

## Tough Decisions

**Anderson, Laurie Halse**      **Twisted**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

**Avi**      **Nothing but the Truth**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

**Bloor, Edward**      **London Calling**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 Seventh-grader Martin Conway believes that his life is monotonous and dull until the night the antique radio he uses as a night-light transports him to the bombing of London in 1940.

**Booth, Coe**      **Tyrell**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father.

**Booth, Coe**      **Kendra**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 High schooler Kendra longs to live with her mother who, unprepared for motherhood at age fourteen, left Kendra in the care of her grandmother.

**Cole, Sheila**      **What kind of love: the diary of a pregnant teenager**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 Valerie Larch confides her reactions to her pregnancy in her diary as she sees its effects on her relationships with her boyfriend and her parents and her future plans, and considers giving her child up for adoption.

**Cooney, Caroline B.**      **Driver's Ed**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 Three teenagers' lives are changed forever when they thoughtlessly steal a stop sign from a dangerous intersection and a young mother is killed in an automobile accident there.

**Cooney, Caroline B.**      **Voice on the Radio**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 Fifteen-year-old Janie feels devastated when she discovers that her boyfriend has betrayed her and her family through his college radio program.

**Cormier, Robert**      **Tunes for Bears to Dance to**      **Teen Center Pbk**  
 Eleven-year-old Henry escapes his family's problems by watching the woodcarving of Mr. Levine, an elderly Holocaust survivor, but when Henry is manipulated into betraying his friend he comes to know true evil.

**Crutcher, Chris**      **Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes**      **Teen Center Fiction**  
 The daily class discussions about contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.



**Haddix, Margaret P.**                      **Leaving Fishers**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

After joining her new friends in the religious group called Fishers of Men, Dorry finds herself immersed in a cult from which she must struggle to extricate herself.

**Johnston, Tony**                      **Bone by Bone by Bone**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

In 1950s Tennessee, ten-year-old David's racist father refuses to let him associate with his best friend Malcolm, an African American boy.

**Knowles, John**                      **A Separate Peace**                      **Fiction**

A conflict of loyalties between Gene and his fearless friend, Phineas, leads to tragedy.

**LeGuin, Ursula**                      **A Wizard of Earthsea**                      **Teen Center Pbk**

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

**Lipsyte, Robert**                      **The Contender**                      **Teen Center Pbk**

Feeling the pressures of Harlem life and its drug problems, police, and street fights, a seventeen-year-old high school drop-out turns to boxing.

**Marcheta, Melina**                      **On the Jellicoe Road**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

**Marcheta, Melina**                      **Looking for Alibrandi**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

During her senior year in a Catholic school in Sydney, Australia, seventeen-year-old Josie meets and must contend with the father she has never known.

**Na, An**                      **Wait for Me**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

As her senior year in high school approaches, Mina yearns to find her own path in life but working at the family business, taking care of her little sister, and dealing with her mother's impossible expectations are as stifling as the southern California heat, until she falls in love with a man who offers a way out.

**Peck, Richard**                      **Last Safe Place on Earth**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Fifteen-year-old Todd sees his perfect suburban world start to unravel when his little sister has her mind poisoned by a member of a fundamentalist sect and he begins to notice signs of censorship in his community.

**Robson, Claire**                      **Outside Rules: Short Stories about  
Nonconformist Youth**                      **Teen Center Pbk**

An anthology of fourteen short stories about youth who do not quite fit in because they are too brainy, unathletic, poor, the "wrong" religion, emotionally fragile, from non-traditional families, not model-thin, or simply bent on following a unique path.

**Schmidt, Gary**                      **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.

**Sonnenblick, Jordan**                      **Notes from the Midnight Driver**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

**Spinelli, Jerry**                      **Wringer**                      **Children's Fiction**

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

**Spinelli, Jerry**                      **Maniac Magee**                      **Children's Fiction**

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

**Soto, Gary**                      **Buried Onions**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.

**Tashjian, Janet**                      **Multiple Choice**                      **Teen Center Fiction**

Monica, a fourteen-year-old perfectionist and word game expert, tries to break free from all of the suffocating rules in her life by creating a game for living called Multiple Choice.

**Taylor, Mildred D.**                      **Friendship**                      **Children's Fiction**

Four children witness a confrontation between an elderly black man and a white storekeeper in rural Mississippi in the 1930s.

**Taylor, Mildred D.**                      **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**                      **Children's Fiction**

Young Cassie Logan endures humiliation and witnesses the racism of the KKK as they embark on a cross-burning rampage, before she fully understands the importance her family attributes to having land of their own.

**Zindel, Paul**                      **Pigman**                      **Teen Center Pbk**

A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.