

## Radiant Darkness

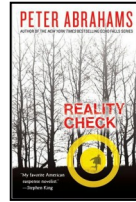
By Emily Whitman

In this retelling of "The Rape of Persephone", Hades and Persephone fall in love and Persephone goes willingly with him to the Underworld. For those of you who know the classic myth, steel yourself for death, destruction, and the many faces of love in this coming-of-age story you're sure to devour.

## Reality Check

By Peter Abrahams

Cody had been counting on his football talent --- it was his ticket to a Division I football scholarship, to a future away from his small Colorado town, to a life with his girlfriend Clea. But when he's no longer Cody the quarterback, who is Cody, exactly? Just as compelling as this novel's mystery plot is the story of Cody's journey to find himself, to discover his talents, to believe that he has worth somewhere other than on the football field.



## Right Behind You

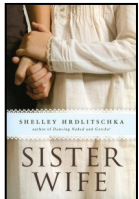
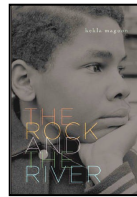
By Gail Giles

After setting his seven-year-old neighbor in Alaska on fire, Kip McFarland spends four years in a facility for violent juvenile offenders. When he is released at the age of 14, he, his father, and his new stepmother move to Indiana, with new names. For a while, Wade enjoys a normal life. Eventually, however, despite the warnings of his therapist, he sabotages his happiness in a drunken fit of rage.

## The Rock And The River

By Kekla Magoon

In Chicago in 1968, Sam, 14, obeys his father, an eloquent civil-rights leader who is close with Dr. King and is passionately committed to nonviolent protest. But after King is assassinated and Sam witnesses police brutality toward a friend, Sam follows his rebellious older brother, "Stick", and joins the Black Panthers, whose revolutionary platform is the opposite of the nonviolent philosophy that Sam has been taught at home. Then Sam's father is stabbed. Will the brothers retaliate with violence?



## Sister Wife

By Shelley Hrdlitschka

Celeste lives in Unity, a community centered around the strict religious ways of the Movement, and one of their chief tenets is polygamy. Celeste's impending fifteenth birthday means she will soon be assigned a husband, though secretly she harbors doubts. Her "impure thoughts"—simple and recognizable teen lust—are further stoked by her true-believer sister, Nanette, and Taviana, a former teen prostitute taken in by the Movement.

## Three Little Words

By Ashley Courter

"I felt as worthless as the junk in my trash bag . . . once again, I was the one being tossed out and thrown away." Taken from her mother when she was scarcely four years old, Courter spent the next nine years in foster care with "more than a dozen so-called mothers." "Some were kind," she acknowledges, "a few were quirky and one . . . was as wicked as a fairy-tale witch." She names names in this memoir, which is also a searing indictment of an often sadly deficient system of child care.



## Twenty Boy Summer

By Sarah Ockler

Searching for the perfect summer romance, Anna and Frankie are still reeling from the tragic loss of their best friend and Frankie's brother, Matt. What Frankie doesn't know is that Anna's already had her perfect summer romance--with Matt.



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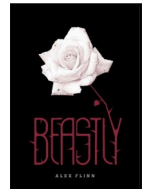


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## Beastly

By Alex Flinn

A beast. Not quite wolf or bear, gorilla or dog but a horrible new creature who walks upright—a creature with fangs and claws and hair springing from every pore. I am a monster. You think I'm talking fairy tales? No way. The place is New York City. The time is now. It's no deformity, no disease, and I'll stay this way forever—ruined—unless I can break the spell.



## Far from You

By Lisa Schroeder

This verse novel is the story of Alice's journey after the death of her mother. Time has passed and her father has remarried and now has a baby daughter. Alice is finding it hard to accept all the change and is not connecting to her new family. But when she finds herself trapped in a snow storm she begins to re-evaluate what it is she holds dear.

## Fat Cat

By Robin Brande

Cat smart, sassy, and funny—but thin, she's not. Until her class science project. That's when she winds up doing an experiment—on herself. Before she knows it, Cat is living—and eating—like the hominids, our earliest human ancestors. True, no chips or TV is a bummer and no car is a pain, but healthful eating and walking everywhere do have their benefits. As the pounds drop off, the guys pile on. All this newfound male attention is enough to drive a girl crazy!



Read at least FIVE and be invited to the Party!



## Flygirl

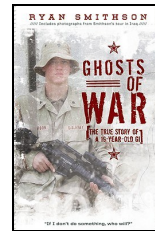
By Sherri Smith

Ida Mae Jones dreams of flying but its the 1940's, she's black and she's not a man. Ida Mae wants to fly planes for the army and she won't let her race or gender stop her from living her dream. She makes the difficult decision to pass for white and joins the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

## Ghosts of War: The Story of a 19-yr-old GI

By Tony Johnston

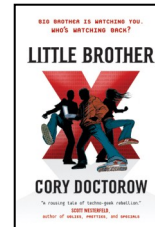
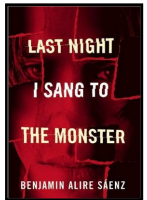
Who should read this memoir of a young man's first tour in Iraq? Young men and women who are contemplating joining the military. People who are in the military, military families and Americans who think they have no connection to the military. Smithson's memoir gives an accurate picture of army life, from basic training to deployment and back, that may answer questions they didn't know they had.



## Last Night I Sang To The Monster

By Benjamin Saenz

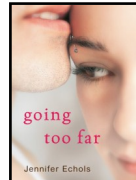
Zach is spending his senior year of High School in rehab. He almost died of alcohol poisoning, found on the side of the road one night. Zach can't remember what happened nor does he want to. In rehab Zach must admit he has a problem with alcohol and begin putting his life back together.



## Little Brother

By Cory Doctorow

When he ditches school one Friday morning, 17-year-old Marcus is hoping to get a head start on the Harajuku Fun Madness clue. But after a terrorist attack in San Francisco, he and his friends are swept up in the extralegal world of the Department of Homeland Security for six days of intensive interrogation. After his release, he vows to use his skills to fight back against an increasingly frightening system of surveillance.



## Going Too Far

By Jennifer Echols

All Meg has ever wanted is to get away. Away from high school. Away from her backwater town. Away from her parents who seem determined to keep her imprisoned in their dead-end lives. But one crazy evening involving a dare and forbidden railroad tracks, she goes way too far...and almost doesn't make it back.

## Hate List

By Jennifer Brown

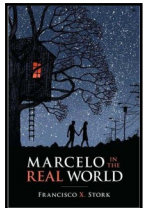
At the end of their junior year, Valerie Leftman's boyfriend pulls a gun in the Commons, leaving six students and a teacher dead and many others wounded. Valerie is hit by a bullet in the leg trying to stop him, just before he ends his own life. Until that point, Valerie had no idea that the "hate list" that she and Nick created would be used to target victims in a vengeful shooting spree. For her, the list of tormentors was a way to ease the pain of being bullied and an outlet against the constant fighting between her parents. Many people in her community have a hard time believing that she is not at fault, too.



## Marcelo In The Real World

By Francisco Stork

Marcelo Sandoval is a high-functioning, extremely self-aware teenager with Asperger's syndrome. He has an empathetic mother and a father, Arturo, who appears to be less empathetic as he pushes Marcelo to live in the "real world." The teen is forced to think on his feet, multitask, and deal with duplicitous people who try to take advantage of him. Over the course of a summer, Marcelo learns that he can function in society.



## Maze Runner

By James Dashner

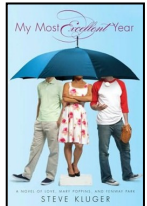
Thomas wakes up in an elevator, remembering nothing but his own name. He emerges into a world of about 60 teen boys who have learned to survive in a completely enclosed environment, subsisting on their own agriculture and supplies from below. A new boy arrives every 30 days. The original group has been in "the glade" for two years, trying to find a way to escape through a maze that surrounds their living space. They have begun to give up hope. Then a comatose girl arrives with a strange note, and their world begins to change.



## My Most Excellent Year

By Steve Kluger

Boston teen T. C. hasn't yet fully overcome his mother's death, but still attacks life with a positive attitude. His best friend Augie is discovering something about himself that everyone else already knows, he's gay. Together they draw Alejandra Perez, exchange student and daughter of an ambassador, who despite her heritage is quite capable of insulting an entire nation into their friendship and together the three end up having a truly remarkable year.



## If I Stay

By Gayle Forman

Please don't die. If you die, there's going to be one of those cheesy Princess Diana memorials at school, prays Mia's friend Kim. I know you'd hate that kind of thing. The last normal moment that Mia, a talented cellist, can remember is being in the car with her family. Then she is standing outside her body beside their mangled Buick and her parents' corpses, watching herself and her little brother being tended by paramedics. With her body in a coma, she reflects on the past and tries to decide whether to fight to live.



## The Juvie Three

By Gordon Korman

What are the odds a teenage gangbanger, a 15-year-old murderer, and a 14-year-old who crashed a stolen car can keep it together when the saintly social worker who has given them a second chance at redemption ends up comatose in the hospital? Arjay and Gecko, determined not to do anything that will land them back in jail, become model students and strong-arm their friend Terence into extremely reluctant compliance. The boys live minute to minute, where one false step may haunt them forever.



## North of Beautiful

By Chen Headley

Sixteen-year-old Terra seems to be a typical high-achieving high-school student. Under her heavy makeup, though, she hides a port-wine colored birthmark on her cheek that makes her feel like an outsider. During yet another attempt to remove the birthmark, Terra runs into Jacob, a gorgeous Goth with a cleft-palette scar. That encounter initiates a transformation in both Terra and her subservient mother.



## Knife Of Never Letting Go

By Patrick Ness

Chased by a madman preacher and possibly the rest of his townsfolk as well, young Todd Hewitt flees his settlement on a planet where war with the natives has killed all the women and infected the men with a germ that broadcasts their thoughts aloud for all to hear. The "Noise" is an oppressive chaos of words, images, and sounds that makes human company exhausting and no thought truly private.

## Perfect Chemistry

By Simone Elkeles

Tough guy Alex is primarily known by his classmates as a dangerous member of the Latino Bloods gang. He's not exactly thrilled when Brittany Ellis, the school's seemingly perfect beauty queen, is assigned as his lab partner—and the feeling is more than mutual. But Alex's bravado works against him when he impulsively accepts a bet that he can "get" Brittany.

