

Young Adult Realistic Fiction

Titles are shelved alphabetically by the author's last name in the Young Adult Fiction section unless otherwise indicated.

Alsaid, Adi. [Let's Get Lost.](#)

During her cross-country adventures following the tragic death of her family, Leila touches the lives of four strangers -- Hudson, Bree, Elliot, and Sonia -- a love-seeking mechanic, a dramatic petty thief, a disappointed planner, and a broken-hearted teen all find their lives transformed as each shares whirlwind adventures with a girl in an insanely red car.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. [The Impossible Knife of Memory.](#)

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

Brown, Jennifer. [Hate List.](#)

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure whether she was a hero or a villain.

Cardi, Annie. [The Chance You Won't Return.](#)

High school student Alex Winchester struggles to hold her life together in the face of her mother's threatening delusions about being Amelia Earhart.

Dessen, Sarah. [The Moon and More.](#)

During her last summer at home before leaving for college, Emaline begins a whirlwind romance with Theo, an assistant documentary filmmaker who is in town to make a movie.

Downham, Jenny. [Before I Die.](#)

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

Emond, Stephan. [Winter Town.](#)

Evan and Lucy, childhood best friends who grew apart after years of seeing one another only during Christmas break, begin a romance at age seventeen but his choice to mindlessly follow his father's plans for an Ivy League education rather than becoming the cartoonist he longs to be, and her more destructive choices in the wake of family problems, pull them apart.

Eulberg, Elizabeth. [Prom & Prejudice.](#)

For Lizzie Bennett, a music scholarship student at Connecticut's exclusive, girls-only Longbourn Academy, the furor over prom is senseless, but even more puzzling is her attraction to the pompous Will Darcy, best friend of her roommate's boyfriend.

Green, John. [Fault in Our Stars.](#)

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

John, Antony. [Five Flavors of Dumb.](#)

Eighteen-year-old Piper becomes the manager for her classmates' popular rock band, called Dumb, giving her the chance to prove her capabilities to her parents and others, if only she can get the band members to get along.

King, A.S. [Reality Boy.](#)

An emotionally damaged seventeen-year-old boy in Pennsylvania, who was once an infamous reality television show star, meets a girl from another dysfunctional family, and she helps him out of his angry shell.

Klass, David. [Grandmaster.](#)

A father-son chess tournament reveals the dark side of the game.

LaMarche, Una. [Like No Other](#).

Though their relationship is strictly forbidden, Devorah and Jax arrange secret meetings and risk everything to be together. But how far can they possibly go? Just how much are they willing to give up?

Medina, Meg. [Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass](#).

One morning before school, some girl tells Piddy Sanchez that Yaqui Delgado hates her and wants to kick her ass. Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqui is, never mind what she's done to piss her off. Word is that Yaqui thinks Piddy is stuck-up, shakes her stuff when she walks, and isn't Latin enough with her white skin, good grades, and no accent. At first Piddy is more concerned with trying to find out more about the father she's never met and how to balance honors courses with her weekend job at the neighborhood hair salon.

Molitzer, Meg. [Belzhar](#).

Jam Gallahue, fifteen, unable to cope with the loss of her boyfriend Reeve, is sent to a therapeutic boarding school in Vermont, where a journal-writing assignment for an exclusive, mysterious English class transports her to the magical realm of Belzhar, where she and Reeve can be together.

Murphy, Julie. [Side Effects May Vary](#).

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.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. [Alice on Board](#).

Seeking one last adventure before going off to college, Alice and her friends find summer employment on a Chesapeake Bay cruise ship.

Nelson, Jandy. [I'll Give You the Sun](#).

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

Oliver, Lauren. [Panic](#).

In the poor town of Carp, New York, a group of teens enters a high-stakes game that involves a series of secretive, possibly deadly challenges throughout the summer, with the winner receiving more than \$50,000--enough money to start a new life.

Parson, Mark. [Road Rash](#).

When teen drummer, Zach, signed up to spend the summer on tour with a rock band, he didn't realize the stairway to heaven was such a bumpy ride.

Perkins, Stephanie. [Isla and the Happily Ever After](#).

Isla has had a crush on classmate Josh since their freshman year at the School of America in Paris, but after a chance encounter over the summer in Manhattan they return to France for their senior year where they are forced to confront challenges every young couple in love must face.

Rowell, Rainbow. [Eleanor and Park](#).

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.

Sales, Leila. [This Song Will Save Your Life](#).

Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey.

Schneider, Robyn. [The Beginning of Everything](#).

Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.

Skilton, Sarah. [High & Dry](#).

Framed for a stranger's near-fatal overdose at a party, blackmailed into finding a mysterious flash drive everyone in school seems anxious to suppress, and pressured by his shady best friend to throw an upcoming game, high school soccer player Charlie Dixon spends a frantic week trying to clear his name, win back the girl of his dreams, and escape a past that may be responsible for all his current problems.

Smith, Robyn. [100 Sideways Miles](#).

Finn Easton, sixteen and epileptic, struggles to feel like more than just a character in his father's cult-classic novels with the help of his best friend, Cade Hernandez, and first love, Julia, until Julia moves away.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. [Curveball: the year I lost my grip](#).

After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the grandfather who, when he realizes he's becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.

Stork, Francisco. [Marcelo in the Real World](#).

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

Van Drannen, Wendelin. [The Running Dream](#).

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

Vivian, Siobhan. [The List](#).

Every year at Mount Washington High School somebody posts a list of the prettiest and ugliest girls from each grade--this is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, and how they are affected by the list.

Volponi, Paul. [Crossing Lines](#).

High school senior Adonis struggles to do the right thing when his fellow football players escalate their bullying of a new classmate, Alan, who is transgendered.

Wesselhoeft, Conrad. [Dirt Bikes, Drones and Other Ways to Fly](#).

Seventeen year-old dirt-bike-riding daredevil Arlo Santiago catches the eye of the U.S. military with his first-place ranking on a video game featuring drone warfare, and must reconcile the work they want him to do with the emotional scars he has suffered following a violent death in his family.

Weyn, Suzanne. [Recruited](#).

Kadeem Jones is a star quarterback for Southside High. He is thrilled when college scouts seek him out. His visit to Teller College is amazing, but then NCAA officials accuse Teller's staff of illegally recruiting top talent. Will Kadeem decide to help their investigation, even though it means the end of the good times? What will it do to his chances of playing college football?

Whaley, John Corey. [Where Things Come Back](#).

Seventeen-year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance.

Zarr, Sarah. [How to Save a Life](#).

Told from their own viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy, nearly nineteen, are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child. As their worlds change around them, Jill and Mandy must learn to both let go and hold on, and that nothing is as easy or as difficult as it seems.