

**Kissing Kate***Lauren Myracle*

Best friends Lissa and Kate hide out from a party in a gazebo. Kate kisses Lissa, and Lissa, astonished, kisses her back. For Kate, what happened is an embarrassing mistake. For Lissa, it's life-changing. (Friendship, Sexual Identity)

**Big Mouth and Ugly Girl***Joyce Carol Oates*

Matt's big mouth gets him into trouble when he is accused of planning to blow up the school. Only one person reports what he really said: Ursula, the big, tough basketball star known as "Ugly Girl." (Misfits, Authority, Friendship)

**Jenna Starborn***Sharon Shinn*

In this science fiction retelling of the classic Jane Eyre, Jenna is a gen-tank orphan who takes a job as a nuclear tech in a mansion on a remote planet. (Orphan, Secrets, Science Fiction)

**Full Tilt***Neal Shusterman*

Blake wins a pass to a mysterious carnival, but his younger brother Quinn steals it. Blake must go to the carnival and ride seven rides before dawn – or Quinn's soul will be destroyed. (Horror, Carnivals)

**The Afterlife***Gary Soto*

All Chuy did was compliment a guy on his yellow shoes, and the guy murdered him. Life after death is full of surprises: some bad, some not so bad. (Death, Afterlife)

**Sevens***Scott Wallens*

Seven 10-year-old friends were torn apart one night. Seven years later, their lives entwine again, as each teen's problems escalate into crisis. (Suspense, Friendship)

**The House of Mirth***Edith Wharton*

Lily wants to be one of the popular crowd. But without money, she's on the fringe. What will Lily do – and what won't she do – to be one of them? (1900 New York, Peer Pressure)

**NON-FICTION****Flags of Our Fathers***James Bradley and Powers, Ron*

The son of one of the young men who raised the American flag at Iwo Jima tells the powerful story of the photograph and the individual stories of their lives before, during, and after World War II. (World War II, Fathers and Sons)

**The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream***Samson Davis, George Jenkins, & Remeck Hunt*

Three young guys from the tough part of Newark made a pact to help each other through medical school. The work is hard, the money is tight, but they stick together and make their dreams come true. (Friendship, College, Careers)

**Nickel and Dime:****On (Not) Getting By in America***Barbara Ehrenreich*

Writer Barbara Ehrenreich left her comfortable life and went undercover working minimum wage jobs. She often worked two jobs, 7 days a week, to earn enough for rent and food; and supervisors from housecleaning companies to big box stores treated her like dirt. (Labor, U.S. Economy)

**Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distorts the News***Bernard Goldberg*

Story selection and personality descriptions shape public perceptions of "the news." This is the book that launched the national debate over media bias. (Mass Communication, Social Issues)

**The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College***Jacques Steinberg*

Find out how one college admissions department balances grades, test scores, essays, activities, and racial identity to choose 700 freshmen from 7,000 applicants. (College Admissions, Grades)

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## High school teens will find plenty of good books on this list:

### FICTION

#### Catalyst

*Laurie Halse Anderson*

Straight-A senior Kate might feel sorry for Teri, a girl harassed by football jocks. But since Teri used to beat her up, Kate's not in the mood for charity when a fire guts Teri's house and Dad says Teri's family can move in. (High Achiever, Outsider, Friendship)

#### Year of the Hangman

*Gary Blackwood*

In 1777, bad boy Creighton is shipped out to the American colonies; bummer! At least the British Army put down that "rebellion," threw Washington into prison, and – hey, what kind of historical novel is this? (Revolutionary War, Alternative Fiction)

#### Rundown

*Michael Cadnum*

Jennifer staggers into the campus police station, telling the police that she's just fought off a serial rapist. Mom and Dad rush to her side-for once. Everyone's sympathetic, but the city police might not believe Jennifer's story. (Sibling Rivalry)

#### Queen of Everything

*Meg Caletti*

17-year-old Jordan's summer of divorced parents, best friend, edgy boyfriend, and ridiculous job slams into overdrive when Dad falls in love – with a married woman (Humor, Family Problems, San Juan Islands, Sexual Relationship)

#### The Plague

*Albert Camus*

A few dead rats on the streets of Oran, North Africa. Dozens. Hundreds. Then people begin to die, in this novel of courage in the face of an epidemic of bubonic plague. (Epidemic, Courage)

#### High Heat

*Carl Deuker*

Shane saw Dad dragged away from the baseball game in handcuffs. Days later, Shane loses Dad, his home, his school, his baseball team, his friends. What's left? (Baseball, Family Problems)

#### Northern Light

*Jennifer Donnelly*

16-year-old Mattie is working at a resort one summer, and making decisions about her future. The death of a young guest is a parallel story. Based on the real-life murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's novel, *An American Tragedy*. (Fiction, 1906 New York State, Life Choices)

#### Battle of Jericho

*Sharon Draper*

Jericho and his cousin Kofi want to join Warriors of Distinction, the coolest service club at school. But the price of admission might be too high. (Peer Pressure, Friendship)

#### Bad

*Jean Ferris*

16-year-old Dallas gets caught holding the gun while her friends sneak out of the convenience store they're robbing. Sent to a rehabilitation center, what seems like the end of her world turns into the beginning of a better life. (Crime, Self-Knowledge, Rehabilitation)

#### Breathing Underwater

*Alex Flinn*

Nick is desperate. Why does he have to go to court? Why does he have to sit in group therapy with a bunch of losers who beat their girlfriends? He only slapped Caitlin once, right? (Dating Violence, Self-Knowledge)

#### Snow Falling on Cedars

*David Guterson*

Memories of World War II haunt residents of an island in Puget Sound, as Kabuo, a Japanese-American fisherman, is accused of murder. Ishmael reports on the trial and uncovers his own past. (1950s, Social Conflicts, Puget Sound)

#### Not as Crazy as I Seem

*George Harrar*

Devon's illness drives him to keep everything in ritualized order so the chaos in his head stays quiet. Two new friends offer hope. (Humor, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder)

#### Geography Club

*Brent Hartinger*

Russel is convinced he's the only gay teen at his high school, until his online romance turns out to be Kevin, hunky baseball star. They start a gay-straight alliance with a name so boring that nobody hostile will notice: the Geography Club. (Humor, Harassment, Gay-Straight Issues)

#### Sweetblood

*Pete Hautman*

Lucy's diabetes is with her every day. She has to watch what she eats, take insulin shots, and check her blood sugar. Always conscious of blood, Lucy finds she's intrigued by vampires. (Diabetes, Vampires)

#### Damage

*A.M. Jenkins*

Austin should be on top of the world: football hero, good friends, and a gorgeous girlfriend who gives him everything he wants. But his life is without joy, and when he shares his feelings with Heather the consequences are devastating. (Depression, Friendship, Sexual Relationship)

#### The Falcon

*Jackie French Koller*

"Sounds like a chick thing to me, but she swears guys do it, too," writes 17-year-old Luke about his English teacher's assignment to write a journal. Luke crosses out words, phrases, sometimes entire sentences. What's he hiding? (Injuries, Self Discovery)

#### Son of the Mob

*Gordon Korman*

Vince meets Kendra. Vince likes Kendra. But Kendra's dad is an F.B.I. agent. And Vince's dad is the local mob boss. Can this romance be saved? (Humor, Crime, Romance)

#### Tomorrow, When the War Began

*John Marsden*

Australian teen Ellie and her friends return from a camping trip to find that their country has been invaded. Everyone they know is in prison. This is the first book in the seven-novel Tomorrow series. (Survival, Guerilla Warfare)