

***The Other Side of Blue* by Valerie O. Patterson YP FIC PATTERSON** The summer after her father drowned off the island of Curaçao, Cyan and her mother, a painter, return to the house they stay at every summer, but Cyan blames her mother and spends her time trying to find out what really happened to her father.

***Surface Tension: A Novel in Four Summers* by Brent Runyon YP FIC RUNYON** During the summer vacations of his thirteenth through his sixteenth year at the family's lake cottage, Luke realizes that although some things stay the same over the years that many more change.

***Positively* by Courtney Sheinmel YP FIC SHEINMEL** Thirteen-year-old Emmy, grieving over her mother who died of AIDS finds hope at a summer camp for HIV-positive girls like herself.

***The Last Summer of the Death Warriors* by Francisco X. Stork YP FIC STORK** Seventeen-year-old Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister, but after he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and Marisol, one of D.Q.'s caregivers, both boys find their lives changed by their interactions.

***Castration Celebration* by Jake Wizner YP FIC WIZNER** Two high school students in a summer arts program at Yale University collaborate on an "anti-guy musical" with the working title, Castration Celebration.



## Summer is HERE!

That means now's the time to soak up some rays and veg out with a good book. We've pulled some of the best and newest books about teens on their summer vacations for you to read on YOUR summer vacation (so meta!). So whether you're staying home or hitting the road, you'll have a book to keep you company!



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**Summer Vacations in  
Young Adult Fiction**



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***Summer Girls* by Hailey Abott YP FIC ABOTT** Cousins Jessica, Lara, and Greer, aged fifteen to sixteen, approach their family summer at a Maine beach cottage with very different attitudes, but all look forward to meeting new boys and having some fun.

***Beach Blondes: Summer Novel* by Katherine Applegate YP FIC APPLEGAT** Minnesota native Summer Smith spends the best summer of her life in the Florida Keys, and while there she has a hard time choosing between three cute boys named Adam, Diver, and Seth, each of whom present unique challenges.

***Swim the Fly* by Don Calame YP FIC CALAME** In addition to the pact he makes with his best friends to see a naked girl by the end of summer, Matt Gratton sets himself the goal of impressing the star of the swim team, Kelly West, by swimming the one hundred-yard butterfly.

***Cool Like That: A So for Real Novel* by Nikki Carter YP FIC CARTER** Gia knows that she's going to have the flyest summer ever. Her best friend, Ricky, is joining her so they're going to spend the entire summer together. So when Rashad, a cutie from the summer program, starts to get his flirt on with Gia, she's got a new crush -- and Ricky's so not cool with that.

***Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen YP FIC DESSEN** When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

***Drive Me Crazy* by Erin Downing YP FIC DOWNING** Rising high school senior Kate has dreamed of the road trip with best friends Alexis and Sierra from New Jersey to Love, Wisconsin, that will reunite her with the boy she kissed the previous summer, but Alexis' irritating cousin Adam tags along, threatening to spoil everything.

***The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han YP FIC HAN** Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.

***It's Not Summer Without You: A Summer Novel* by Jenny Han YP FIC HAN** Teenaged Isobel "Belly" Conklin, whose life revolves around spending the summer at her mother's best friend's beach house, reflects on the tragic events of the past year that changed her life forever.

***How to Steal a Car* by Pete Hautman YP FIC HAUTMAN** Fifteen-year-old, suburban high school student Kelleigh, who has her learner's permit, recounts how she began stealing cars one summer, for reasons that seem unclear even to her.

***Breathing* by Cheryl Herbsman YP FIC HERBSMAN** With a new boyfriend, asthma attacks that come when least expected, and a pesky younger brother, fifteen-year-old Savannah's summer vacation takes many unexpected twists and turns.



***The Summer of Skinny Dipping* by Amanda Howells YP FIC HOWELLS** While spending the summer in the Hamptons, sixteen-year-old Mia is disappointed that her cousin Corinne has grown so distant, but when she meets the irresistible and adventurous boy next door, everything changes for the better.

***Girlfriend Material* by Melissa Kantor YP FIC KANTOR** Kate has never had a boyfriend. But while crashing at her mother's wealthy friends' home at Cape Cod for the summer, Kate meets Adam. But when her breezy summer romance with Adam becomes more complicated, Kate asks herself if she is girlfriend material.

***Slept Away* by Julie Kraut YP FIC KRAUT** Fifteen-year-old Manhattanite Laney Parker, a city girl all her life, is horrified when her mother insists that she spend the summer at sleep-away camp in the Pennsylvania countryside.

***Boys, Bears, and a Serious Pair of Hiking Boots* by Abby McDonald YP FIC MCDONALD** Seventeen-year-old Jenna, an ardent vegetarian and environmentalist, is thrilled to be spending the summer communing with nature in rural Canada, until she discovers that not all of the rugged residents there share her beliefs.

***Thirteen Plus One* by Lauren Myracle YP FIC MYRACLE** As Winnie and her friends count the days until the beginning of high school, they attend a summer camp where they learn about sea turtles--as well as human relationships.

***Twenty Boy Summer* by Sarah Ockler YP FIC OCKLER** While on vacation in California, sixteen-year-old best friends Anna and Frankie conspire to find a boy for Anna's first kiss, but Anna harbors a painful secret that threatens their light-hearted plan and their friendship.