

## **Get Real**

### **Truly amazing non-fiction**

**All Over But the Shoutin'. Rick Bragg.** This memoir captures the essence of the South, explores the bonds and responsibilities of family, and, celebrates the coming-of-age.

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**Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916. Michael Capuzzo.** A true-life Jaws! Details the first documented cases in American history of sharks attacking swimmers, occurring along the coast of New Jersey in 1916.

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**The Crafty Diva's Do It Yourself Stylebook. Kathy Cano-Murillo.** Get Step-by-step instructions for a variety of crafts, by level of difficulty and organized by types of style.

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**The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition. Caroline Alexander.** In the summer of 1914, explorer Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 left England for the South Pole. When they returned, more than two years later, they told an unbelievable story of survival.

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**Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case. Chris Crowe.** A true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.

364.1523 Crow

**Hole in my Life. Jack Gantos.** Looking for adventure, cash for college tuition, and a way out of a dead-end job Jack Gantos ended up in jail after a get rich quick drug-trafficking scheme got busted. This no-nonsense memoir tells of Gantos jail time and the path that led to his eventual career as a writer.

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**King of the Mild Frontier. Chris Crutcher.** After reading this "ill-advised" autobiography of a dateless, broken-toothed, scabbed-over, God-fearing dweeb you will say, "I, too, can be an author."

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**My Losing Season. Pat Conroy.** Conroy discovered basketball in Orlando, Florida, at the age of 10, and it changed his life. My Losing Season focuses on his years at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and in particular on his senior season of 1966-67, when his demoralized team -- the Citadel Bulldogs -- lost 17 games out of 25.

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**Paint Me Like I Am: Teen Poems from WritersCorps.** A remarkable collection of poems by teens who have taken part in writing programs in San Francisco, New York, and Washington D.C. run by the WritersCorps.

YA 811.6 Pain

**Persepolis. Marjane Satrapi.** A wise, funny, and heartbreaking memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, told in powerful black-and-white- comic strip images.

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**Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story.** John Fleishman. Phineas, a railroad construction foreman, was blasting rock near Cavendish, Vermont, in 1848 when a thirteen-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Miraculously, he survived to become a textbook case in brain science.

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**Radioactive Boy Scout: The Frightening True Story of a Whiz Kid and His Homemade Nuclear Reactor. Ken Silverstein.** While working on his Atomic Energy badge for the Boy Scouts, David Hahn's obsessive attention turns to nuclear energy. Throwing caution to the wind, he starts a new project: a nuclear breeder reactor in his backyard shed.  
YA B Hahn

**Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers. Mary Roach.** From medicinal mummies to cadaver models for crash-test dummies. This is a lively dissection of offbeat ways that the dead have served the living.  
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**Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America. Rebecca Carroll.** Collection of spirited and thought-provoking monologues. Reflecting diverse experiences, attitudes, and dreams.  
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**Teen Spirit: One World, Many Paths. Paul Raushenbush.** Paul Raushenbush provides the answers to the most common questions and concerns he hears from teens, as well as giving them a more in-depth introduction to the many different religions they encounter.  
YA 200.835 Raus

**With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote. Ann Bausum.** This photo-illustrated history tells the story of how women fought for and won the right to vote in the United States.  
YA 324.623

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