

Realistic Fiction Books for Teens

Akron-Summit County Public Library

Alexander, Kwame. **The Crossover**, 2014. JFIC

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Alsaid, Adi. **Never Always Sometimes**, 2015. TEEN

Never date your best friend .Always be original. Dave and Julia tried to follow these rules and avoid teen clichés, but learn that sometimes rules are meant to be broken.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **The Impossible Knife of Memory**, 2014. TEEN

Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a 'normal' life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.

Forman, Gayle. **I Was Here**, 2015. TEEN

In an attempt to understand why her best friend committed suicide, 18-year-old Cody retraces her dead friend's footsteps and makes some startling discoveries.

Knowles, Jo. **Read Between the Lines**, 2015. TEEN

The voices of ordinary teenagers speak loud and clear about life in a small town. Over the course of a single day the characters orbit one another in their attempts to understand and be understood.

Lockhart, E. **We Were Liars**, 2014. TEEN

Spending the summers on her family's private island with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

Nelson, Jandy. **I'll Give You the Sun**, 2014. TEEN

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

Niven, Jennifer. **All the Bright Places**, 2015. TEEN

When Theodore and Violet meet on the ledge of a bell tower --both teetering on the edge-- it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey through Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another.

Reynolds, Jason. **All American Boys**, 2015. TEEN

When 16-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend.

Yoon, Nicola. **Everything, Everything**, 2015. TEEN

The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known.

Quintero, Isabel. **Gabi, A Girl in Pieces**, 2014. TEEN

16-year-old Gabi chronicles her senior year as she copes with one friend's pregnancy, another coming out, her father's meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and the poetry she writes.

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