

Top Teen Reads: His Reality

Life from the guy's point of view.

(based in part on a selection by Seattle Public Library's Young Adult Librarians & Specialists)



Beckett, Bernard

Deep fried

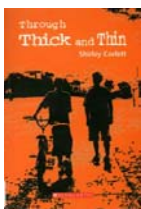
Pete doesn't mean to start anything. He's not asking for a fight. Or a stalker. Or the attention of corporate giant The Prince of Burgers. But he's powered by Pissed Off and one act of rebellion and defiance sets off a chain of events that quickly gather their own momentum.



Cann, Kate

Hard Cash

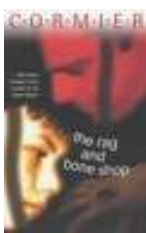
Rich gets a job and suddenly flush with cash is able to take his mates out to the pub, move out of his parents' flat, and flirt with the girl he's crushed on for years. First in a trilogy.



Corlett, Shirley

Through thick and thin

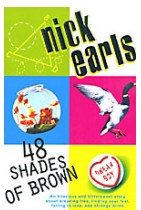
The death of Brad through drink driving is a tragedy that tears two families apart. Matthew learns to fight for his friendship with Caleb and risks his life to save his friend. He also learns to accept his father's disappearance and the new man in his mother's life. Rudy struggles with the realisation that although his best friend is dead, he must go on living.



Robert Cormier

The Rag and Bone Shop

Jason is a loner, and one of those sweet guys who likes babysitting and helping out with younger kids. Except now one of his little friends Alicia has been murdered and Jason was the last one to see her alive. And Jason has a secret...or does he? A tense, hyper-suspenseful psychological thriller by the late, great Robert Cormier



Earls, Nick

48 shades of brown

Extremely bright and sensitive, Dan is still learning about women, relationships, and controlling his compulsive behavior. He combines his intense curiosity about sex with a rare thoughtfulness as he tries to figure out who he is and who he wants to become. Laugh-out-loud funny, moving and award-winning.



Ehrenhaft, Daniel

Tell it to Naomi

Dave agrees to his sister's crazy idea to pretend she's writing an advice column for his school newspaper when in fact Dave is the Naomi of "Tell it to Naomi."



Flinn, Alexandra

Breathing Underwater

Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, and ordered to keep a journal, Nick recounts the events that lead to his exploding anger.



Frank, E.R.

America: A Novel

Life has not been kind to America who has spent years "lost in the system" and is now confined to a psychiatric hospital. What events led to his hospitalisation?



Hill, David

Running hot

The forest is on fire. Garth and five others are trapped. As they flee for their lives with the flames raging after them, he wonders if they will all survive. A gripping story. Shortlisted 2006 New Zealand Post Book Awards



Klass, David

You don't know me

John wrestles with the certainty that no one really knows him and no one cares. Certainly no one knows his troubled home with the dangerous man his mother is dating.



Konigsburg, E.L.

Silent to the bone

When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.



Myers, Walter Dean

Monster

Steve may have served as lookout when a drugstore owner was killed and is now on trial. Is Steve really the monster that the prosecuting attorney describes?



Peters, Julie Ann

Luna

Not everyone is born in the right body.



Sanchez, Alex

Rainbow Boys

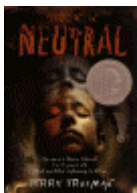
Three high school seniors struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other. Sequel is 'Rainbow High.'



Taylor, William

The blue lawn

From the moment 15-year-old David Mason sees Theo Meyer, an outsider who smokes, drinks, and drives fast, David is drawn to him. A violent locker-room confrontation between the two betrays a mutual passion that neither one quite understands, nor is willing to accept.



Trueman, Terry

Stuck in Neutral

Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, fears that his father is planning to kill him. Companion book is 'Cruise Control.'