

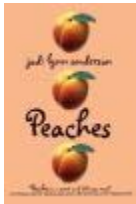


Getting Real: Realistic Fiction for Teens

by Bobbie Pyron 04/10

Tired of books with characters and situations you can't relate to? The stories below depict teens coping with real challenges and joys of everyday life—whether it's at home or at school, they navigate their way in an increasingly complicated world.

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PEACHES

By Jodi Lynn Anderson

YF Anderson

Peaches combines three unforgettable heroines who have nothing in common but the troubles that have gotten them sentenced to a summer of peach picking at a Georgia orchard.



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WINTERGIRLS

By Laurie Halse Anderson

YF Anderson

Lia and Cassie were best friends. But now Cassie is dead, and the voice inside Lia's head keeps telling her to remain in control, stay strong, lose more, weigh less.



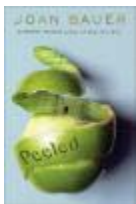
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THIRTEEN REASONS WHY

By Jay Asher

YF Asher

Clay Jensen finds a mysterious box with his name on it lying on his porch. Inside he discovers cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker—his classmate and crush—who committed suicide two weeks earlier.



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PEELED

By Joan Bauer

YF Bauer

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.



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THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS

By Ann Brashares

YF Brashares

As four lifelong friends prepare to split up for the summer, they discover that the second-hand jeans look good on all of them, despite their different physiques.





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THE LOSER'S GUIDE TO LIFE AND LOVE

By A.E. Cannon

YF Cannon

At his summer job at a video store, Ed wears a shirt with the name Sergio on it. When a beautiful girl comes in, he decides to take on a new, suave identity, resulting in a series of misunderstandings and star-crossed encounters.



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THEY NEVER CAME BACK

By Caroline B. Cooney

YF Cooney

In this powerful novel that explores the possibility of mistaken identity, the evils of money and greed, and the heartfelt obligations of family and loyalty.



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DEADLINE

By Chris Crutcher

YF Crutcher

Ben Wolf has big things planned for his senior year. *Had* big things planned. Now what he has is some very bad news: he has only one year left to make his mark on the world, fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponder his life's purpose and get the girl.



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ALONG FOR THE RIDE

By Sarah Dessen

YF Dessen

When Auden goes to stay with her father and his new family the summer before starting college, all the trauma of her parent's divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences.



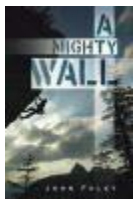
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EVERYTHING IS FINE

By Ann Dee Ellis

YF Ellis

When her father takes a job out of town and basically abandons the family, Mazzy is left to care for and cope with her mother who has been severely depressed since the death of Mazzy's baby sister.



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A MIGHTY WALL

By John Foley

YF Foley

Seventeen-year-old Jordan, a skilled, self-confident rock climber, plans to turn his passion into a life-long career until an ascent turns deadly.



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KING OF THE SCREWUPS

By K.L. Going

YF Going

After getting in trouble yet again, popular high school senior, Liam, who never seems to live up to his father's expectations, is sent to live in a trailer park with his gay "glam rocker" uncle.





PAPER TOWNS

By John Green

YF Green

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One month before graduating from high school, Quentin Jacobson basks in the predictability of his life until a beautiful and exciting neighbor takes him on an adventure and then mysteriously disappears.



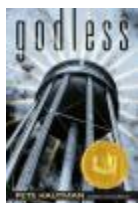
PROJECT SWEET LIFE

By Brent Hartinger

YF Hartinger

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When their parents insist they get summer jobs, three fifteen-year-old friends dedicate their summer to fooling their parents into thinking they have real jobs. The problem is this proves harder than the actual jobs would have been.



GODLESS

By Pete Hautman

YF Hautman

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When sixteen-year-old Jason and his friends create their own religion worshiping the town water tower, what starts out as a joke soon takes on a power of its own.



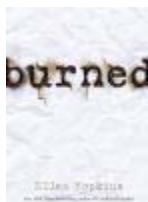
THE OUTSIDERS

By S.E. Hinton

YF Hinton

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The struggle of three brothers to stay together after the death of their parents and their quest for identity is the book that launched the real beginning of realistic teen fiction.



BURNED

By Ellen Hopkins

YF Hopkins

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Raised in a stern, abusive Mormon household, a teenage girl starts to question her religion and struggles to find her destiny.



THE FIRST PART LAST

By Angela Johnson

YF Johnson

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With powerful language and keen insight, Johnson looks at the male side of teen pregnancy as she delves into one young man's struggle to figure out what "the right thing" is and then to do it. No matter what the cost.



STRAYS

By Ronald Koertge

YF Koertge

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Sixteen-year-old Ted O'Connor's having pretty much the worst year of his miserable life. Or so he thinks. Is it possible that becoming an orphan is not the worst thing that could have happened to him?





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THE DISREPUTABLE HISTORY OF FRANKIE LANDAU-BANKS

By E. Lockhart

YF Lockhart

Frankie-Landau-Banks returns to school a different person with a boyfriend, new objectives, and desire for friendship of the Loyal Order of the Basset Hounds.



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FAITH, HOPE, AND IVY JUNE

By Phyllis Naylor

YF Naylor

During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Catherine and Ivy June share their lives, homes and dreams as they discover, despite their very different backgrounds, how similar they are.



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THE RING

By Bobbie Pyron

YF Pyron

Fifteen-year-old Mardie's got the weight of her father's expectations, a budding criminal record, and a lot of questions about who she is and where she belongs. Her only chance to find the answers she needs is to learn to box and come out swinging.



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HOW I LIVE NOW

By Meg Rosoff

YF Rosoff

Unhappy at home, fifteen-year-old Daisy leaves New York City and travels to England to spend the summer with relatives she's never met. But soon war breaks out and rips apart the land and her new family.



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MY BIG NOSE AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

By Sydney Salter

YF Salter

Jory is self conscious because she sees herself as the ugly duckling among her swan-like family. So rather than spending the summer hanging with her friends, she gets a job and saves money for plastic surgery.



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MARCELO IN THE REAL WORLD

By Francisco X. Stork

YF Stork

Marcelo, a seventeen-year old, high-functioning autistic, facing new challenges and offers unique perspectives when he goes to work in his father's law office mail room.



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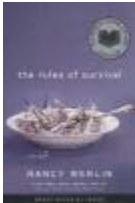
IZZY, WILLY-NILLY

By Cynthia Voigt

YF Voigt

Fifteen-year-old Izzy has it all — a loving family, terrific friends, a place on the cheerleading squad. But her comfortable world crumbles when a date with a senior ends in a car crash and she loses her right leg.





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THE RULES OF SURVIVAL

By Nancy Werlin

YF Werlin

Writing a letter to his younger sister Emma, Matthew tells the story of the abuse he and his sisters suffered at the hands of their mother, a selfish, narcissistic woman who ultimately alienates her children and the rest of her family.



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BLIND FAITH

By Ellen Wittinger

YF Wittinger

Fifteen-year-old Liz Scattergood is still reeling from the death of her vivacious grandmother, Bunny, when she meets Nathan, a new neighbor whose mother is dying of leukemia. This novel tenderly explores how grief affects individuals differently.