LOL: Humorous Books for Teens

MS = Middle School   HS = High School

Fiction:

Alice, I Think
Juby, Susan
YA Juby

In this darkly humorous story, fifteen-year-old Alice keeps a diary as she struggles to cope with the embarrassments and trials of family, dating, school, work, small town life, and a serious case of "outcastitis." MS/HS

All American Girl
Cabot, Meg
YA Cabo   CD YA Cabo

Samantha is just an average teenage girl living in D.C. until she puts a stop to an assassination attempt against the President of the United States. Samantha's life is turned upside down. MS/HS

Be More Chill
Vizzini, Ned
YA Vizz

Badly in need of self-confidence and a change of image, high school nerd Jeremy Heere swallows a pill-sized super computer that is supposed to help him get whatever he wants. HS

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen
Sheldon, Dyan
YA Shel

In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school. MS/HS

Cuba 15
Osa, Nancy
YA Osa

Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of a Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday. MS/HS

Dunk
Lubar, David
YA Luba   CD YA Luba

While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park dunk tank on the New Jersey shore the summer before his junior year in high school, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police, and the girl that got away. MS/HS

The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things
Mackler, Carolyn
YA Mack

Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her. HS

Girl, 15, Charming But Insane
Limb, Sue
YA Limb

Fifteen-year-old Jess, living with her mum, separated from her father in Cornwall, and with a best friend who seems to do
everything perfectly, finds her own assets through humor. MS/HS

_The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy_  
Adams, Douglas  
YA Adam

His friend from the planet Betelgeuse, plucks Arthur Dent off the planet Earth just as a space cruiser has knocked down his house and destroyed Earth. Together they travel through the Universe in a series of comic misadventures, quoting from the revised Hitchhiker's Guide. HS

_Hoot_  
Hiaasen, Carl  
YA Hiaa

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. MS

_No More Dead Dogs_  
Korman, Gordan  
YA Korm

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace is sentenced to detention or attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play, but his life as well. MS

_The Princess and the Pauper_  
Brian, Kate  
YA Bria

When 16-year-old Julia of Los Angeles and 16-year-old Princess Carina of Vineland switch places, Julia dances at the ball with the incredible Markus, and Carina escapes rigid royal protocol to spend time with a rock star. MS/HS

_In this classic fantasy, William Goldman tells how a grandfather relates a rousing tale to his ailing grandson. The story follows a handsome young farmhand, Westley, as he overcomes the greatest swordsman in the world, the strongest man in the world, the cleverest man in the world, and ultimately death to win his childhood love, Buttercup._ MS/HS

_The Princess Diaries_  
Cabot, Meg  
YA Cabo

Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne. MS/HS

_The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants_  
Brashares, Ann  
YA Bras

Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants. Funny and poignant, these girls' stories will stick with you long after the pants have been passed along. HS

_Son of the Mob_  
Korman, Gordan  
YA Korm

Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly
complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent. HS

*Swords for Hire: Two of the Most Unlikely Heroes You’ll Ever Meet*
Allen, William Stuart
YA Alle

In the ancient kingdom of Parnall, 16-year-old Sam Hatcher and an eccentric Royal Guard set out on a mission to rescue the rightful king who has been imprisoned in a faraway dungeon by his evil brother. Wacky high jinks ensue. MS/HS

*The Teacher’s Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts*
Peck, Richard
J Peck  J CD Peck

In rural Indiana in 1904, 15-year-old Russell’s dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies." MS

*The Year of Secret Assignments*
Moriarty, Jaclyn
YA Mori

Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools. HS

Non-fiction:

*Bat Boy Lives!: The Weekly World News guide to politics, culture, celebrities, alien abductions, and the mutant freaks that shape our world*
Perel, David & the editors of the Weekly World News
YA 973.920207

Browse through the most hilarious and horrifying tabloid headlines ever, in this compendium of notorious ‘news’. HS

*The Dictionary of High School B.S.: From acne to varsity, all the funny, lame, and annoying aspects of high school life*
Beckwith, Lois
YA 373.18 Beck

This A-to-Z guide decodes the unique world of high school and deconstructs the many events that are commonly part of student life. From goths and geeks to class clowns and class rings, this reference explains the lingo that describes the strangeness of the high school world. HS

*The Exploding Toilet: Modern urban legends*
Holt, David & Bill Mooney
YA 398.2 Holt

True or not, these stories about stupid criminals, government snafus, and more are too good not to pass on to your friends. MS/HS

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