

A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE: Books About Dating

FICTION

THE BOYFRIEND LIST

(15 guys, 11 shrink appointments,
4 ceramic frogs, and me, Ruby Oliver)

E. Lockhart

YA Lock

Ruby makes a list of all the guys in her life in the hopes of finding a cause for her panic attacks and a solution for her current out-cast status at school. MS/HS

BREATHING UNDERWATER

Alex Flinn

YA Flinn CASS YA Flinn

When 16 year old Nick's girlfriend gets a restraining order against him, he is required to attend an anger management class and keep a journal, which forces him to reevaluate his life and recent behavior. HS

DREAMLAND

Sarah Dessen

YA Dess

After her older sister runs away from home, Caitlin spends most of her waking hours in a dreamlike trance. Will her relationship with local bad boy Rogerson turn out to be a nightmare? MS/HS

Far from Xanadu

Julie Anne Peters

YA Pete

Mary-Elizabeth (who prefers to be called Mike), sets her sights on decidedly straight Xanadu when she moves to Mike's town. HS

IF YOU COME SOFTLY

Jacqueline Woodson

YA Wood

This is the story of the love between fifteen year old Jeremiah, who is black, and Ellie, who is white and Jewish, and the reactions of the people in their lives. MS/HS

INEXCUSABLE

Chris Lynch

YA Lync

When Keir's good friend Gigi accuses him of something horrible and beyond comprehension, he is forced to reexamine recent events in his life, and is horrified to discover that things aren't always what they seem. HS

PLAYING WITH MATCHES

Brian Katcher

YA Katc

Will social outcast Leon sacrifice his relationship with tragically disfigured Melody when the girl of Leon's dreams finally notices him? MS/HS

SWEETHEARTS

Sara Zarr

YA Zarr

When Jennifer's only childhood friend and soul mate disappears, she takes the opportunity to reinvent herself as cool and popular Jenna. Cameron's sudden appearance eight years later forces both to revisit the past in order to survive their present and future. MS/HS

THINGS CHANGE

Patrick Jones

YA Jone

When Johanna, always the perfect daughter, reveals her longtime crush on not-so-perfect Paul, there is no way she can foresee how imperfect their relationship will be. HS

VAMPIRE LOVES

Joanne Sfar

YA SFar

This graphic novel proves that it's never easy to find love, even if you're undead. HS

NONFICTION

BEYOND BRUISES: THE TRUTH ABOUT TEENS AND ABUSE

Sherri Mabry Gordon

YA 362.76 Gord

Defines what abuse is and how to get help if you or someone you know is being abused. MS/HS

CLIQUEs, CRUSHES, & TRUE FRIENDS: DEVELOPING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Ashley Rae Harris

YA 155.533 Harr

This book will help middle school girls learn to adapt to new surroundings and people, while maintaining their individuality. MS

DATE RAPE

Edited by Jill Hamilton

YA 362.883 Date

Explores recent issues in the area of rape, including what fraternities are doing to prevent rape and recent date rape drug detectors. HS

DATE RAPE DRUGS

George Kehner

YA 362.883 Kehn

This book discusses different kinds of date rape drugs, including histories, effects, and treatment. HS

FALLING HARD: 100 LOVE POEMS BY TEENAGERS

Edited by Betsy Franco

YA811.6 Fall

Poetry, written by teens, that addresses such topics as love, heartbreak, and obsession. HS

THE TRUTH ABOUT RAPE

Edited by Mark J. Kittleson

YS 362.883 Trut

Provides information on rape in dictionary form, with side bars featuring stories of teens in their own words. HS

TEEN SAFETY: DATING AND RELATIONSHIPS

DVD 362.88 Teen

Provides information on how girls can protect themselves and how friends can help, and also offers advice for guys on respectful behavior. MS/HS

WHEN SOMETHING FEELS WRONG: A SURVIVAL GUIDE ABOUT ABUSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Deanna S. Pledge, PhD.

YA 362.76 Pled

An informative book providing answers to questions about abuse and advice on how to break free. Includes checklists and journal exercises. HS

WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP

St. Francis Counseling Services

732-370-4010 or

609-494-1090

24-hour hotline for victims of rape, sexual abuse or assault.

Providence House

732-244-8259 or

1-800-246-8910

24-hour hotline and shelter hotline for victims of domestic violence.

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

www.loveisrespect.org

1-866-331-9474

Provides resources, assistance, and support.

Ocean Harbor House

732-929-0660

24-hour hotline for runaway, homeless, abused, or abandoned youths.

Sex, etc.

www.sexetc.com

A website created by teens, for teens, which addresses topics such as health, sexuality, and relationships.

HS=High School MS=Middle School

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