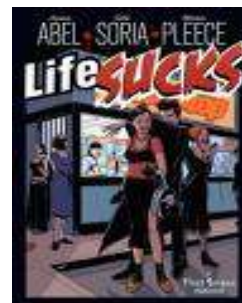


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Abel, Jessica, Gabriel Soria, and Warren Pleece. Life Sucks.

First Second, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 1596431075

Dave's life as a vampire who doesn't like to suck blood from the living is pretty draining, but clever writing and bright illustrations lend a dose of humor to Dave's dreary existence.



Baldini, Michelle and Lynn Beiderman. Unraveling. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0385735405

After offering up her virginity to her high-school crush and boyfriend of her arch nemesis, Amanda Himmelfarb begins to unravel.



Bunce, Elizabeth. A Curse Dark as Gold. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2008.

ISBN-10: 0439895766

After Charlotte Miller's father dies, the family business and livelihood of the entire village are left in her shaky hands. She must decide whether to trust a strange man and his promise to spin straw into gold or her own intuition to save the village.

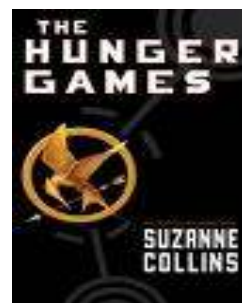
Caletti, Deb. The Fortunes of Indigo Skye. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 1416910077

When Deb's waitressing job suddenly finds her with 2.5 million tip, she must struggle to understand the value what cannot be purchased.

Connor, Leslie. Waiting for Normal. Katherine Tegen Books, 2008.

ISBN-10: 0060890886 **ISBN-13:** 978-0060890889

Addie, the young heroine of Connor's novel, remains upbeat despite the hardships of poverty and a mentally-unstable mother.



Collins, Suzanne. The Hunger Games. Scholastic Press, 2008.

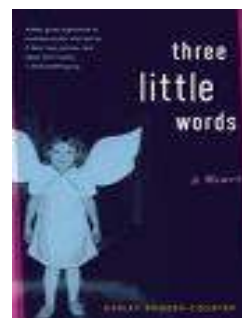
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Collins has created a post-apocalyptic United States where the hunger games, a violent event in which teenagers are selected to fight to the death, is prime-time entertainment. After her sister is chosen to compete in the games, Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her place and risk her own life.

Courter, Ashley Rhodes. Three Little Words. Atheneum, 2008.

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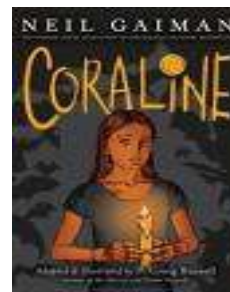
Rhodes documents her traumatic childhood spent in 14 different foster homes throughout the span of nine years.



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Gaiman, Neil. Coraline. P. Craig Russell, adaptor and illustrator.
HarperCollins, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 006082543X

When a secret door unlocks a mysterious world that eventually traps her family, Coraline is forced to become a hero and save them.



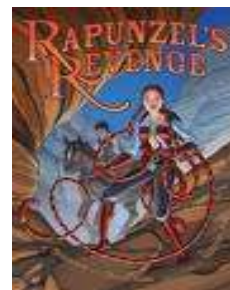
Green, Dan and Simon Basher. Physics: Why Matter Matters.
Kingfisher, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0753462141

Green and Basher have succeeded in making physics fun by creating colorful characters and easy-to-understand explanations of some of the most complicated theories in the world.

Green, John. Paper Towns. Dutton Juvenile, 2008.

ISBN-10: 0525478183

Childhood friends Margo and Quentin have shared numerous adventures together, but when Margo disappears in their senior year of high school, Quentin will embark on his biggest one yet to find her.



Hale, Shannon and Dean Hale. illus Nathan Hale. Rapunzel's Revenge.
Bloomsbury USA Children's Books, 2008.

ISBN-10: 159990070X

Hale's work erases Rapunzel's damsel-in-distress image by revealing the true story of her castle imprisonment and hair-raising (or lowering) escape.

Hinds, Gareth. Merchant of Venice. Candlewick, 2008.

ISBN-10: 076363025X

Hinds mixes the graphic with the classic in his reinterpretation of the Bard's famed tale.



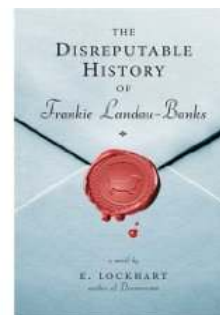
Horowitz, Anthony, Antony Johnston, Kanako and Yuzuru. Point Blank.
Puffin, 2006. **ISBN-10:** 0142406120

This installment of the Alex Rider series finds Alex investigating a French boarding school where the once rebellious students have been transformed into model pupils.

Kluger, Steve. My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Pop-pins, and Fenway Park. Dial; Reprint edition, 2008.

ISBN-10: 0803732279

T.C. tries desperately to gain the affection of his dream girl while his adopted brother, Augie, must come to terms with his affections for another boy.



Lockhart, E. The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks.
Hyperion Book CH, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0786838183

When Frankie Landau Banks goes from geek to chic, she encounters a world of trouble she never knew existed.

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Meyer, Stephanie. Breaking Dawn. Little, Brown Young Readers, 2008.

ISBN-10: 031606792X

The fourth book in the Twilight Series finds Bella Swan torn between her love for vampire, Edward Cullen, and a werewolf named Jacob Black.



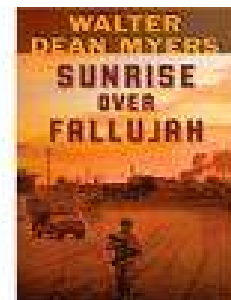
Meyer, Stephanie. The Host: A Novel. Little, Brown and Company, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0316068047

Melanie Stryder tries to reclaim Earth from a swarm of extraterrestrial parasites determined to turn it into a Utopia.

Myers, Walter Dean. Sunrise Over Fallujah. Thorndike Press, 2008.

ISBN-10: 1410410196

Myers questions the purpose of the Iraq war through his young hero, Robin.



Mitchard, Jacquelyn. All We Know of Heaven. HarperTeen, 2008.

ISBN-10: 0525478256

Bridget and Maureen were best friends until an unfortunate accident took the life of one and left the other in a coma. Their families are left to put the pieces together and confront the guilt that may haunt them forever.



Na, An. The Fold. Putnam Juvenile, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0399242767

Joyce, a Korean American high school student, must decide whether to have cosmetic surgery in order to make her eyes look more American.

Paglen, Trevor. I Could Tell You But Then You Would Have to Be Destroyed by Me: Emblems from the Pentagon's Black World. Melville House, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 1933633328

Paglen has uncovered the secret world of the military by giving readers insight into the bizarre names and illustrations of its classified projects.

Pearson, Mary E. Adoration of Jenna Fox. Henry Holt and Co., 2008.

ISBN-10: 0805076689

Seventeen-year-old Jenna Fox must piece together the life she had before a year-long-coma left her suffering from amnesia. The only problem? The people she entrusts to help her might be lying.



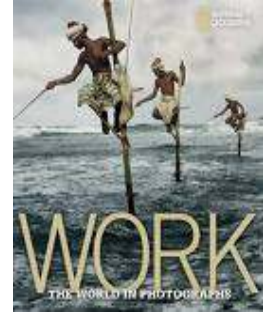
Pfeffer, Susan Beth. The Dead and the Gone. Harcourt Children's Books, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0152063110

After an asteroid hits the moon and compromises the Earth's future, 17-year-old Alex is left without parents, food and any idea how to raise his family.

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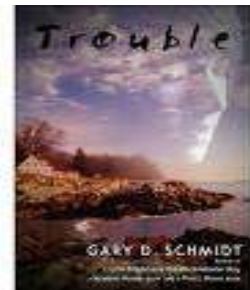
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Protzman, Ferdinand. Work: The World in Photographs. National Geographic, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 1426203012
From West Virginia to Yemen, Protzman has photographed the world's working class, and Work is a collection of this amazing work.

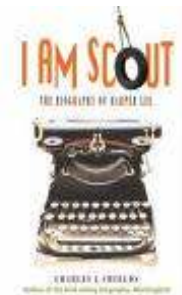


Reinhardt, Dana. How to Build a House. Wendy Lamb Books, 2008.
ISBN-10: 0375844538
By joining Homes for the Heart Summer program for Teens, a non-profit group dedicated to build homes for those in need, Harper might find the tools to re-build her own life.

Schmidt, Gary. Trouble. Clarion Books, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0618927662
The son of a wealthy and established family, Henry Smith, must come to terms with an accident that left his brother Franklin comatose, and the car's driver, Chay Chouan, a Cambodian Massacre survivor, who may have had a motive for hitting him.



Schusterman, Neal. Antsy Does Time. Dutton Juvenile, 2008.
ISBN-10: 0525478256
After hearing that a friend is dying, Antsy Bonano volunteers to give him a month of his life, encouraging others to do the same, but a series of unfortunate events leaves him wondering if he did the right thing.



Shields, Charles. I am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee. Henry Holt and Co., 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0805083340
Shields tells the life story of the reclusive and beloved Harper Lee.

Smith, Jennifer. The Comeback Season. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 1416938478
Five years after her father's death, Ryan Walsh skips school to head to their favorite place, Wrigley Field. There, she meets the new kid in school, a diehard Cubs fan who encourages Ryan to hope once again.

Smith, Larry and Rachel Feishleiser. Not Quite What I Was Planning: Six Word Memoirs by Writers Famous and Obscure. Harper Perennial, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0061374059
The editors of storytelling magazine asked a variety of famous and non-famous individuals alike to tell their live stories in 6 words. Not Quite What I Was Planning is the compilation of these descriptions.



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Vail, Rachel. Lucky. HarperTeen, 2008. **ISBN-10:** 0060890436
ISBN-13: 978-0060890438

Phoebe Avery appears to have the perfect life, and to celebrate, she is throwing a fabulous party. All of this is derailed when a family secret that starts to emerge has the town talking and Phoebe thinking about who she really is.



Zarr, Sara. Sweethearts. Little, Brown Young Readers, 2008.
ISBN-10: 0316014559

Jennifer and Cameron were best friends until the day that Cameron disappeared. Now, years later, Jenna is popular, pretty and not expecting the sudden arrival of her long-lost friend.

Ziegler, Jennifer. How Not to Be Popular. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2008.

ISBN-10: 0385734654

Tired of constantly moving and having to lose friends, Maggie Dempsey develops a plan. With the help of bad outfits and a lack of social grace, she will become the most unpopular girl at school.



Zinczenko, David and Matt Goulding. Eat This Not That!: Thousands of Simple Food Swaps That Can Save You 10, 20, 30 Pounds-or More!. Rodale Books, 2007. **ISBN-10:** 1594868549

Zinczenko and Goulding give consumers practical advice on how to lose weight by selecting the healthiest fast food options.