

School Days

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie, 2007

Y ALEXIE

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

***Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson, 2007**

Y ANDERSON

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

***Band Geek Love* by Josie Bloss, 2008**

Y BLOSS

The marching band is high school senior Ellie Snow's all-consuming passion until she finds herself in a secret romance with a handsome sophomore.

***Debbie Harry Sings in French* by Megan Brothers, 2008**

Y BROTHERS

When Johnny completes an alcohol rehabilitation program and his mother sends him to live with his uncle in North Carolina, he meets Maria, who seems to understand his fascination with the new wave band Blondie. He learns about his deceased father's youthful forays into "glam rock," which gives him perspective on himself, his past and his current life.

***Avalon High* by Meg Cabot, 2006**

Y CABOT

Having moved to Annapolis, Maryland, with her medievalist parents, high school junior Ellie enrolls at Avalon High School where several students may or may not be reincarnations of King Arthur and his court.

***If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period* by Gennifer Choldenko, 2007**

Y CHOLDENKO

Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, alternate telling how race, wealth, weight and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate, even as they are uncovering a long-kept secret about themselves.

***Deadline* by Chris Crutcher, 2007**

Y CRUTCHER

Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."

***Bucking the Sarge* by Christopher Paul Curtis, 2004**

Y CURTIS

Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

***Little Brother* by Cory Doctorow, 2008**

Y DOCTOROW

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

***November Blues* by Sharon M. Draper, 2007**

Y DRAPER

A teenaged boy's death in a hazing accident has lasting effects on his pregnant girlfriend and his guilt-ridden cousin, who gives up a promising music career to play football during his senior year in high school.

***The Opposite of Invisible* by Liz Gallagher, 2008**

Y GALLAGHER

Artistic Seattle high school sophomore Alice decides to emerge from her cocoon and date a football player, which causes a rift between her and her best friend, a boy who wants to be more than just friends.

***Right Behind You* by Gail Giles, 2007**

Y GILES

After spending over four years in a mental institution for murdering a friend in Alaska, fourteen-year-old Kip begins a completely new life in Indiana with his father and stepmother under a different name, but not only has trouble fitting in, he finds there are still problems to deal with from his childhood.

***Looking for Alaska* by John Green, 2005**

Y GREEN

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

***The Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney* by Suzanne Harper, 2007**

Y HARPER

In Lily Dale, New York, a community dedicated to the religion of Spiritualism, tenth-grader Sparrow Delaney, the youngest daughter in an eccentric family of psychics, agonizes over whether or not to reveal her special abilities in order to help a friend.

***Boy Meets Boy* by David Levithan, 2003**

Y LEVITHAN

This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance.

***Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* by David Lubar, 2005**

Y LUBAR

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

***The Murder of Bindy MacKenzie* by Jaclyn Moriarty, 2006**

Y MORIARTY

Class brain Bindy Mackenzie has alienated her entire high school but when she realizes someone is trying to kill her, she has to make friends in order to get help.

***The Teacher's Funeral* by Richard Peck, 2004**

Y PECK

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

***The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt, 2007**

Y SCHMIDT

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

***Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli, 2000**

Y SPINELLI

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

***Spud* by John Van de Ruit, 2007**

Y VAN DE RUIT

In 1990, thirteen-year-old John "Spud" Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes, embarrassingly dysfunctional parents and much more.

***A Field Guide to High School* by Marissa Walsh, 2007**

Y WALSH

Andie and her best friend Bess read through a manual Andie's Yale-bound sister wrote for her, which is filled with tips and tricks for excelling at Plumstead Country Day high school where Andie is about to be a freshman.

***Generation Dead* by Dan Waters, 2008**

Y WATERS

When dead teenagers who have come back to life start showing up at her high school, Phoebe, a goth girl, becomes interested in the phenomenon, and when she starts dating a "living impaired" boy, they encounter prejudice, fear, and hatred.

***My Cup Runneth Over: the Life of Angelica Cookson Potts* by Cherry Whytock, 2003**

Y WHYTOCK

Believing she is too big, fourteen-year-old Angel tries dieting and kick-boxing to lose weight, but thanks to her friends and the school fashion show, she discovers that her size is just right. Includes recipes.

***Too Stressed to Think?: a Teen Guide to Staying Sane When Life Makes You Crazy* by Annie Fox, 2005**

Y 155.518 FOX

When stress has the "survival brain" on overdrive, what happens to the "thinking brain"? Learn to use the mind-body connection to stay cool and make smart choices when the pressure's on.

***Fighting Invisible Tigers: A Stress Management Guide for Teens* by Earl Hipp, 2008**

155.518 HIP

Discusses how stress affects teenagers and the different ways it can be managed.

***Been There, Survived That: Getting Through Freshman Year of High School* edited by Karen Macklin, 2008**

373.18 BEE

A life skills guide written by real teens.

***Ridiculous/Hilarious/Terrible/Cool: a Year in an American High School* by Elisha Cooper, 2008**

373.1809 COO

Follow real high schoolers as they navigate life and prom.

***Where's My Stuff?: the Ultimate Teen Organizing Guide* by Samantha Moss, 2007**

640 MOS

Offers tips for helping teens to become organized at school, at home and while out, in a guide that shares step-by-step recommendations for decluttering, overcoming disorganized habits and managing a schedule.

***97 Things to Do Before You Finish High School* by Steven Jenkins, 2007**

646.7 JEN

Discover new places, new people, new hobbies and open your eyes to the world.

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