

Realistic Fiction

Teen Services Recommendations



Clap When You Land
Ahmed, Samira

[YA AHMED](#)

Told in verse, this story explores two teens who are unaware of the connection they share and the secrets their father kept from them. Deals with grief and how socioeconomics divide us as a culture.

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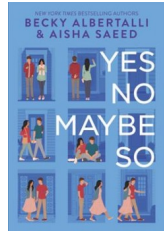
Admission

Buxbaum, Julie

[YA BUXBAUM](#)

An affluent teen who thinks she is headed off to the college of her dreams, must reckon with the truth and possibly her own guilt when her mother is arrested in a college admissions bribery scandal.

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Yes No Maybe So
Albertalli, Becky

[YA ALBERTALLI](#)

Jamie Goldberg, who chokes when speaking to strangers, and Maya Rehrman, who is having the worst Ramadan ever, are paired to knock on doors and ask for votes for the local state senate candidate.

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You Should See Me in a Crown

Johnson, Leah

[YA JOHNSON](#)

Liz Lightly starts her year beeling shame for being overweight, black, and queer. She will end her year running for prom queen in the hopes of winning scholarship money. Laugh out loud funny, Liz will own your heart by the end.

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Girl, Unframed
Caletti, Deb

[YA CALETTI](#)

Sydney's mother is the Lila Shore, a film star who prizes her beauty and male attention above all else. Lila is involved with Jake, an art dealer with shady connections. One night something life-changing happens on the stairs that lead to the beach and Sydney learns a terrible truth: beautiful objects can break.

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Felix Ever After

Callendar, Kacen

[YA CALLENDAR](#)

Felix is black, queer, trans and being bullied. Add in an intensive art summer study with romance and friendship and teens have a strong read about fitting in, love and figuring out who you are.

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We Didn't Ask for This
Alsaid, Adi

[YA ALSAID](#)

Every year, lock-in night changes lives. This year, when a group of students stages an eco-protest, it might just change the world.

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Rent a Boyfriend

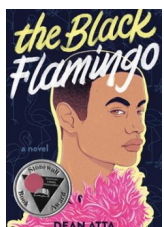
Chao, Gloria

[YA CHAO](#)

Chloe's parents are pushing her to become engaged to a very sexist but well-off Chinese boy. She will rent a boyfriend and bring him home so her parents will get off her back. What happens when you want your fake boyfriend to be your real one?

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The Black Flamingo
Atta, Dean

[YA ATTA](#)

This novel in verse explores the identity and the struggle to find love and community as a black man. We will celebrate with Michael as his raw honesty and his insight bring him to an understanding of and acceptance of who he is.

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The Voting Booth

Colbert, Brandy

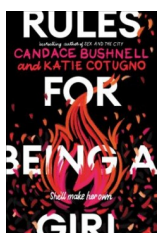
[YA COLBERT](#)

The first year they are eligible to vote, Marva and Duke meet at their polling place and, over the course of one crazy day, fall in love.

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Rules for Being a Girl
Bushnell, Candace

[YA BUSHNELL](#)

Marin is going to rock her senior year in all ways. But what happens when a teacher crosses the line and Marin finds herself all alone with no support? As things heat up at school and in her personal life, Marin must figure out how to take back the power and write her own rules.

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Little Universes

Demetrios, Heather

[YA DEMETRIO](#)

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

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Shine YA JUNG
Jung, Jessica

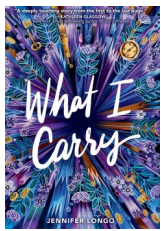
Seventeen-year-old Rachel Kim confronts the dark underbelly of the K-pop world as she strives to become a K-pop star.



Anna K: A Love Story YA LEE
(*Anna K Series, Book One*)
Lee, Jenny

In this loose retelling on Tolstoy's Anna Karenina we follow Anna, a wealthy high school girl who has the perfect boyfriend and tries to be a "good" girl. A chance meeting with Count Alexia will change her trajectory.

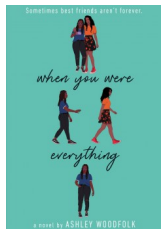
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What I Carry YA LONGO
Longo, Jennifer

Growing up in foster care, Muir has lived in many houses. And if she's learned one thing, it is to pack light. Carry only what fits in a suitcase. Muir has just one year left before she ages out of the system. One year before she's free. One year to avoid anything-or anyone-that could get in her way. Then she meets Francine. And Kira. And Sean. And everything changes.

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When You Were Everything YA WOODFOLK
Woodfolk, Ashley

In New York City, follows the breakup of teenaged best friends Cleo and Layla, told in alternating timelines.

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How to Build a Heart YA PADIAN
Padian, Maria

Izzy Crawford's family has been selected for a new home by Habitat for Humanity, near where the very attractive Sam lives, but just when her neighbor and best friend needs her most.

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What Kind of Girl YA SHEINMEL
Sheinmel, Alyssa

Told in multiple voices, when popular Mike Parker's girlfriend informs North Bay Academy's principal that he has been hitting her, students react differently, revealing their own insecurities and problems.

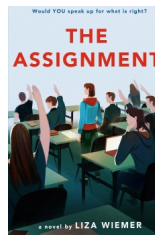
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Jane Anonymous YA STOLARZ
Stolarz, Laura Faria

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 Assignment YA WEIMER
Weimer, Liza

Standing in opposition to a class assignment to debate Hitler's Final Solution, seniors Cade and Logan become embroiled in turmoil involving their teacher, principal, Commissioner of Education, white supremacists, and their entire community.



Burn Our Bodies Down YA POWER
Power, Rory

Margot doesn't know anything about her family, beyond her quiet life with her mother. But she wants more and when she finds a clue that leads her to a town called Phalene, she leaves to investigate. Only Phalene and her family history are full of secrets, some that may prove more dangerous and deadly than Margot ever could have bargained for.

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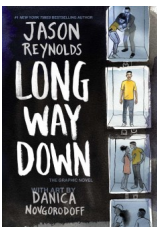


Punching the Air YA ZOBOI
Zoboi, Ibi Aanu [YA PLAYAWAY ZOBOI, IBI](#)

Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even his diverse art school, because of a biased system he's seen as disruptive and unmotivated. Then, one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy.

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Realistic Graphic Novels



Long Way Down : The Graphic Novel YA GN REYNOLDS
Reynolds, Jason

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts, who knew Shawn, board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

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My Last Summer With Cass YA GN CRILLEY
Crilley, Mark

Follows the experiences of childhood friends Megan and Cass, who approach a crossroad in their lives and art during a visit to the latter's very different new home in New York City.



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