

## Bibliography of Contemporary YA

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Twisted*. New York: Viking, 2007. Print.

*Twisted* tackles the controversial topic of what it means to be a man today.

Asher, Jay. *Thirteen Reasons Why*. Razorbill, 2007. Print.

Clay Jensen receives a box of tapes from his classmate Hannah who committed suicide two weeks earlier. The tapes explain the thirteen reasons why she decided to end her life.

Betts, A. J. *Zac & Mia*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014. Print.

The story of two unlikely friends who meet in the oncology ward of the hospital.

Chbosky, Stephen. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. New York: Pocket, 1999. Print.

Told through an epistolary narrative, Charlie narrates to an unnamed "friend" the events of his freshman year in high school in 1991-1992. Through the year, the confused teenager finally comes to terms with his past.

Forman, Gayle. *If I Stay: A Novel*. New York: Dutton, 2009. Print.

After a car accident, Mia is separated from her body and left with the decision if she should stay or go. Mia is torn not only between pursuing her love of music at Julliard and a future with her boyfriend in Oregon, but also the decision to fight to survive and giving in to the resulting sadness and despair over the accident.

Green, John. *Looking for Alaska: A Novel*. New York: Dutton Children's, 2005. Print.

Coming-of-age story about Miles' first year at boarding school in Alabama searching for his "Great Perhaps."

Green, John. *The Fault in Our Stars*. New York: Dutton, 2012. Print.

A [doomed] relationship blooms when two teenagers meet in at Cancer Kid Support.

## Group

Hinton, S. E. *The Outsiders*. New York: Viking, 1967. Print.

14-year old Ponyboy Curtis is a member of the “Greasers” gang, a group of underprivileged teenagers living on the east side of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The greasers are frequently under attack by the socs (short for “socials”), the rival gang of rich kids living on the west side.

Kenneally, Miranda. *Breathe, Annie, Breathe*. Illinois, USA: Source Fire, 2014. Print.

Feeling partially responsible for the death of her boyfriend, Kyle, Annie is training to complete Nashville’s Music City Marathon, the race her track boyfriend had been working towards all of the last year.

King, A. S. *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Print.

High school senior Vera Dietz knows more about the night her best friend, Charlie, died than she lets on. Tormented by Charlie’s betrayal and the disintegration of their lifelong friendship, Vera’s not ready to face the truth about that night.

Portes, Andrea. *Anatomy of a Misfit*. HarperTeen, 2014. Print.

15-year-old Anika Dragomir, the third most popular girl in school, struggles to accept the “spider stew” of her true self which is in opposition to her precarious social rank.

Rowell, Rainbow. *Eleanor & Park*. St. Martin’s Press, 2012. Print.

Two awkward teenagers labeled as outsiders, Eleanor and Park, meet on the school bus where they quickly bond over their love of comics and 1980s alternative music.

Sáenz, Benjamin Alire. *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*. New York: Simon & Schuster B FY R, 2012. Print.

During the summer of 1987, two 15 year old boys, Aristotle “Ari” and Dante meet and

form an unlikely friendship.

Smith, Andrew. *Winger*. New York: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2013. Print.

14-year-old junior Ryan Dean West, nicknamed Winger for his position on Pine Mountain's rugby team, is a self-proclaimed loser. Told through frenetic first-person narrative, short comics, charts, and diagrams, he relates the story of his first couple of months at school.

Spears, Kat. *Sway*. St. Martin's Griffin, 2014. Print.

High school senior, Jesse Alderman, known as Sway, is a street-smart, influential, and damaged character. He has very few close friends and doesn't even remember what it is like to *feel* anymore. He lives a no-consequences lifestyle and profits from his others by running a lucrative business of making things happen.

Tamaki, Mairiko, and Jillian Tamaki. *This One Summer*. First Second, 2014. Print.

Every summer, Rose and her family vacation at a lakeside cottage in Awago Beach where she reunites with her younger friend Windy. The summer is usually their refuge, where they can spend their days swimming, digging holes in the sand, and playing MASH—but this summer is different.