

Humorous Books for Tweens and Teens
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Brown, Scott. XL, 2019. TEEN BROWN XL

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 bitterly accepts that he'll be tiny forever. With the exception of his two best friends, everyone literally overlooks him. But then one day will starts growing fast, astonishingly fast, and he must learn to deal with this sudden change and life's growing pains that go along with it.

Burke, Cliff. An Occasionally Happy Family, 2021. JFIC BURKE Occasionally

Everyone loves a road trip, but sometimes a long vacation in a cramped car with your family can be disastrous, especially when you have to deal with extremely hot weather, running from bears as they chase you down in the woods, and being introduced to your dad's secret new girlfriend.

Craft, Jerry. Class Act, 2021. JGN CLASS ACT

In this sequel to the hilarious semi-autobiographical comic by Jerry Craft, New Kid, Jordan Banks is now in the 8th grade at Riverdale Academy Day school, an elite and mostly white private school. This companion novel deals with Jordan's friend Drew, who feels like he has to work ten times as hard as his privileged classmates at Riverdale to get the same opportunities. The story is very insightful and is peppered with some very smart and very funny moments throughout.

Dugan, Jennifer. Hot Dog Girl, 2019. TEEN DUGAN Hot

Elouise May Parker wants the summer before her senior year to be epic, romantic and fun. As she looks for her summer job assignment on the employee bulletin board at the amusement park where she works, she hopes to see her name next to the costume character "Princess", but instead they assign her the job of...Hot Dog Girl. What are the odds that a vegetarian winds up wearing a hot dog suit all summer? But that is Elouise's luck, when all she wants is to have a happy summer romance before school starts. This very funny, LGBTQ rom-com is perfect for fans of Rainbow Rowell.

Ha, Robin. Almost American Girl, 2020. TEENGN ALMOST AMERICAN GIRL

Robin is an only child living with her mother in Seoul, Korea. When they take a vacation to Hunstville, Alabama, Robin learns that the vacation in this totally different culture is actually permanent because her mother is getting married. The only thing that Robin enjoys about her new surroundings is that she can draw comics, and one day she enrolls in a local comic drawing class that opens doors for her that she could never have imagined. This is a funny and insightful story about learning to be your best self in the face of adversity.

Henry, Katie. **This Will Be Funny Someday**, 2021. TEEN HENTRY This

Shy, 16-year-old Izzy feels invisible at home and has an overbearing boyfriend who usually does the talking for her. One day she accidentally walks into a comedy club and gathers the courage to step up on stage and in front of a mic. She impresses a group of young comedians who invite her to join them in the Chicago comedy scene. The trouble is, they're in college and she's still in high school and has to sneak out to perform. This is a funny and insightful look at a girl trying to find her strengths and where she belongs.

McCahan, Erin. **The Lake Effect**, 2017. TEEN MCCAHAN LAKE

It's the summer after his senior year, and Briggs Henry is leaving for the sandy beaches of Michigan to be a live-in assistant to an 84-year-old woman in her luxurious mansion. He plans to be rich one day, but for now his summer is full of embarrassing moments, social gaffes, and the girl of his dreams who wants nothing to do with him. Over the course of the summer, Briggs learns that you can't become who you truly are if all you do is try to be what you think others expect you to be.

Pineiro, Victor. **Time Villains**, 2021. JFIC PINEIRO Time

"Time Bandits" meets "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" in this magical and hilarious middle grade fantasy. Javi Santiago just wants to make it through sixth grade, so he happily participates in the "Invite any three historical people to dinner" school assignment. What he doesn't know is that his family's antique dinner table is magic and it brings his guests, including Blackbeard the Pirate, to life and craziness ensues.

Vivat, Booki. **Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom**, 2016. JFIC VIVAT Frazzled Fans of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" will appreciate this hilarious look at what it's like to start Middle School for the first time. Abbie Wu, the middle child, feels invisible. Nobody notices the middle kid after all. Her baby sister is just adorable no matter what trouble she gets into, and her older brother is perfect at school, sports and everything. But Abbie hasn't found her "thing" yet and now she has to start a new school and try to fit in when everything, even the lunch room with the scary lunch ladies, is a "disaster."

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