



***The Book of Samuel* by Erik Raschke YP FIC**

**RASCHKE** Living with his religious father, feminist mother, and racist grandmother in Denver, Colorado, during the early 1980s, twelve-year-old Samuel Gerard relates his school adventures and deals with his own prejudices towards Mexican immigrants.

***Jump* by Ginger Rue YP FIC RUE** A bullying, narcissistic high school junior discovers the transforming power of compassion when she literally "walks in someone else's shoes."

***Scrawl: A Novel* by Mark Schulman YP FIC**

**SCHULMAN** When eighth-grade school bully Tod and his friends get caught committing a crime on school property, his penalty--staying after school and writing in a journal under the eye of the school guidance counsellor--reveals aspects of himself that he prefers to keep hidden.

***Some Girls Are* by Courtney Summers YP FIC**

**SUMMERS** Regina, a high school senior in the popular--and feared--crowd, suddenly falls out of favor and becomes the object of the same sort of vicious bullying that she used to inflict on others, until she finds solace with one of her former victims.

***Response* by Paul Volponi YP FIC VOLPONI**

When an African American high school student is beaten with a baseball bat in a white neighborhood, three boys are charged with a hate crime.



Bullying can lead to serious problems for teens, Depression and suicide among teens is a very real and serious issue. If you or anyone you know is suffering from depression or thinking about suicide you should seek help immediately.

Below are some websites and phone numbers for help with suicidal thoughts or ways to help those with suicidal thoughts:

**Depression: A Guide for Teens**

[www.youngwomenshealth.org/depression.html](http://www.youngwomenshealth.org/depression.html)

**Mayo Clinic-- Tween and Teen Health Suicide & Suicidal Thoughts** [www.mayoclinic.com/health/suicide/DS01062](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/suicide/DS01062)

**Self-injury/Cutting**

[www.mayoclinic.com/health/selfinjury/DS00775](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/selfinjury/DS00775)

**Suicide Hotline** 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)

**Suicide Prevention**

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) Call 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

**Moore Memorial Public Library**

1701 9th Avenue N.

Phone: (409) 643-5977

[www.texascity-library.org](http://www.texascity-library.org)

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Young adult books about being 'different' and facing the bullies and haters



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***Ten Things I hate About Me* by Randa Abdel-Fattah YP FIC ABDEL FAT** Lebanese-Australian Jamilah, known in school as Jamie, hides her heritage from her classmates and tries to pass by dyeing her hair blonde and wearing blue-tinted contact lenses, until her conflicted feelings become too much for her to bear.

***Thirteen Reasons Why :A Novel* by Jay Asher YP FIC ASHER** When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

***The Fat Boy Chronicles: Inspired by a True Story* by Michael Buchanan YP FIC BUCHANAN** Overweight and bullied by his classmates, teenaged Jimmy Winterpock relates in his English class journal the life-changing events of his freshman year in high school.

***Evil? By Timothy Carter YP FIC CARTER*** Stuart Bradley, a gay teenager living in a conservative Christian town in Ontario, Canada, dabbles in several forbidden activities, and when word gets out, he and some other teens face grave danger from the fallen angels that are inciting hatred and extremism in the community.

***Coming of Age in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Growing Up in America Today YP FIC COMING*** Short stories about the many different ways to be and grow in America and the difficulties of finding and being yourself.

***The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier YP FIC CORMIER** A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund-raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

***Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Leviathan YP FIC GREEN** When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

***Brutal* by Michael b. Harmon YP FIC HARMON** Forced to leave Los Angeles for life in a quiet California wine town with a father she has never known, rebellious sixteen-year-old Poe Holly rails against a high school system that allows elite students special privileges and tolerates bullying of those who are different.

***The Heights* by Brian James YP FIC JAMES** Sixteen-year-old Catherine and her adopted Mexican American brother, Henry, agonize over the loss of their uniquely close relationship when their prejudiced older brother and sister-in-law return after a family tragedy, determined to drive Henry away from the family's San Francisco home.

***New Boy* by Julian Houston YP FIC HOUSTON** As a new sophomore at an exclusive boarding school, a young black man is witness to the persecution of another student with bad acne.

***How Beautiful the Ordinary : Twelve Stories of Identity YP FIC HOW*** Presents twelve stories by contemporary, award-winning young adult authors, some presented in graphic or letter format, which explore themes of gender identity, love, and sexuality.

***Freaks and Revelations* by Davida Hurwin YP FIC HURWIN** Tells, in two voices, of events leading up to a 1980 incident in which fourteen-year-old Jason, a gay youth surviving on the streets as a prostitute, and seventeen-year-old Doug, a hate-filled punk rocker, have a fateful meeting in a Los Angeles alley.

***Diary of a Witness* by Catherine Ryan Hyde YP FIC HYDE** Ernie, an overweight high school student and long-time target of bullies, relies on his best friend Will to watch his back until Will, overwhelmed by problems at home and guilt over his brother's death, seeks a final solution.

***Finding my Place* by Traci L. Jones YP FIC JONES** After moving to an affluent suburb in 1975, ninth-grader Tiphonie feels lonely at her nearly all-white high school until she befriends another "outsider" and discovers that prejudice exists in many forms.

***Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver YP FIC OLIVER** After she dies in a car crash, teenage Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself.

***By the Time You Read This, I'll be Dead* by Julie Anne Peters YP FIC PETERS** Daelyn, who has been bullied throughout school and has more than once attempted suicide, again makes plans to kill herself, in spite of the persistent attempts of an unusual boy to draw her out.

***Burn: A Novel* by Suzanne Phillips YP FIC PHILLIPS** Bullied constantly during his freshman year in high school, Cameron's anger and isolation grows, leading to deadly consequences.

***Freak* by Marcella Fleischman Pixley YP FIC PIXLEY** Twelve-year-old Miriam, poetic, smart, and quirky, is considered a freak by the popular girls at her middle school, and she eventually explodes in response to their bullying, revealing an inner strength she did not know she had.