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#### **The Wild Girls** Feiwel & Friends

Summer has always dreamed of dancing, and when a place at ballet school comes up, she wants it so badly it hurts. Middle school ends and the holidays begin, but unlike her sisters, Summer has no time for lazy days and sunny beach parties. The audition becomes her obsession, and things start spiralling out of control . . . The more Summer tries to find perfection, the more lost she becomes. Will she realise - with the help of the boy who wants more than friendship - that dreams come in all shapes and sizes?

#### **Holding Up the Universe** Penguin

Wintergirls is a powerful but intimate story of one girl's chilling descent into the all-consuming vortex of anorexia. Lia and Cassie were best friends. But something went wrong and Cassie changed. Now Cassie is dead and Lia has thirty-three unanswered calls on her phone, thirty-three messages from her ex-best friend, all sent the day she died. How did she die? Why did she cut herself off? While Lia searches for answers, she drives herself relentlessly on her own path to destruction: to be thin, strong, in control. And completely empty. Laurie Halse Anderson is the author of several books for young adults, including the New York Times bestselling novel *Speak*. She is the recipient of the prestigious ALAN Award (2008), which honours those who have made outstanding contributions to the field of adolescent literature. Laurie Halse Anderson lives in northern New York State with her

husband. [textpublishing.com.au](http://textpublishing.com.au) 'Beautiful, heartbreaking and hopeful. Lia's voice is exquisite.' Melina Marchetta 'A devastating portrait of the extremes of self-deception...Laurie Halse Anderson illuminates a dark but utterly realistic world.' Booklist 'Tragic, brutal and true. I wanted to hug Lia, and then shake her, and then hug her again. This is a story that's so hard to tell well. Laurie Halse Anderson has nailed it.' Alyssa Brugman  
 Townsend Press

The New York Times bestselling story of a friendship frozen between life and death Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in fragile bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the thinnest. But then Cassie suffers the ultimate loss—her life—and Lia is left behind, haunted by her friend's memory and racked with guilt for not being able to help save her. In her most powerfully moving novel since *Speak*, award-winning author Laurie Halse Anderson explores Lia's struggle, her painful path to recovery, and her desperate attempts to hold on to the most important thing of all: hope.

*Hollow* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

"A story that broke my heart and put it back together again. You won't want to let Gem and Dixie go." —Sarah Dessen, New York Times bestselling author of *Saint Anything* From renowned author and National Book Award finalist Sara Zarr comes a deep, nuanced, and gorgeously written story about the complex relationship between two sisters from a broken home. Gem has never known what it is to have security. She's never known an adult she can truly rely on. But the one constant in her life has been Dixie. Gem grew up taking care of her sister when no one else could: not their mother, whose issues make it hard for her to keep food on the table, and definitely not their father, whose intermittent presence is the only thing

worse than his frequent absence. Even as Gem and Dixie have grown apart, they've always had each other. When their dad returns home for the first time in years and tries to insert himself back into their lives, Gem finds herself with an unexpected opportunity: three days with Dixie—on their own in Seattle and beyond. But this short trip soon becomes something more, as Gem discovers that that to save herself, she may have to sever the one bond she's tried so hard to keep. "A complex and gripping story centered around the relationship of two sisters from a broken home. This book was so meaningful and realistic" (from the Brightly.com review, which named Gem and Dixie one of the best books of 2017).

[A Novel](#) Scholastic Inc.

Gritty and hard hitting, this is thoughtful teen fiction at its finest. Seventeen-year-old Tyler is the popular boy in high school after years of being "the geek". But then Bethany - rich, blonde, beautiful - is the victim in a teenage sex scandal, and somehow Tyler is the prime suspect. Can Tyler find a way out of the mess he's in?

[What Happened to Goodbye](#) Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

The first novel in the wildly popular #1 New York Times bestselling Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series, from the author of The Whole Thing Together and The Here and Now. Some friends just fit together. Once there was a pair of pants. Just an ordinary pair of jeans. But these pants, the Traveling Pants, went on to do great things. This is the story of the four friends—Lena, Tibby, Bridget, and Carmen—who made it possible. Pants = love. Love your pals. Love yourself. "Funny, perceptive, and moving." --USA Today "An outstanding and vivid book that will stay with readers for a long time." —Publishers Weekly, Starred, Flying Start "The loving depiction of enduring and solid friendship will ring true to readers." —The Bulletin, Recommended "A feel-good novel of substance." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred "Uplifting." —Seventeen

[Sara's Face](#) Harper Collins

Required by her cross-country coach to keep a food diary, an insecure teen finds that writing helps organize her thoughts, especially about issues that she, her best friend, and her mother face related to weight and eating.

[Looks](#) Dalkey Archive Press

Thoughtful teen fiction at its finest. Kate Malone: popular straight A student, long-distance runner, pillar of strength to her single-parent dad. She thinks she can handle anything. Until it all goes wrong. Kate's life is spiraling out of control - and Kate's about to find out how exhilarating that can be.

[thinandbeautiful.com](#) Penguin

It's 1972. Twelve-year-old Joan is sure that she is going to be miserable when her family moves. Then she meets a most unusual girl. Sarah prefers to be called 'Fox,' and lives with her author dad in a rundown house in the middle of the woods. The two girls start writing their own stories together, and when one wins first place in a student contest, they find themselves recruited for a summer writing class taught by the equally unusual Verla Volante. The Wild Girls brilliantly explores friendship, the power of story, and how coming of age means finding your own answers.

**A Memoir** ABC-CLIO

Why would a talented young woman enter into a torrid affair with hunger, drugs, sex, and death? Through five lengthy hospital stays, endless therapy, and the loss of family, friends, jobs, and all sense of what it means to be "normal," Marya Hornbacher lovingly embraced her anorexia and bulimia -- until a particularly horrifying bout with the disease in college put the romance of wasting away to rest forever. A vivid, honest, and emotionally wrenching memoir, Wasted is the story of one woman's travels to reality's darker side -- and her decision to find her way back on her own terms.

[Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants](#) Penguin

It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.

[The Winter Girls](#) Simon and Schuster

A beautifully written and riveting look at anorexia from acclaimed author Laurie Halse Anderson. Cassie and Lia are best friends, and united in their quest to be thin. But when Cassie is found dead in a motel room, Lia must question whether she continues to lose weight, or choose life instead.

**Speak: The Graphic Novel** Text Publishing

The city of Ludlow is gripped by the hottest July on record. The asphalt is melting, the birds are dying, petty crime is on the rise, and someone in Hannah Wagner's peaceful suburban community is killing girls. For Hannah, the summer is a complicated one. Her best friend Lillian died six months ago, and Hannah just wants her life to go back to normal. But how can things be normal when Lillian's ghost is haunting her bedroom, pushing her to investigate the mysterious string of murders? Hannah's just trying to understand why her friend self-destructed, and where she fits now that Lillian isn't there to save her a place among the social elite. And she must stop thinking about Finny Boone, the big, enigmatic delinquent whose main hobbies seem to include petty larceny and surprising acts of kindness. With the entire city in a panic, Hannah soon finds herself drawn into a world of

ghost girls and horrifying secrets. She realizes that only by confronting the Valentine Killer will she be able to move on with her life - and it's up to her to put together the pieces before he strikes again.

[Paper Valentine](#) Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

A memoir in verse shares the author's life, covering her rape at thirteen, her difficult early childhood, and her experiences surrounding her publication of "Speak."

[Elena Vanishing](#) Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

Gazing out the cabin window at the raging blizzard, fear suddenly floods through her as she feels a stranger's hand clamp across her mouth. No one can hear her stifled screams as she is dragged from the couch by the fire out into the snow. When seventeen-year-old Savannah Devenish vanishes from her family's remote vacation cabin in Minnesota, FBI Agent Tori Hunter races along treacherous icy roads to be first on the scene. Savannah's parents are frantic with worry for their beautiful, carefree girl. Haunted by memories of her own missing sister, Tori vows to do whatever it takes to reunite this family. When the police uncover that Savannah's father Jacob was having an affair, they suspect his involvement, but Tori is convinced his despair is genuine. Her close relationship with the chief detective means the team won't listen, so Tori strikes off alone, persuading Savannah's distraught best friends to share their secrets. It seems this 'good girl' was sneaking out to parties to meet up with a mysterious man... Then another teenager is snatched from the street, snowy footprints and a discarded hot chocolate cup the last trace of her. The girls are the same age, strikingly pale and blonde. Is a twisted collector stealing them away? And what chance is there that they are being kept alive? With a deadly snowstorm closing in, Tori battles the elements—and her own team—as she follows the trail to an abandoned cabin by a frozen lake. In the basement are bedrooms filled with clothes for teenage girls. Tori was too late to save her own missing sister twenty years ago, but can she find these girls before they disappear forever? An utterly addictive and twisty crime thriller that will have your eyes glued to the pages and your heart in your mouth. Fans of Kendra Elliot, Robert Dugoni and Tess Gerritsen won't be able to put this down. Read what everyone's saying about The Winter Girls: "Hang on to your seat... adrenaline-fuelled thrill ride... will keep you riveted and reading till the early hours... Fabulous... LOVED IT... highly recommend... definite 5 star read for me." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★ "Had me hooked from the very beginning... grab you by the throat and don't let you go till the very end... An edge-of-your-seat thriller! I found myself yelling "run, run!" and breathing so fast, I thought I was going to pass out!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ "Trust me—you do not want to miss it!... I found myself totally immersed in the story, reading well into the night!! Awesome, awesome!!" Tropical Delusions, ★★★★★ "Kept me on the edge of my seat wanting more... just one more chapter before bed... before I knew it, it was the early hours of the morning... Had me totally engrossed... I didn't want to put it down." Nicki's Book Blog, ★★★★★ "The action is non-stop... a wild ride and well worth staying up late to finish!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★ "Wow... a rollercoaster of a story that I couldn't put down till I finished it... I read it in one day." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★ "So intense!!!!... a rollercoaster ride... lots of unexpected twists and turns... a fast paced thriller!... This book is unputdownable." Tropical Girl Reads, ★★★★★ "I just wanted to read a little bit longer no matter how late at night it was... I was on the edge of my seat the whole time." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ "Lots of twists and turns, loads of action and suspense... I couldn't put down! Bravo Roger Stelljes!!" Debatably Bookish, ★★★★★ "Gripping read... I couldn't put this book down!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

[Twisted](#) Simon and Schuster

What would you risk to be free? It's 1776 and Isabel, Curzon, and Ruth have only ever known life as slaves. But now the young country of America is in turmoil—there are whisperings, then cries, of freedom from England spreading like fire, and with it is a whole new type of danger. For freedom being fought for one isn't necessarily freedom being fought for all...especially if you are a slave. But if an entire nation can seek its freedom, why can't they? As war breaks out, sides must be chosen, death is at every turn, and one question forever rings in their ears: Would you risk everything to be free? As battles rage up and down the Eastern seaboard, Isabel, Curzon, and Ruth flee, separate, fight, face unparalleled heartbreak and, just like war, they must depend on their allies—and each other—if they are to survive. Which leads to a second, harrowing question: Amidst so much pain and destruction, can they even recognize who their allies are?

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*Chains; Forge; Ashes* Delacorte Press

A searing look at the effects of post-traumatic stress on soldiers and their families, seen through the eyes of teenage Hayley. Hayley is struggling to forget the past. But some memories run too deep, and soon the cracks start to show. Stunning, hard-hitting fiction from an award-winning writer.

*A Poetry Memoir* Scholastic UK

A New York Times bestseller A new day. A new place. A new life. In the past few years, McLean has pretended to be so many different people that she hardly remembers who she really is anymore. The adorable guy next door might be able to help her figure it out. But is she ready for it? "A cut above" —People Also by Sarah Dessen: Along for the Ride Dreamland Just Listen Keeping the Moon Lock and Key The Moon and More Someone Like You That Summer This Lullaby The Truth About Forever

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Two high school girls, one an anorexic poet and the other an obese loner, form an unlikely friendship.

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