

Struts and Frets by Jon Skovron YP FIC SKOVRON
Sammy wants to be a musician, as was his grandfather, but while the band he is in is self-destructing, Sammy is too distracted by his grandfather's decline and confused feelings about his best friend to fix it--and his mother stays too busy to help.

Resurrection Blues by Mike Tanner YP FIC TANNER
Flynn drops out of his senior year and hits the road playing clubs with his band, but he soon realizes that his fear of conformity may keep him from being true to himself.

Hurricane Song by Paul Volponi YP FIC VOLPONI Miles Shaw goes to live with his father, a jazz musician, in New Orleans, and together they survive the horrors of Hurricane Katrina in the Superdome, learning about each other and growing closer through their painful experiences

Beautiful City of the Dead by Leander Watts YP FIC WATTS After joining a heavy metal band, high school student Zee learns that she is a god of water and is called upon to fight sinister forces that want her powers for their own.

The Last Days by Scott Westerfeld YP FIC WESTERFELD As an ancient evil stirs beneath the streets of New York City, infecting rats and people like a plague, five quirky teens come together to form a "New Sound" band whose music seems to have paranormal power.

What a Song Can Do: 12 Riffs on the Power of Music edited by Jennifer Armstrong YP FIC WHAT Contains a collection of twelve stories, by different authors, that celebrate the power of music.

When the Black Girl Sings by Bil Wright YP FIC WRIGHT Adopted by white parents and sent to an exclusive Connecticut girls' school where she is the only black student, fourteen-year-old Lahni finds her voice after she hears gospel music for the first time.

Good Enough by Paula Yoo YP FIC YOO A Korean American teenager tries to please her parents by getting into an Ivy League college, but a new guy in school and her love of the violin tempt her in new directions.

Gangsta Rap by Benjamin Zephaniah YP FIC ZEPHANIA When teenage Ray and his two friends, Prem and Tyrone, form a successful rap band in the London's East End where they live, they soon find themselves embroiled in increasingly violent gang warfare.

Teen Read Week 2010

Teens Read Week will be celebrated October 18-24, 2010. This year's theme is **Books with Beat**. It focuses on books that look at music as a way for teens to express themselves or understand their world. Music is an amazing way to explore your identity, cope with problems, find strength to overcome all sort of tragedies, or just generally rock out. We've pulled together some of our best YA books that look at the power of mu-



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King of the Creeps by Steven Banks YP FIC BANKS When a nerdy, unpopular high school senior notices his resemblance to Bob Dylan, he leaves home for Greenwich Village, in 1963, to become a folk singer.

Audrey, Wait! by Robin Benway YP FIC BENWAY While trying to score a date with her cute co-worker at the Scooper Dooper, sixteen-year-old Audrey gains unwanted celebrity status when her ex records a breakup song about her that soars to the top of the Billboard charts.

Cherokee Bat and the Goat Guys by Francesca Lia Block YP FIC BLOCK With their parents away, four young people form a rock band that becomes wildly popular, carrying them into a "freer" life than they can cope with.

House of Tomorrow by Peter Bognanni FIC BOGNANNI Having just left the geodesic dome he was raised by his grandma in 17 year old Sebastian bonds with a group of outcasts through the power of punk.

Wild Roses by Deb Caletti YP FIC CALETTI In Washington State, seventeen-year-old Cassie learns about the good and bad sides of both love and genius while living with her mother and brilliant, yet disturbed, violinist stepfather and falling in love with a gifted young musician.

Beige by Cecil Castellucci YP FIC CASTELLU Katy, a quiet French Canadian teenager, reluctantly leaves Montréal to spend time with her estranged father, an aging Los Angeles punk rock legend.

Thunderbowl by Lesley Choyce YP FIC CHOYCE Jeremy is spending most nights in a rowdy club, trying to keep the band together and while his life is falling apart, he is forced to make some tough choices.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn YP FIC COHN High school student Nick O'Leary, member of a rock band, meets college-bound Norah Silverberg and asks her to be his girlfriend for five minutes in order to avoid his ex-sweetheart.

LBD (It's a Girl Thing) by Grace Dent YP FIC DENT Barred by their overprotective parents from attending a rock music festival, fourteen-year-olds Ronnie, Fleur, and Claude, also known as "Les Bambinos Dangereuses," decide to stage their own music festival at Blackwell School.

Just Listen by Sarah Dessen YP FIC DESSEN Suddenly unpopular sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face what really happened at the end-of-the-year party.

Friend is Not a Verb by Daniel Ehrenhaft YP FIC EHREN-HAF While sixteen-year-old Hen's family and friends try to make his supposed dreams of becoming a rock star come true, he deals with the reality of being in a band with an ex-girlfriend, a friendship that may become love, and his older sister's mysterious disappearance and reappearance.

Adios to My Old Life by Caridad Ferrer YP FIC FERRER 17 year old Ali Montero has the opportunity of a lifetime competing in a national TV music competition, but is she too eager to leave her old life behind?

Diva by Alex Flinn YP FIC FLINN Despite her mother's objections, sixteen-year-old Caitlin determines to pursue her dream of becoming an opera singer by attending a performing arts school in Miami.

Garage Band by Gipi YP FIC GIPI Four troubled boys, Guiliano, Stefano, Alberto, and Alex, form a band. When their amp blows right before the deadline for their demo tape, the boys become desperate to replace it and land themselves in more trouble than they know how to handle.

Fat Kid Rules the World by Kelly Going YP FIC GOING Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

Lemonade Mouth by Mark Peter Hughes YP FIC HUGHES A disparate group of high school students thrown together in detention form a band to play at a school talent show and end up competing with a wildly popular local rock band.

Nailed by Patrick Jones YP FIC JONES An outcast in a school full of jocks, sixteen-year-old Bret struggles to keep his individuality through his interest in drama and music, while trying to reconnect with his father.

Born to Rock by Gordon Korman YP FIC KORMAN High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend.

Heavy Metal and You by Christopher Krovatin YP FIC KROVATIN High schooler Sam begins losing himself when he falls for a preppy girl who wants him to give up getting wasted with his best friends and even his passion for heavy metal music in order to become a better person.



She's Got the Beat by Nancy Krulik YP FIC KRULIK When she moves to Austin, Texas, small-town girl Miranda decides to reinvent herself and, learning how to play the drums with a vengeance, joins a band and falls for the gorgeous bass player who has no interest in rocker chicks.

The World is Mine by Lyah Beth LeFlore YP FIC LE-FLORE Maryland high school juniors and best friends Blue Reynolds and Collin Andrews seem to have it all, and when they decide to become party promoters, anything can happen—including being pitted against parents, jealous girlfriends, and even one another.

6X: The Uncensored Confessions by Nina Malkin YP FIC MALKIN Four kids on the fast track to pop-rock superstardom reveal the unfiltered truth about the glamorous, backstabbing world of sudden celebrity

Guitar Girl by Sarra Manning YP FIC MANNING Seventeen-year-old Molly Montgomery forms a rock band with her closest friends, Tara and Jane, but their unexpected success forces them to confront the hazards of fame.

Harlem Hustle by Janet McDonald YP FIC MCDON-ALD Eric "Hustle" Samson, a smart and street-wise seventeen-year-old dropout from Harlem, aspires to rap stardom, a dream he naïvely believes is about to come true.

Harlem Summer by Walter Dean Myers YP FIC MYERS In 1920s Harlem, sixteen-year-old Mark Purvis, an aspiring jazz saxophonist, gets a summer job as an errand boy for the publishers of the groundbreaking African American magazine, "The Crisis," but soon finds himself on the enemy list of mobster Dutch Shultz.

Born Blue by Han Nolan YP FIC NOLAN Janie was four years old when she nearly drowned due to her mother's neglect. Through an unhappy foster home experience, and years of feeling that she is unwanted, she keeps alive her dream of someday being a famous singer.

So Punk Rock (And Other Ways to Disappoint Your Mother) by Micol Ostow YP FIC OSTOW Four suburban New Jersey students from the Leo R. Gittleman Jewish Day School form a rock band that becomes inexplicably popular, creating exhilaration, friction, confrontation, and soul-searching among its members.

The Vinyl Princess by Yvonne Prinz YP FIC PRINZ Allie, a sixteen-year-old who is obsessed with LPs, works at the used record store on Telegraph Avenue and deals with crushes, her increasingly popular blog, and generally grows up over the course of one summer in her hometown of Berkeley, California.