



## Young Adult Fiction: 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.

Albertalli, Becky. ***Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda***. YA ALB

Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he's pushed out—without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met.

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.

Andrews, Jesse. ***Me and Earl and the Dying Girl: A Novel***. YA AND

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.

Andrews, Jesse. ***The Haters***. YA AND

Corey and Wes are convinced nothing cool can come of their lame summer at jazz camp, when along comes Ash - all blonde hair and brash words - who cracks their world wide open. Finally, something they can't seem to hate. Convinced that a great musician is made on the road, the three friends flee camp and begin the epic, hilarious road trip: *The Haters Summer of Hate Tour*.

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.

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.

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.

Bray, Libba. **Beauty Queens.** YA BRA

From bestselling, Printz Award-winning author Libba Bray, the story of a plane of beauty pageant contestants that crashes on a desert island. Teen beauty queens. A "Lost"-like island. Mysteries and dangers. No access to email. And the spirit of fierce, feral competition that lives underground in girls, a savage brutality that can only be revealed by a journey into the heart of non-exfoliated darkness. Oh, the horror, the horror! Only funnier. With evening gowns. And a body count.

Breslaw, Anna. **Scarlett Epstein Hates It Here.** YA BRE

When Scarlett's beloved TV show is canceled and her longtime crush, Gideon, is sucked out of her orbit and into the dark and distant world of Populars, Scarlett turns to the fanfic message boards for comfort. This time, though, her subjects aren't the swoon-worthy stars of her fave series--they're the real-life kids from her high school. Scarlett never considers what might happen if they were to find out what she truly thinks about them...until a dramatic series of events exposes a very different reality than Scarlett's stories, forever transforming her approach to relationships--both online and off.

Cabot, Meg. **The Princess Diaries.** J 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.

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***. J 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.

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.

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.

Gantos, Jack. ***The Trouble in Me***. YA GAN

This fiery autobiographical novel captures a pivotal week or two in the life of fourteen-year-old Jack Gantos, as the author reveals the moment he began to slide off track as a kid who in just a few years would find himself locked up in a federal penitentiary for the crimes portrayed in the memoir *Hole in My Life*. Set in the Fort Lauderdale neighborhood of his family's latest rental home, *The Trouble in Me* opens with an explosive encounter in which Jack first meets his awesomely rebellious older neighbor, Gary Pagoda, just back from juvie for car theft. Instantly mesmerized, Jack decides he will do whatever it takes to be like Gary. As a follower, Jack is eager to leave his old self behind, and desperate for whatever crazy, hilarious, frightening thing might happen next. But he may not be as ready as he thinks when the trouble in him comes blazing to life.

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.

Goslee, S.J. ***Whatever: Or How Junior Year Became Totally F\$@cked***. YA GOS

Junior year is about to start. Here's what Mike Tate knows: His friends are awesome and their crappy garage band is a great excuse to drink cheap beer. Rook Wallace is the devil. The Lemonheads rock. And his girlfriend Lisa is the *coolest*. Then Lisa breaks up with him, which makes Mike only a little sad, because they'll stay friends and he never knew what to do with her boobs anyway. But when Mike finds out why Lisa dumped him, it blows his mind. And worse—he gets elected to homecoming court.

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.

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.

Korman, Gordon. ***No More Dead Dogs***. J KOR

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 KOR

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 Your 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.

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. ***Don't Even Think About It***. YA MLY

What happens when a group of Tribeca high school kids go in for flu shots...and end up being able to read each others' minds.

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.

Ness, Patrick. ***The Rest of Us Just Live Here***. YA NES

What if you aren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever the heck this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you're like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world, and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend is worshipped by mountain lions.

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!)

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

Hoping to become more popular at her elegant English boarding school, fifteen-year-old Californian Calypso Kelly invents a fake handsome boyfriend, until she realizes that her wit and skill at fencing may be enough to attract the attention of a real-life handsome prince.

Peck, Richard. ***A Long Way from Chicago***. J PEC

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

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."

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.

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.

Rubin, Lance. ***Denton Little's Deathdate***. YA RUB

Despite his early deathdate, Denton has always wanted to live a normal life, but his final days are filled with dramatic firsts. First hangover. First sex. First love triangle--as the first sex seems to have happened not with his adoring girlfriend, but with his best friend's hostile sister. (Though he's not totally sure--see, first hangover.) His anxiety builds when he discovers a strange purple rash making its way up his body. Is *this* what will kill him? And then a strange man shows up at his funeral, claiming to have known Denton's long-deceased mother, and warning him to beware of suspicious government characters. . . . Suddenly Denton's life is filled with mysterious questions and precious little time to find the answers.

Sachar, Louis. **Holes.** J 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.

Smith, Andrew. **Winger.** YA SMI

Ryan Dean West is a fourteen-year-old junior at a boarding school for rich kids. He's living in Opportunity Hall, the dorm for troublemakers, and rooming with the biggest bully on the rugby team. And he's madly in love with his best friend Annie, who thinks of him as a little boy. Ryan Dean manages to survive life's complications with the help of his sense of humor, rugby buddies, and his penchant for doodling comics. But when the unthinkable happens, he has to figure out how to hold on to what's important, even when it feels like everything has fallen apart.

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.

Strand, Jeff. **The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever.** YA STR

After producing three horror movies that went mostly ignored on YouTube, Justin and his filmmaking buddies decide it's time they create something noteworthy, something epic. They're going to film the Greatest Zombie Movie Ever. They may not have money or a script, but they have passion. And, after a rash text message, they also have the beautiful Alicia Howtz-Justin's crush-as the lead. With only one month to complete their movie, a script that can't possibly get worse, and the hopes and dreams of Alicia on the line, Justin is feeling the pressure. Add to that a cast of uncooperative extras and incompetent production assistants, and Justin must face the sad, sad truth. He may actually be producing The Worst Zombie Movie Ever...

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."

StVil, Lola. **Girls Like Me.** YA STV

Fifteen-year-old Shay Summers is trying to cope with the death of her father, being overweight, and threats from a girl bully in school. When she falls in love with Blake, a mysterious boy online, insecure Shay doesn't want to tell him who she is. But with the help of her two best friends, as well as an assist by Kermit and Miss Piggy, ultimately Shay and Blake's love prevails.

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.

Vizzini, Ned. ***It's Kind of a Funny Story***. YA VIZ

A humorous account of a New York City teenager's battle with depression and his time spent in a psychiatric hospital.

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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