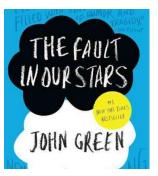
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YA Fiction Anderson, L

#### **Prom**, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Eighteen-year-old Ash wants nothing to do with senior prom. but when disaster strikes and her desperate friend, Nat, needs her help to get it back on track, Ash's involvement transforms her life. Grades 8-12



YA Fiction Andrews, J

## Me and Earl and the Dying Girl, by Jesse An-

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia. Grades 9-12

YA Fiction Caletti, D

#### Honey, Baby, Sweetheart, by Deb Caletti

In the summer of her junior year, sixteen-year-old Ruby McQueen and her mother, both nursing broken hearts, set out on a journey to reunite an elderly woman with her long-lost love and in the process learn many things about "the real ties that bind" people to one another. Grades 9-12

YA Fiction Cochrane, M

#### The Girl Who Threw Butterflies, by Mick Cochrane

Eighth-grader Molly's ability to throw a knuckleball earns her a spot on the baseball team, which not only helps her feel connected to her recently deceased father, who loved baseball, it helps in other aspects of her life, as well. Grades 5-9

YA Fiction Crutcher, C

#### **Deadline**, by Chris Crutcher

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." Grades 9-12



YA Fiction Downham, J

#### Before I Die, by Jenny Downham

A terminally ill teenaged girl makes and carries out a list of things to do before she dies. Grades

YA Fiction Forman, G

Just One Day, by Gayle Forman

Sparks fly when American good girl Allyson encounters laidback Dutch actor Willem, so she follows him on a whirlwind trip to Paris, upending her life in just one day and prompting a year of self-discovery and the search for true love. Grades 9-12 YA Fiction Forman, G If I Stay, by Gayle Forman

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. Grades 9-12

YA Fiction Friend, N

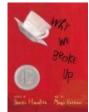
#### **Perfect**, by Natasha Friend

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. Grades 6-9

YA Fiction Halpin, B

#### Forever Changes, by Brendan Halpin

Although encouraged to apply to colleges, Brianna Pelletier, a mathematically-gifted high school senior with cystic fibrosis, dwells on her mortality and the unfairness of life. Grades 9-12



YA Fiction Handler, D

Why We Broke Up, by Daniel Handler

Sixteen-year-old Min Green writes a letter to Ed Slaterton in which she breaks up with him, documenting their relationship and how items in the accompanying box, from bottle caps to a cookbook, foretell the end. Grades 9-12

YA Fiction Kantor, M

#### Maybe One Day, by Melissa Kantor

Zoe thought that being cut from her ballet program was the worst thing that could happen, but when her best friend Olivia is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease, Zoe quickly learns that not being able to dance is the least of her problems. **Grades** 9-12

YA Fiction King, A

<u>Please Ignore Vera Dietz</u>, by A. S. King When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.

Grades 9-12

YA Fiction Klass, D

#### You Don't Know Me, by David Klass

Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful, but shallow classmate and other problems at school. Grades 8-12

YA Fiction Mass, W

A Mango-shaped Space, by Wendy Mass

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a spe-

cial color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the loss of something important to her.

Grades 5-8

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### YA Fiction Murphy, J

#### Side Effects May Vary, by Julie Murphy

Alice is ready to go out in a blaze of glory, but then she discovers she's in remission from cancer and she must deal with all of the mistakes she's made and the people she's hurt. **Grades 9-12** 

YA Fiction Nelson, J

#### The Sky is Everywhere, by Jandy Nelson

In the months after her sister dies, seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician. **Grades 10-12** 

YA Fiction Ockler, S

#### Fixing Delilah, by Sarah Ockler

When Delilah, her mother, and her aunt spend the summer in Vermont settling Delilah's estranged grandmother's estate, long -held family secrets are painfully brought to light and Delilah finally learns some difficult truths about her family's past.

Grades 8-12

#### YA Fiction Padian, M

#### Out of Nowhere, by Maria Padian

Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own. **Grades 9-12** 



YA Fiction Rowell, R.

#### Eleanor & Park, by Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits-smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

Grades 9-12

YA Fiction Schneider, R

#### The Beginning of Everything, by Robyn Schneider

Star athelete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe. **Grades 9-12** 

YA Fiction Seamon, H

#### Somebody Up There Hates You, by Hollis Seamon

Dying of cancer in a hospice, seventeen-year-old prankster Richard has big plans for his final days. **Grades 9-12** 



YA Fiction Smith, J

## *This is What Happy Looks Like*, by Jennifer E. Smith

Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O'Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig, Wilbur. The two 17-year-olds strike up an e-mail relationship from opposite sides of the country and

don't even know each other's first names. What's more, Ellie doesn't know Graham is a famous actor, and Graham doesn't know about the big secret in Ellie's family tree. When the relationship goes from online to in-person, they find out whether their relationship can be the real thing. **Grades 8-12** 

YA Fiction Sonnenblick, J

#### After Ever After, by Jordan Sonnenblick

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa. **Grades 6-9** 

YA Fiction Standiford, N

#### How to Say Goodbye in Robot, by Natalie Standiford

After moving to Baltimore and enrolling in a private school, high school senior Beatrice befriends a quiet loner with a troubled family history. **Grades 6-9** 



YA Fiction Vaughn, L

#### OCD, the Dude, and Me, by Lauren Roedy Vaughn

Danielle Levine stands out even at her alternative high school--in appearance and attitude--but when her scathing and sometimes raunchy English essays land her in a social skills class, she meets Daniel, another social misfit who may

break her resolve to keep everyone at arm's length. **Grades 9-**

YA Fiction Woodson, J

#### Beneath a Meth Moon, by Jacqueline Woodson

A young girl uses crystal meth to escape the pain of losing her mother and grandmother in Hurricane Katrina, and then struggles to get over her addiction. **Grades 8-12** 

YA Fiction Woolston, B

#### Catch & Release, by Blythe Woolston

Eighteen-year-old Polly and impulsive, seventeen-year-old Odd survive a deadly outbreak of flesh-eating bacteria, but resulting wounds have destroyed their plans for the future and with little but their unlikely friendship and a shared affection for trout fishing, they set out on a road trip through the West.

Grades 9-12



YA Fiction Wunder, W

The Probability of Miracles, by Wendy Wunder Having spent several years in and out of hospitals for a life-threatening illness, pragmatic sixteen-year-old Cam is relocated by her miracle-seeking mother to a town in Maine known for its mystical healing qualities. Grades 9-12

