

Magix: Notes from a Serious Teen Witch by Douglas Rees YP FIC REES Witch-in-training Kestrel Murphy is bitter at having to move to Southern California to live with her aunt, and she is determined to acquire the magic she needs to get her life back to normal and to survive in her new high school.

God Went to Beauty School by Cynthia Rylant YP FIC RYLANT A novel in poems that reveal God's discovery of the wonders and pains in the world He has created.

Zen and the Art of Faking It by Jordan Sonneblick YP FIC SONNENBL When thirteen-year-old San Lee moves to a new town and school for the umpteenth time, he is looking for a way to stand out when his knowledge of Zen Buddhism, gained in his previous school, provides the answer--and the need to quickly become a convincing Zen master.

The Guardian by Joyce Sweeney YP FIC SWEENEY When thirteen-year-old Hunter, struggling to deal with a harsh, money-grubbing foster mother, three challenging foster sisters, and a school bully, returns to his childhood faith and prays to St. Gabriel, he instantly becomes aware that he does, indeed, have a guardian.

Once Was Lost by Sara Zarr YP FIC ZARR As the tragedy of a missing girl unfolds in her small town, fifteen-year-old Samara, who feels emotionally abandoned by her parents, begins to question her faith.

Donut Days by Lara Zielin YP FIC ZIELIN During a camp-out promoting the opening of a donut shop in a small Minnesota town, sixteen-year-old Emma, an aspiring journalist, begins to connect an ongoing pollution investigation with the turmoil in the evangelical Christian church where her parents are pastors.



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A MATTER OF FAITH

Young Adult Fiction about faith and religion



Does My Head Look Big in This by Randa Abdel-Fattah YP FIC ABDEFAT Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.

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.

Kissed by an Angel by Elizabeth Chandler YP FIC CHANDLER Ivy is so devastated when her boyfriend Tristan is killed that it destroys her faith in angels, which prevents Tristan, now her guardian angel, from helping her as she is targeted by his killer.

Hush by Eishes Chayil YP FIC CHAYIL After remembering the cause of her best friend Devory's suicide at age nine, Gittel is determined to raise awareness of sexual abuse in her Borough Park, New York, community, despite the rules of Chassidim that require her to be silent.

The Miracle Stealer by Neil O. Connelly YP FIC CONELLY In small-town Pennsylvania, nineteen-year-old Andi Grant will do anything to protect her six-year-old brother Daniel from those who believe he has a God-given gift as a healer--including their own mother.

The Miracle Girls by Anne Dayton YP FIC DAYTON Meet the Miracle Girls of Half Moon Bay! They may look ordinary, but each one is living out her second chance at life. Too bad it's their last chance at surviving high school!

God is in the Pancakes by Robin Epstein YP FIC EPSTEIN Fifteen-year-old Grace, having turned her back on religion when her father left, now finds herself praying for help with her home and love life, and especially with whether she should help a beloved elderly friend die with dignity.



The Patron Saint of Butterflies by Cecilia Galante YP FIC GALANTE When her grandmother takes fourteen-year-old Agnes, her younger brother, and best friend Honey and escapes Mount Blessing, a Connecticut religious commune, Agnes clings to the faith she loves while Honey looks toward a future free of control, cruelty, and preferential treatment.



Poisoned Honey by Beatrice Gormley YP FIC GORMLEY Relates events from the life of Mary Magdalene who would grow up to be a close follower of Jesus Christ, interspersed with stories of the Apostle Matthew.

Keep Sweet by Michele Greene YP FIC GREENE Alva, not quite fifteen, is content with the strict rules that define her life in Pineridge, the walled community where she lives with her father, his seven wives, and her twenty-nine siblings until she is caught giving her long-time crush an innocent first kiss and forced to marry a violent, fifty-year-old man.

A Girl Named Mister by Nikki Grimes YP FIC GRIMES A pregnant teenager finds support and forgiveness from God through a book of poetry presented from the Virgin Mary's perspective.

Godless by Pete Hautman YP FIC HAUTMAN When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.



Virginia by Susan Hughes YP FIC HUGHES Ivy is shocked when she finds out that her friend Virginia believes that she has been chosen to carry God's child and she tries to determine the basis for her friend's beliefs and what Virginia's older brother Paul is plotting.

Losing Faith by Denise Jaden YP FIC JADEN Brie tries to cope with her grief over her older sister Faith's sudden death by trying to learn more about the religious "home group" Faith secretly joined and never talked about with Brie or her parents.

In the Name of God by Paula Jolin YP FIC JOLIN Determined to follow the laws set down in the Qur'an, seventeen-year-old Nadia becomes involved in a violent revolutionary movement aimed at supporting Muslim rule in Syria and opposing the Western politics and materialism that increasingly affect her family.

Buddha Boy by Kathe Koja YP FIC KOJA Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

Gravity by Leanne Lieberman YP FIC LIEBERMA When fifteen-year-old Ellie falls in love with a girl she has to decide whether she'll follow her heart, even if it means being shunned by her Orthodox Jewish community.

Rogelia's House of Magic by Jamie Martinez-Woods YP FIC MARTINEZ Marina and Fern, eager to learn magic just for fun, convince Xochitl to ask her grandmother, a curandera, to teach them, and as her apprentices the three learn about casting spells, healing, and life.

Pure by Terra Elan McVoy YP FIC MCVOY Fifteen-year-old Tabitha and her four best friends all wear purity rings to symbolize their pledge to remain virgins until they marry, but when one admits that she has broken the pledge each girl must reexamine her faith, friendships, and what it means to be pure.