

Young Adult

TEAR JERKERS

- YA Fic Adoff, Jaime *Death of Jayson Porter*
Sixteen-year-old Jayson Porter wants to believe things will get better. But the harsh realities of his life never seem to change. Living in the inland-Florida projects with his abusive mother, he tries unsuccessfully to fit in at his predominately white school, while struggling to maintain even a thread of a relationship with his drug-addicted father. As the pressure mounts, there's only one thing Jayson feels he has control over the choice of whether to live or die.
- YA Fic Anonymous *Go Ask Alice*
A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.
- YA Fic Aronson, Sarah *Head Case*
Aronson pens a debut novel about a teenager who has it all--until he drinks five beers and gets into his car. Soon afterward, he has an accident that paralyzes him from the neck down and also kills his girlfriend.
- YA Fic Asher, Jay *Thirteen Reasons Why*
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.
- YA Fic Belton, Sandra *Store-bought Baby*
The death of Leah's beloved older brother, and her parents' reactions to the tragedy, raise questions for Leah about the meaning of family and about her place in her own family.
- YA Fic Blume, Judy *Tiger Eyes*
Resettled in "Bomb City" with her mother and brother, Davey Wexler recovers from the shock of her father's death during a hold-up of his 7-Eleven store in Atlantic City.

- YA Fic Cassidy, Anne **Looking for JJ**
Jennifer Jones has served her time for the murder of her best friend ... but can she ever return to "normal"? A gripping and emotionally searing novel by an accomplished British author, this title infuses a terrifying subject with humanity and hope.
- YA Fic Cleaver, Vera **Where the Lilies Bloom**
A girl struggles to keep the family together after the father dies.
- YA Fic Cohn, Rachel **You Know Where to Find Me**
In the wake of her cousin's suicide, overweight and introverted seventeen-year-old Miles experiences significant changes in her relationships with her mother and father, her best friend Jamal and his family, and her cousin's father, while gaining insights about herself, both positive and negative.
- YA Fic Coman, Carolyn **Tell Me Everything**
After her mother dies in a rescue mission on a snowy mountain, twelve-year-old Roz wonders if talking to God and to the boy for whom her mother died can help her understand what happened.
- YA Fic Crutcher, Chris **Running Loose**
A high school senior in a small Idaho town learns about sportsmanship, love and death as he matures into manhood.
- YA Fic Deaver, Julie R. **Say Goodnight, Gracie**
When a car accident kills her best friend with whom she has shared everything, seventeen-year-old Morgan must find her own way of coping with his death.
- YA Fic Dessen, Sarah **Someone like You**
Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.
- YA Fic Dogar, Sharon **Waves**
Hal and his family are coping with Charley, their comatose daughter, and decide to spend the summer on the west coast of England without her but Hal has a connection with her.
- 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 Ellis, Ann Dee **This is what I Did**
 Bullied because of an incident in his past, eighth-grader Logan is unhappy at his new school and has difficulty relating to others until he meets a quirky girl and a counselor who believe in him.
- YA Fic Forman, Gayle **If I Stay**
 While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.
- YA Fic Friend, Natasha **Perfect**
 Following the death of her father, a thirteen-year-old uses bulimia as a way to avoid her mother's and ten-year-old sister's grief, as well as her own.
- YA Fic Halpern, Julie **Get Well Soon**
 Drawing from her own experiences in a mental hospital as a teen, Halpern delivers a brave--and brazen--novel that finds humor in the unlikeliest of places.
- YA Fic Hinton, S.E. **Outsiders**
 The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among conflicting values of their adolescent society.
- YA Fic Hurwin, Divida **A Time for Dancing**
 Seventeen-year-old best friends Samatha and Juliana tell their stories in alternating chapters after Juliana is diagnosed with cancer.
- YA Fic Kadohata, Cynthia **Outside Beauty**
 There's only one way Shelby and her sisters can describe their mother: She's a sexpot. Helen Kimura collects men (and loans, spending money, and gifts of all kinds) from all over the country. Sure, she's not your typical role model, but she's also not just a pretty face and nail polish. She is confident and brave; she lives life on her own terms, and her four daughters simply adore her. These girls have been raised outside the traditional boundaries. They know how to take the back exit. They know how to dodge crazed lovers in highway car chases. They do not, however, know how to function without one another.
- YA Fic Klause, Annette **The Silver Kiss**
 A mysterious teenage boy harboring a dark secret helps Zohe come to terms with her mother's terminal illness.

- YA Fic Mazer, Norma Heartbeat
When a high school senior falls in love with the girl he is supposed to be fixing-up with his best friend, the ensuing experiences profoundly change the relationship he has with others.
- YA Fic Mitchard, Jacquelyn All We Know of Heaven
When Maureen and Bridget, two sixteen-year-old best friends who look like sisters, are in a terrible car accident and one of them dies, they are at first incorrectly identified at the hospital, and then, as Maureen achieves a remarkable recovery, she must deal with the repercussions of the accident, the mix-up, and some choices she made while she was getting better.
- YA Fic Oates, Joyce Carol After the Wreck, I picked myself up...
Blaming herself for the car accident on the Tappan Zee Bridge that killed her mother, fifteen-year-old Jenna undergoes a difficult physical and emotional recovery.
- YA Fic Padian, Maria Brett McCarthy: work in progress
Eighth-grader Brett McCarthy--once good student and best-friend-to-Diane, now suspended and friendless--faces school and family troubles as she grapples with her redefined life.
- YA Fic Pevsner, Stella How Could You Do It, Diane?
As Bethany struggles to find the reasons why her sister committed suicide, her parents try to repress the incident.
- YA Fic Pfeffer, Susan Sybil at Sixteen
Sybil's sixteenth birthday party is a family reunion that initiates a series of crises and confrontations that have far-reaching consequences.
- YA Fic Qualey, Marsha Thin Ice
Seventeen-year-old Arden has been raised by her older brother since her parents died when she was just six-years-old, so when he is presumed drowned in a snowmobile accident, Arden is convinced he has run away.
- YA Fic Rabb, Margo Cures for Heartbreak
As she navigates adolescence, ninth-grader Mia must deal with her mother's recent death and her father's illness while she searches for friendship and love in the world around her.

- YA Fic Sanders, Scott Loring Hanging Woods
 An only child who likes to read, 13-year-old Walter hangs out with his two best friends, Mothball and Jimmy. Mothball is overweight, cowardly and the brunt of teasing, while Jimmy is lean, malicious and good-looking. As they skulk around town, camp in the woods and swim in the river, the three friends avoid Troll, a reclusive Vietnam vet. Ever the observer, Walter wonders why Troll seems to know him, why his father avoids him and why his mother hates Jimmy. When Jimmy malevolently terrorizes Mothball, Walter watches. Then Jimmy drowns because of a vicious prank and Walter fails to save him.
- YA Fic Scott, Elizabeth Living Dead Girl
 Once upon a time, I was a little girl who disappeared. Once upon a time, my name was not Alice. Once upon a time, I didn't know how lucky I was. When Alice was ten, Ray took her away from her family, her friends: her life. She learned to give up all power, to endure all pain. She waited for the nightmare to be over. Now Alice is fifteen and Ray still has her, but he speaks more and more of her death. He does not know it is what she longs for. She does not know he has something more terrifying than death in mind for her. This is Alice's story. It is one you have never heard, and one you will never, ever forget.
- YA Fic Strasser, Todd Friends Till the End
 The new student in the senior class develops leukemia and affects the lives of his fellow students.
- YA Fic Turner, Ann Warren Hard Hit
 A rising high school baseball star faces his most difficult challenge when his father is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- YA Fic Vande Velde, Vivian Remembering Raquel
 How would you be remembered?
- YA Fic Vrettos, Adrienne Skin
 When his parents decide to separate, eighth-grader Donnie watches with horror as the physical condition of his sixteen-year old sister, Karen, deteriorates due to an eating disorder.
- YA Fic Voigt, Cynthia Izzy, Willy-nilly
 A car accident causes fifteen-year-old Izzy to lose one leg and face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.

YA Fic Woodson, Jacqueline *If You Come Softly*
After meeting at their private school in New York, fifteen-year-old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is white and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people's reactions.

YA Fic Zarr, Sara *Sweethearts*
After losing her soul mate, Cameron, when they were nine, Jennifer, now seventeen, transformed herself from the unpopular fat girl into the beautiful and popular Jenna, but Cameron's unexpected return dredges up memories that cause both social and emotional turmoil.

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