

**How to Say Goodbye in Robot**

by Natalie Standiford

After moving to Baltimore and enrolling in a private school, high school senior Beatrice befriends a quiet loner with a troubled family history.

Young Adult Fiction Standiford



**Marcelo in the Real World**

by Francisco X. Stork

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.

Young Adult Fiction Stork



**The Rules of Survival** by Nancy Werlin

Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

Young Adult Fiction Werlin



**Story of a Girl** by Sara Zarr

In the three years since her father caught her in the back seat of a car with an older boy, sixteen-year-old Deanna's life at home and school has been a nightmare, but while dreaming of escaping with her brother and his family, she

discovers the power of forgiveness.

Young Adult Fiction Zarr

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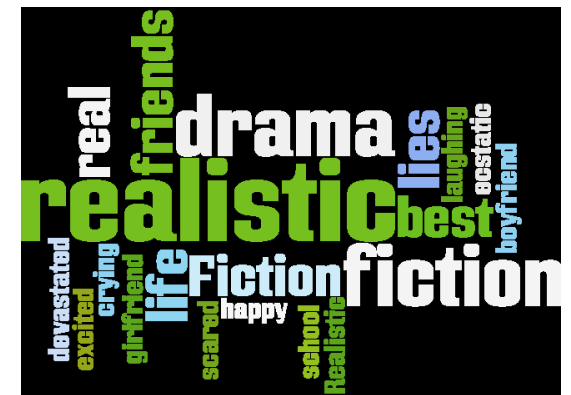
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# KEEPING IT REAL



## REALISTIC FICTION

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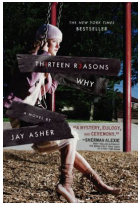
# REALISTIC FICTION



## Winternights by Laurie Halse Anderson

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

Young Adult Fiction Anderson

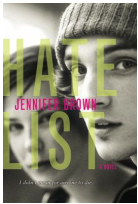


## Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the

events leading up to her death.

Young Adult Fiction Asher



## Hate List by Jennifer Brown

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 herself whether she was a hero or a villain.

Young Adult Fiction Brown



## Deadline by Chris Crutcher

Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."

Young Adult fiction Crutcher

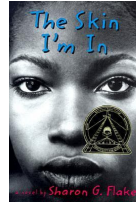


## The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen

The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her

grief.

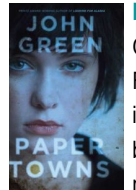
Young Adult Fiction Dessen



## The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

Young Adult Fiction Flake

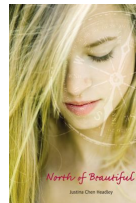


## Paper Towns by John Green

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight

adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

Young Adult Fiction Green



## North of Beautiful by Justina Chen Headley

Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.

Young Adult Fiction Headley



## Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier

Seventeen-year-old Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans, as she sees her hypnotically beautiful, manipulative best friend

taking possession of both her heritage and the

boy she likes.

Young Adult Fiction Hidier



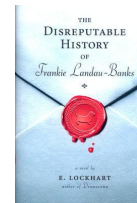
## Suite Scarlett by Maureen Johnson

Scarlett Martin has grown up in a most unusual way. Her family owns the Hopewell, a small hotel in the heart of New York City, and Scarlett lives there with her three siblings - Spencer, Lola, and Marlene. When each of the Martins

turns fifteen, they are expected to take over the care of a suite

in the once elegant, now shabby Art Deco hotel. For Scarlett's fifteenth birthday, she gets both a room called the Empire Suite, and a permanent guest called Mrs. Amberson.

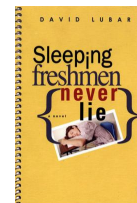
Young Adult Fiction Johnson



## The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Young Adult Fiction Lockhart



## Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

Young Adult Fiction Lubar



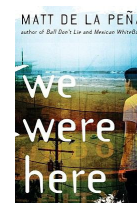
## Ten Things We Did (And Probably Shouldn't Have Done) by Sarah Mlynowski

2 girls + 3 guys + 1 house - parents = 10 things April and her friends did that they ( definitely, maybe, probably ) shouldn't have. If given the opportunity, what sixteen-year-old wouldn't jump

at the chance to move in with a friend and live parent-free?

Although maybe "opportunity" isn't the right word, since April had to tell her dad a tiny little untruth to make it happen.

Young Adult Fiction Mlynowski



## We Were Here by Matt de la Peña

Haunted by the event that sentences him to time in a group home, Miguel breaks out with two unlikely companions and together they begin their journey down the California coast hoping to get to Mexico and a new life.

Young Adult Fiction Peña