

Realistic Fiction

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Rules by Cynthia Lord

YA Award

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.



Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

YA Fiction

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.



The Landry News by Andrew Clements

J Award (Children's)

A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.



Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

YA Fiction

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.



Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

YA Fiction

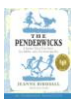
Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.



Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

YA Fiction

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy
by Jane Birdsall

J Advance Fiction

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.



Schooled by Gordon Korman

YA Award

Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie, but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.



So B. It by Sarah Weeks

YA Award

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.



Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

J Award Book

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.



On My Honor by Marion Diane Bauer

YA Fiction

When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.

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Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes

On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plan to be a writer.

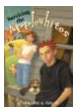
J Advance Fiction



Flush by Carl Hiaasen

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of the floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

YA Fiction



Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

YA Award



Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Muñoz Ryan

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

YA Award



Airball: My Life in Briefs by L.D. Harkrader

To help prove that NBA star Brett McGrew is the father he has never known, uncoordinated Kansas seventh-grader Kirby Nickel braves his coach's ire and becomes captain of the basketball team.

YA Award



Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Peter Hatcher has a terrible problem--his two-year-old little brother.

J Paperback



Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner. The owner is a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

J Award Book



Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

This is a simply written, moving story of the love between a young boy and his two dogs.

YA Fiction



The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

J Advance Fiction



The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick

After his mother's death, twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman decides that it is up to him to earn money to take care of himself and his father.

YA Fiction