

# Young Adult

## HUMOR BOOKS

- YA Fic Adams, Douglas Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
A hilarious view of the end of the world and a tour of the galaxy.
- 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 Anderson, M.T. Burger Wuss  
Hoping to lose his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully which  
results in a war between two competing fast food restaurants, Burger  
Queen and O'Dermott's.
- YA Fic Bauer, Joan Squashed  
As a sixteen-year-old pursues her two goals—growing the biggest  
pumpkin in Iowa and losing 20 pounds—she strengthens her relationship  
with her father and meets a young man with similar interests.
- YA Fic Bradley, Alex 24 Girls in 7 Days  
Jack's two best friends post an ad for a prom date on the online school  
newspaper and he has his choice of a date.
- YA Fic Busby, Cylin First Kiss (Then Tell)  
Twenty-five bestselling authors for teens recount the story of their first  
kiss. Whether hilarious, heartwarming, dramatic, or regrettable, there's  
something for every reader to relate to. Quotes, facts, advice, and artwork  
round out the collection.
- YA Fic Conford, Ellen I Love You, I Hate You, Get Lost  
A collection of seven humorous stories reflecting the ups and downs of  
teenage life.
- YA Fic Cooney, Caroline B. Twenty Pageants Later  
As the younger and plainer sister of a beauty-contest winner, fourteen-  
year-old Scottie-Ann has mixed feelings about such contests and  
reluctantly finds herself entered in one.

- YA Fic      Curtis, Christopher Paul      **Bucking the Sarge**  
 Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-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.
- YA Fic      DeVillers, Julia      **How My Private Personal Journal  
 Became a Bestseller**  
 A young woman accidentally turns in a private story from her journal instead of an English assignment and becomes a best-selling author almost overnight.
- YA Fic      Durrant, 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      Ehrenhaft, Daniel      **Tell It to Naomi**  
 In a harebrained scheme concocted by his neurotic older sister to forge a romantic relationship with the girl of his dreams, fifteen-year-old Dave Rosen pretends to be a female advice columnist for his school newspaper.
- YA Fic      Elish, Dan      **Born Too Short: the confessions of an  
 eighth-grade basket case**  
 Thirteen-year-old Matt is so envious of his best friend Keith that he wishes things would go badly for him, and when Keith's fortune changes while at the same time Matt finds his first true girlfriend, Matt is overcome with guilt.
- YA Fic      Fleischman, Paul      **A Fate Totally Worse than Death**  
 Three self-centered members of Cliffside High School's ruling clique are convinced they are rapidly aging because of a girl whose death they caused the year before.
- YA Fic      Fredericks, Mariah      **Fame**  
 Thirteen-year-old Eve consults tarot cards to see if she will achieve her goal of being a famous singer one day, and in the meantime, decides to try out for the school musical.

- YA Fic Halpern, Julie Get Well Soon  
When her parents confine her to a mental hospital, an overweight teenage girl, who suffers from panic attacks, describes her experiences in a series of letters to a friend.
- YA Fic Hite, Sid I'm Exploding Now  
The summer he turns seventeen, Max Whooten is feeling off his game with no job and nothing to do, but after spending a lot of time hanging out in Manhattan, thinking about life, writing down his thoughts, and visiting his aunt in Woodstock, he develops a personal philosophy called "coolism" which seems to help turn things around.
- YA Fic Jenkins, AM Repossessed  
A fallen angel, tired of being unappreciated while doing his pointless, demeaning job, leaves Hell, enters the body of a seventeen-year-old boy, and tries to experience the full range of human feelings before being caught and punished, while the boy's family and friends puzzle over his changed behavior.
- YA Fic Jones, Diana Wynne Howl's Moving Castle  
Feisty Sophie falls in love with the Wizard Howl even as she sees that he is messy, vain, hysterical and vulnerable in an elaborate comic fantasy filled with quests and enchantment.
- YA Fic Jongman, Mariken Rits  
Diaries are for girls. That's why Maurits Hofmeijer, a 13-year-old Dutch boy, keeps a journal. After suffering 'sagging brain' from all that is on his mind and possibly scurvy from the lack of nutritious food in his out-of-work uncle's cramped apartment, Rits reveals why he is there: His overbearing mother has been institutionalized and his artist father has left to travel the globe with his new girlfriend. When he picks up his movie camera and a cookbook and makes friends with Rita, a girl with a loving but equally disjointed family, Rits begins to take control of his own needs and dreams.
- YA Fic Juby, Susan Miss Smithers  
Sixteen-year-old Alice MacLeod's life as an outcast begins to change when she experiments with being friends with different sorts of people, tries drinking alcohol and eating meat, and competes in the Miss Smithers beauty pageant.
- YA Fic Koertge, Ron Confess-O-Rama  
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.

- YA Fic      Korman, Gordon                      **Son of the Mob**  
Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.
- YA Fic      Lekich, John                              **King of Lost and Found**  
Tenth-grader Raymond Dunne can't help that he faints for no discernible reason but why does he like hanging out with the vice-principal and collecting keys to the school supply closets, and how come he's so proud of manning the school's lost-and-found booth? Super-cool Jack Alexander transfers to Raymond's school, discovers a secret room and comes up with a business plan to create an underground social club that will turn a profit and make Raymond popular.
- YA Fic      Limb, Sue                                  **Girl, Barely 15, Flirting for England**  
Jess Jordan is barely 15. Fred is her often-aggravating best guy friend; her father is a lonely bachelor; Flora is her gorgeous best friend, a constant liability; and Ben Jones is barely a twinkle in her eye. Into this innocent scene are dropped 30 or so helpless French exchange students. Jess and her mother are assigned to house Eduoard, a shy, awkward, and painfully English-deprived boy Jess's age.
- YA Fic      Lockhart, E.                              **The Boyfriend List**  
A Seattle fifteen-year-old explains some of the reasons for her recent panic attacks, including breaking up with her boyfriend, losing all her girlfriends, tensions between her performance-artist mother and her father, and more.
- YA Fic      Lubar, David                              **Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie**  
While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.
- YA Fic      Lynch, Chris                              **Slot Machine**  
When overweight thirteen-year-old Elvin is sent to camp, he and his two best friends are forced to try out various sports in order to find out where they belong.

- YA Fic      MacLeod, Doug      *I'm Being Stalked by a Moonshadow*  
 Quarrels make great drama, and in this fast, funny contemporary novel from Australia the fights are among friends and lovers, family and neighbors, adults and kids. Seth, 14, has a serious crush on Miranda, a muscular girl he meets in his kickboxing class. Unlike most girls who want his gorgeous brother, Jack, Miranda seems to like Seth a lot. But their fathers are at war in an intense neighborhood confrontation, which is nearing violence and even seems to be affecting the relationship between Seth's hippie parents.
- YA Fic      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.
- YA Fic      Paulsen, Gary      *Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered*  
 Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.
- YA Fic      Paulsen, Gary      *The Schernoff Discoveries*  
 Harold and his best friend, both hopeless geeks and societal misfits, try to survive the dangers of junior high school.
- YA Fic      Rallison, Janette      *All's Fair in Love, War, and High School*  
 When head cheerleader Samantha Taylor does poorly on the SAT exam, she determines that her only hope for college admission is to win the election for student body president, but her razor wit and acid tongue make her better suited to dishing out insults than winning votes.
- YA Fic      Rennison, Louise      *Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging*  
 (and sequels)  
 Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-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.

- YA Fic      St. James, James                      The Freak Show  
Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack, Christianity expressed as persecution, and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- YA Fic      Vail, Robert                                  Do-Over  
Thirteen-year-old Whitman has to deal with the anger he feels when his parents separate, his own interest in several girls and the heady feeling of acting in his first play.
- YA Fic      Van der 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      Walsh, Marissa                              Field Guide to High School  
Andie will be starting high school in the fall. Her big sister, Claire, the super-popular valedictorian, has put together a guide that covers everything a freshman needs to know. But sometimes Andie wonders if Harvard-bound Claire got everything right.
- YA Fic      Waters, Daniel                              Generation Dead  
Is it too many junk-food preservatives? Brain patterns rewired by first-person shooter games? Or simply a sign of the Apocalypse? No one knows why deceased American teenagers are returning as zombies (please, call them 'living impaired'), but it's happening. At progressive Oakvale High, Phoebe, who was Goth long before this phenomenon, wonders why she is attracted to differently biotic Tommy. Along with best friend Margi and childhood buddy Adam (who can't express his love for her), Phoebe joins Undead Studies, so she can understand what it's like to be dead in a living world and reconcile the recent death and return of another good friend.
- YA Fic      Whytock, Cherry                            My Saucy Stuffed Ravioli  
While preparing for and going on vacation to Italy with her friends and family, food-loving English teenager Angelica deals with her unrequited love for Sydney, her fear of being seen in public in a bikini, and her worries that her mother might be having an affair. Includes recipes.

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.

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