

## Good books for Guys

**Abrahms, Peter**

**Reality Check**

**Teen Center Fiction**

After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town. But when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.

**Alexie, Sherman**

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

**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. When life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

**Anderson, M.T.**

**Burger Wuss**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Hoping to lose his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully which results in a war between two competing fast food restaurants, Burger Queen and O'Dermott's.

**Anderson, M.T.**

**Thirsty**

**Teen Center Fiction**

From the moment he knows that he is destined to be a vampire, Chris thirsts for the blood of people around him while also struggling to remain human.

**Bradbury, Jennifer**

**Shift**

**Teen Center Fiction**

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

**Bradbury, Ray**

**Something Wicked This Way Comes**

**Teen Center Fiction**

A strange carnival brings terror to the population of a small midwestern town.

**Bradford, Chris**

**Young Samurai:  
Way of the Warrior**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Orphaned by a ninja pirate attack off the coast of Japan in 1611, twelve-year-old English lad Jack Fletcher is determined to prove himself, despite the bullying of fellow students, when the legendary sword master who rescued him begins training him as a samurai warrior.

**Calame, Don**

**Swim the Fly**

**Teen Center Fiction**

In addition to the pact he makes with his best friends to see a naked girl by the end of summer, Matt Gratton sets himself the goal of impressing the star of the swim team, Kelly West, by swimming the one hundred-yard butterfly.

**Chima, Cinda Williams**

**The Warrior Heir**

**Teen Center Fiction**

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards. **Sequels: Wizard Heir, Dragon Heir**

**Deuker, Carol**

**The Runner**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.



**Howe, Norma**

**The Adventures of Blue Avenger**

**Teen Center Fiction**

On his sixteenth birthday, still trying to cope with the unexpected death of his father, David Schumacher decides--or does he--to change his name to Blue Avenger, hoping to find a way to make a difference in his Oakland neighborhood and in the world.

**Jaques, Brian**

**Redwall (series)**

**Teen Center Fiction**

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

**Jinks, Catherine**

**Evil Genius**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy. **Sequel: Genius Squad.**

**Kluger, Steve**

**My Most Excellent Year**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.

**Korman, Gordon**

**The Juvie Three**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Gecko, Arjay, and Terence, all in trouble with the law, must find a way to keep their halfway house open in order to stay out of juvenile detention.

**Korman, Gordan**

**Schooled**

**Teen Center Fiction**

After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled and attend Claverage Middle School, where his odd looks and behavior make him the target of bullies.

**Krovatin, Christopher**

**Heavy Metal and You**

**Teen Center Fiction**

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.

**Krovatin, Christopher**

**Venomous**

**Teen Center Fiction**

Since age eight, New York City high school junior Locke Vinetti has experienced bouts of overpowering anger, but now that he has friends who accept him and a true girlfriend, "the venom" threatens to destroy all that he loves.

**Lupica, Mike**

**Travel Team**

**Teen Center Fiction**

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

**McNab, Andy**

**Traitor**

**Teen Center Fiction**

A boy who believes his grandfather to be a traitor, a spy who turned against England and then disappeared, tracks down his grandfather and finds out the truth. **Sequels: Payback, Avenger.**

**Marsh, Katherine**

**Night Tourist**

**Teen Center Fiction**

After fourteen-year-old Jack Perdu has a near-fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld, where those who died in New York reside until they are ready to move on, and Jack vows to find his dead mother there. **Sequel: Twilight Prisoner**

- Myers, Walter Dean**                      **The Beast**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
A visit to his Harlem neighborhood and the discovery that the girl he loves is using drugs give sixteen-year-old Anthony Witherspoon a new perspective both on his home and on his life at a Connecticut prep school.
- Parker, Robert B.**                      **Edenville Owls**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
Fourteen-year-old Bobby, living in a small Massachusetts town just after World War II, finds himself facing many new challenges as he tries to pull together his coachless basketball team, cope with new feelings for his old friend Joanie, and discover the identity of the mysterious stranger who seems to be threatening his teacher.
- Shusterman, Neal**                      **Full Tilt**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
When sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious, by-invitation-only carnival he somehow knows that it could save his comatose brother, but soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra.
- Simmons, Michael**                      **Finding Lubchenko**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
When his father is framed for murder and bioterrorism, high-school junior Evan, using clues from a stolen laptop, travels from Seattle to Paris with two friends to find the real culprit.
- 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.
- Tharpe, Tim**                      **Spectacular Now**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
In the last months of high school, charismatic eighteen-year-old Sutter Keely lives in the present, staying drunk or high most of the time, but that could change when he starts working to boost the self-confidence of a classmate, Aimee.
- Van de Ruit, John**                      **Spud**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
In 1990, thirteen-year-old John "Spud" Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes, embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, and much more.
- Volponi, Paul**                      **Response**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
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.
- Zusak, Markus**                      **I Am the Messenger**                      **Teen Center Fiction**  
After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

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