793
In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.
- YA Fic Anderson, Laurie Halse Speak
A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect of Melinda's freshman year in high school.
- Newbery Avi True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
A lone young lady on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.
- YA Fic Bauer, Joan The Rules of the Road
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, and along the way Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.
- YA Fic Bennett, Veronica Cassandra's Sister
Bennett portrays Jane Austen--Jenny to her family--at 19, writing stories and sharing all her thoughts, hopes and dreams with her cherished older sister Cassandra.
- YA Fic Brashares, Ann The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
(and sequels)
Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants.

- YA Fic 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.
- YA Fic Cabot, Meg Princess Diaries (and sequels)
Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.
- YA Fic Carter, Allie Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy (and sequels)
Cammie Morgan is a CIA legacy and attends the premier school in the world...for spies. The school hosts some mysterious guests with the code name Blackthorne. When Cammie is blamed for a security breach that threatens to expose the school's top secret status, she and her friends face danger to clear Cammie's name and learn the truth about Blackthorne.
- YA Fic Cassidy, Anne Looking for JJ
Seventeen-year-old Alice, released from prison with a new identity after serving six years for murdering a child, tries to keep her anonymity from the British tabloids, while haunted by memories of her past trauma.
- YA Fic Cisneros, Sandra The House on Mango Street
Esperanza Cordero coming of age in her Chicago area neighborhood.
- YA Fic Clark, Catherine Wish You Were Here
After the worst year of Ariel's life, in which her father's gambling compulsion costs Ariel both her college fund and her social standing at school, the last thing she wants to do is go on a road trip with her inescapably nerdy mother, her way-too-mature-for-13 sister and her mother's relatives. Throughout the trip, Ariel chronicles her adventure in witty, irreverent postcards to everyone from her cat to Mars, Incorporated. On the road, Ariel finds the courage and support that will finally allow her to confront her father about his harmful addiction.
- YA Fic Cooney, Caroline Face on the Milk Carton (and sequels)
Photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

- YA Fic Craft, Liz **Bass Ackwards and Belly Up**
 When one of four best friends lies and says she will pursue her dream of writing a novel rather than start college, two others join in, one by going to Los Angeles to become an actress and one by backpacking through Europe to find herself, while the fourth goes to college, joins her hero's ski team, and tries to fall in love.
- Newbery Cushman, Karen **The Midwife's Apprentice**
 In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.
- YA Fic Dessen, Sarah (all by this author) **Along for the Ride**
 Auden is about to start college in the fall, and decides to escape her control-freak professor mom to spend the summer with her novelist father. Over the course of the summer, Auden tackles many new projects: learning to ride a bike, making real connections with peers, facing the emotional fallout of her parents' divorce, distancing herself from her mother, and falling in love with Eli, a fellow insomniac bicyclist recovering from his own traumas.
- YA Fic Dowd, Siobhan **A Swift, Pure Cry**
 Coolbar, Ireland, is a village of secrets and Shell, caretaker to her younger brother and sister after the death of their mother and with the absence of their father, is not about to reveal hers until suspicion falls on the wrong person.
- YA Fic Downham, Jenny **Before I Die**
 A terminally ill teenaged girl makes and carries out a list of things to do before she dies.
- YA Fic Durant, Sabine **Bon Voyage, Connie Pickles**
 As fourteen-year-old Constance embarks upon an exchange program to Paris, she sets out to find her long-lost grandparents she has never met, forget the boy from back home, and to become one with the French way of life.
- YA Fic Flake, Sharon **Skin I'm In**
 Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

- YA Fic Hogan, Mary *Pretty Face*
When an overweight high school student from Santa Monica spends the summer in Italy, she learns to relish life and understand the true meaning of beauty.
- YA Fic Hurwin, Davida *A Time for Dancing*
Seventeen-year-old best friends tell their stories in alternating chapters after one girl is diagnosed with cancer.
- YA Fic Johnson, Maureen *13 Little Blue Envelopes*
When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.
- YA Fic Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody *Spin the Bottle*
Middle school is an Entirely New Planet. The girls look fully grown in the most glamorous and complicated ways, and the boys look . . . well, weird. The good news? Drama Club. Real Drama Club—with actual auditions, and roles involving more than the days of the week. Phoebe Hart has waited a long time for this. The stage, after all, is the one place the “flawed and unremarkable” Phoebe can let her inner star out. But when she learns of the opening night tradition—a game of Spin the Bottle—things suddenly get way more complicated.
- YA Fic Koja, Kathe *Kissing the Bee*
While working on a bee project for her advanced biology class, quiet high school senior Dana reflects on her relationship with gorgeous best friend Avra and Avra's boyfriend Emil, whom Dana secretly loves.
- YA Fic Limb, Sue *Girl, Barely 15, Flirting for England (and sequels)*
Jess has her hands full with keeping the peace in England with confused French exchange students.
- YA Fic Lockhart, E. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*
Frankie-Landau-Banks returns to school a different person with a boyfriend, new objectives, and desire for friendship of the Loyal Order of the Basset Hounds.
- YA Fic Mackler, Carolyn *The Earth, My Butt, and other Big Round Things*
Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her.

- YA Fic McCafferty, Megan Sloppy Firsts (and sequels)
 When her best friend, Hope Weaver, moves away from Pineville, New Jersey, hyper-observant sixteen-year-old Jessica Darling is devastated. A fish out of water at school and a stranger at home, Jessica feels more lost than ever now that the only person with whom she could really communicate has gone.
- YA Fic McCaffrey, Anne Dragonsinger
 Pursuing her dream to be a Harper of Pern, Menolly learns more is required than a facility with music and a clever way with words.
- YA Fic McCormick, Patricia Sold
 Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.
- YA Fic Murphy, Pat Wild Girls
 The first friend Joan makes after moving to California is Sarah, nicknamed Fox, who is hanging out in the wood between their houses. Joan quickly acquires a nickname herself--Newt, for the salamanders with thoughtful eyes that she finds in the stream. Both girls have parent issues. Joan's are fighting, and Sarah, whose mother abandoned her and her father (a sf writer), claims her mother has been transformed into a fox that keeps an eye on her. When Joan questions this, her friend replies, 'Sometimes, you gotta believe something crazy. Because all the other things you could believe hurt too much.' It's only after the girls spend the summer at writing camp that they are able to confront their family problems.
- YA Fic Na, An The Fold
 Korean American high school student Joyce Kim feels like a nonentity compared to her beautiful older sister, and when her aunt offers to pay for plastic surgery on her eyes, she jumps at the chance, thinking it will change her life for the better.
- YA Fic Napoli, Donna Jo Hush
 Fifteen-year-old Melkorka, an Irish princess, is kidnapped by Russian slave traders and not only learns how to survive but to challenge some of the brutality of her captors, who are fascinated by her apparent muteness and the possibility that she is enchanted.
- YA Fic Ockler, Sarah Twenty Boy Summer
 While on vacation in California, sixteen-year-old best friends Anna and Frankie conspire to find a boy for Anna's first kiss, but Anna harbors a painful secret that threatens their lighthearted plan and their friendship.

- YA Fic Orr, Wendy Peeling the Onion
Following an automobile accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion begins a long and painful recovery with the help of her family.
- YA Fic Paterson, Katherine Lyddie
An impoverished Vermont farm girl is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in the 1840's.
- YA Fic Pierce, Tamora First Test
Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the makes around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight. *Page* and *Squire* complete the series.
- YA Fic Pullman, Philip Golden Compass (and sequels)
Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra sets out to prevent kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments.
- YA Fic Spinelli, Jerry Stargirl
In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.
- YA Fic Staples, Suzanne Haveli
Having relented to the ways of her people in Pakistan and married to the rich older man whom she was pledged against her will, Shabanu is now victim of his family's blood feud and the malice of his other wives.
- YA Fic Stone, Phoebe Deep Down Popular
In a small, Virginia town, sixth-grader Jessie Lou Ferguson has a crush on the hugely popular Conrad Parker Smith, and when he suddenly develops a medical problem and the teacher asks Jessie Lou to help him, they become friends, to her surprise.
- YA Fic Taylor, Brooke Undone
Sixteen-year-olds Serena and Kori look alike but have opposite personalities and live very different lives in Kismet, Colorado, but when tragedy strikes, Serena decides to complete Kori's list of "5 Secret Things" and uncovers, in the process, the mystery that has bound them together.
- YA Fic Taylor, Mildred Road to Memphis
Sadistically teased by two white boys in 1940's rural Mississippi, a black youth severely injures one of the boys with a tire iron and enlists Cassie's help in trying to flee the state.

- YA Fic Taylor, Theodore Sweet Friday Island
While on a camping trip with her father to an island paradise, Peg discovers that someone doesn't want them to leave alive.
- YA Fic Triana, Gaby Temptress Four
Four best friends decide to take a cruise together during the summer before they head off to different colleges. On the eve of their departure, Fiona, Killian, Yoli and Alma visit the fortuneteller's tent at their end-of-year carnival. There they receive a disturbing reading, foretelling a difficult and tumultuous voyage and culminating in the prediction that one of them will not return home at the end. Shaken, the four girls resolve to travel anyway.
- YA Fic Vail, Rachel Lucky
It's all good . . . and lucky Phoebe Avery plans to celebrate by throwing an end-of-the-year bash with her four closest friends. Everything will be perfect—from the guest list to the fashion photographer to the engraved invitations. The only thing left to do is find the perfect dress . . . until Phoebe goes from having it all to hiding all she's lost.
- YA Fic Van Draanen, Wendelin Confessions of a Serial Kisser
Evangeline Logan wants a kiss. A spectacular, heart-stopping, life changing kiss. Somehow *The Crimson Kiss* (a romance novel she's become obsessed with) and *Four Steps to Living Your Fantasy* (a self-help book she's reading) have fused in Evangeline's mind and sent her on a quest for a kiss. But the path to perfection is paved with many bad kisses—the smash mouth, the ear licker, the “misser.” Kissing turns out to be way more complicated than the romance novels would have you believe.
- YA Fic Vaught, Susan Big Fat Manifesto
Overweight, self-assured, high school senior Jamie Carcaterra writes in the school newspaper about her own attitude to being fat, her boyfriend's bariatric surgery, and her struggles to be taken seriously in a very thin world.
- YA Fic Voigt, Cynthia Izzy, Willy-nilly
A car accident causes fifteen-year-old Izzy to lose one leg and to face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.
- YA Fic Westerfeld, Scott Uglies (and sequels)
In Tally's world, a 16th birthday brings an operation, transforming one from a repellent Ugly to an attractive Pretty. Turning Pretty is all Tally has ever wanted. Her friend Shay would rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, Tally must make a terrible choice.

- YA Fic Whelan, Gloria Homeless Bird
When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
- YA Fic Wrede, Patricia Dealing with Dragons (and sequels)
Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.
- YA Fic Zarr, Sara Story of a Girl
In the three years since her father caught her in the back seat of a car with an older boy, sixteen-year-old Deanna's life at home and school has been a nightmare, but while dreaming of escaping with her brother and his family, she discovers the power of forgiveness.

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