

# Quick & Easy

for  
**TEENS**

## 12 Things to Do Before You Crash and Burn by James Proimos

After the death of his famous father, James "Hercules" Martino is sent to Baltimore to stay with his uncle. While there, he is given a list of twelve things to accomplish during his visit. Without really meaning to, Hercules embarks on a madcap race to accomplish the tasks.

## Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison

Told in diary format, Georgia Nicolson explains the agony of being a teenager growing up in England with annoying parents, an insane cat, and her crazy little sister. Thankfully, she has "The Ace Gang" who are her best friends and partners in laughter and boy chasing.

## Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick by Joe Schreiber

Perry's overbearing father and well-meaning mother suggest that the family take in a foreign exchange student. When dowdy and quiet Gobi arrives from Lithuania, Perry's dreams of living with a hot European girl are dashed. Little does he know that Gobi is an international assassin and that his life will never be the same.



## Baseball in April: And Other Stories by Gary Soto

A collection of short stories that contain different settings, circumstances, and characters, but all revolve around the sport of baseball.

## The Boyfriend List: (15 Guys, 11 Shrink Appointments, 4 Ceramic Frogs and me, Ruby Oliver) by E. Lockhart

Ruby Oliver explains why she suffers from panic attacks. The list includes her recent break-up, fighting with her best friend, and having graffiti written about her in the bathroom.

## Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers

Richard Perry enlists in the Army right after high school and spends a year of active duty in Vietnam.

## Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Matilda is forced to take care of herself and her grandfather after being separated from her mother during the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.



## First Day on Earth by Cecil Castellucci

Mal can't clearly remember what happened, but believes he was abducted by aliens, drugged and probed. When Mal joins a support group for other abductees, he meets Hooper who claims to be an alien trying to get back home. Whether or not Mal and Hooper are telling the truth is the ultimate mystery contained in this unique story.

## Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

While they are still in elementary school, an outgoing and outspoken young girl falls in love with the boy next door who wants nothing to do with her. Told in alternating voices, Juli and Bryce explain their tumultuous relationship and its unexpected evolution.

## Gingerbread by Rachel Cohn

Cyd Charisse is back living in San Francisco after being kicked out of her fancy New England boarding school. When she starts dating Shrimp, a sensitive surfer boy, her parents force her to go to New York City to spend time with her biological father.

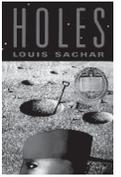


## Girl Meets Boy: (Because There Are Two Sides to Every Story) edited by Kelly Milner Halls

A collection of short he said/she said stories. Each story represents a boy's or a girl's perspective. The following story tells the same scenario but from the other person's point of view.

## Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' entire family is cursed with bad luck. He is wrongly sentenced to a horrible correctional camp in the middle of the desert. Surprisingly, he finds a true friend and a treasure while there. Perhaps Stanley's luck is beginning to change.



## Kick by Walter Dean Myers and Ross Workman

A story told in alternating voices between a soccer star who is in trouble and the police officer investigating his case and trying to keep him out of jail.

## Long Story Short by Siobhan Parkinson

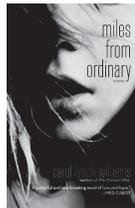
Fourteen-year-old Jono runs away from home with his eight-year-old sister Julie because their alcoholic mother hits her. At first, they get by even though life on the street is tougher than he imagined it would be. After a terrible turn of events, Jono is arrested on charges of assault, theft and murder.

## Love & Leftovers: A Novel in Verse by Sarah Tregay

After her father comes out that he is gay, Marcie travels to New Hampshire with her mother. The trip lasts longer than she planned and her friendships and relationship with her boyfriend back in Idaho become increasingly strained.

## Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff

Fourteen-year-old La Vaughn learns a lot about life when she takes a babysitting job after school for Jolly, the young single mother of two children.



## Miles from Ordinary by Carol Lynch Williams

Lacey is excited on the day that both she and her mother are to start new jobs. After Lacey's successful first day, she rides the bus to meet her mom at her job. But she's not there and the manager says she never showed up for work. Lacey and a friend embark on a frantic and frightening mission to find her.

## The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Ponyboy's world revolves around his brothers and his true friends because they would do anything for him and vice versa. They struggle to survive and hang together when life takes a harsh turn and all the odds seem stacked against them. This classic novel was originally published in 1967.

## Paranoid Park by Blake Nelson

A sixteen year old skater in Portland, Oregon goes skating one night at Paranoid Park where he joins up with a troublemaker named Scratch to hop a train. When he accidentally kills the security guard trying to stop them, he must figure out how to go forward, either by telling someone, or by trying to get away with murder.

## The Summer I Learned to Fly by Dana Reinhardt

Drew spends most of her time at her mother's cheese shop because she prefers to hang out with their one employee, a cute, much older surfer named Nick. When Drew meets Emmett Crane they become friends despite the fact that he is hiding something important from her.

## There is No Long Distance Now: Very Short Stories by Naomi Shihab Nye

Forty very short stories that deal with characters experiencing difficulty in their lives. The stories also explore ideas of interconnectivity and distance in our current world.

## Ttyl by Lauren Myracle

Three friends, Zoe, Madeline, and Angela discuss school, dates, and drama as they enter their sophomore year of high school in this novel told exclusively in IM format.

## Zombies vs. Unicorns compiled by Justine Larbalestier

Popular young adult authors, Justine Larbalestier and Holly Black, take different stances on which is better: zombies or unicorns. This anthology gathers short stories about zombies and unicorns from many other bestselling authors in an effort to prove once and for all who wins the debate.