



Realistic Fiction

Young Adult Recommendations



Unscripted

Kronzer, Nicole

When seventeen-year-old Zelda is chosen for an elite team at a prestigious improvisation camp, it is a big step toward achieving her dreams, but first she must survive her teammates' sexism and coach's cruelty.

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[YA KRONZER](#)



Opposite of Always

Reynolds, Justin A.

Jack and Kate met, bonding until sunrise over their mutual love of Froot Loops and their favorite flicks. Jack falls-- hard. But then Kate dies. Somehow Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack thinks he's losing his mind—but takes the chance to prevent Kate's death. He learns actions are not without consequences when it turns deadly for someone else close to him. Now Jack has to figure out what he's willing to do to save the people he loves.

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[YA REYNOLDS](#)



We Regret to Inform You

Kaplan, Ariel

When high-achiever Mischa is rejected from every college she applies to, she teams up with a group of hacker girls to find who altered her transcript and set things right.

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Little White Lies (Debutantes Series, Book 1)

Barnes, Jennifer

Eighteen-year-old Sawyer accepts her estranged grandmother's bribe to live with her for a year, participate in the debutante season and ball, and possibly meet the father she has never known.

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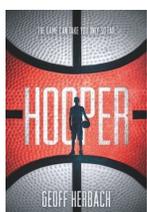
Felix Ever After

Callender, Kacen

Felix Love has never been in love, painful irony that it is. He desperately wants to know why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. He is proud of his identity, but fears that he's one marginalization too many—Black, queer, and transgender. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages—after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned—Felix comes up with a plan for revenge. He didn't count on his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle.

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[YA CALLENDE](#)



Hooper

Herbach, Geoff

For Adam Reed, basketball is a passport. Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. When he's tapped to play on a select AAU team along with some of the best players in the state, it just confirms that basketball is his ticket to the good life: to new friendships, to the girl of his dreams, to a better future.

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[YA HERBACH](#)



Little Universes

Demetrios, Heather

Two sisters struggle with the secrets brought to light in the aftermath of their parents' sudden death.

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[YA DEMETRIO](#)

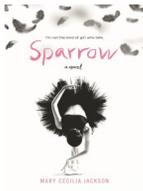


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Sparrow

YA JACKSON

Jackson, Mary Cecilia

Though Savannah Rose is a gifted ballerina, her real talent is keeping secrets. Schooled in silence by her long-dead mother, Savannah has always believed that her lifelong creed, "I'm not the kind of girl who tells" will make her just like everyone else, normal, happy, safe. But in the aftermath of a brutal assault by her seemingly perfect boyfriend Tristan, Savannah must finally find the courage to confront the ghosts of her past, or lose herself forever.

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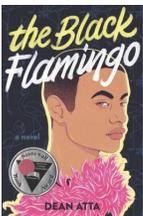
Jane Anonymous

YA STOLARZ

Stolarz, Laurie Faria

In chapters alternating between "then" and "now," seventeen-year-old Jane Anonymous chronicles the events leading up to her abduction and seven-month captivity and her painful return to family and friends.

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The Black Flamingo

YA ATTA

Atta, Dean

Michael is a mixed-race gay teen growing up in London. All his life, he's navigated what it means to be a Greek-Cypriot and Jamaican- but never quite feeling Greek or Black enough. As he gets older, Michael's coming out is only the start of learning who he is and where he fits in. When he discovers the Drag Society, he finally finds where he belongs- and the Black Flamingo is born. Told with raw honesty, insight, and lyricism, this debut explores the layers of identity that make us who we are--and allow us to shine.

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To All the Boys I've Loved Before (*To All the Boys I've Loved Before Series, Book 1*)

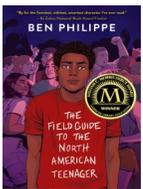
YA HAN

Han, Jenny

Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent.

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The Field Guide to the North American Teenager

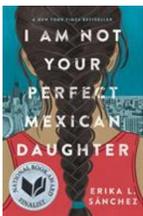
YA PHILIPPE

Philippe, Ben

Norris Kaplan is clever, cynical, and quite possibly too smart for his own good. A Black French Canadian whose family just moved to Austin, Texas, Norris finds himself cataloging everyone he meets: the Cheerleaders, the Jocks, the Loners, and even the Manic Pixie Dream Girl. He's amusing himself until it's time to go back to Canada. But soon those labels soon become actual people: loner Liam, who makes it his mission to befriend Norris; Madison the beta cheerleader, who is so nice that it has to be a trap. And Aarti the Manic Pixie Dream Girl might be a real love interest in the making. When Norris screws everything up royally on prom night, will he be able to stop hiding behind his snarky opinions, and start living his life?

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I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

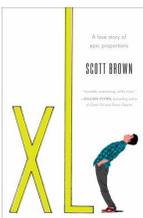
YA SANCHEZ

Sánchez, Erika L.

When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.

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YA BROWN

Brown, Scott

Will Daughtry is a late bloomer—at least, that's what everyone tells him. On his sixteenth birthday, Will is just shy of five feet, and he is bitterly resigned to being tiny forever. His only comforts are his best friend and stepbrother, Drew (6'3"), and their pal Monica (5'10"), the girl Will's been quietly pining for since fifth grade. Everyone else literally overlooks him. But with them, he feels whole. That is, until things take an unexpected turn, when he starts to grow. And grow fast. Astonishingly fast. For the first time, Will's happy with his stature, and the world's at his feet (for a change). People see him differently; more important, he sees himself differently. But the highest heights come with some low, low lows, and his most precious relationships suffer excruciating growing pains. Will has to figure out what to do with himself—and all of this new "himself" he never expected to have.

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