



# Books for Guys

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**Please note: Books vary in maturity level and content.**

## AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS

By Gennifer Choldenko----- YA & TEEN CHOLD  
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister Natalie.

## BODY OF CHRISTOPHER CREED

By Carol Plum-Ucci-----YA PLUM  
Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

## BOY 21

By Matthew Quick-----YA QUICK  
Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.

## CODE TALKER

By Joseph Bruchac-----YA & TEEN BRUCH  
After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

## CURVEBALL: THE YEAR I LOST MY GRIP

By Jordan Sonnenblick-----YA SONNE  
After an injury ends Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography, which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a photographer, and a deeper relationship with the grandfather.

## DEVIL'S BREATH

By David Gilman----- YA GILMA  
When his father goes missing and he is almost killed at his boarding school in England, Max travels to the wilderness of Namibia to try to find him where he soon learns about his father's work to stop Shaka Chang and his evil plot for ecological destruction.

## DOWNSIDERS

By Neal Shusterman ----- TEEN SHUST  
A fourteen-year-old boy who lives in the subterranean world beneath New York City meets a girl from above ground. When she visits him down below, she discovers his world is not what it appears to be.

## ENDER'S GAME

By Orson Scott Card-----TEEN CARD  
Ender Wiggin is Battle School's latest recruit. His teachers reckon he could become a great leader: and they need one. A vast alien force is headed for Earth, its mission - the annihilation of all human life. He could be our only hope.

## EPIC

By Conor Kostick----- YA KOSTI  
On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

## EVERLOST

By Neal Shusterman ----- YA & TEEN SHUST  
When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.

## EVERYBODY SEES THE ANTS

By A.S. King -----YA KING  
Experiencing vivid dreams about meeting his long-lost POW/MIA grandfather, Lucky Linderman struggles to fit into a home life marked by a distant father, a weary mother and a cruel bully who compromises Lucky's grasp on reality.

## THE EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF ALFRED KROPP

By Richard Yancy -----YA & TEEN YANCE  
On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

## THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

By John Green-----YA GREEN  
Despite the medical miracle that has bought her a few more years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, but when Augustus Waters suddenly appears at the Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be rewritten.

## GIVE A BOY A GUN

By Todd Strasse -----YA & TEEN STRAS  
Through interviews and letters, tells the fictional story of two boys who hold their classmates hostage at a high school dance, and offers facts about guns and school violence throughout the story.

## THE GRAVEYARD BOOK

By Neil Gaiman ----- YA GAIMA  
Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

## HIDDEN TALENTS

By David Lubar-----TEEN LUBAR  
When thirteen-year-old Martin arrives at an alternative school for misfits and problem students, he falls in with a group of boys with psychic powers and discovers something surprising about himself.

## HOOT

By Carl Hiaasen----- TEEN HIAAS  
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

## THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION

By Nancy Farmer----- YA & TEEN FARMER  
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special but risky status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

## **I AM THE MESSENGER**

By Marcus Zusak----- YA & TEEN FARME  
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.

## **LITTLE BROTHER**

By Cory Doctorow----- YA & TEEN FARME  
Having mastered the cutting-edge technologies of the networked world, seventeen-year-old Marcus and his friends cut school in search of high adventure and find themselves caught in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco and wrongfully incarcerated in a secret prison by a totalitarian Department of Homeland Security.

## **MARCELO IN THE REAL WORLD**

By Francisco Stork-----YA STORK  
Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

## **MERCHANT OF DEATH**

### **(PENDRAGON SERIES - BK. 1)**

By D.J. MacHale----- TEEN MACHA  
Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world.

## **MONSTER**

By Walter Dean Myers----- YA & TEEN MYERS  
"Monster" is what the prosecutor called 16-year-old Steve Harmon for his supposed role in the fatal shooting of a convenience-store owner. But was Steve really the lookout who gave the "all clear" to the murderer, or was he just in the wrong place at the wrong time?

## **A MONSTER CALLS**

By Patrick Ness-----YA NESS  
Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill, but an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

## **NEVER FALL DOWN**

By Patricia McCormick-----YA MCCOR  
Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.

## **PEAK**

By Roland Smith----- YA & TEEN SMITH  
A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

## **POP**

By Gordon Korman-----YA KORMA  
Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

## **RASH**

By Pete Hautman----- YA & TEEN HAUTM  
In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork

## **REVOLVER**

By Marcus Sedgwick-----YA SEDGW  
In a tense, psychological drama set in the snowy wilderness of the Arctic Circle during the Alaska Gold Rush, 14-year-old Sig confronts a stranger who has come to take revenge on his dead father.

## **THE RULES OF SURVIVAL**

By Nancy Werlin-----YA WERLI  
Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

## **RUNNER**

By Carl Deuker----- YA & TEEN DEUKE  
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.

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## **SCHWA WAS HERE**

By Neal Shusterman-----YA & TEEN SHUST  
A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

## **SON OF THE MOB**

By Gordon Korman-----TEEN KORMA  
Seventeen-year-old Vince Luca's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent. The sequel to this book is *Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle*.

## **STORMBREAKER**

By Anthony Horowitz-----TEEN HOROW  
After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

## **TRASH**

By Andy Mulligan-----YA MULLI  
Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump.

## **TRAVEL TEAM**

By Mike Lupica----- YA LUPIC  
When twelve-year-old Danny Walker is cut from the travel team for questionable reasons, his father and he decide to take matters in their own hands by joining forces with other determined kids to make a team of their own and prove the coach wrong in a show of strength on the court.

## **UNWIND**

By Neal Shusterman----- YA SHUST  
In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to survive until they turn eighteen.