



HUMOR

Adams, Douglas. ***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy***. YA ADA

Chronicles the off-beat and occasionally extraterrestrial journeys, notions, and acquaintances of galactic traveler Arthur Dent.

Allison, Jennifer. ***Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator***. YA ALL

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower. (Series!)

Anderson, M.T. ***Jasper Dash and the Flame-Pits of Delaware***. YA AND

Boy Technonaut, Jasper Dash, and his friends Lily Gefelty and Katie Mulligan travel into the mist-shrouded heart of the forbidden mountainous realm of Delaware to try and unravel a terrible mystery.

Banks, Steven. ***King of Creeps***. YA BAN

When a nerdy, unpopular high school senior notices his resemblance to Bob Dylan, he leaves home for Greenwich Village, in 1963, to become a folk singer.

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn. ***Tattoo***. YA BAR

When four fifteen-year-old friends share the temporary tattoos they bought from a mysterious woman at the mall, each develops psychic powers that will help them fight the ancient being who plans to wreak havoc at their school dance.

Bauer, Joan. ***Rules of the Road***. YA BAU

Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of a chain of successful shoe stores from Chicago to Texas to confront the son who is trying to force her to retire, and along the way Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.

Bauer, Joan. ***Thwonk***. YA BAU

A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to A.J., a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love.

Bayse, Dale E. ***Heck: Where the Bad Kids Go***. YA BAY

When timid Milton and his older, scofflaw sister Marlo die in a marshmallow bear explosion at Grizzly Mall, they are sent to Heck, an otherworldly reform school from which they are determined to escape. (Series!)

Bjorkman, Lauren. ***My Invented Life***. YA BJO

During rehearsals for Shakespeare's "As You Like It," sixteen-year-old Roz, jealous of her cheerleader sister's acting skills and heartthrob boyfriend, invents a new identity, with unexpected results.

Bonk, John J. ***Dustin Grubbs: One-Man Show***. YA BON

A sixth-grader, who longs to see his name in lights, recounts life at Buttermilk Falls Elementary in preparation for the school drama production. (Series!)

Cabot, Meg. ***All-American Girl***. YA CAB

A sophomore girl stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed Teen Ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.

Cabot, Meg. ***The Princess Diaries***. YA CAB

Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne. (Series!)

Calame, Don. ***Beat the Band***. YA CAL

Paired with the infamous "Hot Dog" Helen for a health class presentation on safe sex, tenth-grader Coop tries to regain his "cool" by entering his musically challenged rock group in the "Battle of the Bands" competition.

Calame, Don. ***Swim the Fly***. YA CAL

In addition to the pact he makes with his best friends to see a naked girl by the end of summer, Matt Gratton sets himself the goal of impressing the star of the swim team, Kelly West, by swimming the one hundred-yard butterfly.

Cirrone, Dorian. ***Dancing in Red Shoes will Kill You***. YA CIR

Sixteen-year-old Kayla, a ballet dancer with very large breasts, and her sister Paterson, an artist, are both helped and hindered by classmates as they confront sexism, conformity, and censorship at their high school for the arts while still managing to maintain their sense of humor.

Colfer, Eoin. ***Artemis Fowl***. YA COL

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Collins, Tim. ***Notes from a Totally Lame Vampire : Because the Undead have Feelings Too!*** YA COL

Nigel Mullet, a 100-year-old vampire doomed to spend eternity in the body of a socially awkward fifteen-year-old boy, records his attempts to impress the love of his life, Chloe, while battling an embarrassingly overwhelming desire to sink his fangs into her.

Creech, Sharon. ***Absolutely Normal Chaos***. YA CRE

Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up quickly during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. ***Bucking the Sarge***. YA CUR

Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

Dhami, Narinder. ***Bindi Babes***. YA NAR

Three Indian-British sisters team up to marry off their traditional, nosy aunt and get her out of the house. (Series!)

Douglas, Lola. ***True Confessions of a Hollywood Starlet***. YA DOU.

Teen movie star Morgan Carter retreats to a small midwestern town to recuperate anonymously after an overdose and rehabilitation, recording her thoughts in a diary.

Ehrenhaft, Daniel. ***Tell It to Naomi***. YA HER

In a harebrained scheme concocted by his neurotic older sister to forge a romantic relationship with the girl of his dreams, fifteen-year-old Dave Rosen pretends to be a female advice columnist for his school newspaper.

Fergus, Maureen. ***Exploits of a reluctant (but extremely Good-looking) hero***. YA FER

Our teenage hero likes nothing better than to sit back with a bucket of fried chicken and a girlie magazine, waiting for his family plumbing fortune to come to him. But when he gets into some serious trouble, he's forced to volunteer at a local soup kitchen where he finds himself at the center of a struggle between the rich and the poor.

Ferraiolo, Jack D. ***The Big Splash***. YA FER

Matt Stevens, an average middle schooler with a glib tongue and a knack for solving crimes, uncovers a mystery while working with "the organization," a mafia-like syndicate run by seventh-grader Vincent "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, specializing in forged hall passes, test-copying rings, black market candy selling, and taking out hits with water guns.

Ferris, Jean. ***Once Upon a Marigold***. YA FER

A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

Gliori, Deb. ***Pure Red Magic***. YA GLI.

When their father is kidnapped and danger looms, the Strega-Borgia children, their mysterious new nanny, and a giant tarantula use magic and actual trips through the Internet to bring peace to their Scottish castle.

Goldman, William. ***The Princess Bride***. YA GOL

Return to a time when men were men and swamps were fire swamps, full of quicksand and rodents of unusual size. Lagoons were inhabited by shrieking eels, and the most beautiful woman in the world was named...Buttercup? Well, it's a bent fairy tale, complete with all the fencing, fighting, chases, and escapes.

Gosselink, John. ***The Defense of Thaddeus A. Ledbetter.*** YA GOS

Twelve-year-old Thaddeus A. Ledbetter, who considers it a duty to share his knowledge and talent with others, refutes each of the charges which have sent him to "In-School Suspension" for the remainder of seventh grade.

Haven, Paul. ***Two Hot Dogs with Everything.*** YA HAV

Although everyone credits him and his superstitions for the Slugger's first winning streak in 108 baseball seasons, eleven-year-old Danny Gurkin believes that his discovery of a secret from the team's past may be the real reason behind the ball club's success.

Horowitz, Anthony. ***The Greek Who Stole Christmas: A Diamond Brothers Mystery.*** YA HOR

Fourteen-year-old Nick and his brother, an ineffectual private detective, try to prevent the threatened murder of an international pop star in London at Christmas time.

Hite, Sid. ***Cecil in Space.*** YA HIT

Seventeen-year-old Cecil tries to help his best friend Isaac, who is under suspicion of having vandalized the welcome sign at the edge of their small Virginia town, and pursues his interest in Isaac's sister Isabel.

Ives, David. ***Voss: How I Come to America and am Hero, Mostly.*** YA IVE

Through a series of letters home, fifteen-year-old Vospop "Voss" Vsklwczdzdtwczky shares his experiences as he is smuggled out of Slobovia in a crate of black-market cheese puffs, tries to find a job in an American city, and foils a sinister plot.

Jaffe, Michele. ***Bad Kitty.*** YA JAF

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

Jinks, Catherine. ***The Reformed Vampire Support Group.*** YA JIN

Fifteen-year-old vampire Nina has been stuck for fifty-one years in a boring support group for vampires, and nothing exciting has ever happened to them--until one of them is murdered and the others must try to solve the crime.

Kindl, Patrice. ***Goose Chase.*** YA KIN

Rather than marry a cruel king or a seemingly dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by several ogresses, and other dangers, before learning exactly who she is.

Korman, Gordon. ***No More Dead Dogs.*** YA GOR

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Korman, Gordon. ***Son of the Mob.*** YA GOR

Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

LaRochelle, David. ***Absolutely, Positively Not.*** YA LAR

Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.

Levine, Gail Carson. ***Ella Enchanted***. YA LEV

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Lieb, Josh. ***I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I want to be you Class President***. YA LIE

Omaha, Nebraska, twelve-year-old Oliver Watson has everyone convinced that he is extremely stupid and lazy, but he is actually a very wealthy, evil genius, and when he decides to run for seventh-grade class president, nothing will stand in his way.

Limb, Sue. ***Girl, Barely 15, Flirting for England***. YA LIM

When her family agrees to take in a French exchange student, Jess Jordan finds herself in a terrible dilemma as her new houseguest starts to fall for her and her best friend, Fred, refuses to take the part of being her fake boyfriend as seriously as she wishes he would. (Series!)

Mackall, Dandi Dalley. ***Crazy in Love***. YA MAC

How does an ordinary girl navigate the world of love with the hottest guy at school? With perception, honesty, and plenty of humor, explore that wild roller coaster of a ride also known as first love.

Madison, Bennett. ***Lulu Dark and the Summer of the Fox***. YA MAD

When a mysterious person called the Fox begins to threaten young starlets, Lulu Dark investigates, even though she suspects that her own mother--an aging actress--might be behind it all. (Series!)

Martinez, A. Lee. ***Gil's All Fright Diner***. FIC Martinez

Duke and Earl are just passing through Rockwood county in their pick-up truck when they stop at the Diner for a quick bite to eat. They aren't planning to stick around--until Loretta, the eatery's owner, offers them \$100 to take care of her zombie problem. Given that Duke is a werewolf and Earl's a vampire, this looks right up their alley.

McRobbie, David. ***A Whole Lot of Wayne***. YA MCR

Offers a collection of twenty-five stories featuring Wayne Wilson and his friends Squocka, Kevin Merry, Fat Cat, and Violet Pridmore.

Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Bras & Broomsticks***. YA MLY

Living in New York City with her mother and her younger sister, Miri, fourteen-year-old Rachel tries to persuade Miri, who has recently become a witch, to help her become popular at school and to try to stop their divorced father's wedding.

Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Frogs & French Kisses***. YA MLY

Love spells run amok in New York City when high school freshman Rachel asks her younger sister, who is a witch, for magical help in winning the affection of heartthrob Raf Kosravi.

O'Connell, Tyne. ***Dumping Princes***. YA OCO

When Prince Freddy breaks up with her, Calypso--with the help of her entire school--tries to win him back in order to perform a "counter dump." (Series!)

Peck, Richard. ***A Long Way from Chicago***. YA PAC

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. A Newberry Honor Book.

Peck, Richard. ***The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts.*** YA PEC

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

Pinkwater, Daniel. ***The Neddiad : how Neddie took the train, went to Hollywood, and saved civilization.*** YA PIN

When shoelace heir Neddie Wentworthstein and his family take the train from Chicago to Los Angeles in the 1940s, he winds up in possession of a valuable Indian turtle artifact whose owner is supposed to be able to prevent the impending destruction of the world, but he is not sure exactly how.

Pratchett, Terry. ***The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents.*** YA PRA

A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.

Pratchett, Terry. ***Johnny and the Dead.*** YA PRA

After twelve-year-old Johnny Maxwell suddenly starts seeing and talking to ghosts, he and his friends become involved in a battle to save the local cemetery.

Rennison, Louise. ***Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson.*** YA REN.

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie. (Series!)

Sachar, Louis. ***Holes.*** YA SAC

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Shusterman, Neil. ***The Schwa was Here.*** YA SHU

A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

Spinelli, Jerry. ***Who Put That Hair in my Toothbrush?*** YA SPI

The sibling rivalry between twelve-year-old Megin and her older brother Greg intensifies after she ruins his science project and he retaliates by throwing her favorite hockey stick into the pond.

Strong, Jeremy. ***Stuff: The Life of a Cool, Demented Dude.*** YA STR

Fourteen-year-old Simon, known as Stuff, struggles with his new stepfamily, tries to avoid a giant attack rabbit, hopes to break up with his girlfriend and connect with a new one, and creates cartoons of "Punykid's battle with drooling dorkoids."

Vande Velde, Vivian. ***Never Trust a Dead Man.*** YA VAN

Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed in the tomb with the dead man, seventeen-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer.

Van de Ruit, John. ***Spud***. YA VAN.

In 1990, thirteen-year-old John "Spud" Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes, embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, and much more.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Flipped***. YA VAN.

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

Vizzini, Ned. ***Be More Chill***. YA VIZ

Badly in need of self-confidence and a change of image, high school nerd Jeremy Heere swallows a pill-sized super computer that is supposed to help him get whatever he wants.

Whytock, Cherry. ***My scrumptious Scottish dumplings : the life of Angelica Cookson Potts***. YA WHY

The further adventures of fourteen-year-old Angel Cookson Potts, food-loving cooking enthusiast and worried weight watcher, as she enlists her friends to help her Scottish father prove that London's famous department store, Harrods, is unknowingly selling inferior haggis. Includes recipes.

Wrede, Patricia C. ***Dealing with Dragons***. J WRE

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

Young, Karen Romano. ***The Beetle and Me: A Love Story***. YA YOU

Surrounded by her busy extended family and their many cars, fifteen-year-old Daisy pursues her goal of single-handedly restoring the car of her dreams, the old purple Volkswagen Beetle from her childhood.

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