Chick Lit



Jersey Angel by Beth Ann Bauman

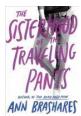
Shapely seventeen-year-old Angel Cassonetti, who lives with her younger siblings and single mother in a house at the Jersey Shore, finds it hard to stay away from ex-boyfriend Joey Sardone. Y FICTION Bauman Recommended for Grades 9+



24 Girls in 7 Days by Alex Bradley

Jack Grammar, average American senior, has no date to the prom. Or so he thinks. Percy and Natalie, Jack's so-called best friends, post an ad in the classified section of the online version of the school newspaper. They figure it couldn't hurt. After all, there's not much in this world sadder than Jack's love life. Soon Percy and Natalie have assembled a list of girls eager to go to the prom with Jack, including one mysterious girl known only as FancyPants. He has just seven days to meet and date them before he will ask one special girl to the prom. Y PB Bradley

Recommended for Grades 7+



The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

During their first summer apart, four teenage girls, best friends since earliest childhood, stay in touch through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures and affects their attitudes to their different summer experiences.

Y FICTION Brashares Recommended for Grades 9+ Series: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants



Beauty Queens by Libba Bray

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition. Y FICTION Bray

Recommended for Grades 9+



Avalon High by Meg 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. Y FICTION Cabot Recommended for Grades 7+ Series: Avalon High



The Story of Us by Deb Caletti

After jilting two previous fiances, Cricket's mother is finally marrying the right man, but as wedding attendees arrive for a week of festivities, complications arise for Cricket involving her own love life, her beloved dog Jupiter, and her mother's reluctance to marry. Y FICTION Caletti Recommended for Grades 9+



Girls Don't Fly by Kristen Chandler

Myra, a high school senior, will do almost anything to win a contest and earn money for a study trip to the Galapagos Islands, which would mean getting away from her demanding family life in Utah and ex-boyfriend Erik, but Erik is set on winning the same contest.

Y FICTION Chandler Recommended for Grades 9+



Wolves, Boys, and Other Things That Might Kill Me by Kristen Chandler Two teenagers become close as the citizens of their town fight over the packs of wolves that have been reintroduced into the nearby Yellowstone National Park. Y FICTION Chandler Recommended for Grades 7+



Dash & Lily's Book of Dares by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan Told in the alternating voices of Dash and Lily, two sixteen-year-olds carry on a wintry scavenger hunt at Christmas-time in New York, neither knowing quite what--or who--they will find. Y FICTION Cohn Recommended for Grades 9+



Flirt Club by Cathleen Daly

Through notes and journal entries, best friends and self-proclaimed "drama geeks" Cisco (Izzy) and the Bean (Annie) write of the trials of middle school, as well as their efforts to attract boys by forming a Flirt Club. Y FICTION Daly Recommended for Grades 5-7



Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating. Y FICTION Dessen Recommended for Grades 8+



The Moon and More by Sarah Dessen

"During her last summer at home before leaving for college, Emaline begins a whirlwind romance with Theo, an assistant documentary filmmaker who is in town to make a movie."-- Provided by publisher. Y FICTION Dessen Recommended for Grades 9+



What Happened to Goodbye by Sarah Dessen

Following her parents' bitter divorce as she and her father move from town to town, seventeen-year-old Mclean reinvents herself at each school she attends until she is no longer sure she knows who she is or where she belongs.

Y FICTION Dessen

Recommended for Grades 7+



Better Off Friends by Elizabeth Eulberg

Macallan and Levi are best friends from the first day they meet in seventh grade, but over the years their close friendship keeps interfering with their dating life because everyone else regards them as a couple. Y FICTION Eulberg

Recommended for Grades 6-10



The Lonely Hearts Club by Elizabeth Eulberg

Fed up with boys and the way they have treated her and her friends, high school junior Penny Lane--named after the Beatles song--forms a club whose members vow to stop dating, but the repercussions are surprising. Y FICTION Eulberg Recommended for Grades 9-11



Revenge of the Girl with the Great Personality by Elizabeth Eulberg Sick of living in the shadow of her seven-year-old pageant queen sister who is praised for her looks, Lexi resolves to get a makeover when she determines her personality just isn't enough to garner the attentions of boys. Y FICTION Eulberg Recommended for Grades 7+



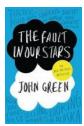
Head Games by Mariah Fredericks

Two teenagers connect online in a role-playing game which leads them into their own face-to-face, half-acknowledged courtship. Y FICTION Fredericks Recommended for Grades 7+



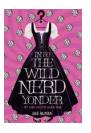
For Keeps by Natasha Friend

Just as sixteen-year-old Josie and her mother finally begin trusting men enough to start dating seriously, the father Josie never knew comes back to town and shakes up what was already becoming a difficult mother-daughter relationship. Y FICTION Friend Recommended for Grades 7+



The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

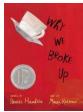
Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life. Y FICTION Green Recommended for Grades 9+



Into the Wild Nerd Yonder by Julie Halpern

When high school sophomore Jessie's long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons. Y FICTION Halpern

Recommended for Grades 9+



Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler; art by Maira Kalman Sixteen-year-old Min Green writes a letter to Ed Slaterton in which she breaks up with him, documenting their relationship and how items in the accompanying box, from bottle caps to a cookbook, foretell the end. Y FICTION Handler Recommended for Grades 9+

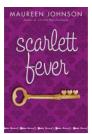


Suite Scarlett by Maureen Johnson

Scarlett Martin has grown up in a most unusual way. Her family owns the Hopewell, a small Art Deco hotel in the heart of New York City. When each of the Martins turns fifteen, they are expected to take over the care of a suite. For Scarlett's fifteenth birthday, she gets both a room called the Empire Suite, and a permanent guest called Mrs. Amberson. Scarlett doesn't quite know what to make of this C-list starlet and world traveler. And when she meets Eric, an astonishingly gorgeous actor who has just moved to the city, her summer takes a second unexpected turn. Before the summer is over, Scarlett will have to survive a whirlwind of thievery, Broadway glamour, romantic missteps. But in the city where anything can happen, she just might be able to pull it off.

Y FICTION Johnson

Recommended for Grades 8+



Scarlett Fever by Maureen Johnson

Fifteen-year-old Scarlett, who is beginning to get over her break-up with Eric, stays busy as assistant to her theatrical-agent friend who is not only promoting Scarlett's brother Spencer, but also a new client whose bad-boy brother has transferred to Scarlett's school. Y FICTION Johnson

Recommended for Grades 7+



Say What You Will by Cammie McGovern

"Born with cerebral palsy, Amy can't walk without a walker, talk without a voice box, or even fully control her facial expressions. Plagued by obsessive-compulsive disorder, Matthew is consumed with repeated thoughts, neurotic rituals, and crippling fear. Both in desperate need of someone to help them reach out to the world, Amy and Matthew are more alike than either ever realized. When Amy decides to hire student aides to help her in her senior year at Coral Hills High School, these two teens are thrust into each other's lives. As they begin to spend

time with each other, what started as a blossoming friendship eventually grows into something neither expected"-- Provided by publisher. Y FICTION McGovern

Recommended for Grades 9+



Peace, Love & Baby Ducks by Lauren Myracle

Fifteen-year-old Carly's summer volunteer experience makes her feel more real than her life of privilege in Atlanta ever did, but her younger sister starts high school pretending to be what she is not, and both find their relationships suffering. **Y FICTION Myracle**

Recommended for Grades 9+



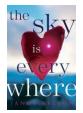
Reluctantly Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Alice experiences the joys and embarrassments of seventh grade while advising her father and older brother on their love lives.

Y FICTION Naylor

Recommended for Grades 5-8

Series: Alice McKinley (Note that Alice ages as the series progresses, and she develops a complicated love life of her own. Recommended reading age also rises as series progresses.)



The Sky Is Everywhere by Jandy Nelson

In the months after her sister dies, seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician. Y FICTION Nelson Recommended for Grades 10+



Lies My Girlfriend Told Me by Julie Anne Peters When her girlfriend dies suddenly at age seventeen, Colorado teenager Alix struggles with grief as painful secrets are revealed. Y FICTION Peters Recommended for Grades 9+



Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher

Zoe, a teenager in Bath, England, writes letters to a death-row inmate in Texas, hoping to find comfort in sharing her guilty secret over the death of a friend with someone who can never tell her family. Y FICTION Pitcher Recommended for Grades 8+



Withering Tights by Louise Rennison

Self-conscious about her knobby knees but confident in her acting ability, fourteen-year-old Tallulah spends the summer at a Yorkshire performing arts camp that, she is surprised to learn, is for girls only. Y FICTION Rennison Recommended for Grades 7+ Series: Misadventures of Tallulah Casey



Angus, Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson

by Louise Rennison Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie. Y FICTION Rennison Recommended for Grades 7-9 Series: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson



Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

"Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try"-- Provided by publisher. Y FICTION Rowell Recommended for Grades 9+



Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell

Being consummate fans of the Simon Snow series helped Cath and her twin sister, Wren, cope as little girls whose mother left them, but now, as they start college but not as roommates, Cath fears she is unready to live without Wren holding her hand--and without her passion for Snow. Y FICTION Rowell Recommended for Grades 9+



Past Perfect by Leila Sales

Sixteen-year-old Chelsea knows what to expect when she returns for a summer of historical reenactment at Colonial Essex Village until she learns that her ex-boyfriend is working there, too, and then meets the very attractive Dan who works at a rival historical village. Y FICTION Sales

Recommended for Grades 7+



Heartbeat by Elizabeth Scott

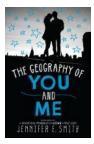
Recommended for Grades 8+

Emma's mother is on life support with a living baby growing inside of her. Estranged from her stepfather, the only person she can turn to is her best friend. Then bad-boy Caleb Harrison comes along and reminds her that there just might be life and love after death and grief. Y FICTION Scott



My Worst Best Friend by Dyan Sheldon

High school classmates Gracie and Savanna are total opposites and best friends, until Savanna's lying and manipulative behavior begin to bother Gracie, who wonders if it is time she started thinking for herself. Y FICTION Sheldon Recommended for Grades 7+



The Geography of You and Me by Jennifer E. Smith

"Sparks fly when sixteen-year-old Lucy Patterson and seventeen-year-old Owen Buckley meet on an elevator rendered useless by a New York City blackout. Soon after, the two teenagers leave the city, but as they travel farther away from each other geographically, they stay connected emotionally, in this story set over the course of one year"-- Provided by publisher. Y FICTION Smith

Recommended for Grades 7+



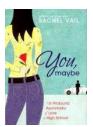
This Is What Happy Looks Like by Jennifer E. Smith

"Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O'Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig, Wilbur. The two 17-year-olds strike up an e-mail relationship from opposite sides of the country and don't even know each other's first names. What's more, Ellie doesn't know Graham is a famous actor, and Graham doesn't know about the big secret in Ellie's family tree. When the relationship goes from online to in-person, they find out whether their relationship can be the real thing" --Provided by publisher. Y FICTION Smith Recommended for Grades 8+



Gorgeous by Rachel Vail

Ninth-grader Allison has always been the least attractive among her sisters, but when she allows the devil to possess her cell phone in exchange for appearing to be gorgeous, she must confront the power and deceptiveness of appearances. Y FICTION Vail Recommended for Grades 7-9 Series: Avery Sisters Trilogy



You, Maybe: The Profound Asymmetry of Love in High School by Rachel Vail Josie, a fifteen-year-old high school sophomore, is smart, funny, and very much her own person, but when popular senior Carson Gold starts wooing her, she cannot resist his attention. Y FICTION Vail

Recommended for Grades 8+



Prettiest Doll by Gina Willner-Pardo

A beauty contestant since she was three, Olivia, now thirteen, has begun feeling limited by her beauty but a shared journey with Danny, a boy struggling with his own appearance, show her she has choices and resources beyond her appearance. Y FICTION Willner-Pardo Recommended for Grades 6-8